



Smoke Signals II

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Charles Spark Reflection Park

by Woody Will



When long time instructor and friend Charles (Sparky) Sparks died in the Line of Duty on July 8th 2011, Charlie Shaw and the Area 14 Staff wanted to pay tribute to him, their staff and all emergency service personnel across the Commonwealth of Kentucky. So it was decided to dedicate one quarter acre on the east end of the Area 14 State Fire Rescue campus to build a Reflection Park.

Webster’s on-line dictionary gives 9 possible definitions of “Reflection”. Definition number 6 defines reflection as **“a thought, idea, or opinion formed or a remark made as a result of meditation”**. When I spent time reflecting on the life of my friend Sparky the memory was fun filled and brimming with life. I recalled the many hot June State Fire School days when SFRT and The State Fire Marshal’s Office would conduct Flammable Liquids and Gasses classes which he truly loved to participate in.

When I talked to Charlie Shaw early in the development of the park his plans were to take about a month for completion. Three months and many painstaking details later the Reflection Park was dedicated on October 6, 2011.

The park when completed will see the addition of a Gazebo and a Picnic area. Please take the time in the not too distant future and visit the park. It is an appropriate and beautiful tribute to Sparky and all emergency responders. It is located on the campus of State Fire Rescue Training Area 14, 385 Old Greensburg Road, Campbellsville Kentucky 42718. It’s not too late for you to donate to the park. Single donations of \$100.00 or more will be recognized within the landscape of the park. Please send your donations to the address above.

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Notes From The President's Desk Van Taylor

Greetings to all from your president. This fall has turned out to be a busy beginning for me in my term as president. We held an executive board meeting October 22nd at Maysville Community College. From the reports of our Vice Presidents and directors their fall has been busy as well.

At our meeting the scholarship was changed to \$1000.00 per recipient for up to 5 recipients per semester and to make this change retroactive to the semester of 2011. I as president am very proud to be associated with an organization that puts a great emphasis on education. It is a priority with us and it should be with you. There are two different sets of prints that will have an impact on our scholarship. The sales from the prints on our website go directly into the scholarship. The original set of 4 prints by famed artist Chas Fagan sells for \$110.80 per set. The new single print firefighter inspirational print sells for \$20 with \$10 going directly to the scholarship program. All five of these prints should be hanging in each fire station in Kentucky.

The KFA will be having its next Executive Board meeting in Lexington at the Kentucky Officers School hosted by the Green River Firefighters Association. They (GRFA) always do a wonderful job hosting one of the premier educational opportunities for officers and those who may become officers in their various organizations. I want to personally invite all of our directors to please make an effort to be at the Eboard meetings. You are our source of information from your local association. We will not know or understand how we can help your association grow strong if you do not come and tell us what your local needs are. We need your input!

As the Christmas Holidays approach and you and your family are gathering with friends and loved ones please take time to remember our troops serving overseas during the holidays and their family's here at home. Even if some are coming home many will not. Please take the time to in some small way remember those who serve.

Please be safe and thank you for the invaluable service you provide your community. They may not express their appreciation to you as often as they

should but rest assured they would not survive without you.

Have a safe and prosperous new year. I hope to see you at the Officers School in February!

Your President

Van Taylor



Michael E. Hulse Vice President at Large

Just to let everyone know that the KFA is working hard for the firefighters of our great Commonwealth.

Resolution #1 presented at conference by the Green River and Dixie Association that would create a "Support Firefighter" position within a department is being worked on by the Fire Commission. In a conversation with Commission Chairman Greg Lowe he advised me that is being worked on and should come out soon.

The KFA E-Board has met and is working hard to make sure that the upcoming legislation has a watchful eye on any legislation that may affect us. We will be meeting soon with Howdy and the legislative group to look at pre-filed bills and to discuss the direction that the associations want to take.

Please keep your firefighters safe, prepared, and ready for whatever comes up. One of the goals that President Van would like to accomplish is to not add any names on the wall this coming October.

God Bless All



Secretaries Coments by Monica Rath

I think I am finally at a breathing point in the changeover of the secretary position. There were many lists to comprise and update, minutes to type, committee meetings to attend and I could go on and on and on, but instead I would like to take this opportunity and send out a great big THANK YOU to Dave Jansing. I had no idea how much work Dave put into the KFA as I am sure most of Northern Kentucky did not either.

At this time I am attempting to work on better communications with all the regional association directors. I am currently working on an updated information list and have had many responses. The Executive Board as a whole would like to see more directors attend our meetings and share information. If you have any suggestions or ideas on improving the attendance or communication lines please contact a member of the Executive Board.

