

Smoke Signals II

Smoke Signals II is a Publication of the Kentucky Firefighters Association Kentucky Officers School

This year's lineup of classes at the Kentucky Officers School February 25th, & 26th in Owensboro is even better than the outstanding lineup of classes last year. Students will be treated to instruction from a wide range of fire service professionals from all over the country. Instructors for this year's school will include: **Richard Miller**, **Lisa Garey**, Virginia, **Richard W. Patrick**, Pennsylvania,



Mike Wieder, Oklahoma, **Otto Mock**, **Frank Kincaid**, **Louis Crosier**, **Dale Dobson**, **Kenny Johnson**, **Alan Gregory**, **Rusty Todd**, **Jack Clark**, **Robert Hendricks**, **Gerry Brown**, **Woody Will**, **Ron Hopkins**, **Duane Suttles**, **Pat Conley**, Kentucky, **Dwight Clark**, **Steven Woodworth** Georgia, **Bob Athanas**, New

York, **Bruce Grabbe**, Tyndall AFB Florida, **Keith McLeod**, North Carolina, **David Hooton**, Tennessee **Larry Grimes**, Indiana, **Carol R. Gross**, Arizona. As you can see from the list above, the instructional staff of the Kentucky Officers School is truly national in nature with each person being an expert in their field. Don't miss this once in a lifetime training opportunity to gain information that will improve you and your department. For class, hotel, and schedule information phone 270-273-3187.



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Message from President Gerald Stewart

Many changes have taken place in the last few months. We have a lot of planning going on for a KFA Conference in Paducah on August 5th – 8th, 2000 at the Executive Inn. We are in the process of combining the Fire Commission and State Fire/Rescue Training under one roof. We are planning a KFA E-Board meeting at the Kentucky Officers School in Owensboro.

In this issue of Smoke Signals you will find a Conference Registration form. Please take the time to register early to permit us to adequately plan for your attendance. This issue also contains the program/membership booklet form. The ad/membership booklet helps pay for the conference and that is important. However, it also is a handy telephone directory for all Kentucky Fire Departments and our very special friends our sustaining members. It will be mailed to all departments in the Commonwealth as well as all our State Fire School Vendors and Sustaining Members. This is an excellent opportunity for companies in the fire equipment business to keep their name in front of those doing the buying for the Kentucky Fire Service. If you have no experience in putting together your ad that's no problem. We have people waiting to assist you in creating an ad that will complement your business or department.

At the KFA Conference in August copies of a proposal was handed out to move State Fire/Rescue Training to the Public Protection Cabinet. That proposal met with some resistance within that cabinet. At a special called Fire Commission meeting in November Dr. McCall, President of the Kentucky Community & Technical College System, made a proposal to help achieve the Fire Commissions goal of combining the Fire Commission and State Fire/Rescue Training. The new proposal achieves the objectives of the Fire Commission under the umbrella of KCTCS. Dr. Keith Bird, Chancellor of the Technical College branch is working with the Fire Commission to complete some of the details of this merger as this paper goes to press. The House Bill that will make this effort a reality is in the drafting process. It is part of the KCTCS legislative initiative package. It will also need YOUR help and support. We will track this and all other bills that come to our attention concerning fire service legislation on our KFA legislative web page at kyfa.org. I am also available to come to your area and discuss this very important piece of legislation that will improve the service and training delivered to your fire department.

The E-Board meeting in Owensboro on March 19, 2000 is an important part of your input into the KFA. Check with your VP and Director to make sure they will

be in attendance. Make sure your Regional Association is represented at the association meeting on Saturday evening. The health of the KFA depends on your participation. Be Safe *Gerald Stewart*, President.

Treasurer Notes

By Bryant Stiles



Your Association officers, directors, committee chairmen and members and many others continue to work hard on activities that will benefit your department and your firefighters.

We may have our strongest presence ever in Frankfort for the 2000 General Assembly. Both our Legislative Chairman, Sylvan Smith, and our President, Gerald Stewart, are in Frankfort full time seeking to pass our legislative priorities and seeking to protect the many benefits that we now have. Sylvan and Gerald, besides being officers of KFA, are members of the Fire Commission and have many years of experience of dealing with fire service legislation in Frankfort. We could not have two better representatives.

