



Smoke Signals II

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THE FUTURE AT WENDELL FORD TRAINING CENTER

In May of 2008 the Kentucky National Guard approached the Kentucky Fire Commission with an interest in creating a Fire Rescue Training Center of Excellence at their Wendell H Ford Regional Training Center in Greenville. Since this time Guard leadership and Fire Commission / SFRT personnel have developed a joint vision of a nationally recognized first responder training center with premier capabilities.

The Center will become a national leader in providing comprehensive educational programs for Guard troops and current and future emergency responders at the local, regional, state and national levels.

The Wendell Ford Center began in 1969 as a 29 acre weekend training site for the Kentucky Guard. Today WHFRTC is a 24 hours a day, seven days a week training facility, including more than 12,000 acres, lodging for 1175 people, 400 seat dining hall, multiple classroom buildings and hands on training sites. SFRT began delivering classes at WHFRTC in 2010.

WHFRTC is home to three National Guard Firefighting teams, 176th, 177th and 178th, and one career fire department. All three teams have been participating in training delivered by SFRT. Personnel from the 176th are currently deployed to Afghanistan.

Training and exercise opportunities at WHFRTC will build upon current capabilities of the Fire Commission / SFRT, including an outstanding cadre of adjunct instructors, the largest fleet of mobile training units in the nation, and regional training facilities located throughout Kentucky.

We will be able to realize the benefits of a national training center without a financial investment by the Fire Commission into infrastructure such as dorms, dining halls, and roads.

The Fire Commission is currently building the center piece of our WHFRTC operations, a 6700 square feet multi-purpose facility, consisting of administrative offices, classroom and skills training areas. The facility mirrors the design of the Area 4 Training Center. The facility is scheduled for completion in December, but presently is several weeks ahead of schedule.

If you would like a tour of the WHFRTC or would like more information please contact Bryant Stiles.



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Notes From The President's Desk Van Taylor

Friends,

The year has come and gone and I am writing the final notes as the President. I want to take a minute and let you know that with any growth there are changes. I hope the ones we have made in the past year will uplift and encourage others in the future.

The State Fire School continues to grow. It is the hope that more Firefighters can come and get the training they need, with encouragement. Old friends will be going in different directions and new leaders will step up to keep the integrity of the program going on.

I want to thank everyone who has supported me through this time as Director, Vice President and President. I have dedicated my talents to hopefully improve the Fire Service in a small way.

As I am writing this the 92nd KFA Conference is right around the corner. Sherry & I want to thank ALL the CKFA for their help and support, especially Co-Chair Tommy Barber and His wife Cathy for their continuous work to make the Conference the Best it could possibly be. Thanks to everyone who has reached out for whatever we needed even before we needed it. It is our hope that everyone has a Safe and Enjoyable time in Central Kentucky.

I look forward to supporting the incoming President Sam Stacy and E-Board in the coming year.

Thanks for the Honor of serving as your President of the KFA. May God bless each and every one of you and continue to keep you and your families safe.

Van Taylor, President KFA

Words of Wisdom

Watch your thoughts, for they become words. Watch your words, for they become actions. Watch your actions, for they become habits. Watch your habits, for they become character. Watch your character, for it becomes your destiny.

— Unknown



Treasurers Notes

by Duane Suttles

Now that our KFA Conference is over we are only two months away from our annual membership drive. KFA membership runs from October 1st through September 30th of each year. The funds collected through membership are critical to the operation of our association. As I am sure you are aware it takes a lot of money to allow an organization to operate and move forward on issues relevant to you and your department. Your membership dues make a lot of what the KFA does possible.

You may be wondering just what does the KFA do and how does my dues affect the operation of the association. KFA benefits include:

1. Smoke Signals Newsletter.
2. Web Page.
3. Assistance with firefighter funerals.
4. Direct influence on the federal level through our membership and participation in the NVFC.
5. Two Lobbyist in Frankfort addressing issues that affect your department in positive ways and keeping an eye on legislation that might impact your department in a negative way.
6. Co-Sponsorship of the State Fire School/ Home Land Security Conference.
7. Scholarship program for us and our families.
8. Co-Sponsorship of the Kentucky Firefighters Memorial.
9. Hosting of the State Firefighters Olympics and assistance to all Regional Firefighters Olympics.
10. Assistance to fire departments public education programs through our Public Fire Education Committee.
11. \$3000.00 Accidental Death and Dismemberment insurance.

Eighty Five dollars is really nothing in comparison with the benefit you receive in return. I am sure you have spent a lot more money in the past and received a lot less for it.

