



# Smoke Signals II

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## William Swope Jr. Appointed as State Fire Marshal

Wednesday April 16 Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet Secretary Robert D. Vance announced the appointment of a veteran Lexington firefighter William Swope Jr. to serve as State Fire Marshal.

Swope served for 23 years in the Lexington Division of Fire and Emergency Services. Since 2002, he was the division’s chief of administration, directing day-to-day administrative operations, including compensation, benefits and payroll. He also performed duties relating to health and safety and personnel.

From 1995 to 2000, Swope served in the fire prevention bureau, where he supervised field inspectors and conducted public education programs.

“We are delighted to have someone with Chief Swope’s outstanding administrative skills in this key position,” Secretary Vance said. “His extensive experience in a major metropolitan fire department has prepared him well for this challenging position.”

As State Fire Marshal, Swope will serve as director of the Division of Fire Prevention. The agency’s duties include investigating the cause and origin of fires. The division also conducts inspections of public buildings for compliance with fire and life safety codes, and inspects manufactured housing, electrical systems, elevators and boilers. The State Fire Marshal’s staff also licenses fire alarm systems and regulates hazardous materials.

The Division of Fire Prevention is part of the Office of Housing, Buildings and Construction in the cabinet’s Department of Public Protection.

Fire Marshal Swope is looking forward to seeing you at State Fire School on opening day.



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## Notes From The President's Desk John Daley

I'm sure everyone is looking forward to summer as much as I am with the coming of warm weather, outdoor training, vacations, picnics, swimming and baseball. Since our last edition of "Smoke Signals" we have been extremely busy.

First and foremost was the 2008 regular legislative session of the Kentucky General Assembly that concluded in mid April. I want to sincerely thank our KFA Lobbyist Mike "Howdy" Kurtsinger and Gerald Stewart who were on the job in Frankfort throughout the session. Our interest could not have been represented by two more knowledgeable and respected individuals.

In the tough political climate that permeated Frankfort, we proposed, reviewed, investigated, analyzed and scrutinized over 100 bills. We made valiant attempts toward the adoption of House Bills 427 and 503 which would have increased funding for our full-time paid firefighters, volunteer departments and fire districts. Unfortunately, we came up short but laid the foundation for future success in these areas. We addressed issues like enhanced firework safety laws and elimination of state fuel taxes for fire departments only to be rebuffed again. But we must keep trying and we will realize success in the future.

Passage of House Bills 389 and 475 will enhance the state fire service through an identification card process and improvements in the tracking of our fire incident reporting (KYFIRS) program. Our new firefighter license plates have been available since early 2008 and are one of the most appealing specialized plates available throughout the country. The passage of Senate Bill 135 will enable us continued success in this program.

The pension bills, the state budget bill, and HB 293 relating to fire district annexation were other areas that required constant vigilance. Our influence prevented catastrophic results for the fire service. Our lobbyist have vowed to make their mission a 365 day a year job and work with our rank and file throughout the coming year to be better prepared to present and pass vital fire and emergency service legislation in upcoming sessions.

For the second consecutive year I had the distinct pleasure to represent the KFA in Washington D.C. during Congressional Fire Service Institute events April 2-4. Vice-President Randy Courtney and Past President Troy Newcomb also attended as well as our National Volunteer Fire Council representatives Ken Knipper and Bryant Stiles. We along with nearly 30 other fire and emergency service representatives from Kentucky lobbied our congressmen and senators on federal legislative matters affecting the fire and emergency service. Please visit our website at [kyfa.org](http://kyfa.org) and see my full report on the Washington trip or go to page 5 for q summary report..

It is once again State Fire School time and I want to encourage every firefighter and emergency responder throughout the state to make the trip to Lexington in June. The past couple of years have seen great growth within this school. With the partnership of the Ky. Office of Homeland Security the training opportunities have been vastly expanded. The opening session on Thursday morning has been enhanced to provide training credit. A first rate exhibit area is provided to meet your departments purchasing needs. Classes are provided at various time intervals to meet the schedules of paid and volunteer firefighters. Please plan to attend, learn, and network with the fire service of Kentucky in Lexington, June 12 – 15.

I want to remind every fire department in the state of the newest of many benefits in belonging to the KFA. Through your modest dues payment, each and every member of your department is eligible for the \$2,000.00 accidental death and dismemberment benefit through American Income Life Insurance Company. Although the benefit is small and we hope no one will ever have to receive it, belonging to the KFA should be imperative to your fire department's mission. We are here to help you in whatever way possible and this benefit is just one more small way of assistance.

