

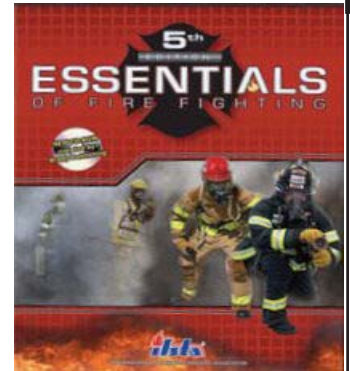


# Smoke Signals II

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**NFPA 1001, 2008 Edition - "Essential" information for Training" – Part I**  
 with Mike Hilliard, of HELP, LLC

**The long awaited Essentials of Firefighting 5<sup>th</sup> Edition is finally available...BUT... there are several things you need to think about before you rush out to buy it or any of the other publisher's texts.**



As a career Captain, a volunteer Training Officer, a State Fire Rescue Instructor and a member of the Kentucky Fire Service since 1973, I have learned to think before I buy. It "helps" that I own a company that sells training materials; HELP, LLC. Some of you are thinking "*another sales pitch*"...but I assure you I am an educator... *I am not a salesperson*. While I do hope if you make a purchase you will give us a try, it is my goal to educate you about the various products that are coming out this year to meet the new NFPA 1001 standard 2008 edition that will guide Firefighter 1 & 2 training for the next five years.

If you use the *IFSTA Essentials of Firefighting 4<sup>th</sup> Edition*, the new *IFSTA/Brady 5<sup>th</sup> Edition* (yes Brady) is available and will address this new standard. The 5<sup>th</sup> Edition comes in two versions the "*Basic*" just like the current one with only "*firefighting material*" and the "*Expanded Version*" that contains "*Hazmat and Medical 1<sup>st</sup> Responder material required for Firefighter 1 & 2*". If you like "*Delmar*" (now Cengage Learning) or "*Jones & Bartlett*" (also known as the NFPA version or the IAFC version) they too will be coming out with new versions to address the standards too. As if three choices weren't enough, "*McGraw Hill Publishers*" has also released a new Firefighter I & II manual and "*Fire Engineering Books & Videos*" plans to release one this summer. Each one of these have different takes on the same information but they "*should*" all address the same standards. We'll talk more about these options; what's good and what's different about each one but that'll be in part II, most of these don't have all of their components completed yet including *IFSTA*.

For now let's talk about the changes to the standard as I currently understand them. (it won't be available for purchase until October 2008 according to NFPA's website) The content of the "basic firefighting ideas" will not change much, "we put the wet stuff on the red stuff and make sure everyone goes home". The new edition "*also includes the addition of a Skills Maintenance requirement*" (per the NFPA website – more on this in Part II). There will be a greater emphasis on safety as there always should be. In particular safety at traffic incidents will be covered in greater depth. Hazardous Materials/WMD Operations will be required to achieve firefighter 1 instead of only Awareness Level. Hopefully we'll be able to tell you more in part II.

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## Notes From The President's Desk John Daley

I trust the New Year found you safe and healthy. On behalf of the KFA Executive Board let me express our sincerest hopes for a safe and progressive 2008. With the holidays behind us, it's now time to get back to work and with the Kentucky General Assembly convening January 8, our plates are full.

KFA Legislative Lobbyist Gerald Stewart and Mike "Howdy" Kurtsinger have been busy preparing for the session. On December 12, we met with representatives from various state-wide fire service organizations. At this meeting we identified specific legislative priorities and discussed common ground in working together on these issues. It is through working together, as one, that the fire service will be successful in Frankfort. We trust in your support and effort when called upon to contact your legislators and promoting our cause. Please notify Howdy or KFA Secretary Dave Jansing to receive our weekly legislative e-mail updates.

On behalf of the KFA, I want to congratulate Steve Beshear and Daniel Mongiardo on their election as Governor and Lt. Governor of our great Commonwealth. We look forward to working with these gentlemen and all our elected state officials. We believe that they will assist us to insure that the Kentucky fire service prospers in our mission to provide first-rate, high quality service and protection to all.

On February 23, the Kentucky Firefighters Association Executive Board and Committee Chairs will meet in Owensboro in conjunction with the Green River Officer's School. This has become an annual event that we always look forward to. Please try to attend this school with its outstanding national instructors. I want to thank the leadership of our Green River FF Association for their continued support and hospitality. Our meeting will begin at 9:00 AM on Saturday and continue throughout the day. If you get a chance on a break from class, stop by and see us. We value your input and support.

Also, mark your calendar to attend the annual Kentucky State Fire School and Homeland Security Conference, June 12-15 in Lexington. Our

committee has been meeting regularly to provide "top of the line" training opportunities for you "Kentucky's Finest". Please take advantage of this great opportunity.

In closing, I want to remind you of this year's 88<sup>th</sup> Kentucky Firefighter Association annual conference to be held in Northern Kentucky, August 2-5. Visit our website at [www.kfa2008.com](http://www.kfa2008.com) for details and hotel and registration information. Register now !

Thank you for your service and dedication to the fire and emergency services of Kentucky. Always looking forward to seeing you down the road and remember, **"Be safe out there!"**

Sincerely,

*John Daley*

KFA President



## Treasurer's Notes by Terry Keller

Here we are at the beginning of another year. The Northern Kentucky area of the state welcomed 2008 with a bang, cold air and snow. It sure makes you miss the warm temperatures we had just 3 short months ago.

From the financial standpoint: There are 341 paid departments as of January 4, 2008. K F A has 15 paid personal memberships, and a total of 52 sustaining memberships since the June fire school. The second mailing of dues notices went out on the 3rd of January. If your department is not a member, please talk to your chief and ask him/her to join the K F A.

The Executive Board will meet again at the Green River Officer School, held in Owensboro. The meeting will begin at 9:00 am on Saturday the 23rd of February. If you are attending this fine school and have a few spare minutes, stop in the board meeting and see what your executive board does.

The K F A has many programs they work on during the year, such as Public Education, Special Events programs - KACO Conference, funerals, Olympics, legislation general assembly, accidental

death benefits, fundraising, firefighter memorial in Frankfort, firefighter prints and scholarship program, and many more. Your executive board is given guidance each year at the state conference. If you have never gone to a state conference, take a few days off this August and come to the Drawbridge Inn in Northern Kentucky to attend the conference. Information is available on the KFA Website.

I know the fire service asks a lot of our membership, but I also know there is not a better organization full of men and women ready to answer the call than the firefighters of Kentucky. Firefighters will give up nearly anything to help another firefighter or anyone else in need. This KFA organization of firefighters is second to none.