Additionally if there are any changes to personnel, addresses, or contact numbers that occur during the year please contact myself or Treasurer Suttles as they occur so we can keep an updated list.

As always any questions or comments don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely your Secretary,

Monica Rath



Treasurer's Notes

by Duane Suttles

As of this printing, I will have made it through my first 90 days as your treasurer and it sure has been a busy time. Dues are coming in real well and we have over a dozen new member departments so far for 2012 and we have nearly doubled our personal memberships. This is all good news to show our solidarity within Kentucky's fire service, coming together as one group and one voice. We still have a few member departments that have yet to send in their 2012 membership application and accompanying dues. Annual dues remain at \$85.00, the same as 2011. Department membership reminders will have mailed in November. If you are interested in having a personal membership, fill out the application available in Smoke Signals or find it on our web page at www.kyfa.org. Dues are \$25 and entitle you to your own personal copy of Smoke Signals for a year. Also, when you first join as a personal member, you will receive a KFA patch, emblem and skull-cap type toboggan to show your support of the KFA.

During 2011, the KFA began receiving a portion of Firefighter vehicle license plate sales through the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. The KFA encourages all firefighters to purchase the Kentucky Firefighter license plate when you register your personal auto or truck. This is done through the county clerk's office when you re-tag your vehicle. I am sorry to say that firefighter plates are not yet available for

motorcycles, but it is on the agenda of the KFA to see that option become available soon. It takes submission of a petition-like document with enough signatures to meet statutory and regulatory requirements to have the plates produced. If you are interested, watch for opportunities at conferences and fire schools to sign up asking the transportation cabinet to begin producing Firefighter plates for motorcycles.

Thanks for taking the time to read this issue of Smoke Signals and 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. Be safe.

Duane Suttles

KFA Treasurer

25th ANNIVERSARY of the KENTUCKY OFFICERS SCHOOL

The Kentucky Officers School will be celebrating its 25th Anniversary on February 24th, 25th, and 26th, 2012 at the Lexington Convention Center. Local, regional, state and national organizations have come together over the 25 years to build the Officers School. The School is hosted by the Green River Firefighters Association and the Kentucky Fire Commission / State Fire Rescue Training.

A great line up of classes is planned for 2012. Kicking off the school is the new NFPA train the trainer course on Advanced Electric and Hybrid Vehicles. Instructors are scheduled from Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maryland, Nevada, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Ohio, Virginia, West Virginia, Georgia and Tennessee and some of Kentucky's finest instructors.

There are many activities in addition to the classes and each year we have a surprise or two. The Kentucky Fire Commission will meet at 1:00 on Friday afternoon and the Saturday Evening With The Vendors is always a highlight of the weekend.

Reservations can be made at our three hotels, Lexington Downtown Hilton, Lexington Hyatt and the Clarion (formerly Holiday Inn North).

Brochures with complete information will be sent out the first week of December. If anyone needs information on the Officers School, please call the Area 3 Training Center at 888 306 8015.

The Green River Association thanks everyone for your support over the years and invite you to be with us for our 25th Anniversary Celebration.



Dixie Firefighters' Association

by Larry Naser

Dear Members of the Kentucky Fire Service, Greetings from the Dixie Region.

There are several things going on in the next few months that we will discuss in this article. Today however, I would like to address an issue I feel very strongly about. This issue is the apathy we as Americans show toward voting. As I write this article, today is Election Day in Kentucky and I wonder how many of you went to the polls and voted?

This year there have been several important races on a statewide level. Many of these issues will directly impact the Fire and Emergency Services in Kentucky. The activity we all claim to love, Fire and EMS work are all impacted by the state of the economy on a local, state and national level and yet less than 40% of the people who could vote actually get out and cast a ballot. Why is this?

Do we as Kentuckians not care about who leads our commonwealth? Do we think that the state budget short fall means good times for the Fire Service? Do we as firefighters not care about our communities? I think not. By definition and example, firefighters care about things most other people don't ever think about. We care about such things as Life Safety, Property Conservation, and fire prevention and as a last resort suppression of fires. Most firefighters have a deep unwavering devotion to family, communities and our department or district. We truly care about these things. What gets me is that as firefighters we claim to care so much, why do we not go and vote?