Whether it is legislation, training, or any other benefit and service the KFA offers, the cost of operations are expensive. We continually look for ways to finance the KFA while keeping department/member dues at a minimum. Recently we entered into an agreement with J & J Promotions, a Kentucky based company, to do fund raising solicitation of businesses in Kentucky for the benefit of

the KFA. The KFA has been assured of an amount to sustain our budget in a positive manner for the coming year. We ask your assistance in promoting this solicitation when called upon by your business people. We will make every effort to contact the fire chief when J & J is doing business in your area. For more information or questions please contact KFA Treasurer Terry Keller, Secretary Dave Jansing or your Vice-President.

In closing, please don't forget the 88<sup>th</sup> annual KFA Conference to be held August 2-5 at the Drawbridge Hotel in Northern Kentucky. The annual conference provides members of the KFA the opportunity to be heard and formulate the future of the association. Your input is vital to the success of the Kentucky fire service. Become involved and partake in the meetings and social events. See the firefighter Olympics, fire apparatus parade, memorial service, Hall of Fame inductions, award presentations, and exhibit displays. Our conference staff has a full schedule of hospitable events for you and your spouse all inclusive in your registration fee. Check out our website [kfa2008.com](http://kfa2008.com). Reserve your rooms and register now!

Until next time, "Be Safe Out There"

Sincerely,

*John Daley*

John W. Daley, President  
Ky. Firefighters Assn.



### Treasurer's Notes by Terry Keller

I need to preach to the choir for a few lines. Please remember that the K F A has hired another fundraising company. K F A is still using Civic Development Corp. to raise money from residents and now have a company by the name of J & J Promotions doing fundraising to business only. The company is a local company located in Florence, Ky. They are owned by a mother and son. Please if you hear of a fundraising campaign that are calling on big business in your area, it is a good chance it is J & J Promotion.

As far as the K F A knows, the only other fundraising would be the K P F A. I am pretty sure they still do the western show. If you are reading this article, pass this information on to any member of your department. J & J Promotions and Civic Development, with their fundraising expertise, is one way that the K F A is able to keep the dues structure at a low rate. The K F A needs these two companies to raise money for the general fund. Continue to support the K F A fundraising needs and ask business in your area to support the K F A.

This has been a good year for membership. The K F A has 417 departments who have paid dues. This is one of the highest years in the last 10 years for membership. The K F A has a chance to end the year with about 430 total departments. This would be the best year ever. There are 16 personal memberships, as that program has increased from the 12 that the K F A has had in the past. There are 56 sustaining memberships. These are the companies and businesses that Charlie Shaw and Jamia contact to have booths at fire school.

Charlie and Jamia do a fine job at getting these companies to become sustaining members as well as support the fire school as vendors. So, if you attend fire school, stop by and say hi to the vendors. This is another way that the dues structure can be kept at a low cost. Between KCTCS, Fire Commission, K P F A, and the K F A the fire school in Lexington is one of the best in the country.

K F A will also, be having their quarterly meeting on Saturday morning and afternoon during fire school. Stop by and see the Executive Board. Let the K F A know what concerns your department has. The only way the K F A can work on issues in Frankfort or with the Fire Commission, or KCTCS is for each and every department to let us know what is going on in your area and department. So, until I can see you at fire school, stay safe and enjoy the summer.

### Words of Wisdom

I am concerned for the security of our great Nation; not so much because of any threat from without, but because of the insidious forces working from within.

**Douglas MacArthur**

**REGIONAL EMBERS**



**Jackson Purchase Firefighters Association**  
Regional Director Fred Ross  
No Report

**Pennyrile Firefighters Association**  
Regional Director Ed Schmidt  
No Report

**Green River Firefighters Association**  
Regional Director Ed Schmidt  
No Report

**Barren River Firefighters Association**  
Regional Director Casey Steele  
No Report



**Dixie Firefighters Association**  
Regional Director Heath Ryan  
No Report



**Bluegrass Firefighters Association**  
Regional Director Rick Bobo  
No Report

**Lake Cumberland Firefighters Association**  
New Officers Lake Cumberland Firefighters Assoc:  
President Junior Fortenberry  
1Vice President Keith Price  
2nd Vice President David Withers  
Treasure Deanna Halcomb  
Secretary Chuck Gridler  
Director Bill Hall



**Jefferson Co.Firefighters Association**  
Regional Director Bob Frizzell  
No Report

**Northern KY Firefighters Association**  
Regional Director Bud Lederer  
No Report

**Buffalo Trace Firefighters Association**  
Regional Director Vacant  
No Report

**Daniel Boone Firefighters Association**  
Regional Director Danney Blevins  
No Report



**Eastern KY Firefighters Association**  
Regional Director Duane Suttles  
No Report

**Pike County Firefighters Association**  
Regional Director Lewis Ratliff  
No Report

**Central KY Firefighters Association**  
Regional Director Van Taylor  
No Report

**Southeastern KY Firefighters Association**  
Regional Director Reggie Morgan  
No Report

**Mountain Firefighters Association**  
Regional Director Sam Stacy  
No Report

Just to make sure everyone understands, each regional association should be sending in something from their area each issue. It does not have to come from the association president. It can come from the regional director, or if your department is getting a new truck, new building having a fund raiser let me know. The deadline for submission of articles is listed on the back of each issue. Email your submission to woodrow.will@kyfa.org. We want to hear from YOU! YOUR newsletter will only contain local news if **YOU** send it in!!!