I hope to see some of you in Owensboro, please stay safe and pray for the safety of our service personnel and that they will return home soon.

*Terry Keller*, Treasurer

## REGIONAL EMBERS

### JACKSON PURCHASE

#### FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

Unseasonably warm temperatures and spring-like storms have covered the "Far Western Kentucky" area this winter, with several tornado warnings in January and highs one weekend near 65 degrees. No sight of Old man winter this January. All of us from the area and the Jackson Purchase Firefighters Association hope you and yours had a bountiful Christmas and a safe, fun New Years.

This season begins the annual round of area fire schools, and we're gearing up for the upcoming Jackson Purchase Fire School at beautiful Kentucky Dam in Western Kentucky. The school committee is working hard to make this school one of the best thus far, and we're hoping for a large turnout from across the state. The JPFA school is held in what can honestly be called one of the most beautiful areas in the Commonwealth. Be looking for upcoming information, including a printable registration form, coming soon to the JPFA website...[www.jpfakey.com](http://www.jpfakey.com). If your department would like information mailed to you, please e-mail [jpfa@revolutioncomputer.com](mailto:jpfa@revolutioncomputer.com) and we'll get you on

the list. We also have the Kentucky Officers School in Owensboro coming up Feb. 23 and Feb. 24, and the Elizabethtown based Dixie Fire School in March. *Make sure to pick up a Jackson Purchase Firefighters Association booklet if you attend the Dixie Fire School!*

EMSEK, the EMS Educators of Kentucky (formerly KEMTIA – KY EMT Instructor's Association) is holding its spring conference March 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup> at the Kentucky Dam Village State Park. The event is being hosted by the Western Region. For information and registration, please contact Teresa Joyce at [wjjoyce@comcast.net](mailto:wjjoyce@comcast.net) or 270-444-8257.

It's been an exciting Winter for two fire departments in the Marshall County area of Western Kentucky. The Benton, Ky. Fire department took delivery of a new pumper to replace an aging 1960's model pumper, and the Calvert City Fire Department took delivery of a brand new 2008 pumper. Firefighters and personnel from both departments are very excited about the new trucks, and look forward to many years of faithful service.

One of the largest responses in recent history in the Western Kentucky area was on December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2007, when the Carlisle county courthouse burned to the ground. This was a definite blow to the city of Bardwell, and the fire has been ruled arson. The fire began around 6A.M. and the building was a total loss. Luckily, 98% of important public records survived the fire due to their location in fireproof safes. What makes this even more unique is that it's the second time that the courthouse has burned, and both times were ruled arson. The first fire, in 1980, was also a total loss. At least five fire departments responded, including units from McCracken and Fulton counties. A special thank you is in order for all involved in this response, and those responders involved did a tremendous job in freezing weather. County government has resumed as best it can in Carlisle county – trailers have been setup to house certain government offices, and court is taking place at the Masonic lodge. If you'd like to see pictures or find out more, simply Google "Carlisle County Courthouse Fire". There are lots of pictures, blogs, articles, and videos.

*"Regional Embers" continued on next page . . .*



**'Regional Embers' continued . . .**

Often time departments that are in more rural areas don't think about the need for mutual aid from outside their county – but this reminds us it's always a positive to maintain a good working relationship with all departments in your neighboring counties. This includes training exercises together, open lines of regular communication between departments, and an action plan so that you know who has what you might need to put out the fire – whether it be a fire boat, or a ladder truck, or an infrared camera. We are always more powerful as a team than we are alone!

Last, but certainly not least, we need to recognize a true leader in the fire community – chief Philip Walker of the Hendron-Freemont fire department in McCracken County retired after 33 years of faithful service. Steve Hayden is the incoming chief, and all of us in the JPFA area look forward to working with Steve.

Remember – email [jpfa@revolutioncomputer.com](mailto:jpfa@revolutioncomputer.com) and keep an eye on the [jpfaky.com](http://jpfaky.com) website, and we expect to see you at the Jackson Purchase Fire School this spring at Kentucky Dam State Park! Don't be late – get you and your department registered today.

***Willie Kerns***

Jackson Purchase Firefighters Association Public Information Officer

**Jefferson County Firefighters Assn.**

Bob Frizzell, President

Hello and happy new year to everyone from the Jefferson County Firefighters Association. We are entering the new year with our recently elected officers:

**President** - Bob Frizzell, Jeffersontown Fire  
**Vice-President** - Wesley Stover, PRP Fire  
**Sec/Treasurer** - Jake Barker, Buechel Fire  
**Sergeant at Arms** - Eddie Hall

All Jefferson County departments are encouraged to participate in JCFFA's programs and meetings. Fire Departments in neighboring counties are also invited, but it is requested they contact us beforehand so we may make accommodations.

Locations and subjects of our meetings this year were not available in time for the printing of this newsletter, but they can be provided upon

request. Feel free to contact me at [jbarker@buechelfire.com](mailto:jbarker@buechelfire.com) for meeting details. Thanks  
*Jake Barker*

**Pike County Firefighters Association**

Lewis Ratliff, President

**Belfry FD Gets Firewise Grant**

In August of 2006 Belfry Fire Department was awarded a grant from the Division of Forestry's Firewise Program for \$25,000. The program requires assessment surveys on the homes of the residents that reside in your coverage area. The survey consists of checking and scoring the following:

Entrances and exits from an area, road width, all-season road condition, fire access turn-around, existence of street signs, characteristics of predominate vegetation within 300 feet (grass, light brush, dense brush, timber harvesting residue), defensible space from the structure, slope of topography within 300 feet of the structure, areas with a high history of fire occurrence, high winds, distance between structures, type of roofing, construction of building (materials), available hydrants, distance from the fire station, sprinkler systems and placement of gas and electric utilities.

The scores for the hazard assessment are low hazard less than 40, moderate hazard 40-69, high hazard 70-112, extreme hazard more that 112. With the terrain of Eastern Kentucky being mountains and heavily wooded, after assessing over 2500 homes each home took approximately 30 minutes to complete, the Belfry Fire Service area was scored as a High Hazard with a score of 109.

The department had to match funds with in-kind contributions such as monthly meeting, community events and materials/supplies used in the process. With the grant money received the department purchased a Polaris Ranger 6x6 that is set up for A.T.V. and rope rescue, a 16 ft cargo trailer used to transport the A.T.V. and also is set up with rescue equipment, the final purchase was class "A" uniforms for the department. The department wishes to thank the Firewise Program for providing a chance to better equipment the department so that the citizens of the Belfry area and their property are better protected.