For those seeking to keep up with the legislative process visit our KFA web site at <http://www.kyfa.org> and click on "legislation". Our computer guru, Woody Will, is committing many hours to provide almost minute by minute updates of our progress in Frankfort. We also continue to add information to all parts of the KFA web site.

While it is snowing outside our Fire School Committee Chairman, Don Smith, and our Special Events Chairman, Charles Shaw, and their staffs are working on plans for the 2000 State Fire School.

KFA membership dues notices have been mailed out. Thanks to the many departments that have already returned your dues. I can not begin to tell you how important it is for every department to be a dues paying member this year.

For those departments that are on calendar year budgets and are planning your 2000 budget I ask that when ordering equipment and supplies that you do business with those that support us, our commercial members. Each of our commercial members are listed in this newsletter with their address and phone numbers.

President Stewart continues to remind us that we still have fund raising to do on our Fallen Firefighters Memorial. We ask that you continue to ask groups and individuals to purchase pavers that help pay for the Memorial. If your department has not purchased a paver, we ask that you do so. Remind your firefighters that if they are in the Frankfort area to visit our Memorial.

The Officers School in Owensboro is upon us, with the dates of February 18-19-20. KFA is very active in this School. The Public Safety Education Committee under the leadership of John Henderson is bringing in Carol

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Gross from the Phoenix Fire Department for what is planned as an exciting Fire Safety Education class.

These are only a handful of the many activities going on within the Kentucky Firefighters Association. This is an exciting time and if you and your firefighters are not involved in KFA, I ask that you consider joining our efforts to benefit all firefighters in Kentucky.

Regional Embers

Jackson Purchase Firefighters Association

President Paul Billings

Greetings from "Far Western Kentucky". I hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday season and that the new year will be prosperous, for each and everyone of you and especially, for the Kentucky Fire Service. The holidays are over and now it is time to get back to work. I would hope that the spirit, of the holiday season, would remain with all of us, during the coming year.

As you are reading this publication, the legislative session has begun. There are many issues facing the Kentucky Fire Service, during this session. If we are to prosper, during the coming new year and the new millennium, then these issues must be resolved and hopefully to our satisfaction. You have all heard the old adage, "the squeaking wheel gets the grease". The Fire Service in Kentucky must be the squeaking wheel. The KFA leadership will make our needs known. However, their numbers are few. We all know that the legislators may not know anything about firefighting, but they know and understand numbers and the votes that these numbers generate. I urge every one of you to use all of your available resources, to contact these legislators and let them know you support the KFA legislative package. Further I urge every one of you to use all of your available resources, to keep the firefighters, in your area informed. YOU can stay informed by checking the KFA Web site on a regular basis. SPREAD THE WORD!

The JPFFA Spring School is scheduled for March 25 & 26, 2000 in Paducah, Kentucky. A full slate of fire service classes is being offered with some of the best instructors in the state leading the charge. In addition, an EMS CEU tract has been added this year. The JPFFA and the West Kentucky EMS Association are joining forces, to present both lecture and skill classes for EMT's. The evening with the vendors, the hamburger cook out and the fire apparatus show and display will again be conducted on Saturday evening, after our classes. We invite you to bring your families and join in the festivities. A schedule of classes is included, elsewhere, in this publication. Also, check out the KFA Web site.

The planning for KFA 2000 continues. We are looking forward to seeing you, in Paducah, Kentucky and August 5-8 "ain't" that far away. The Executive Inn, in Paducah, has been accepting reservations since the conference in

Richmond. You must make your reservations no later than July 21, 2000, to obtain the KFA special rate. (Phone 1-800-866-3636 for reservations) Look for conference packages to arrive after March 1, 2000. Also, check out the KFA Web site for additional information.

The next JPFFA membership meeting will be conducted on Wednesday, February 9, 2000 at 7:00 PM at the Murray Calloway County Fire Department. All members are urged to attend this meeting.

Pennyryle Fire & Rescue Association

President Brent Francis

Hope everyone had a merry Christmas and a smooth transition into the New Year! Everything was quiet and normal in Princeton on January 1, 2000 and I haven't heard of anyone experiencing any major problems in our region.

By the time you get this newsletter, all Pennyryle Region emergency service agencies should have received a membership application and dues notice. Please take the time to fill out your application and mail it along with the dues check. Your response will determine how successful our association will be in 2000.