## MY TRIP TO THE "HILL" 2008

By John Daley, KFA President

Having recently returned from attending the 20th Annual Fire and Emergency Services Dinner, seminars, and events sponsored by the Congressional Fire Services Institute (CFSI) in Washington D.C., I think it is important to convey my feelings, findings, and opinions of this recent trip. Approximately 40 individuals from Kentucky were in attendance at various times and events. Attendee's representing the Commonwealth ranged from representatives of the KFA and our National Volunteer Fire Council reps, KPF, Fire Commission, Fire Chief's Association, Office of Homeland Security, local politicians and fire board members.

Whether you are a firefighter, emergency services responder, manufacturer or fire service leader, the United States Congress is more aware of your concerns because of the Congressional Fire Services Institute (CFSI). Established in 1989 as a nonprofit, nonpartisan policy institute, CFSI is designed to educate members of Congress about the needs and challenges of our nation's fire and emergency services so that the federal government provides the types of training and funding needed by our first responders.

With the spotlight on the fire service for the few days we are in Washington, your Kentucky delegation makes every effort to individually meet with each Kentucky congressman to discuss the fire and emergency service needs. These meetings were scheduled by KAFC President Rick Larkins and scheduled for all day Thursday.

Items listed for discussion were a compilation of initiatives from the International Association of Fire Chiefs legislative hot sheet, priorities of the National Volunteer Fire Council, and issues of local importance. The issues were: 1) Continuation and appropriate funding of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant and SAFER Grant programs 2) Continued support and funding for the US Fire Administration and the National Fire Academy 3) Volunteer Firefighter and EMS Personnel Job

Protection Act (H.R. 1643 / S. 2240) 4) Requirement for IP-enabled voice services (cell phones) to provide 9-1-1 service (H.R. 3403 / S. 428 5) Tax incentives for retrofit of Fire Sprinkler Systems (H.R. 1742 / S. 582) and necessity of residential fire sprinkler systems 6) Extend Volunteer Incentive Protection to 2015 through support of Heroes Earnings Assistance and Relief Tax Act of 2007 (H.R. 3997) and address current issue of IRS audits on firefighter benefits including uniforms, vehicles and cell phones 7) Oppose planned legislation from the insurance industry regarding prohibition of third party billing for accident response service fees from fire or emergency response agencies 8) IRS tax code changes to enable implementation of LOSAP programs 9) Continued pressure of Dept. of Justice to properly and swiftly implement the Hometown Heroes Survivor Benefit Program. Last year this program was at a stand-still and we made our feelings known on this issue loud and clear. Through the work of our Representatives and Senators, gains were made and many cases were viewed, reviewed, and settled. The work of the Kentucky fire service and the Kentucky congressional delegation has received national credit for addressing and promoting this cause leading to fair and impartial settlements.

Early Thursday the Kentucky fire service delegation traveled to the US Capitol for our first meeting of the day with Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell. After our most gracious and productive meeting with Senator McConnell, we moved to our meeting location of last year, the Rayburn office building which house offices for United States Representatives. Here we met throughout the day with our congressmen or their staff representatives and presented our agenda. Throughout the day seminars were held featuring members of Congress, administration officials and national fire service officials who addressed a number of current federal initiatives. Unfortunately, due to our tight schedule we were not able to attend most of these informative sessions.

With a successful trip nearly concluded, all that remained was an early morning flight home from Reagan International. To our surprise, Congressmen John Yarmuth from Jefferson Co. was booked on the same flight.

## EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

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

6/24-25	Strategic Response to Crisis
7/25-26	Pastorial Crisis Intervention I(1)
8/6-7	Assisting Individuals in Crisis(2)
8/7-8	Assisting Individuals in Crisis(3)
9/23-24	Pastorial Crisis Intervention II
10/28-29	Group Crisis Intervention
11/TBA	Assisting Individuals in Crisis

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) Horse Cave KY Friday evening all day Sat.
- (2) Erlanger FD 515 Graves Ave Erlanger
- (3) 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).