## NORTHERN KENTUCKY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

Deputy Chief Greg Buckler President

NKFA held its annual election of officers on November 27, 2007 at its regular meeting hosted by Central Campbell Fire District. Newly elected officers for 2008 are:

### President

Deputy Chief Greg Buckler, Campbell County  
Fire District 1

### Vice President

Tim Klier, Union Fire District

### Secretary

(incumbent) - Engr. Monica Rath, Southgate

### Treasurer

(incumbent) - Deputy Chief Val (Bud) Lederer,  
Alexandria

The election for Campbell County Firefighters' Association was held at the December 13, 2007 meeting hosted by Campbell County Water Rescue.

Newly elected officers for 2008 are:

### President

Chief John Beatsch, Southgate

### Vice President

Asst. Chief Paul Hehman, Melbourne

### Secretary

Asst. Chief Steve Rath, Southgate (Ft. Thomas)

### Treasurer

(incumbent) - Safety Officer Mark Schroder,  
Central Campbell

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### Randy Courtney 1st Vice President

Well here it's 2008 and we have started preparing for our conference to be held in Pikeville August 1 – 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009. I would like to ask everyone to go check our web page [www.kfa2009.com](http://www.kfa2009.com). I think you will like what you see; we want you to sign our guest book and sign in for the chat room. We have our first organizational meeting of committees to keep this ball rolling. The theme for our conference is "Eastern Kentucky Will Shine In 2009". Please check our web site on regular bases

because it will be changing almost daily till we get it done.

I look forward to seeing many of you in Owensboro at the Officers School. I will be working closely with President John Daley for the rest of his term in hopes of picking up some pointers for my term next year. In fact the whole make up of the KFA board of directors is a fine bunch of people to work with and they are all there for the betterment of all firefighters in this great Commonwealth of Kentucky. Well I will see you in Owensboro in the mean time stay safe and alert out there.

Thank you

Randy Courtney

KFA 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

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### 'Essential information' continued from page 1. . .

How will this affect IFSAC certification in KY in 2008? According to Duane Suttles, IFSAC coordinator for KY; the target date for the 2008 edition to be used for IFSAC testing will be September 1, 2008. If you plan to have a class starting in early 2008 and you plan to finish it by mid summer your people will be tested on the 2002 edition. If you start a class that won't finish until after September 1, 2008 your people will be tested on the 2008 edition. If you complete the written test in August but you don't take your skills test until September, you'll have to take the written test again because you must complete both components under the same version. **You have until the end of August to finish all the components of Firefighter 1 or 2 completely or you'll be doing it all over again!**

Many people ask which text they should use to pass the IFSAC Test. Duane agrees that you should be able to pass with any of the 3 texts that are currently approved in KY (*IFSTA, Delmar or Jones & Bartlett*) since they meet the current standard. The skills portions are correlated most closely to the IFSTA skills; HOWEVER, since the skill sheets can be downloaded for free from the KFA website it really doesn't matter. What does matter is how you teach your people the skills; if you use *IFSTA* you will probably be ok. If you use *Delmar* or *Jones & Bartlett* as long as you use the **KY skill sheets** to teach the skills portion you should be fine too.



## Firefighters Killed in Military Service

Your KFA in conjunction with the Fire Commission, Kentucky Association of Fire Chiefs, and Kentucky Professional Firefighters Association have built a memorial for

those firefighters from KY killed while serving in the military. Each organization has split the cost of the memorial. The memorial was finished last month and will be ready for the October 2007 Memorial Service.

We now need your help. We are looking for the names of Kentucky firefighters who died in the line of military duty while serving in our military after 1990. Send your information to: Wallace Possich, 314 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Frankfort, KY 40601 or E-Mail: [wallace.possich@kyfa.org](mailto:wallace.possich@kyfa.org)



State Fire Marshal's Office  
Rodney Raby State Fire Marshal

The year 2007 brought a slight reduction in Kentucky's fire deaths total. We have discussed repeatedly the eminent need to develop a strong outreach program and to implement that program which will educate citizens and further spread fire prevention knowledge. Our goal for the year 2008 is to begin the process that will carry fire awareness to all our citizens. Every fire department in the Commonwealth should be involved with this process.

Hopefully at some point we can provide materials and training which will give all first responders the ability to take fire safety information to our schools. We believe the fire prevention education needs to start as early as pre-school and extend to graduating seniors. It may be the only way to get into the home, and more importantly the minds of our citizens.

Numerous devices and prevention aids have been offered to everyone, but until we change the minds of those we endeavor to protect, we will only achieve partial success.

We believe that in 2007 we have created a starting point which included the Fire Safe Cigarette Bill. Now, we must build on this platform. All fire service personnel in Kentucky are capable of achieving this goal.

**John B. Corso, Chief (Retired) Louisville Fire Department**

**National Training Manager, National Fire Sprinkler Association**

John Corso joined the Louisville Fire Department (LFD) in 1967 and advanced through the ranks serving in every position in the department. He retired from the LFD in 1998 after serving his final three years and eight months as Chief of the Department.

Early in John's career it was evident that his first love was teaching. As a young Louisville fire fighter John was detailed to the training bureau to instruct recruits. As a company commander members of John's companies could count on a minimum of two hours of well-prepared training daily, with topics ranging from tool and apparatus maintenance to advanced strategy and tactics. When the Jefferson Community College began its fire science program, John was hired as an instructor in the program and quickly became known as "the expert" on the subject of hydraulics. And, his commitment to teaching continued through his last days on the Louisville Fire Department: as an Assistant Chief, Executive Assistant Chief and as Chief of the Department, John volunteered his off duty time to teach leadership courses at the LFD Executive Leadership Academy.

Upon retirement from the Louisville Fire Department John joined the staff of the National Fire Sprinkler Association (NFSA) as a regional manager. It wasn't long before NFSA President John Viniello recognized John's teaching abilities and transferred him from the regional program to the NFSA training division. John is now the NFSA National Training Manager where he travels throughout North America teaching fire and building enforcement personnel as well as contractors and building design professionals how to properly apply the National Fire Protection Association sprinkler standards. John's natural talent for teaching and love of same is evident to all who attend his classes, and today he is one of the most popular instructors in the United States and Canada.

Members of the fire service in this country and beyond have greatly benefited from John Corso's ability and willingness to share his knowledge and experience.