Today, the next Governor of the Commonwealth will be selected. Regardless of who wins the election, the next four years is likely to be difficult and frustrating for the Kentucky Fire Service. According to the Courier Journal in the November 7th newspaper, the state deficit for the next FY is over \$300,000,000 and there is no quick fix available. What important services will we see fade away due to lack of money? Will we lose fire marshal staffers? Will we lose training grants? Will we see a loss of grant money from the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security? All these agencies or funding is important to the Kentucky Fire Service. Would your vote make a difference in who leads this

Commonwealth and directs these programs? How the money is allocated and what organizations benefit from the available funding? Silence implies consent. Failing to make your voice heard to our elected leaders is agreeing with their policies and tactics. Do we really agree with what's going on in our great state and nation today? Think about it.

Our national economy is on the brink of recession, our national debt continues to grow, our congress and senators on both a state and national level can't seem to find a solution and we as a nation and state choose to let less than half of the people who can vote determine the course of our fate? Why do we let this continue when the solution is very straight forward? Voting is the way we influence our local, state and national governments. Regardless if it is a vote for a mayor, county judge, trustee of a fire district or the president of the United States. YOUR VOTE is important and should be cast. Many times I hear "I do not understand the Issues or I don't understand what the candidates stand for. That's why I don't vote." With the current technology, including even old school technology such as reading a newspaper to cutting edge information on Face book, the internet, and twitter, my question is why don't you know the candidates, the issues nor have an opinion? We as firefighters are the ones that are supposed to care. We as firefighters and emergency providers should be the ones leading the vote because we do care. Enough about this topic.

The Annual Dixie Memorial and Awards service was held on October 27th at the Elizabethtown Fire Training center and was a great success. Thanks to all the Dixie Officers, and all who helped make this an excellent evening to remember those that have passed away and those who have achieved awards this year. With several area firefighters receiving awards including college degrees, the evening was a great success. The 2011 class of Dixie Firefighter Hall of Fame living inductees include Fire Chief Rick Games, retired Elizabethtown Fire Department and Fire Chief Frank Hall, Rolling Fork Fire Department. Deceased members inducted were Chief James "Buddy" Bomar, Radcliff Fire Department and Firefighter Ralph Hunt, Magnolia Fire Department. The names of all four inductees were added to the plaque located in the Fire Training Center at the Elizabethtown Fire Training Center. These four men

have made a positive mark on the Kentucky Fire Service as well as the Dixie Firefighters Association.

The November meeting of the Dixie Firefighters Association was another joint meeting with the Green River Firefighters Association. It was held on November 17th at the Hartford Kentucky Fire Department. This meeting was the second joint meeting held between our two associations. As the Dixie Association and the Green River Association continue to work together, the future continues to be bright for both Associations.

In closing, I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving. It has become my favorite day of the year. It is possible this has happened because I have seen the over commercialization of Christmas. Part of my draw to Thanksgiving is being with family, wonderful food, Football, Black Friday shopping and a time to look and give thanks for what we have in America. We have enough bad things to think about for 364 days a year, one day should be left for the good things in life. For me that day is Thanksgiving. There are many wonderful things to give thanks for in American on this truly American holiday. What you give thanks for is a very individual notion. A loving, healthy family, a safe and secure community and a job I thoroughly enjoy all come to mind for me personally. I hope you took the time to find something good in your life that day. I wish you a safe and happy Holiday Season.

Sincerely , Chief Larry Naser,
President Dixie Firefighters Association

organizations, the point was made that, while we understood the current financial climate, we expected current fire grant and SAFER programs to be closely considered.

A good bit of time was spent reviewing the financial position of the NVFC in light of current financial conditions. At this time the organization is financially sound and will be able to complete current projects. Corporate support for the NVFC continues to grow. A budget of \$2,351,000.00 was approved.

The NVFC committees have been very busy in attending NFPA meetings. This is something our state membership wants us to do as they feel it protects volunteers from unnecessary and costly standards. A top NFPA representative always attends our meetings which gives us an opportunity to have direct dialogue with them.

The NVFC has been working with NIOSH to help them connect more easily with volunteer departments.

The Strategic Plan draft that was approved by the Executive Committee was presented to the state directors and alternates. The NVFC plans to complete a three year plan rather than the five year plan we have developed in the past.

The Heart Healthy program was taken to eleven shows this past year. I had an opportunity to attend two of those and found them quite interesting. If interested, contact the NVFC office.

The National Junior Firefighter Program is totally funded by corporate sponsors. If you have a program or are interested in starting a program, check the NVFC site or call the office.

A Firefighter Arson Toolkit is being developed to help fire departments deal with any firefighter arson case.