If you are receiving this newsletter in print then you are already a member and know the benefits that come with membership. However, I want to challenge you to go to a neighboring department that is not a member and explain to them why

membership is so very important. If you would like to know which departments are members go to the website (www.kyfa.org) and move your mouse pointer down the left side and go to membership and click on Dues Members. Dues paying member departments are listed there.

There is also a membership application in this newsletter. Take the time to copy it or give this paper to a department that is not listed as a member department. Better yet offer to sponsor a neighboring department that maybe has a little less income than yours and pay their dues for them. Allow them the privilege of membership benefits.

Duane Suttles

Treasurer KFA



Michael E. Hulsey
Vice President at Large

This will go out after the conference is over, so my wish is that everyone enjoyed the conference and we were able to take care of the necessary business. Everyone needs to remember that the KFA is only as strong as its members. Last year in the legislature not a lot was accomplished, but it was not our fault the KFA and all of the emergency service associations were well represented on the legislature's floor.

I have been put in as chair of a very important committee for the membership of the KFA. The committee is looking at trying to improve, not only the numbers of members in the KFA, but also in local associations. The KFA is built upon the principle of the local association; we must have their input and advise to succeed in representing all of you. We are proposing a survey to help us accomplish this goal. In this survey we will not only be looking at membership, distances to travel to local associations, associations that have become inactive, and various other aspects of association life. We need your help for us to grow. Another goal of this committee is to encourage more participation of the directors of the various associations. Your association's director is your direct link to the E-Board. Their participation at our meetings to report to the board your

problems and concerns in your area is essential. They must also report back to you the business we conduct. The good news is that membership is up, but we still need to grow, so that we can better represent the entire State. This is important not only from a membership dues standpoint but also to show the legislature that in fact we do represent the fire service of Kentucky.

Hopefully by the time this goes out there will be some drought breaking rains in portions of the State. If not please stay safe and watch out for each other.

Michael E Hulsey

Notes from Northern Kentucky

Bill Martin was inducted into the KFA Hall of Fame at the 2012 KFA Conference in Lexington. Bill began his career at the Erlanger Fire Dept., and moved through the ranks to become chief., then was appointed as Kentucky State Fire Marshall, then he was appointed as chief of Point Pleasant Fire Department, after his term there, he was appointed chief of Hebron Fire Department. He also served at other departments as Fire-fighter-EMT. He served as KFA

Independence Fire Dept. under the direction of Chief Rick Messingschlager, celebrated their 75th anniversary, starting with a parade on July 7,2012.

Fire Chief Jeff Wendt of the Crescent Springs Fire Dept. has been selected as Fire Chief of the year.

Well that's all from Northern Kentucky stay safe

Bill Leslie, Bromley Fire Dept.. Retired Fire Chief.



National Volunteer Fire Council

Ken Knipper, Director Bryant Stiles, Alternate

NVFC Committee Report

With the mess in Washington things are moving slowly. We are following a number of bills that have an impact on all firemen. Our effort to pass legislation that will allow a good Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) continues. Check the NVFC site to see all of our legislative efforts.

One high spot for the NVFC is that they have been able to continue many of the grant programs they administer. Some of this has been made possible by an increase in corporate support and increase in personal memberships. Check the NVFC site to review the different membership level benefits available to your department and you as an individual.

Membership continues to increase in the EMS/Rescue Section. Members of the Section Executive Committee continue to work toward completion of plans to promote the advantages of membership in the section

The NVFC has just released a Junior Firefighter Recruitment Program video. Check the NVFC site www.nvfc.org/juniors to download the video. I reported on this in the last issue but wanted to remind you of this fine recruiting tool.

If you are interested in advancing your education, go to www.nvfc.org and click on the Training/Education tab. On that page you will find a link to a listing of many scholarship opportunities.

I remind you again of the Support Fund that offers financial assistance to members of the KFA who have suffered some uninsured loss due to the storms.

Bryant and I continue to do our best to represent Kentucky's firefighters at the national level. If you have any questions or ideas, don't hesitate to let us know.



Chaplain's Corner

By Woody Will

I have a story that I just have to share. The last month of my life has been an exceptional journey in the depths of God's Love! I will try not to be too lengthy but I just can't hold this inside. I want to scream it to the world. I am sure many people are wondering if they are supposed to be on this earth and if their life has meaning. I have had several events in my life when by all accounts I should be dead. But I serve a God who loves and cares for me. I am sure most of you remember when in February 2008 I sat through a tornado and watched it take the roof off my house while I sat with not a hair on my head moved. I thanked God through Jesus Christ for showing me his power and mercy all in one event. The

next day I had at least 20 wonderful Christians from my church in my yard helping me recover. This latest one is even more amazing! The odds of everything falling into place like they did would be over a billion to one. God does take a hand in the lives of his creation and I can prove it!