### 2007-08 IFSAC SKILLS TESTING SCHEDULE

Date	Area	Location	Phone
8/16-17/08	13	London	888-234-0100
9/4-5/08	6	IFSAC Site Visit	TBA
9/13-14/08	7	Highland Heights	888-306-8101
9/20-21/08	15	TBA	888-234-3961
9/27-28/08	1	Calvert City	888-306-7901
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
11/6-7/08	7	Campbell Co TC	888-306-8101
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 associated with FF Testing 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.

### State Fire School Homeland Security Conference June 10 - 15, 2008 List of Classes

#### Highlighted class are new for 2008

1. Crime Scene Mgt for Emerg. Responders
2. Resp. to Radiological/Nuclear Incidents
3. ICS 300
- 4. Methamphetamine ("Meth") Lab Awareness**
5. Aircraft Firefighting
- 6. Structural Firefighting (House Burn)**
7. Pump Maintenance and testing
- 8. EMS Administrators Workshop**
9. EMS Evaluators Course
10. EMS Instructors Curriculum Orientation
11. EMT Refresher
12. F.A.R.M. Course
13. Structural Collapse
14. Vehicle Rescue
15. FD Response to Weather Emergencies
- 16. Large Animal Rescue**
17. NFA - Incident Safety Officer
18. NFA - Leadership I
19. NFA - Managing Company Tactical Operations
- 20. FS Accreditation-Ctr. for Pub. Safety Excellence**
- 21. Understanding the ISO Rating System**
- 22. Fireground Ergonomics: Working Stronger & Smarter**
23. Arson I:NFA Arson Detection for the Responder
24. Arson II: Fire Scene Investigation
25. Arson III: Legal Issues for Fire Investigations
26. Fire Alarms
27. Sprinkler Inspections
28. Basic Chaplaincy
29. Advanced Chaplaincy/Firefighter Maintenance
30. Fire prevention Officer
- 31. Basics of Fire & Life Safety Education Program**
- 32. How to start a Fire Explorer Program**
33. Industrial Fire Brigade
34. Confined Space Rescue

#### Hotel Reservation Information

1. Radisson Plaza Hotel 800-333-3333  
369 West Vine Street
2. Hyatt Regency - Lexington 800-233-1234  
401 West High Street

Rates at both hotels are \$88/night for single or double.



### Jefferson County Fire School

Make Plans now to attend the Jefferson County Fire School September 26, 27, 28, 2008. The school will be held again this year at the University of Louisville Shelby Campus. Host hotel will be the Holiday Inn Hurstborne Lane and I-64. Fire School brochure will be available in June at State Fire School. There will be a Friday night reception at the hotel. Vendors night will be Saturday night with food and refreshments. Registration will be handled on-line this year with no paper forms. There will be new classes this year and a new Chief Officers Class. Plan NOW to attend you wont be disappointed if you do.

## Upcoming Educational Opportunities

### State Fire School Homeland Security Conference

June 10 – 15, Lexington KY

### KFA Conference

Erlanger 8/2-6, 2008

### Mountain Fire School

Hazard 8/23-24, 2008 Call 888-234-6759

### Area 2 Fire School

9/13 – 14, 2008

Lake Barkley State Park call 888-306-7986

### EMS Conference

Owensboro 9/22-27, 2008 Call 888-306-8015

### Jefferson County Fire School

9/26 – 28, 2008 Call 888-306-8064  
University of Louisville Shelby Campus

### Meade County Fire School

10/4-5, 2008 Brandenburg Call 888-234-7201

### Buffalo Trace Region 9 Fire School

10/17 – 19, 2008 Maysville Call 888-301-2946

### BESA Fire School

10/18-19, 2008 Call 888-306-8064

### 2009 Kentucky Officers School

Owensboro Feb. 27 - March 1, 2009  
Call 888-306-8015

### EMS Conference

This years EMS conference will again be held in Owensboro at the Big E and will take place the 22-27 of September. Call now for reservations 800-626-1936. Vendor displays will be available. Contact Area 3 Office 888-306-8015.



## National Fire Academy

The National Fire Academy is pleased to report that there are 2 more courses now available through NFA Online:

Q464 - ICS 300, Intermediate All Hazard NIMS ICS Review for Expanding Incidents

Q466 - ICS 400, Fundamentals Review for Command and General Staff.

Both of these courses are located under the Incident Management Subject Area in the Course Catalog. Please note that while these courses do not meet the requirements for ICS 300 and ICS 400, they can be used as pre-course modules or refresher training for the classroom based ICS 300 and ICS 400 level courses.