We are again working with Georgia Pacific to promote the Bucket Brigade. If you have a Georgia Pacific facility in your area, contact them about this project.

Many webinars and training platforms have been held by the NVFC. Check the web site for information on programs and dates.

Interest for foreign firefighter groups continues to increase. Currently we have developed relationships with Japan, Greece, Australia, South American Bombaros, and others. They are very interested in the material we have developed.

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**National Volunteer
Fire Council**

Ken Knipper, Director Bryant Stiles, Alternate

NVFC Committee Report

by Ken Knipper

I was able to attend the Fall Board meeting in Lake George, New York September 28 – October 1. Beautiful area greatly affected by storms to the extent that most restaurants and businesses were closed. 40 States were represented with 38 directors and 24 alternates attending.

Here are some of the highlights:

A July congressional briefing was attended by the NVFC and, along with other fire

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

2011 IFSAC SKILLS TESTING SCHEDULE

Date	Area	Location	Phone
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 EKU or KCTCS to be eligible for firefighter testing. Candidates must bring state issued drivers license or ID card to skills testing site for positive identification and verification of age eligibility. Candidates under 18, may complete any of the written exams, and may certify to Haz Mat Awareness only. All Certifications are based on the Professional Qualification standards set forth by the NFPA for Firefighters, except Haz Mat, which is a Job Performance standard. Our accreditation is through the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC).

Coming Events!

Meade County Winter Mini School

Brandenburg January 7-8

Call 888-234-7201

KY Fire Chiefs Leadership Conference

Bowling Green February 11 - 12

KY Officers School (Green River Hosts)

Lexington February 24-25

Dixie Fire School

Elizabethtown March 9-11

Jackson Purchase Fire School

Paducah March 30-April 1

Northern Kentucky Fire School

May 19-20

Daniel Boone Fire School

Morehead May 18-20

State Fire School

Lexington June 6-10

Mountain Fire School

Hazard August 24-26

Kentucky EMS Conference

Lexington September 18-21

Meade County Winter Mini School

Brandenburg January 7-8

1. EMS Continuing Education **Saturday Only** class will be held at the Meade County Extension Office.
2. Wildland Awareness 4 hours - Wild-land Interface 4 hours **Saturday Only**.
3. NIMS 400 **Saturday & Sunday** class will be held at Meade County Fire Station #1.
4. LG&E Gas Class / Meade Co. RECC Electrical class **Saturday Only** Meade County Fire Station #1.

Registration will begin 7:30 AM Meade County Fire Station #1. Preregistration questions can be sent to todd.vinton@flahertyfiredept.com or call 270-272-2111



Kentucky Association of Fire Chiefs

2012 Leadership Conference

The 2012 conference will be held at the Holiday Inn Convention Center in Bowling Green on February 10, 11 & 12. Speakers will include:

Tim Sendelback – Friday “**Contemporary Tactics for the Modern Fire Ground**” Saturday “**Observations from 30,000’ Modern Challenges and Opportunities for the Modern Fire Service**”

Howard Cross – Friday “**Strategic Planning for Your Department**” Saturday “**Leadership in Today’s Fire Service**”

Jack Snook – Saturday “**The New Now**” Sunday “**Moving Forward**”

Gary Yurt – Saturday “**When OSHA visits your department, what you need to know**”

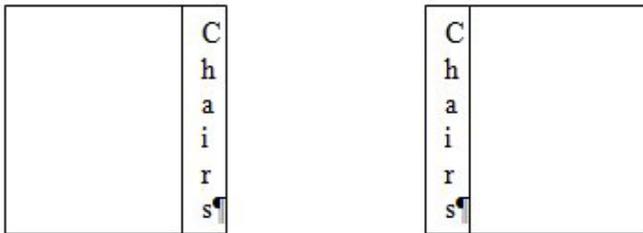
Eric Johnson – Sunday “**Death of a Hero: Preparing Your Agency for the Unexpected**”

Registration prices and form can be attained from www.kyfa.org click on “Resources” and then “Fire Schools” or from the Kentucky Fire Chiefs website at www.kyfirechiefs.com.

A Code Moment...

It's finally here! The holiday season with all the trimmings including turkey, ham, and dressing; as well as combustible decorations, burning candles everywhere and overcrowded rooms. Let's take a look at some assembly basics and the problems that holiday celebrations can bring. Remember that table and chair seating in assembly areas is limited to 15 sq. ft. per person with a minimum of 74" between the table edges when people are seated back to back. This is a dramatic change for many occupants who are used to having just enough room to squeeze between seated occupants trying to get to a table.