On Wednesday June 6th I was collecting for the Crusade for Children road block that KY 86 F&R holds at the railroad tracks in Cecilia. I was there from 12:30 to 4:30. I was hot and thought that since I was already hot and sweaty at about 5:30 I would ride my bike in the subdivision before I went in and took a shower. I rode up the street with no problem but when I was coming back down I passed out and crashed my bike. I had no idea what had happened. I made an appointment with my doctor who said "Do you know you have an irregular heartbeat? He sent me to the hospital for echo cardiogram and since my father had problems with his corroded artery they did an echo on that as well. My cardiologist said it all looked just fine no blockages my heart was ok I must have had too much heat for the day. I thought well he is the doctor I will just have to watch how much heat I get into.

On Monday June 11th I went to the Hardin County Fire Chiefs Meeting around 7 PM. I go to represent the local Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES) group (for those of you that don't know I am also an amateur radio operator KK4DEO). The meeting went just fine. We talked about local issues that we have been talking about for the last several years just about like every other meeting I go to. The difference with this meeting is that for the first time at least that I can remember (and this is where the really neat stuff begins to happen) the meeting was held at the Hardin County Emergency Management building on 1450 Rineyville RD (KY 1600). That is also the location of the headquarters of the Hardin County Ambulance Service. After the meeting was over I went out to my vehicle and sat down in the seat started the vehicle and everything went gray. There was no color in my vision and I could hardly get my breath. I sat and remembered that was exactly the way I felt as I was waking up from when I fell off my bike. I thought "Well it will pass" as I sat there the color came back but I had such a flutter in my heart and could barely breath. I rolled

down the window and Fire Chief Mike Hulseley of Etown (a real friend for a long time) was coming out the door and I could barely get his name out because I couldn't breathe. He felt my cold clammy arm and said "Woody you don't look good". I said "Mike I don't feel good". He hollered at Ira Dyer the Director of Hardin County Ambulance (another long time very good friend) who had also attended the meeting. Ira took one look at me and called for the squad that was on call in in the basement of the Emergency Management Building. They were up on top the hill in seconds. It gets a little blurry at this point and I don't remember a lot but I remember being on the stretcher and hearing Ira's voice say "That is a text book stage 3 Heart Block". I remember thinking did he say heart attack? I don't remember the ride to the hospital but I was told that from the time I was taken out of my car and arrived at the hospital was 7 minutes. I was also told I had at one time a pulse rate of 23 beats a minute. You are not supposed to live at that rate. I remember being in the ER and having an external pace maker being applied. I would not recommend that to anyone. It felt just like putting my chest against a farmers electric fence. By this time I had IV's in both arms and was being pumped full of all kinds of heart drugs. Now this is where it really gets neat. Just so happened my heart doctor was on call that night and was in the ER. He took me straight to the cardiac department and put a temporary pace maker through my right corroded artery and I was stabilized with no harm to my heart. The next day Tuesday he put a permanent pace maker in. I feel better than I have in years. It will take a little time for all to heal but the chances of anyone surviving something like this is one in a billion. Now you may look at this as some freak twist of fate but I am convinced that I am on this earth for a purpose and that I have a Savior in Heaven who watches over me if for no other reason than to be able to share this story with you! If you have not chosen Christ I beg you to consider who is watching over you and how important it is to secure your place in eternity with Him in Heaven. Give your heart to Christ before your time runs out. This comes straight from my heart because I

care about you! *Woody*



Dixie Firefighters Association News & Events

The Dixie Firefighters Association is very busy this year. With Chief Froman Peters now at the helm, our organization is looking to the future. Our activities have been guided by the ideas of reconnecting with old friends and making new ones. As part of this activity, we have tried to create a master e mail list to better keep our membership informed. If you are a part of the Dixie Fire Association and have not been getting information, draft minutes or other information please send me your e mail address to lnaser@mcfpd.com and you will be added to the list.

Several members of the Dixie Firefighters Association attended the 2012 KFA Conference in Lexington. If you attended I hope you stopped by our hospitality room. We were in the Clarion Hotel on Newtown Pike.