Submitted by, Russell E. Sanders

Chief (Retired) Louisville Fire Department



## 2008 OFFICERS SCHOOL

The 2008 Officers School is scheduled for February 22-23-24 in Owensboro. As you look the front and back covers of the brochure, you will notice a collage of photos of individuals. Some you may recognize, some you may not, but they are all important because they represent the diverse group of students, instructors, vendors, organization officers and others which make the Officers School so beneficial.

It is this collection of individuals and organizations which come together to learn from each other and enjoy being with each other.

Highlighting the 2008 Officers School is Chief Billy Goldfeder with his "Firefighters Scared Straight" Program, which has gained national recognition. We have instructors coming from throughout the nation to provide you the latest and best in emergency services subjects.

We always have more registrations for the National Fire Academy classes than we have room for, so we have added three additional NFA classes.

We are pleased to have the Kentucky Fire Commission conducting a program on Friday evening (7-9 PM) demonstrating the new Training Records System.

There are many organizations which make the Officers School possible, including the Kentucky Fire Commission / State Fire Rescue Training, State Fire Marshal's Office, State Emergency Management, Kentucky Firefighters Association, Kentucky Association of Fire Chiefs, the National Fire Academy and the list goes on.

If you have not seen a brochure, it can be viewed on our web site at <http://www.sfrtarea3.org/Jan08/2008%20GROS/2008GROSIndex.htm> or go to our web site at [www.sfrtarea3.org](http://www.sfrtarea3.org) and click on the 2008 Officers School link.

<http://www.sfrtarea3.org/Jan08/2008%20GROS/classes/2008brochure.pdf> is a link where a PDF version of the brochure is available.

Registration will be handled by the capable staff at Area 3 Fire Rescue Training and they can be reached at 800-306-8015.

As always, we will have one or two surprises. For 2007 it was Miss Kentucky spending a few hours with firefighters during Saturday Evening with the Vendors. We are not sure what the surprises will be for 2008, but we are sure they will add to your weekend. For a list of classes go to page 9 of this newsletter

## FOR SALE



1991 Boardman 54 Ft. Apache Tower, International 4 door chassis, 6 person cab. 54 Ft. aerial ladder, 1000 GPM deluge nozzle at tip, 1250 GPM Waterous pump, 500 Gal. tank, only 10960 miles, less than 1000 engine hours. Pictures available. Asking price is \$69,900, (price reduced) negotiable.

Miscellaneous: Side and rear ladder/nozzle controls; additional nozzle control at ladder tip; 3 rear seat SCBA mounting brackets; 3 SCBA brackets in side compartment; SCBA packs with masks (No bottles); ladders; pike poles; 5000 watt Kohler truck mounted generator; 2 - 500 watt quartz lights; hand held spotlight; various nozzles and hose appliances; 2 Mattydale pre-connect bins; rear 2 1/2" in-bed outlet for blitz attack line; rear bed capable of holding 800 - 900 feet 5 inch hose; pump panel/rear panel to ladder tip intercom; VHF mobile 2-way radio; and more. Excellent condition; very well maintained; used very little in a small community. Also for Sale: Ambulance, 1991 Ford E-350/Lifeline diesel, type III. 47,500 miles. Asking price is \$24,900, negotiable.

**Ambulance, for sale.** 1991 Ford E-350/Lifeline diesel, type III. 47,500 miles. Asking price is \$19,900, (price reduced) negotiable. Complete with the following equipment...1 - CPR board; 1 - half backboard; 2 - Ferno Full Backboards; 1 - set Ferno Head Supports; 1 - Kendrick Extrication Device; 1 - Ferno Stair Chair; 1 - Hare Traction Splint; 1 set - adult Gladiator Anti-Shock Trousers; 1 set - child Gladiator Anti-Shock Trousers; 2 - SAM splints; 1 - set Hartwell Medical EVAC-U- Splint; 2 - adult, 1 - child, 2 - infant Allied Health Disposal Bag Masks; 1 - A600 Pacific Emergency Trauma Bag (completely stocked); 1 - Ferno O2 bag (complete); 1 - body fluid cleanup bag; 1 - ob kit; 1 - complete set of STAT Philly Cervical Collars; 1 - set of vertebrae extrication collars; 1 - Ferno Scoop Stretcher; 1 - Ferno one man cot j: 89764; 1 - Fire-Com 3-10 unit; 1 - GE vhf mobile 8 channel two-way radio; 1 - handheld spot light. Contact Chief Jude Zilliox at 859-635-5544, or Chief Retired Joe Eggemeier, 859-441-166, or [Jeggemeier@amig.com](mailto:Jeggemeier@amig.com).

## EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

### 2007-08 IFSAC SKILLS TESTING SCHEDULE

Date	Area	Location	Phone
3/1-2/08	9	Morehead	888-301-2946
3/8-9/08	7	Highland Hgts	888-306-8101
3/15-16/08	10	Ashland	888-302-2833
3/29-30/08	12	Hazard	888-234-6759
Spring 08	6	Louisville Metro	888-306-8064
4/5-6/08	3	Owensboro	888-306-8015
4/26-27/08	15	TBA	888-234-3961
5/3-4/08	2	Princeton	888-306-7986
8/16-17/08	13	TBA	888-234-0100
9/4-5/08	6	IFSAC Site Visit	TBA
9/13-14/08	7	TBA	888-306-8101
9/20-21/08	1	Calvert City	888-306-7901
9/20-21/08	15	TBA	888-234-3961
9/27-28/08	11	Pikeville	888-302-8935
10/18-19/08	14	Campbellsville	888-234-1780
10/25 - 26/08	5	Elizabethtown	888-234-7201
12/13-14/08	4	Bowling Green	888-234-5760

Remember before you can be certified FFI you must complete Haz Mat Awareness and Haz Mat Ops before FF II. The above schedule is only the skills test schedule. Written test schedules will vary by area so make sure you contact the area office for written test schedule information.

As of March 1, 2007 the test fee schedule has changed. Each time you take the test you must pay a \$15.00 charge. Contact Duane Suttles for more information about written test location and dates at 888-301-2946.