19" -- 36" or 44" -- 19"



In this example, there are 19" permitted for each seated occupant with a 36" minimum aisle in between (up to 50 occupants, then use 44"). Booths and tables along walls are calculated differently; as are tables that don't abut an aisle and have seating on only one side facing a stage or speaker podium. Refer to the 2006, NFPA 101 *Life Safety Code*®, chapter 13.2 for further guidance.

Moving on to what people do with decorations, the primary hazard is, of course, combustibility. For this we can reference the other primary document in Kentucky, NFPA 1 *Uniform Fire Code*® (2006). It reads in chapter 10.14.2: "In any occupancy, limited quantities of combustible vegetation shall be permitted where the AHJ determines that adequate safeguards are provided based on the quantity and nature of the combustible vegetation." For example, "live cut" Christmas trees are **not** permitted in assembly, board and care, educational, dormitories, detection and correctional facilities, and hotel occupancy types. Some "live cut" greenery may be permitted for decoration but the local authority has to determine the appropriateness and may balance it on the presence of a sprinkler suppression system, limited quantity, etc. Paper and cloth decorations must also be limited and should be flame retardant or properly treated.

The use of candles is also specifically limited. "Securely supported altar candles" are permitted for ceremonial or religious purposes if the location is well clear of combustible materials. Similarly, they can be used on stages and platforms where part of a performance; and most commonly, can be used on tables when they are "securely supported on non-combustible bases and the candle flame is protected" (NFPA 1, 2006 edition, chapter 20.1.4.3).

Every Kentucky firefighter should be well aware of risk of holiday excess in these areas with the history of the Beverly Hills Supper Club fire on Mother's Day, 1977 (165 dead) in northern KY. Similar over crowding and decoration conditions existed at the Coconut Grove Nightclub in Boston, Massachusetts where a fire on November 28, 1942 killed 492 people.

But a Christmas Holiday tragedy in the small, rural town of Babb's Switch, Oklahoma on Christmas Eve of 1924 relates to all sizes of fire department. This fire killed 35 community members in a small one-room schoolhouse and was decoration related, with candles on a Christmas tree, overcrowding and limited exits as key factors. Most firefighters reading this have likely been uncomfortable in an assembly area before, because of something they knew that wasn't right, or safe. My question is - what are you going to do about it in your own community? The history of assembly fires often reveals that if a fire department is going to save lives in this type of occupancy, it's done through prevention and inspection. Suppression activities are often just too late.

Happy holidays, I hope the calls are few and not serious, and that you get to spend the season with your families uninterrupted!

Rusty Todd (May you rest in peace, Hal Bruno.)

Fire Fighter I & II IFSAC Accredited Skills Testing

The next opportunity for FF1 and 2 skills testing will be in Cold Spring (Campbell County) in Northern Kentucky the weekend of December 3-4. The opportunities for 2011 are running out as there will be only 1 more skills exam offering before testing stops for the winter months, not returning until March 2012. For information about the Campbell County testing, go to <http://www.kyffcert.com/id37.html>

Words of Wisdom

A piece of spaghetti or a military unit can only be led from the front end.

[George S. Patton](#)

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The new EMS/R section continues to develop. The process has begun to develop the Section’s own Strategic Plan. The intent is to give ownership of the Section to the Section membership.

The NVFC passed a resolution to support the National Fallen Firefighter Foundation (NFFF) safety initiatives and the IAFC-SHS Rules of engagement. Take the time to look into these important programs.

A resolution was passed to endorse the Transportation Safety Advisory Group Next Generation 911 “Who’s Next” Report and that the NVFC engage a stakeholder through the Radio/Wireless Committee. The EMS/R Section also supported this resolution.

We will be improving our selection process for AFG/SAFER/FP&S Peer reviewers.

As you can see these are busy meetings. I got around to as many individual meetings as I could. I appreciate the opportunity to represent Kentucky’s firefighters at these meetings. The KFA has made a major financial commitment to allow Bryant Stiles and me to continue our involvement with the NVFC. We wish to thank you and the KFA executive board for your continued support.