With so many issues affecting the Kentucky Fire Service, your participation in your regional and state association is very important. The question is always asked "What does the Dixie Firefighters Association or the KFA do for my department?" The answer is a lot of things. Who do you think helped change the rules concerning Junior Firefighters? Who has gone to Washington DC and met with our senators and representative's concerning funding for FEMA grants that we all desperately need? Who hosts one of the largest regional school in Kentucky? The answers are the KFA and the Dixie Fire Association. I come from a small fire district and I can honestly say that both the KFA and Dixie make my district better by simply exposing our members to outside ideas, successes and even failures. I challenge you to get involved!!!

The next regularly scheduled Dixie Firefighters Association Meeting will be held on September 27, 2012 the location is yet to be determined. The meeting will start at 7 PM and there will be a meal. Menu and price have not been set as of this report. I hope you come out and attend.

Larry Naser

Secretary

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

2012 IFSAC SKILLS TESTING SCHEDULE

Date	Area	Location	Phone
8/4-5	12-13	Harlan	888-234-0100
8/22-23	15	Lexington	888-234-3961
9/29-30	1	Calvert City	888-306-7901
10/6-7	6	Middletown	888-306-8064
11/3-4	5	Leitchfield	888-234-7201
12/1-2	7	Cold Springs	888-306-8101
12/8-9	4	Bowling Green	888-234-5760

Written testing information is available on the Ky IFSAC testing web site at <http://www.kyffcert.com>. Tests are given at the system office usually on the third Monday of the month. Each time you take the written test you must pay a \$15.00 charge. Contact Duane Suttles for more information about written test location and dates at 888-301-2946. REMINDER: Candidates must be at least 18 years of age and be a member of a Kentucky FD or a full-time student of Fire Science at ECU or KCTCS to be eligible for firefighter testing. Candidates must bring state issued drivers license or ID card to skills testing site for positive identification and verification of age eligibility. Candidates under 18, may complete any of the written exams, and may certify to Haz Mat Awareness only. All Certifications are based on the Professional Qualification standards set forth by the NFPA for Firefighters, except Haz Mat, which is a Job Performance standard. Our accreditation is through the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC).

Coming Events At a Glance!

Hazard Fire School

Hazard August 25-26

Meade County Fire School

Brandenburg Sept 8-9

Kentucky EMS Conference

Lexington September 18-21

Jefferson County Fire School

Louisville September 20-23

Southeastern Fire School

London October 19-21

Buffalo Trace Fire School

Maysville October 26-28

Green River Fall Fire School

Owensboro October 26-28

Instructors School

London November 16-18

Kentucky (Green River) Officer's School

Lexington February 22-24

Mountain Fire School

Hazard Kentucky

August 25 & 26

Friday - Sunday Classes

20-Basic Search & Rescue

Saturday Only Classes

4-Firefighter Survival

6-Large Animal Rescue

10-EMS Instructor Methodology

26-Fireworks/Pyrotechnics

28-Railway Safety (4 Hrs)

29-Response to Suicide Bombing (4 Hrs)

Saturday & Sunday Classes

1-Basic Firefighting

2-Junior Firefighting

3-Hard to Get Hours

11-Foam Streams

13-Fires in Manufactured Homes (4 Hrs)

14-Fire Instructor Update

17-Arson 1

24-ICS for Small & Rural Departments

8-Rope Rescue - Rappelling

12-Farm Rescue

18-Mine Site Emergencies

7-Kentucky Fire Commission 2012

19-Chaplain Training

9-EMS Continuing Education

16-Meth Lab Awareness (4 Hrs)

21-Weather Related Emergencies

25-MERRTT-Radiological Emergencies

Sunday Only Classes

5-Firefighter Rescue

22-Landing Zone (4Hrs)

23-Pediatric Abusive Head Trauma (1.5 Hrs)

15-Emergency Traffic Control (4 Hrs)