### Dixie Fire School

Dixie Fire School will be held March 7, 8, 9, 2008. Classes with an \* will begin on Friday night and continue through Sunday. Classes with an ♦ are Saturday only classes. Classes with ❖ are Sunday only classes. Classes with ■ are 8 hrs Sat repeated on Sun. Classes this year include:

1. EMS Con Ed \* 20 hours
2. Advanced SCBA ■ 8 hours
3. Arson and the Fire Officer ■ 8 hours
4. Basic Firefighting 16 hours
5. Drivers Training 16 hours
6. Emergency & Disaster Planning II 16 hours
7. Emer. Response to Railroad Incidents ♦ 8hrs.
8. Explorers/Jr FF Training 16 hours
9. Fire Alarm Systems ♦ 8 hours
10. Fire Chief Orientation ♦ 8 hours
11. Fire Control (Live Burn) 16 hours

12. Flashover/Thermal Imaging ❖ 8 hours
13. Hard to get College Classes ❖ 8 hours
14. Hard to get FF hours 16 hours
15. Fire Comm. Update/Surviving an Audit ♦ 8 hr
16. Leadership: Company Success 16 hours
17. MCTO: Decision Making 16 hours
18. NFPA 1403 Conducting Live Burns 16 hours
19. Propane Emergencies ♦ 8 hours
20. Pumper Ops & Maintenance 16 hours
21. So. I'm an Officer. Now what? ❖ 8 hours
22. Industrial Fire Brigade 16 hours
23. Basic Rope Rescue 16 hours
24. FF Survival & Rescue 16 hours
25. Intermediate Search & Rescue 16 hours
26. Intro to Large Animal Rescue ♦ 4 hours
27. Vehicle Rescue 16 hours
28. Chaplain Training 16 hours
29. Crime Scene Mgt. for First Resp. ■ 8hours
30. Electrical Safety ♦ 4 hours Sat morning
31. When it's Too Tough for Words ♦ 4 hours Sat morning.

Registration fee \$30.00 for Dixie Members and \$40.00 for non-members. For more information call 270-766-5238 or toll free 888-234-7201.

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

04/3-4	Pastorial Crisis Intervention I
04/7-8	Assisting Individuals in Crisis(1)
04/10-11	Assisting Individuals in Crisis(2)
05/6-7	Group Crisis Intervention
05/8-9	Assisting Individuals in Crisis(3)
06/24-25	Strategic Response to Crisis
08/6-7	Assisting Individuals in Crisis(4)
08/7-8	Assisting Individuals in Crisis(5)
09/23-24	Pastorial Crisis Intervention II

All classes held at Middletown Fire Station 2 at 10217 Shelbyville Rd Louisville KY except those with numbers in parentheses and their locations are as follows:

- (1) Cannonsburg FD 200 Cannonsburg Rd Ashland
- (2) Natl. Guard Armory 4911 Hwy 801 N Morehead
- (3) River Valley B Hosp 100 Walnut St Owensboro
- (4) Erlanger FD 515 Graves Ave Erlanger
- (5) Richmond FD 255 Four Mile Ave Richmond

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



## Kentucky Officers School

Feb 22, 23, 24 Owensboro KY

Deadline for preregistration Feb 19th fee \$50.00. After Feb 19th \$60.00. Courses offered include:

1. Firefighters Scared Straight Sat or Sun
2. Lessons From The Fireground Sat or Sun
3. Beyond Hoselines & Helmets Two Day Class
4. Response to Terrorist Bombing Sat or Sun
5. Fire Service Ops & Incidents in KY Sun Only
6. Ky Fire Comm: 2008 and Beyond Sun Only
7. Fighting Fires in Sprinklered Bld. Sat or Sun
8. Tactical Approach to Residential FF Sat Only
9. I am the Training Off. Now What? Sun Only
10. A Car Can Kill at 0 MPH Sat Only
11. Resp. to Larg Truck & Bus Incidents Sun Only
12. Kentucky Search Management 3 Day Class
13. Truck Company Operations Sat or Sun
14. Becoming a Better Co. Officer Sat Only
15. Special Ops for the Fire Service Sun Only
16. Understanding the ISO Grading Sys. Sat Only
17. Farm Related Emergencies Sun Only
18. Meth Labs-A FF Nightmare Sat or Sun
19. Fire Officers Guide to Arson Sat or Sun
20. Leadership I: Strats for Co. Success 2 Day Class
21. Leadership III: Strat for Supervisor Success 2D
22. Strat. & Tactics for Initial Co. Ops 2 Day Class
23. Emer Resp to Terror: Command Officer 2 Day
24. Methods of Enhancing Safety Ed 2 Day Class
25. Fire Behavior in Single Fam Residence Sat Only
26. Fire Protection in a Commercial Property Sun
27. Where is a Fire Chaplain When Needed 2 Day

Classes will be held at the Executive Inn in Owensboro KY. For reservations call 800-626-1936 Special room rates of \$72.00 single or double. For more information call Area 3 Office 888-306-8015 or visit Area 3 website at [www.sfrtarea3.org](http://www.sfrtarea3.org).

### Officers School Schedule

#### Friday

- 1:00 PM Fire Commission Meeting
- 3:00 PM Fire Chiefs Assoc Meeting
- 4 - 8 PM Early Registration
- 7:00 PM Training Records Sys Presentation

#### Saturday

- 6:30 - 8 AM On Site Registration
- 8 AM - 4 PM Classes
- 4 - 9 PM Saturday Evening with the Vendors

#### Sunday

- 7 - 8 AM On Site Registration
- 8 AM - 4 PM Classes

## Changes in IFSAC Testing SKILL SHEETS CHANGE

Beginning January 1, 2008, firefighters will be evaluated with NEW Skill Sheets. These new sheets contain an evaluation of the candidates performance with Safety in mind. Near the bottom of each evaluation document, the evaluator shall determine if the skill was performed in a safe manner. If the evaluator determined the candidate was NOT safe, a failing grade will be awarded. The new skill sheets have been posted.

### SKILLS TESTING

Candidates will no longer be informed of the specific skills evaluated at each of the skill stations. They will merely be informed of the type of skill to be tested at each station.

Example: Station 2 may be an evaluation of Ladder skills and Station 3 may be an evaluation of Hose skills. This means that the candidate may be required to perform 1 of a possible 13 skills at Station 2.

It is the intent of the accreditation committee to increase the level of difficulty each year for the skills performance testing of firefighters to ensure that personnel are being evaluated on the quality of their training and ability to perform job functions from practice and knowledge, not memorization of material.

### BRING YOUR SKILL SHEETS

Candidates will no longer be supplied copies of skill sheets for memorization at the skills testing sights. It shall become the responsibility of each candidate to arrive at skills testing prepared to be evaluated. It is strongly recommended that candidates bring a complete set of Kentucky Firefighter 1 skills sheets and a basic training manual, such as the *IFSTA* Essentials of Firefighting, 4th Edition, for review immediately prior to FF 1 testing and during idle times between skill stations. For FF2 testing sessions, it is recommended that candidates arrive with a complete set of Kentucky Firefighter 2 skills sheets, Haz Mat Operations skill sheets, 4th Edition Essentials of Firefighter test and the 3rd Edition of *IFSTA* Hazardous Materials for the First Responder. Candidates are examined for their skills in Hazardous Materials Operations during FF2 skills testing, so the later text may prove useful.