The Princeton Fire Department is looking forward to a late January delivery of a Ferrara Pumper/Tanker. The unit will be on a Freightliner chassis with a 1250 pump and a 2500 gallon tank.

The Kuttawa Fire Department has taken delivery of a 1987 Mack 1250/2500 pumper/tanker within the last several months. Congratulations to them!

The Dawson Springs Fire Department made a good stop on a two story, five family apartment complex fire which occurred on January 4, 2000.

We wish David Crenshaw good luck in taking charge of the Caldwell Counties EMS. Many of you probably know David, he's been Caldwell Counties D. E. S. (or emergency management director) for years and has also taught countless E.M.T. classes. David replaces Joey McCaslin who retired December 31, 1999. Joey will still have plenty to keep him busy. He'll really have to work now. Happy retirement to Joey, he's earned it.

Also if you haven't talked to Captain Johnny Ezell at Hopkinsville Fire Department lately give him a call, he has a new voice!

Everyone have a safe new year, *Brent*

Green River Firefighters Association

President Brent Hayden

Few things ever overshadow the efforts that go into the Officers School, but an F-3 tornado passing through our region certainly diverted our attention for a couple of weeks. As most witnessed on nightly news reports, Owensboro was hit hard. We are extremely proud of our Owensboro and Daviess County Firefighters for their

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efforts during and after the tornado. We are also thankful to the many fire departments that sent help or offered to send help. We literally had calls offering help from all over Kentucky.

As you receive this issue of Smoke Signals we will be putting the final touches on the Officers School set for February 18-19-20. We believe this may be our most exciting year as we have a great line up of instructors and many more organizations becoming supporters of the Officers School. If you need last minute details or need to register additional firefighters contact us at the Area 3 Training Center at 270-273-3187. The Officers School would not be the success it is without support from fire departments throughout the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

For those looking ahead, we will be working with the Kentucky Department of Agriculture and Dale Dobson to provide a Farm Safety and Rescue program in Henderson County on March 11th. The Green River Spring Fire School is scheduled for April 29-30 in Owensboro.

As always, if the Green River Firefighters Association can be of service to you or your organization please call us at the Area 3 Training Center at 270-273-3187.

Hawesville VFD

Making a Difference with "Project Life"

Some fifteen years ago, a fellow fire officer, Dale Edwards started a program in our city called "Project Life". It was targeted at Senior Citizens we offered to install free smoke alarms in their homes throughout the entire city. We installed fifty smoke alarms the first year.

Since 1984, our fire prevention committee has done everything possible to assure that the homes in our community are fire safe. We've instituted the **"Learn Not To Burn"** program county wide, we've spoken to Senior Citizen groups, the Chamber of Commerce, Cub and Boy Scout Troops, and other special interest groups annually. We have an open house at Halloween; we have the opportunity to educate somewhere between five and six hundred citizens about the danger of fire and personal safety.

I thought we had done everything humanly possible to ensure our residents safety against a fire-related incident. Then on September 29, 1998 it happened. We responded to a single family dwelling fire. Upon arrival the structure was fully involved and the two occupants, we feared could still be inside. Our fears were right; both died from smoke inhalation.

In response to those two deaths we re-incited **"Project Life"**. The goal of **"Project Life"** this time was to install a working smoke alarm in every home in the City of Hawesville. With this project 90% complete, as of September 30, 1999 we have inspected 308 homes and put up 173 smoke alarms. These numbers reflected

what we feared, over 55% of the residents didn't have a working smoke alarm.

Hawesville has a population of 1,000 people who live in 330 residential dwellings. It was uncanny that the first home we installed a smoke alarm in, was the home of a woman who's father had perished in a trailer fire over twenty years ago, when I was chief.

What we thought to be a strong fire prevention program, only turned out to be half as good as it should have been! I often wonder how many other departments around the state might have a realization like the one our department had. Will the public ever learn that the fatal fire that always happens to the other guy, will eventually be his or her own family?

Wake up! The next fire could be your own!

Our motto in the

Hawesville Volunteer Fire Department is

"We Care"

And

We try To Show It!