### Changes to IFSAC Testing Methods

IFSAAC requires that its accredited entities certify to the current NFPA Standard. This year we must undergo a re-accreditation visit. That means we will be required to bring our testing methods up to current NFPA standards. Therefore, Kentucky will continue to test firefighters to the current accredited standards until September 1st, 2008. September 1st will be the transition date, and we will begin to test firefighters to the new standard in effect at that time. What this means is all written and skills testing will utilize updated skill sheets and test banks after September 1st, 2008. These updated skill sheets will not be available for publishing until after July 1st, 2008. They will be published on the Area 9 and KFA websites as soon as they are available. For more information call 888-301-2946



### American Income Life

American Income Life Insurance Company in partnership with Kentucky Firefighters Association is pleased to provide each member a \$2,000 Accidental Death and Dismemberment benefit at NO COST. For over 50 years, American Income Life has been committed to working families and is respected and appreciated by over 20,000 different groups, including associations, labor unions, fraternal organizations, credit unions, licensed professionals and non-profit organizations. While our hope is that no tragedy will ever strike one of our families, in fact, one of the KFFA members was recently killed and the member's family will be receiving a claim check from this benefit program very soon. American Income Life is proud to help provide for the families.

Shortly, a notification letter regarding the NO COST benefits will be arriving in your fire station. Please take a few minutes to fill out and return the reply card, ensuring that you can accurately designate a beneficiary and receive the additional NO COST benefits offered at this time.



### **KENTUCKY'S NEW "ATV SAFETY & RESCUE TRAINING PROGRAM" TAKES DELIVERY OF NEW OFF ROAD RESCUE EQUIPMENT**

**Knott County, Kentucky  
April 7, 2008**

Unfortunately, **Kentucky continues to lead the nation in ATV fatalities.** However, a group of dedi-

cated professionals are working hard to change that fact.

So, on a cold, wet and windy early spring Saturday morning in the mountains of southeast Kentucky, instructors from Kentucky Department of Agriculture's proposed new "ATV Safety & Rescue Training Program" and Kentucky State Fire-Rescue Training gathered with members of several volunteer fire-rescue agencies, to participate in the first ever "ATV Safety & Rescue R&D Weekend." The purpose of this gathering was to better understand what ATVs and UTVs used in the program could do, and perhaps more importantly, what they could not do. The site for this gathering of emergency personnel and off-road rescue equipment was the new "KNOTT COUNTY ATV SAFETY TRAINING CENTER" at the Sutton Memorial Park, located near the community of Vest, KY.

As the weekend itinerary commenced, the first event was presentation of an All Terrain Res-Q Trailer for use in the training program's ATV Safety & Rescue classes planned to be taught to emergency responders statewide. Mr. Dale Dobson, program coordinator for the Kentucky Department of Agriculture's "Farm and Home Safety Training Program" accepted the off-road rescue trailer from Mike Brady, of ///EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT, the master distributor for All Terrain Res-Q. Brady stated:

"With 64 of these life saving off-road rescue trailers now serving in 26 US states, All Terrain Res-Qs are literally saving lives Coast to Coast, and then some!"

Participating in the ATV Safety and Rescue R&D Weekend were management and staff of the Knott County ATV Safety Training Center, instructors from the KDA Farm & Home Safety Program and Kentucky State Fire - Rescue Training, representatives of ///EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT, the flight crew of LifeNet MEDEVAC helicopter service, members of LaRue County Fire & Rescue, Hazard Fire & Rescue, Ball Creek VFD, Salyersville Fire & Rescue's "Rhino ResQ Team" and personnel from the newly formed Grapevine - Chavies VFD "ATV Rescue Team." In all, over a dozen volunteer rescue personnel utilized ten 4X4 ATVs and UTVs, plus four "All Terrain Res-Q Trailers" during the two-day learning experience.

While the R&D weekend's stated purpose was to better understand what ATVs and UTVs used in the program could do, and could not do, the first day's focus appeared to be on the latter. Judgingsurface conditions and water depth, plus



rigging/winch operations were just a few of the critical skills required. As off-road rescue team personnel are often dispatched to areas like these, response vehicles must be properly equipped to handle them. After evaluation, lessons learned, and procedures developed in this environment, will be added to the new program's curriculum.

As the weekend came to an end, everyone involved agreed ***"This was one of the most productive training events any of them had been involved in!"***



**Campbell Hausfeld Recalls Air Compressors Following Fires**

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the firm named below, on January 31 announced a voluntary recall of the following consumer product. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed.

**Name of Product:** Campbell Hausfeld and Husky Air Compressors

**Units:** About 233,000

**Importer:** Campbell Hausfeld, of Harrison, Ohio

**Hazard:** Protective covers on the compressor's motor are not made from proper flame retardant material and can ignite, posing a fire hazard to consumers.