27-Company Inspector 1

Meade County Fire School

Meade County High School Brandenburg

September 8 & 9

Saturday & Sunday Classes

1-EMS Continuing Education

2-Firefighter Safety & Survival FC1000/FC2000

3-Basic 16 Hour

4-Aircraft Crash & Rescue

5-Heavy Rescue

Saturday Only Class

6-Flashover

Sunday Only Classes

7-Wildland Awareness 4 Hours AM Only

8-Haz Mat Update 4 Hours PM Only

Jefferson Co Fire School

Louisville Kentucky

September 20 - 23

Thursday Only Class

1-Sprinkler Systems

Friday Only Class

2-Fire Alarm Systems

Saturday Only Class

102-Engine Company Operations

105-Bomb & Explosives

106-Public Education

400-Featured Speaker

402-Trustees Class

Saturday & Sunday Classes

201-Hard to Get Hours 1

202-Hard to Get Hours 2

203-Recruit Basic

204-Auto Extrication

205-Line of Duty Death

206-Pumper Operations

207-PICO

208-Fire Inspector I

209-Fire Inspector II

210-Leadership II

211-Arson I

212-Survival & Rescue

213-Farm Rescue

Sunday Only Classes

101-Health & Wellness

103-Truck Company Operations

104-CPR Instructor

401-Chief Officers Seminar

Friday, Saturday & Sunday

302-MCI

303-EMT Refresher

304-Paramedic Refresher

307-Hazmat Operations

308-Controlling the Fire Ground

September 21, 22, 23, 29, & 30

301-Trench Rescue

305-Hazmat Tech

September 22, 23 October 6, 7

306-IFSAC Instructor

Fire Management Chief Named by Division of Forestry

By Lynn True

Luke Saunier has been named fire management chief for the Kentucky Division of Forestry (Fire Department No. 994), moving up from a position as forest ranger technician III in the Bluegrass District. Saunier has previous experience

in the military and brings wildfire and law enforcement experience to the position.

"As the division's fire chief, Saunier will be responsible for the overall leadership and program direction for wildland fire management in Kentucky," said Leah MacSwords, director of the Division of Forestry. "The position requires firsthand knowledge of fire science, an understanding of the complexities of the Incident Command System, and the ability to manage grant funding for programs ranging from equipping volunteer fire departments to providing fire mitigation to communities."

Saunier has a Bachelor of Science degree in forestry from the University of Kentucky and will receive a Master of Science degree in criminal justice and emergency management this fall. Saunier is also a veteran of the U. S. Army and served in Iraq as part of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom II. He has been with the Division of Forestry as a forest ranger technician



since 2007. Saunier is an outdoors enthusiast and advocate for environmental education. He resides in Scott County with his wife, Kathleen, daughter, Sophie and son, Lucas. [Luke Saunier, right, trains with Bluegrass District Forest Ranger Technician, Matt Haywood.](#)

6 Yr Old Louisville Boy Saves Family

Shane Chaney of North Drive in Valley Station is crediting his 6-year-old son, Gage, for saving the lives of his entire family. A fire started at the Chaney residence on Tuesday, May 22nd and if it hadn't been for Gage's quick action the whole family would have been lost. Gage saw the smoke and flames from his bed and quickly woke his father and brother. From outside the structure they called for their dogs and they came running out. The house was damaged but it is repairable. The Chaney family had insurance which will help them rebuild but they lost most of their personal belongings. It is believed the fire was started from an electrical surge. PRP Fire Department said nothing looked suspicious. Gage was presented with a Super "Hero" Certificate.

TAKE THE PLEDGE

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Congratulations to the White Hall Volunteer Fire Department and the Marathon Petroleum Company Fire Department on being the two most recent Kentucky departments to sign the "International First Responder Seat Belt Pledge". These departments have been added to the names of other Kentucky departments who have taken the pledge at: <http://everyonegoeshome.com/seatbelts/>

In 2006, the National Fire Service Seatbelt Pledge was created, after the tragic death of Firefighter Brian Hutton who died after falling from his fire truck on the way to a call. Dr. Burton Clark, a distinguished member of the fire service and training specialist at the National Fire Academy, was compelled to challenge firefighters to improve their personal safety by wearing their seatbelts. With website and administrative support from TrainingDivision.com and Firehouse.com, the National Fire Service Seatbelt Pledge was introduced to the American Fire Service.

In addition to the support of the National Fire Academy, fire service partners including: the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation; the International Fire Chiefs Association (IAFC), National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC), National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) have also joined the effort to eliminate firefighter injuries and line-of-duty deaths that can be prevented by seatbelt use.

Five years later, over 850 departments and 150,000 firefighters have signed the National Fire Service Seatbelt Pledge and committed to wearing their seatbelts. The reach of the Seatbelt Pledge has also spread beyond the borders of the United States. Firefighters in Australia, Canada, the United Kingdom, and U.S. Military Bases around the world have recognized the importance of wearing their seatbelts and joined the effort to ensure Everyone Goes Home®.

"Motor vehicle crashes are the second-leading cause of firefighter fatalities in the United States and this effort aims to reduce the number of preventable fatalities," said Chief Ronald J. Siarnicki,

Executive Director of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation. "Just as you need to get to the scene of a call quickly, you need to get there safely; buckling your seatbelt is the easiest safety measure you can take."

Have You Signed the International First Responder Seatbelt Pledge? It's as Easy as 1, 2, 3!