## Fireman Joe Says Joseph Stambush

Happy New Year! I trust everyone is off to a good start and looking forward to the many things that will be going on in 2008 for us in the fire service.

Looking forward to coming to Owensboro for Green River Officers School in late February. Many things have gone on which I want to share with all of you, I will begin by restating what I mentioned in my article in December. I have spoken at length to NFPA personnel and with our good friend Russ Sanders and NFPA is planning some very exciting promotions for 2008 in the field of public education. Risk Watch will continue to be the statewide initiative for our public education team. Thanks to executive director Ronnie Day and the Kentucky fire commission and with the support of the KFA our Risk Watch programs will receive what we need to continue these life saving programs. This is crucial to fire and life safety in Kentucky. I am convinced this is our best initiative to keep our people safe and prevent unintentional injuries for our children and our seniors, which includes fire prevention.

Our task force will continue to work with the fire commission, Kentucky firefighters association and the state fire marshal's office to help create a statewide fire and life safety coordinator. This also is crucial to the success of our fire and life safety programs our community fire departments have worked so hard for. I want our statewide public educators to have whatever help they need to enhance and promote their individual programs.

I am especially happy to announce our public education committee will be offering a basic public education course at state fire school this June. This course will introduce the participants to beginning fire and life safety programs. We will explain groundwork programs for your schools, how to do fire station tours, develop open house presentations, safety fairs and help find the needed resources and materials needed to do these programs. This will be a one day course which we will offer on two separate days, on Friday and again on Saturday. Be sure to watch for the fire school brochure which will be available soon. I know you will enjoy this class and have fun learning how to educate your communities.

Your public education committee wants everyone to know we are prepared now more than ever to do what we have to do to ensure the success of your fire and life safety programs. We encourage our risk watch program for your schools and will offer our train the trainer professionals to come to your community to get this started in your community. Our network is strong and supportive; we will find a program or activity that will work in your community.

Looking forward to seeing all of you soon during 2008. Be safe! And God bless!

*Fireman Joe*

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## Fire Commission Happenings

At the most recent meeting of the Kentucky State Fire Commission leadership changed from former Chairman Bruce Roberts to the new Chairman, James Riddle. Greg Lowe was re-elected Vice Chairman and Kristen Chilton remains as the Secretary. There are two new faces on the Fire Commission. Kevin Williams from Lexington and Michael Thompson from Henderson both representing paid firefighters.

Executive Director Ronnie Day announced that the Commission is seeking an additional \$800,000 in the KCTCS budget for two major projects. Those projects include giving a pay raise to the fire service instructors to bring them up to a par with other instructors and faculty in the KCTCS. The other proposal is to offer an additional 10 hours of free training to all departments in the Commonwealth bringing them up to 30 hours per year. The requirement for firefighters to earn 20 hours training credit per year will not change. This project just provides more opportunities for firefighters to hone their skills.

The Loan Committee of the Fire Commission has money to lend according to Committee Chairman Greg Lowe. A new revised and simplified loan application is available on the KFA website. Amounts up to \$75,000.00 can be borrowed by departments at a very low interest rate. If a department is purchasing a used vehicle, it must be inspected by an ASE certified mechanic or DOT inspector as a part of the application process. Money can not be loaned on vehicles deemed to be unsafe for firefighters. Assistance is available to complete the application by calling the Fire Commission Office 800-782-6823 or any member of the Loan Committee.



Loan applications must be received by the Fire Commission Office two weeks prior to a scheduled meeting in order to be considered at that meeting. Next scheduled meeting is at the Officers School in Owensboro at 1 PM on Friday at the Executive Inn.

## NEW ARRIVALS

### Fire Department Service and Supply

Fire Department Service and Supply along with KME Fire Apparatus would like to announce delivery of the following apparatus and to thank the departments involved for their recent purchases.

KME Fire Apparatus is a leading manufacturer of both custom and commercial apparatus. For more information, please call Fire Department Service & Supply, Louisville. 1-800-321-6965



Lebanon Fire Department  
KME 100' Rear Mount Aerial



Marion Co. Fire Department  
KME / International Pumper



Franklin-Simpson Fire Department  
2000 Gallon KME Eliminator Tanker

### Legislative Report

by Michael "Howdy" Kurtsinger

After the KFA Conference in Gilbertsville Gerald Stewart and I were appointed by President John Daley as Lobbyist for the Kentucky Firefighters Association. I have been very busy trying to get around the State to meet with the various fire fighter organizations to discuss the important issues that face the fire service today. I have been to a few firefighter association meetings but have not made as many as I would like. I have started an email list so we can do our very best to keep all those who are interested informed. If you would like to be added to that list please email me your address and you will be added. Another reason for the list is to have members contact their legislator on important issues. In mid to late March check the KFA web page regularly because near the end of the session we may need your help in talking to your representative or senator about important legislation.

On December 12, 2007 a meeting was held in Versailles with representatives of all the various associations that represent different fire groups to discuss each group's legislative issues. We had a very informal meeting giving all present a chance to discuss their legislation. During the meeting we discussed the following legislative issues as an agenda for this legislative session:

- Increase the funding for State Fire Rescue Trainings Budget by \$700,000.00 which would allow:
  - An increase in the hourly rate for all part time instructors.
  - Be able to offer to all fire departments an additional 10 hours of training per department if requested ***not mandatory***. This is ***NOT*** an increase in the 20 hours for state aid requirement! It will only allow those departments who want more training the opportunity to get it.
- Exempt Fire Departments from Fuel Tax.
- Clean-up language for Licenses Plates KRS
- Fireworks Legislation

Other discussions were held on "firefighter support" issues but they would not require a legislative change in the Kentucky Revised Statutes (KRS) but would only require the Fire Commission to make changes in the Kentucky Administrative Regulations (KAR).

Over the next few months I will try to keep everybody updated on issues as they happen in Frankfort. If you can contact me by email at [mkurtsinger0001@kctcs.edu](mailto:mkurtsinger0001@kctcs.edu) please feel free to be a part of the legislative process.



### Web Based On-Line FRT Classes

All classes taught by Casey Hall and will run from 3/24 - 5/17/08.