**Incidents/Injuries:** The firm has received 11 reports of fires. No injuries have been reported.

**Description:** The recall involves the following Campbell Hausfeld and Husky brand air compressors: 8-15 gallon Model # HL410100, HL421000, HL421500, HL431500. The first 4 digits of the serial # indicate a date code from 7/2005 (0705) through 3/2007 (0307). 4 gallon capacity Model #

HL5402 the serial numbers have a prefix of HY, KB or HU followed by a date code from 11/2006 (1106) through 11/2007 (1107). The model and serial numbers are located on the back of the tank.



**The many faces of your Kentucky Fire Commission Staff**

Hello my name is Jeremy Rodgers, better known to most of the fire service world as "Spanky". I have been with the Fire Commission for almost two years now as one of the two auditors. I now handle complaint investigation as well.



My fire service career began with my local volunteer fire department in Olive Hill where I now proudly serve as Assistant Chief. I have also been serving for the last 4 years as a part-time instructor for State Fire Rescue Training Area 9 under the direction of Coordinator Duane Suttles.

I am married to Christy, whom also works for the Fire Commission as one of two lead people in the IFSAC program day-to-day operations. We have no children at this time, unless you would include our dog "Cain", a four year old boxer. When not working for the fire commission, SFRT, or our local fire department we enjoy camping with friends and riding our Harley.

I look forward to many years of service with the Fire Commission and assisting all the fire departments and firefighters within our state and the challenges which lie ahead.



## Chaplain's Corner

An old man seated in the doctor's waiting room, when called in to see the doctor, slowly got up, and, grasping his cane and hunching over, slowly made his way into the examining room. After only a few minutes, the man emerged from the room, walking completely upright! A patient who had watched him hobble into the room all hunched over, stared in amazement.

"That must be a miracle doctor in there!" he exclaimed. "What treatment did he give you? What's his secret?"

The old man looked at him and said, "Well, the doctor looked me up and down, analyzed the situation, and gave me a cane that was four inches longer than the one I had been using."

How often do we give everyone the same length cane; that is, the same answer for every problem? Then there are those people who see every problem as a nail for which they have only one cure—a hammer!

We are all individuals. We all have hopes, dreams, fears, and problems. The shirt that says "One Size Fits All" is seldom correct for shirts and is never correct for people.

However, what we all need collectively is love and understanding. There are no new problems. Most have been around for centuries. What may be new is our approach to the problem and our patience with one another.

The emergency services have one of the highest rates of divorce of any specific work group in the nation. Long hours away from home, never knowing if your spouse is OK, and family birthdays missed add up to issues that impact the lives of emergency responders. When you top that with vivid images of body parts, wrecks, murders, and suicides it is no wonder it is such a stressed career field.

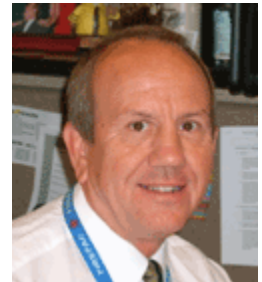
If this sounds familiar, what you are experiencing is normal for your line of work. Be patient with each other. But keep an eye on each other. Stress in emergency service work has signs we can recognize. If you feel a co-worker is acting differently, "Not Him/Herself" contact KCCRB at 888-522-7228. Any first responder can request a peer to talk with when he or she experiences some stress

reactions. The response is confidential and protected by the privileging statute.

God is still in the healing business and provides us with people and tools to help make our relationships and our lives healthier. May we continue to grow an attitude of love and compassion for ourselves and for one another.

### Legislative report April 2008

To begin this report I must thank all of you who helped to put the fire service first! When we asked for your help you responded by making calls or by talking to others and asking them to make calls. Many even talked to their legislator face to face back home. Thank you to those of you who helped, I will not mention names so I don't forget and leave someone out, you know who you are. Also I need to mention those who where in Frankfort everyday working hard for the interest of the entire fire service; they where Gerald Steward (KFA), Bruce Roberts (KPFF), Mark Blankenship (KPFF) and Jack Reckner (KAFC). The Fire Service owes each of these individuals a great big thank you for their time and help during this session!



I have spent the past four months in Frankfort discussing legislative issues on behalf of the fire service. As in the past the first and most important issue is not to lose any benefits, safety issues or fire service issues we have in place today.

During the session we were able to change or defeat legislations that would have had negative effects on the fire service. Several members do not know that there where different pieces of legislation that we negotiated over. One issue was the expansion of fire districts. HB 293 began as a piece of legislation to stop the expansion of fire districts but would have made it impossible to expand or even decrease fire districts. After discussion with the sponsor and his County Judge we made the comprise legislation that all departments involved sign off on the changes.

Another was HB 439 the fireworks legislation. Although we did not pass this bill this time we had very important discussions on safety with fireworks, we plan to talk a lot more about this in the future.

Plus we had a very aggressive agenda looking for more money for SFRT to provide more training, fireworks legislation, Chapter 75 increase in funding and pension legislation.