1. Download the International First Responder Seatbelt Pledge Form from our website: <http://everyonegoeshome.com/seatbelts/>

2. Sign the Pledge and Buckle Up!

3. Fax us at (410) 721-6213 or E-mail us at seatbelts@EveryoneGoesHome.com.

We will recognize your department with an International First Responder Seatbelt Pledge certificate and post your department on the EveryoneGoesHome.com/seatbelts website*. A 100% seatbelt compliance certificate will be issued and presented by your Everyone Goes Home® State Advocate.

* You must fill in the entire pledge sheet, including your department name, officer name and contact in order to receive a certificate and be posted on the website.



NEW LAW REQUIRES ADDITIONAL TESTING FOR ALL CAREER KENTUCKY FIREFIGHTER CANDIDATES

Versailles, KY – Beginning **January 1, 2013**, all career firefighter candidates will be required to undergo a physical ability test.

The candidate physical ability test (CPAT) will be designed to assess a candidates' ability to handle the physical demands of fighting fires and shall include exercises that stimulate the most common tasks involved in fire suppression.

"Today's firefighters have to be prepared to handle a variety of situations," said Ronnie Day, executive director of the Kentucky Fire Commission. "This test will allow us to evaluate career firefighter candidates well before they begin recruitment training and/or on-the-job training."

Exercises for the CPAT will include, but are not limited to: stair climbing, hose drag, equipment carry, ladder raise and extension, forcible entry, search, rescue, ceiling breach, and pull.

The Kentucky Fire Commission will charge a fee of \$125 for all out-of-state firefighter candidates participating in the CPAT. In-state participants will not be required to pay a fee.

EMS Educational Corner

By Bill Young, Director of EMS Education & Training
Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services

NREMT Test Data Available

The National Registry recently made history by releasing the first time pass rate for all states that use their examination. The scores are based upon first time attempt only. 2010 and 2011 data is available. When I look at this data, I don't get discouraged, I get excited...let me tell you why. If you look at 2010, our pass rate was at 53%. In one year it improved by six percentage points, jumping to 59%. I am proud to say that for the first six months in this year we have had 264 students take the EMT exam. Currently our pass rate is 66%!!!

Instructor Webinar Series

As part of the initiative to provide additional educational opportunities to EMS educators, KBEMS launched their first webinar series in May with THE BUTTERFLY EFFECT...WHY EVERYTHING THAT YOU DO, MATTERS! Approximately ten educators attended. It was requested that this be offered again during the evening and it was scheduled as such.

Google Listserve for KY EMS Educators

This group is designed to inform EMS Educators from the Commonwealth of Kentucky on issues important to them. Members can both post and receive emails on items related to EMS educational issues both for the Commonwealth and nationwide. It is a moderated group, so your email address is protected and there is no spam. To subscribe, send an email to kentucky-ems-educators@googlegroups.com. Include "subscribe" in the subject line.

New Education Regulations Status

Public comment has been reviewed and addressed. Our response to this public comment was submitted to the LRC in June. Once the regulations have been accepted and approved, KBEMS will begin a series of statewide educational sessions to outline the new regulations and how TEIs and educators can meet them. It is anticipated that this will begin in sometime in August.

If you have questions or comments I can be contacted at: Bill Young, NREMT-P M.S.

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FIREFIGHTER INSPIRATIONAL PRINT

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

\$10.00 OF EVERY \$20 PRINT SOLD

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

PLEASE GO TO: WWW.FIREFIGHTERPRINT.COM

TO 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!



Notes From Fireman Joe

It was great to see some old friends and of course make some new ones at the Annual Kentucky State Fire School in Lexington last June. As always, the school was great and I had a great time. I was extremely happy with our Public Education Class this year. What a great group of students we had and I had a ton of fun with them and I hope they enjoyed the class as much as we enjoyed presenting it.

It was really great being back in Lexington for the KFA Conference which was held at the Ole Holiday Inn on Newtown Pike which is now the Clarion Hotel. My greatest treasure of being in the fire service is the wonderful people I have met over the years and I had an opportunity to spend some quality time with them. Van Taylor and his loyal supporters from Central Kentucky Association put on an excellent conference. I love Lexington; You could eat out every day for a month and never eat at the same restaurant twice. So many neat things to do and visit plus it is close to everything. I truly enjoyed myself.

I know the KFA Executive Board and my good friend Duane Suttles are working tirelessly to increase the membership of the KFA. If you and or your department are not yet members of the KFA JOIN TODAY!!! It has been my joy and pleasure over these many years working with the many wonderful presidents and executive boards. Believe me, no organization works harder for the Fire Service in Kentucky than the KFA. We need them and of course they need us, so step to the plate and join.