Classes with \* require a skills praticum that will be held on **5/3/2008** 9AM to 12 PM Room 601 at the Elizabethtown Bowen Fire Training Center.

<b>FRT 100</b> FD Orgainzation	.7 Credit Hrs
<b>FRT 101</b> Fire Behavior	.3 Credit Hrs
<b>FRT 102</b> Firefighter Safety	.4 Credit Hrs
<b>FRT 103</b> PPE*	.8 Credit Hrs
<b>FRT 104</b> Portable Extinguishers*	.2 Credit Hrs
<b>FRT 105</b> Hose, Apli., Streams*	.6 Credit Hrs
<b>FRT 108</b> Aircraft Rescue	.4 Credit Hrs

For more information call 270-766-5238 local or 888-234-7201 or on line at [www.sfrtarea5.org](http://www.sfrtarea5.org) or you may email Casey at [casey.hall@kctcs.edu](mailto:casey.hall@kctcs.edu). These classes have fees associated with them.



### 2008 KFA Conference

The 2008 KFA Conference is only six months away! It will be held at the Drawbridge Inn 2477 Royal Drive in Fort Mitchell KY August 2 – 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Rooms are going fast. You can go on line to [www.kfa2008.com](http://www.kfa2008.com) or use the conference link on [www.kyfa.org](http://www.kyfa.org) websites to make reservations now. You can contact the Drawbridge Inn direct by phone at 1-800-352-9866 for reservations. Also if your department would like to take out an ad in the conference program book the forms can be downloaded from that site. Ads vary in price from \$50 for a business card size ad to \$300 for a full size color ad for emergency services departments. The ad forms are also available on line from the websites listed above. Ad deadline for the conference program book is May 31, 2008. Your department needs to show its support of the conference today. Make those reservations ASAP. Purchase your ad today!

### 2008 KFA Information Directory

The KFA will again this year produce the information directory to be handed out at the conference and mailed to each department in the state with the October issue of **Smoke Signals II**. Many comments were made last year about the three ads placed in and on the back page of the directory. It is a very helpful document that departments

use as a phone directory. Only sustaining members have the ability to advertise in this very useful document. If you would like to be considered for advertising in the directory please email [woodrow.will@kyfa.org](mailto:woodrow.will@kyfa.org). Ads are placed on a first come first served basis with priority going to Sustaining Members who placed ads in the directory last year. Remember there are only three full size color ads available so hurry and be the first to advertise in the book.

### What is your definition of “Due Regard”?

By Woody Will

I overheard a conversation the other day between two fairly new firefighters discussing emergency vehicle response. They were talking about a recent run they had and how long it took them to get to the station to make sure they would be on the first out engine. I knew how far one of them lived from the station and doing a little in head calculation I decided he must have been traveling at speeds in excess of 60 miles per hour on city streets.

KRS 189.940 (1) relieves an emergency responder from the requirement of following speed limits as posted on streets and roadways. Section (2) relieves the driver of the necessity of stopping at traffic lights or stop signs. Section (3) gives the driver permission to drive in on coming lanes of traffic. Section (4) allows the emergency vehicle operator to park wherever necessary to work the emergency. Section (5) requires the use of flashing light and an audible alarm any time you are exercising any of the traffic exception listed in 1-4. However, in section 1 it plainly states “***No portion of this subsection shall be construed to relieve the driver of the duty to operate the vehicle with due regard for the safety of all persons using the street or highway.***”

There are a lot of implications that go along with “due regard”. I was taking a class at Jefferson Community College (back before the days of KCTCS) taught by Chief John Corso back in the early 80s and he said something that really made a lot of sense. He said that in his department you were not to use the elevator during a high rise fire. That was policy. If you did use it and everything worked out OK you were a genius. However, if

you used it and it opened on the fire floor and you got someone killed you were an idiot. Most of what we do in the fire service is like that. The only difference between the two scenarios was the outcome. You can drive like the wind, not stop at stop signs or red lights, drive down opposing lanes of traffic most of your career and if you never have an accident you're a genius. However, if on one of your alarms you T-Bone a mini-bus with a soccer mom and 6 youngsters in it you will more than likely spend the rest of your life and the life of your department trying to straighten out the mess you made. Is it worth it? You MUST develop a good understanding of "Due Regard" because it is the standard the court system uses to decide your guilt or innocence.



### Area 6 State Fire Rescue Training

By Mike Wallingford

In December SFRT Area 6 completed an Officers Training Program for the Fire Service of the Country of Barbados. It had been in the works for a while through several people and programs. It started out as a student exchange through Jefferson Community and Technical College and the University of Barbados. One of the students is a member of the Worthington Fire Dept. in Jefferson County who visited there; also one of the Professors at JCTC visits there often and has made numerous contacts with the Barbadians. On August 6th I was assigned the area 6 coordinator's position after the retirement of Wayne Jordan and it became my opportunity to continue this very worthwhile endeavor. Some things were in place and some weren't. Five Barbados Fire Officers arrived August 13th and started classes on the 15th. During their time here they were living 95% of the time at the Louisville Division of Fire, headquarters and rest of the time they stayed at the Shelbyville Fire Department. It is not unusual for Barbados to do this type of program. Just to give you an idea they send their members to England for training and some have gone to Phoenix as well.

During the semester they received 300 hours of training. These dedicated Fire Officers were very hungry for knowledge. They not only took the Fire Officer 1 but also Fire Inspector, Instructor 1,

IFSAC FF1, FF2, Hazardous Materials Awareness and Operations, Hazardous Materials Technician, Firefighter Survival and Rescue (some of them took this class 3 times), Dive class and numerous other training opportunities.

I would like to take a moment and thank a team of people who made this work and an adventure that will definitely last me a lifetime. **A Big THANK YOU** goes out to the members of the Louisville Division of Fire for their warm hospitality and kindness. They not only had the Barbados team living with them but most likely they also picked their brains. Those members that assisted them by either training them or ran them to places they needed to go to, (Some even took them in during the holidays and I know of one who took them to Mammoth Cave with their family) FF Marc Myers, FF Scott Hinson, FF Milt Hettinger, Capt. Randy Croney, Majors John Turner and Rick Albers and Chief Greg Frederick and I know that I have left some names off I want to thank you all (even the ones I forgot sorry old age)! Also to Executive Director Ronnie Day, Steve Calhoun, and Brenda Jones thanks for taking care of those things that needed to be in place for this to happen. To the Shelbyville Fire Dept, and also the Shelby Co Fire Dept thanks! To the Jefferson Co. Fire Instructors Assoc and the Bluegrass Emergency Services Association Fire Schools thanks for your generosity. To the others that made this happen the Area 6 staff Chris Gosnell, Tiger Tucker, Les Bandy, Del Marstiller, David Thompson, Mike Hilliard, Pat Dalrymple and area 5 Rusty Todd thanks for all of your help. To my Office Coordinators Lucy Landers and Darlene West with either paperwork or helping me keep my head on straight thanks so much! Lastly to a gentleman that I have had the pleasure of knowing for years, Henry Goodrow for taking his time assisting me, setting things in place, following up and running them around I **Thank You!**

The same 5 will be returning in August to finish their Fire Science Degree and look for more training. Then in 2009 a new group will come. I will have to say they were so impressed with the value of the training we provided.