Those of us who have been here awhile have never seen a session like this one. So much political bickering and not much accomplished. There were 256 Senate Bills, 281 Senate Resolutions, 775 House Bills and 265 House resolutions that we watched, not many passed.

We did pass the following:

- Firefighter licenses plate legislative (SB 135) late on the last day at 11:22 PM Tuesday.
- Volunteer ID program (HB 389) to be administrated by the fire commission.
- HB 475 Incident reporting move from the Fire Marshal to the Fire Commission.
- HB 293 required that before a department can expand into another district both parties must have an agreement! This was not our legislation but a compromise from another piece of legislation!

I guess when you consider how many bills passed we were above the average and had important discussion of fireworks, budget and pensions! We could not pass more money for SFRT because of budget cutbacks, anything on pension reform or fireworks legislative. These issues and many others important to us as firefighters and the state of Kentucky as a hole failed because of the political bickering. Chapter 75 changes on taxing district increases failed to get a vote. We need to continue to work on these issues to move the fire service forward and the only way we will is to work together!

Again thanks for all the help all members of the fire service gave during this year's legislative session!

*Michael "Howdy" Kurtsinger*



**Cooking Leading Cause of Home Fires**

The latest NFPA report identifies cooking as leading cause of home fires. Attention to safety can prevent nearly all cooking fires. The full report can be accessed at: NFPA Web Site. A summary of that information is provided in the next column by Russ Sanders NFPA.

Leading causes of civilian fire deaths in U.S. structure fires, 1999-2002 annual averages:

- #1 Smoking material 890 (28%)
- #2 Intentional 600 (19%)
- #3 Heating equipment 340 (11%)
- #4 Cooking equipment 280 (9%)

Leading causes of civilian fire injuries in U.S. structure fires, 1999-2002 annual averages:

- #1 Cooking equipment 4,570 (26%)
- #2 Smoking materials 2,130 (12%)
- #3 Intentional 1,800 (10%)
- #4 Candle 1,750 (10%)

Leading causes of U.S. structure fires, 1999-2002 annual averages:

- #1 Cooking equipment 126,800 (25%)
- #2 Heating equipment 65,000 (13%)
- #3 Intentional 59,500 (12%)
- #4 Electrical distribution or lighting equipment 45,700 (9%)

Leading causes of civilian fire deaths in U.S. home structure fires, 2002-2005 annual averages:

- #1 Heating equipment 690 (24%)
- #2 Smoking materials 680 (24%)
- #3 Cooking equipment 430 (15%)
- #4A Electrical distribution or lighting equipment 330 (11%)
- #4B Intentional 330 (11%)

Leading causes of civilian fire injuries in U.S. home structure fires, 2002-2005 annual averages

- #1 Cooking equipment 4,600 (34%)
- #2 Heating equipment 1,570 (12%)
- #3 Candle 1,480 (11%)
- #4 Smoking materials 1,220 (9%)

Leading causes of U.S. home structure fires, 2002-2005 annual averages

- #1 Cooking equipment 142,900 (38%)
- #2 Heating equipment 70,700 (19%)
- #3 Electrical distribution or lighting equipment 20,800 (6%)
- #4 Intentional 18,300 (5%)

**Words of Wisdom**

Time is at once the most valuable and the most perishable of all our possessions.

John Randolph



## Fireman Joe Says Joseph Stambush

I hope we have a good participation for our Basic Public Education Class we are doing at this years KY State Fire School. Just in case you have not registered, we are offering an excellent class to introduce folks to basic Public Education Programs. This class is a one day course which we will offer two days, we are hoping to interest the career departments on Friday and the Volunteer Departments on Saturday. We also want to have a Public Education Committee Meeting after our Class on Friday in the same classroom we will be doing our Pub Ed Class. ALL ARE WELCOME! We want to find out from our members and anyone interested on how we can help or support your Fire and Life Safety Programs, specifically Risk Watch Program. We are prepared to offer help in a way we can all benefit, be sure to attend this meeting.

I will be representing Kentucky at the NFPA Public Educator Network Conference in Las Vegas. This conference will go from May 31<sup>st</sup> thru June 5<sup>th</sup> and I am hoping they have much to offer our Kentucky Departments and our Programs.

I have received an invitation from Kentucky Crime Prevention Coalition and our good friend Bob Douglas to have a information booth at their Safe Schools and Community Conference which will be held in Northern Kentucky this year at the Drawbridge June 16-17-18. I will have an information table showing our Statewide Risk Watch Program and materials. This conference is directly related to School Resource Officers and I expect many school officials to be present.