Recertification Audits to begin in January

The Kentucky Board of EMS would like to remind all responders who recertify prior to December 31, 2011 that the audit process will begin in January 2012. The audit will include all levels of certification including that of instructor. If you are selected for an audit, you will be notified by the KBEMS office. You will then have 15 business days to return copies of the continuing education documentation required by your particular licensure level. Information on renewal requirements for First Responder, EMT and Paramedic levels can be found at [KBEMS Renewal Requirements](#). The requirements to renew as an instructor are as follows:

202 KAR 7:601. Section 15. Renewal of EMS Instructor Certification. (1) A person certified by the board as an EMS instructor shall be eligible to renew the EMS instructor certification if the person:

(a) Maintains state certification or licensure as a provider, which as a minimum is at the level at which they are certified to instruct;

(b) Presents written evidence of completion of

current HIV/AIDS training and education required by KRS 311A.110;

(c) During the preceding two (2) years, obtains a minimum of fifty-two (52) contact hours, providing documented evidence of completion of each hour, in the following categories:

1. A minimum of four (4) contact hours on topics related to methods of instruction (MOI);

2. Conducts a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours, or one (1) hour per each full month of certification if a certificate has been in effect for less than twenty-four (24) months, of instruction on at least three (3) different topics that are within the training and education requirements and the scope of practice for a level at which they are authorized to instruct; and

3. Presents evidence of participatory involvement in a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours, or one (1) hour per each full month of certification if a certificate has been in effect for less than twenty-four (24) months, of patient care experience with an ambulance service or other organization having an EMS mission, fire department, rescue squad, mining or other industrial health setting providing emergency medical services to their employees or members of the general public in any of the following roles of participation:

a. Actual patient emergency responses;

b. Agency quality assurance activities related to EMS; or

c. Enrolled as a participant or instructor for continuing education or agency-specific in-service training and education sponsored by the agency. Any hours obtained by participation as the instructor of this in-service training and education shall be in addition to the twenty-four (24) hours of instruction referenced in this administrative regulation.

You will be able to submit these by USPS, email, fax or uploading to your KEMSIS account. If you have further questions, feel free to contact Bill Young, Director of Education and Licensure at 859-256-3577 or at bill.young@kctcs.edu.

Words of Wisdom

Globalization, as defined by rich people like us, is a very nice thing... you are talking about the Internet, you are talking about cell phones, you are talking about computers. This doesn’t affect two-thirds of the people of the world.

[Jimmy Carter](#)

NEW ARRIVALS



The East 60 Fire Department in Shelby Co. has taken delivery of a 2011 Toyne Legend Pumper. The unit features a 1000 gallon tank, 1250 GPM Hale Pump, Harrison Hydraulic Generator and Foam Pro 1600 class A foam system. The unit is built on an International 4400 chassis. The unit was sold by High Tech Rescue, Inc. Congratulations to Chief Steve Brookshire and the Firefighters of East 60 Kentucky.

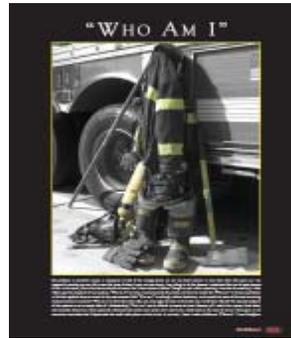
FOR SALE



The Bromely Fire Department is selling a 1980 Pirsch Pumper. It was built on a Ford cab over diesel truck frame with a 500 gallon tank and 1000GPM Hale Pump. The truck has 12,585 miles and we are asking \$6,000.00. If interested call 859-261-2492 Cell 859-760-9516.



The Highview Firedepartment is selling a 1991 Seagraves 100' Ariel for **\$75,000** If interested Contact Chief Dave Goldsmith at (502) 239-3561 or Email dgoldsmith@highviewfire.com



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The Kentucky Firefighters Association has partnered with www.firefighterprint.com to offer you this very special inspi-

rational 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.

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TO PURCHASE

"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!



Legislative Report



Here we go again with another full legislation session and many issues to discuss. The 2012 Kentucky General Assembly will have many issues that are important issues to try to address. And with the revenue outlook so bleak there are many funding items could be cut.

This year at the KFA conference in Owensboro the delegates passed the following legislative resolutions;

- 1. Resolution #1** encourages the Kentucky Fire Commission to review the possibilities of creating a firefighter support position within the ranks of volunteer firefighter.
- 2. Resolution #4** form a working group consisting of representative members of all groups working toward the adoption of an alternative assessment tool for student seeking certification as First Responders or EMTs in the State of Kentucky, such tool being offered in addition to the National registry examination and not as a replacement. If this alternative assessment is not demonstrated it is understood that legislation to mandate adoption of an alternative will be introduced.
- 3. Resolution #5** supports the efforts of Kentucky EMA to pass legislation that would clarify issues relating to mutual aid assistance by emergency response agencies crossing state lines.