I am extremely proud of the entire team that made this all work out.



## National Volunteer Fire Council

Ken Knipper, Director      Bryant Stiles, Alternate

### **VOLUNTEER INCENTIVE PROTECTION**

#### **PASSES**

The volunteer fire service scored a victory in Congress and at the same time was reminded of the benefit of communicating a consensus based position to our Senators and Representatives.

The Volunteer Responder Incentive Protection Act prohibits the federal government from taxing the first \$360 of incentives to volunteer firefighters and EMS personnel. This legislation became necessary as the IRS began in 2002 counting volunteer incentives as taxable income.

The VRIPA legislation was moving at the normal federal pace until it became derailed on December 12<sup>th</sup>. A national outcry from the volunteer fire service, including our Kentucky firefighters, changed both the outcome of this bill and the speed of the process.

Following is the time line of the Volunteer Responder Incentive Protection Act.

1. The original VRIPA was introduced in the House (H.R. 943) by Representative John Larson (D-CT) and in the Senate (S. 1466) by Senator Christopher Dodd (D-CT).
2. November 6<sup>th</sup>, the House passed H.R. 3997 with the VRIPA language attached.
3. December 12<sup>th</sup>, evening, the Senate Finance Committee removed the VRIPA language from H.R. 3997. Kentucky Senator Jim Bunning is a member of the Committee.
4. Informal communications indicated the Committee believed that \$360 was too high of an incentive to exempt and that Senators had not heard from the fire service.
5. December 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, through emails the Kentucky fire service personnel were asked to contact Senator Bunning's office in support of VRIPA and the amount of \$360.00.

At the same time, fire service personnel across the nation were contacting their Senators.

6. December 14<sup>th</sup>, late afternoon, the Senate added VRIPA language to House Bill, H.R. 3648 and passed this legislation. Since an amendment was added, H.R. 3638 had to go back to the House for passage.
7. December 18<sup>th</sup>, morning, the House passed 3648 with the VRIPA language added.
8. December 20<sup>th</sup>, afternoon, the President signed H.R. 3648 with the VRIPA language.

Everyone will tell us that legislation at the federal level moves slowly, and we realize this by reading and watching the news.

Yet, the fire service was able to move a piece of legislation which was declared dead on December 12<sup>th</sup>, was resurrected, passed both the Senate and the House and signed by the President on December 20<sup>th</sup>.

Behind the scenes we realize the benefits of our national and state organizations, as without them, we would not know the issue was even going on.

From one of your two representatives to the National Volunteer Fire Council, thank you for responding to this and other calls for your support.

#### **Fire Act Grants**

As this issue of Smoke Signals goes to print, we are reviewing the next federal budget that has been passed by Congress. At this time, it appears that the Assistance to Fire Act Grants available will be \$560,000 million. This is about the same amount that we have worked with for the past couple of years. This amount includes the funding for the Fire Prevention and Safety Grants.

We continue to have departments in Kentucky not applying for these funds. We encourage you to take advantage of the opportunity to apply even if you have been turned down in prior years.

The SAFER Program was also funded with an amount of \$190,000 million.

#### **New Address**

Please note that the NVFC has moved a new location just outside of Washington. Their new address is National Volunteer Fire Council, 7852 Walker Drive, Suite 450, Greenbelt, MD 20770. For a complete listing of staff and phone numbers go to the NVFC web site at [www.nvfc.org](http://www.nvfc.org).





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The holiday season is a time for counting blessings, for thinking of others before yourself, for saying "Thank You" to special people.

It is also the time when Georgia-Pacific – through the Georgia-Pacific Bucket Brigade™ program – thanks the selfless members of volunteer fire departments across the country who battle blazes, perform dangerous rescues, deal with hazardous material spills, assist with homeland security needs, provide safety education to children, and so much more – and do it all with aging, failing equipment or without the specialized gear they need. They also do it all without getting paid.

How does Georgia-Pacific Bucket Brigade™ acknowledge and reward all that volunteers do? By providing \$105,000 in grants to fire departments across the country that are trying to meet their communities' pressing needs for trained and equipped personnel. Over the last two years, the program has provided more than \$200,000 in support nationally, along with donations of hundreds of cases of paper products for department use.

The fact is, demand for volunteer firefighters is up. According to statistics from the National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) and the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), volunteers comprise 72 percent of firefighters in the United States (of the total estimated 1,136,650 volunteer and paid firefighters across the country, 823,350 are volunteer). Also, small communities (populations under 10,000) and mid-sized communities (those with populations above 10,000) rely heavily on volunteer firefighters.

But how can these communities with limited resources cope with stark budget realities, where equipment prices for one portable radio and simple items such as nozzles can start at nearly \$500, one set of replacement turnout gear is nearly \$1,400, and the average cost to train and equip a single firefighter is nearly \$27,000? Add on the fact that emergency response vehicles can cost

\$80,000 or more and it can leave some communities struggling to keep up.

"It is especially gratifying to see that our grants are helping make communities near Georgia-Pacific facilities safer," said Jim Hannan, chief executive officer and president. "Fire fighting is dangerous and, in the majority of communities across the country, volunteer and small town fire companies are the only emergency units. It means a lot to help these departments."

Nearly 60 departments applied for the grants, out of the 60 Woodruff County Fire Department Lexington, KY received a grant for \$5,000.00

The Georgia-Pacific Bucket Brigade™ is a national program that recognizes and supports the contributions of fire departments in communities with Georgia-Pacific facilities. The program supports firefighters in several areas including product and cash donations for programming and equipment, and safety education materials for presentations in local schools.

Applications for the 2008 Georgia-Pacific Bucket Brigade™ program will be available next spring. Details are available by contacting [gpbucketbrigade@gapac.com](mailto:gpbucketbrigade@gapac.com).

**Answers to last issues Word Search Puzzle**

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