The KFA Conference is coming to Northern Kentucky in August and President Daley is busying his key folks to make this a memorable event. I have to tell you, I have attended all of the committee meetings and this will be a conference to remember. Many exceptional activities, events, contacts and much needed business will be going on. We are all extremely excited to have our statewide friends and colleagues coming to Northern Kentucky, it will be a blast!

NFPA has published their first segment of SAFETY SMART and has helpful news and hints

on enhancing your public education programs. The newest DVD has been sent to all fire departments across the country entitled Keeping Your Community Safe and Energized. A ton of information and facts on how to promote and support effective electrical safety programs. NFPA promises to send more and helpful tips during the year. Of course I continue to suggest you check out the Home Safety Council Website which is really happening. Should be an interesting summer, much will be going on and I am looking forward to seeing all of you along the way.

Be Safe! And of course God Bless!

*Fireman Joe*



## National Volunteer Fire Council

Ken Knipper, Director      Bryant Stiles, Alternate

There is a lot happening that is keeping Bryant and I active.

Last year it was announced that the Department of Transportation was establishing a 26 member Council that would advise the Federal Interagency Committee of EMS (FICEMS) and the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA) on all matters regarding EMS. The first meeting was held on April 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. The group set a rather aggressive agenda and expressed a solid commitment to offer the agencies they will advise a flow of information and ideas to help them properly address EMS programs.

Last week there was another meeting of the "EMS Workforce for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century" stakeholders. This group is directing its attention to the recruiting and retention and health and safety issues that are necessary to assure a needed and quality EMS workforce. They have completed a draft document that will be released soon that looks at individual issues affecting the EMS workforce. Since a large amount of pre-hospital EMS is provided by fire departments, this report will also be of great interest to them.

I again remind those departments that provide EMS to review and comment on the latest draft of the EMS Education Standards. It is very important

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that you take advantage of the opportunity to inject your ideas or concerns at this time. If you have any questions on these Standards, let me know at [ken.knipper@kyfa.org](mailto:ken.knipper@kyfa.org)

In addition to the above the NVFC is engaged in promoting the Heart Healthy Program. This program has proven to be of such interest that Dunkin Donuts has granted the program one of its largest grants. Check out the many programs the NVFC offers at [www.nvfc.org](http://www.nvfc.org)

*Ken Knipper*

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7. Drop chains



The pumper was damaged when the truck ran off icy roadway in January. Fire District Board has decided to replace truck with new custom pumper. The unit still runs, drives, and pumps fine. The damage to the vehicle is mostly cosmetic to drivers side cab and pump panel. Pumper is at Camp Springs Station 53 and available for viewing.

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*NEW ARRIVALS*



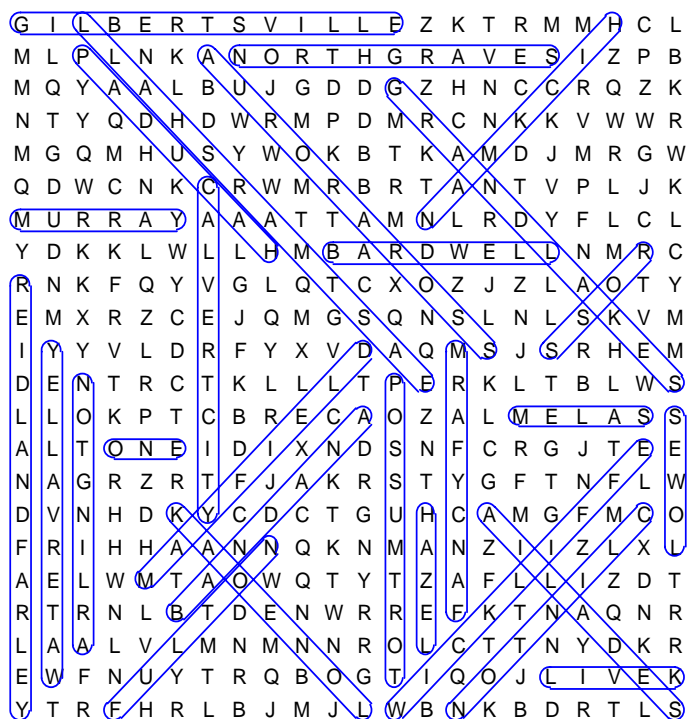
Leitchfield Fire Department in Grayson County recently took delivery on a new Pumper/Tanker. It was built by Bluegrass Fire Apparatus in Elizabethtown KY. It has a 1500 gal tank, and 1000GPM Pump all on a 2008 International Chassie, it also has a built in Foam tank.

**Words of Wisdom**

In any moment of decision, the best thing you can do is the right thing, the next best thing is the wrong thing, and the worst thing you can do is nothing.

**Theodore Roosevelt**

**Answers to last issues Word Search Puzzle**



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