In addition to these issues other fire organizations will be bringing other issues that we will be discussing. On Monday November the 14th we are having a meeting to discuss the issues that all groups might bring up during this year's session. This meeting is being held in the office of the State Fire Marshal and we will hope we can all work together on all issues, as in the past these meetings have assisted in the passage of some important fire service legislation, we know we might not agree on all issues but we do on about 95% and can help each other.

As in the past we go into this session with high hopes for the fire service legislation agenda but as this session begins we understand it is our responsibility to try to maintain what we have gained over the years. This could mean to maintain what we have we might not pass anything but the most important issue is that we be in Frankfort to represent the fire service to the best of our ability and maintain or

improve over what we have gained for the fire service.

We will be watching many areas for legislative changes from many other groups; Cities, Counties and State Agencies just to name a few. Issues like Workers Compensation, Pension, Labor, Cities, Counties, State Agencies, Public Safety, Special Districts, Firefighter and Fire Department, Hazardous Materials, Emergency medical, federal laws and Regulations. These are just a few of the items that we watch.

The members of the fire service who in the past have been attending the legislative sessions on behalf of the fire service are: Gerald Stewart, Bruce Roberts, Chris Barlet, Jack Reckner, Craig Willman, Mark Blankenship, Ronnie Day and myself. We are there most days if you have questions and need to contact anyone in Frankfort please make contact with one of these members for assistance on issues before the legislature.

We will be sending out reports each week on issues that affect the fire service. If you are anyone in your department want to be on our email address and are not receiving these notices please contact me and I will add you to the list during the session and all information that we are sending.

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KENTUCKY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

Membership Application

Annual DUES Request for the Period of Oct. 1, 2011 - Sept. 30, 2012

Please print all information clearly to insure accuracy

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In action taken at the 2011 Annual Conference in Owensboro, the membership body voted to NOT increase dues beyond the 2011 rate for Fiscal Year 2012

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***If your department has already submitted your 2011-2012 dues,
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Thank you for your support and for taking the time to submit this document with your dues payment.

Asst. Chief Duane Suttles, Treasurer



Notes From Fireman Joe The Ol Fire Dog

I hope everyone remembered when they changed their clock they Changed the Battery in their Smoke Alarms on Sunday November 6th, Time Change Weekend. I also hope you wished the Veteran in Your Life a Happy Veterans Day November 11th and said a prayer for our brave servicemen and servicewoman serving our country. Thanksgiving again reminds the Ole Fire Dog how blessed I am and to be thankful for GOD, Country, Friends and Family. I trust everyone enjoyed a good meal with family or friends.

Here it is December and I am wondering where 2011 has gone, so much has happened, what an exciting and fun filled Fire Prevention Month we had. I had the privilege of spending over 100 hours with the many schools, daycares and community events I visit during October which often includes September and parts of November to catch them all. The children were so excited to see the fire trucks and spend time with the firefighters. I am elated they still listen to my message of prevention and safety. I got to spend some time with the folks from Shriner's Hospital in Cincinnati as they visited one of my schools for a Burn Prevention Program. I met a delightful man who is a Shriner who always speaks so elegantly about their facility and the things they do for our communities. I never get tired of visiting our Shriner's Hospital and what impresses me the most is how happy they are to see the fireman. When I leave it usually takes a couple of days to get over the visit, what bothers me most when I see the horrible burns and injuries the children have suffered is how preventable the injuries are. I can't help but wonder, if someone would have just turned that pan-handle, unplugged the microwave, put a lid on a grease fire, put matches somewhere they couldn't have been found, where was the family escape plan, when will they ever learn about gasoline and things that are hot, on and on it goes. Public Educators, I implore to continue your message of safety and burn prevention.

And here comes Christmas, never get tired of this, I love the Holiday Season, particularly the decorations and festivities and some great family time. When you get your decorations out be sure to check for frayed cords, broken outlets, are you using fire-proof decorations and materials?

This might be the year you buy new lights or replace some of those older decorations, also watch out for overloaded circuits and minimize the use of extension cords. Keep the Christmas Tree away from fireplaces, heating vents or other combustibles, if you have a real tree keep it watered.

Enjoy your holiday season but recheck your home escape plans and smoke alarms especially if you plan on having visitors go over your plan with them. Insist smoking be done outside or in a designated areas dispose of ashes after watering them down or being sure it is in an approved container. Now that I have preached my sermon of safety, I want to wish all a Happy and Blessed Holiday Season. Stay Safe! And always, GOD BLESS!!