Just got a note from National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) today. Another informative Fire and Life Safety Prevention Month program is coming up in October and this year's theme is "Have 2 Ways Out". This program encourages Home Escape Planning and how important it is to know what to do and where to go in case of a fire. I encourage everyone to visit the website, www.firepreventionweek.org. It has lots and lots of help to promote your department's fire prevention month programs and the best part it is free. Now they do have some excellent materials available at fair prices but there is a ton of stuff to download and use to make your programs shine.

The weather man says to get ready for very hot humid days ahead, but that is summer and don't forget to follow all the safety tips to make your summer the best and safest it can be.

I know I have said I have retired but ole Fireman Joe is still available to chat, help or promote Fire and Life Safety anytime, give me a yell at stambushj@hotmail.com.

Until I see you all again, GOD BLESS and be Safe!

Joseph "Fireman Joe" Stambush

A Code Moment

This issue will update an ongoing project that affects growing numbers of Kentuckians through the enforcement of Building or Fire Codes. The Housing Board (Department of Housing, Buildings, and Construction) has recently adopted the 2012 International Building Code (with KY Amendments). After the required legal review and public comment period it will go into full effect, likely during spring 2013.

Of special interest to firefighters, this version includes language that will now require fire suppression sprinkler systems in all multi-family dwellings and residential occupancies covered by the building code. The specific language was unanimously adopted and reads:

[F] 903.2.8 Group R. An automatic sprinkler system installed in accordance with Section 903.3 shall be provided throughout all buildings with a Group R fire area.

[F] 903.2.8.1 Group R-3. An automatic sprinkler system installed in accordance with Section 903.3.1.3 shall be permitted in Group R-3 residences with 16 or fewer residents.

[F] 903.2.8.2 Care facilities. An automatic sprinkler system installed in accordance with Section 903.3.1.2 or 903.3.1.3 shall be permitted in care facilities with 5 or fewer individuals in a single-family dwelling.

[F] 903.2.8.3 Group R-4. An automatic sprinkler system installed in accordance with Section 903.3.1.2 or 903.3.1.3 shall be provided throughout all buildings with a Group R-4 fire area with more than 8 occupants."

In English, this means that all multi-family dwellings (other than duplexes and townhouses

covered by the Residential Code) built as new construction will be required to have automatic sprinkler systems. Congregate care and living facilities that have a limited number of residents are also included but may be protected with a NFPA 13R or 13D system.

This has been in the International Building Code since 2000, but we have finally been able to address this properly in the Commonwealth. Please note, that this doesn't include one- and two-family dwellings and townhouse construction with proper vertical fire separation. Those are covered by the International Residential Code and we (the KY Firefighters Association) aren't going to pursue that change at this time. That doesn't diminish the importance of residential sprinklers in any home, but is a realistic response to other problems that exist in attempting regulation of living spaces in Kentucky. One major problem is that approximately 50% of Kentucky counties may have no local building code enforcement.

Thanks to all those who contributed to this effort including the members of the Executive Boards of the KFA and the Kentucky Fire Chief's Association, NFPA Regional Manager Russ Sanders, National Fire Sprinkler Association Regional Manager Ron Brown, members of various Code Administrators Association of Kentucky (CAAK) committees, and past Board member Dave Jansing who helped to lay the groundwork for this success.

Rusty Todd,

KY Fire Service representative to the Board of Housing, Buildings, and Construction

Wildland Fire Academy Contributes to Fallen Firefighters Memorials

The Tennessee-Kentucky Wildland Fire Academy recently contributed donations to the Kentucky, Tennessee and the National Fallen Firefighters memorial foundations. Each of the foundations received a \$250 donation to help maintain their memorials. Kentucky's donation was made at the Kentucky Fallen Firefighter's Memorial located at Juniper Hills Park off U.S. Highway 127 in Frankfort.

"The Tennessee-Kentucky Wildland Fire Academy conducts fire training ranging from ba-

sic wildland firefighting skills and air operations to courses for fire line supervisors and incident commanders," said Mike Harp, fire program specialist for the Kentucky Division of Forestry.

Since 2010, the academy has raised funds during annual trainings to help with the upkeep of the fallen firefighter memorials. The Kentucky Fallen Firefighter Memorial was erected Oct. 11, 1999, and includes more than 200 names of firefighters who have died in the line of duty.



(Picture on left) Mike Harp, fire management program specialist for the Kentucky Division of Forestry, presented the donation to Ronnie Day, executive director of the Kentucky Fire Commission in front of the Kentucky Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial. Pictured left to right: Bruce Roberts and Ronnie Day, Kentucky Fire Commission, Mike Harp, Kentucky Division of Forestry and Van Taylor President, Kentucky Fire Fighters Association.

Operational Changes to Smoke Signals II

Decisions have been made to help better promote individual memberships in the Kentucky Firefighters Association. In the past the color version of the newsletter has been posted to the webpage even before it went to the printer for publication. Since the newsletter is now being published in color a decision has been made to post the online version when the next month's issue goes to press. In other words the April issue will not be posted to the web page until the 15th of May. If you want to receive a printed copy addressed to you and sent to your residence instead of reading the newsletter sent to your fire department go to the webpage (www.kyfa.org) click on membership on the left of the page print a copy of the personal membership application fill it out and send it along with a check for \$25 to the address on the application. The Kentucky Firefighters Association is the only association in Kentucky that individual firefighters can have a voice and impact the direction of the fire service in Kentucky!

NEW ARRIVALS

New Deliveries for Summit Fire Apparatus



**Crescent Villa Fire Authority
Crescent Springs, KY Pumper Rescue**

This rescue pumper is on a Spartan Custom Cab chassis with a Hale Q-Max 1500gpm midship mounted pump with a rescue style body with a completely enclosed pump house. The engine is a Cummins ISL9 450hp with an Allison Gen IV-E EVS 3000 transmission. The tank is a 750 Gal fiberglass tank. This rescue pumper has many great features.



Piner-Fiskburg Fire Department

This tanker is built on a Freightliner chassis with a Cummins 350 engine and a Allison EVS 3000 transmission. It has a 12' Aluminum body, 2000 gallon UPF elliptical poly tank, electric rear dump with two actuations points, 1 in the cab the other in the back. The portable pump is plumbed to the tank. It has two side compartments with rollup doors. There is a console in the cab and air horns on the cab. LED warning system and is NFPA compliant



**Williamstown Fire Department Light Duty
Rescue / Utility**

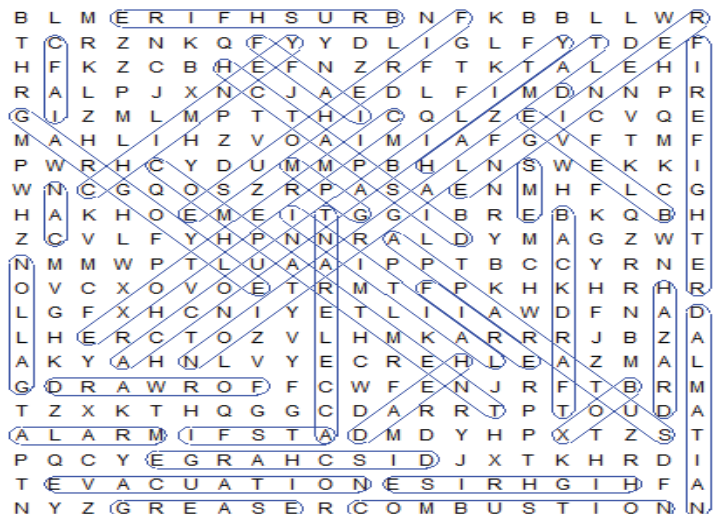
This light rescue vehicle is a Ford F-550 Crew Cab 2 wheel drive vehicle with a 6.4 L Power Stroke Diesel 350 HP engine. It features an automatic transmission, disk brakes and has a GVWR of 19,500 lbs. It has an 11' aluminum body with Hansen doors 6 side compartments with LED Lighting 200" Wheel Base OAL 308". This truck features a Smart Power 8 kw hydraulic generator Custom Tread-brite running boards Whelen LED 600 Series Night Scan 4.5 3600 Light tower Skid Unit mounted into the rear of the truck 2 Hydraulic hose reels 2 Hydraulic rescue tools Kussmaul Auto Charge Super kit Akron electric cord reel and transverse slide tray.

KFA Scholarship

The Kentucky Firefighters Association Scholarship Committee is looking for three 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

Answers to last issues Word Search Puzzle



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GRAYSON FIRE DEPT.
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GRAYSON, KY. 41143

Questions concerning this membership dues request may be directed to: (606) 922-7671

Copies of the by-laws can be downloaded from the KFA Website www.kyfa.org

Thank you for your support and for taking the time to submit this document with your dues payment.

Asst Chief Duane Suttles, Treasurer

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