Fireman Joe

KFA Scholarship

The Kentucky Firefighters Association Scholarship Committee is looking for a couple students who are interested in being scholarship recipients. A copy of the guidelines and an application can be accessed on the KFA website at www.kykfa.org. Also, we are pleased to announce that the E-Board has raised the amount of the scholarships to \$1,000 per semester. We are looking forward to hearing from you.

Allen Johnson, Chairperson



VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION

The safety of citizens and fellow firefighters in many communities throughout the Commonwealth of Kentucky depends on having capable, dedicated volunteer firefighters. Over the past decade nationally there has become difficulty in recruiting and retaining volunteer firefighters. A majority of our Kentucky volunteer fire departments are following this national trend of difficulty in recruiting and retaining volunteer firefighters.

The Kentucky Fire Commission / State Fire Rescue Training has embarked on a three year volunteer firefighter recruitment and retention program, funded through a three year SAFER grant. This grant provides for a Recruitment and Retention Coordinator who will be 100% focused on this issue.

The Kentucky Fire Commission / State Fire Rescue Training have long been dedicated to supporting our volunteer fire service. This includes providing workers compensation coverage for each volunteer firefighter and 20 hours of training delivered direct into each fire department in the Commonwealth.

The new, federally funded, recruitment position will provide an individual who has a single focus of improving volunteer firefighter recruitment and retention. This focus will include statewide research and programs as well as local fire department assistance when fire departments request help with their specific recruitment and / or retention needs.

The Recruitment and Retention Coordinator will work closely with the Fire Commission / Fire Rescue Training's History and Recruitment Mobile Center as the concept of this facility is to build upon the history of Kentucky's fire service as we recruit the next generation of firefighters.

Recruiting volunteer firefighters can always benefit career fire departments as many volunteers gain a love for the fire service and prove their selves on the fire ground and choose to make the fire service their full time career.

After an extensive search for a Recruitment and Retention Coordinator, Pat Thompson has been selected and is already responding to fire department requests for recruitment and retention assistance. Pat brings to the position extensive experience working with the volunteer fire service at the local, regional and state levels. Pat is Chief of Sorgho Volunteer Fire Department in Daviess County, an all volunteer fire department. He has been Treasurer of the Green River Firefighters Association for years where he was instrumental in the development of two volunteer firefighter recruitment videos. Pat has been active on the state level including serving as a member of the Kentucky Fire Commission.

Pat can be reached at 888-306-8015 or at pat.thompson@kctcs.edu. Fire departments who are both successful and those who are struggling with volunteer firefighter recruitment and retention are encouraged to contact Pat as he leads the establishment of this new program.

As always, Ronnie Day, Executive Director of the Kentucky Fire Commission, and Bryant Stiles, Division Director of State Fire Rescue Training, are available to you on these and any other issues.

This program is another way that the Kentucky Fire Commission / State Fire Rescue Training is seeking to upgrade and strengthen Kentucky's fire service.



Chaplain's Corner

What does Christmas mean to you?

When I look back on past Christmases long ago I see something quite different than I see today. I remember like it was yesterday the many homemade Christmas items family members would make with their own hands and how special that was. I remember my mother would always make sure we got new clothes especially shoes and at least one toy at Christmas. My Grandmother would always fix a big meal and we would eat until we could eat no more, then all the kids would go into a big room and play with the one toy that we would get while the adults of the family would sit and talk.

Today is somewhat of a different story. People spend sometimes two or three times more money than they can afford to get gifts that the people they get them for will not use or want. They chalk that up to a thing called the "Christmas Spirit". One consumer report I read said that retail sales even this early in the Christmas season show that consumers are making less but spending more.

Is this what Christmas is all about? What is the true "Christmas Spirit" anyway? It is odd that people focus more today on Christmas than we do on Easter. If Easter had not happened then we would have no need to celebrate Christmas. Without the death of Christ on the cross, his resurrection from the grave and ascension into heaven, His birth would have no meaning.

However, He was born. He was crucified. He was raised from the grave. He did ascend into heaven and He is seated on the right hand of God the Father. He does intercede for you and me on a daily basis if you actually know Him. That is the true meaning of Christmas. But what about this thing called the "Christmas Spirit"? Does it involve the spending of money and giving of gifts? Well sort of. The true "Spirit of Christmas" is about the one pure gift we can give. That gift is to love with no expectation of anything in return. That love can look like a meal for the hungry, a puppy for a little child, an afternoon spent at a nursing home just talking with a person who has no one to talk to. **Yes the true "Spirit of Christmas" is the "Giving of Love Everyday".**

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