Battalion Chief, Hugh E. Ogle

Dixie Firefighters Association

President Dale Dobson

The excitement grows as we approach our Annual Dixie Fire School scheduled for March 3rd, 4th, and 5th. We are finalizing the plans for our Regional Fire School that will be held in Elizabethtown. We are especially thrilled this year because this school will be the first one held at our new regional training center. Registration, breakfast and lunch will be held at the Pritchard Community Center with the classes held at the Bowen Training Center.

The classes available this year include Confined Space; Incipient Fire Brigade; Industrial First Responder Cont. Ed.; First Aid; CPR Recertification; EMS Cont. Ed.; PEDS; 16 of the 24 Hours National Registry; Terrorism; Farm Rescue; Basic Rope; Your Place in Emergency Management; Slips, Trips & Falls/Ergonomics/HIV Trng; Introduction to Disasters; Firefighter Survival; Arson I; Structural Fire Attack; Advanced SCBA; Instructional Techniques for Company Officers; Updating Computer Skills for Y2K and don't forget those "Hard to get Hours." We hope to have a class for everyone and think this will be one of our best schools yet. If you've already had the opportunity to attend one of our schools, we look forward to seeing you again this year. For the one or two of you who may have never attended, you will definitely have to give this fire school a try.

In addition to the classes, we've added a new twist to this year's school. We start off our weekend on Friday night with an **"Appreciation Celebration"** that will feature well known DJ James Hummel from Freestyle Entertainment and will include Karaoke. Yes, I said Karaoke so we may end up having a comedy show. Then

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on Saturday night, we will have our annual Banquet and Monte Carlo. A special event will be held at our banquet honoring all past Dixie Association Presidents with a pin. And don't forget free breakfast and lunch both Saturday and Sunday. All of this will be included in your registration fee of \$25.00 members/\$30.00 non-members so be sure to get pre-registered by February 21st.

Something also new at this year's Dixie School will be a "Dixie Challenge Blood Drive." Everyone who acknowledges a desire to donate on their pre-registration form will be contacted prior to fire school with their scheduled appointment for donating blood at the Pritchard Community Center.

Many different activities are on going in several areas. Associations are hard work but are also very rewarding. We encourage all of you to get involved in your organizations whether they are local, regional or state. You never realize what you can get out of them until you give it a try. You'll find the firefighting brotherhood/sisterhood is just extended into another area and I think you'll be surprised at how much you'll enjoy participating. There are so many organizations to choose from. Help make a difference!

On behalf of Dale Dobson, Mike Hulsey, Robbie Blanford, Woody Will, the entire Dixie School Committee, and myself we hope to see you at Dixie Fire School in March and hope you enjoy the training and activities.
Laura Lamb, Secretary

Bluegrass Emergency Services Association

President Wayne Jordan

The Bluegrass Emergency Services Assn. will hold a Spring School April 8-9, 2000 at Henry County High School. If you are interested in receiving a school brochure contact the Area 6 State Fire/Rescue office at 502-231-6333. Starting January the newly elected officers of the association are as follows:

President Wayne Jordan

1st Vice-President Steve Kennedy

2nd Vice-President Bobby Burnett

Secretary/Treasurer Tom Foster

Northern Kentucky Firefighters Association

President Terry Keller

Welcome to the new Millennium from Northern Kentucky Firefighters Association. A new legislative session will be of grave interest to us in the Emergency Management Service. The KFA and KPF have developed a legislative program. Sylvan "Smitty" Smith and our President Gerald Stewart will be very busy in Frankfort watching many bills. Remember, when they call for our help take a few minutes to talk with your local Senator and/or Representative to support our legislation.

Alexandria Fire Department has moved into their new station. Chief Schaub and his members can be proud of their new facility.

Eastern Campbell Fire Department elected a new table of officers, President Mike Mullen, Vice President Darren Schmudde, Secretary Annette Sebastian, Trustees Mike Daugherty, Fran Pangburn and Jeri Houston.

Terry Bandy was elected chief of the Ludlow Fire Department. Terry has been a firefighter for 20 years. Good Luck, In your new position Terry.

Covington Fire assigns seven new recruits to shifts. They have completed their 400 hours of training.

Hebron and Burlington fire departments are taking bids on Thermal Imaging Helmets. Each department would like to purchase one helmet.

Elesmere Fire Department signs contract to enlarge their fire station.

Bromley Fire Department begins a year long celebration of being in existence for **100 Years!!**

Northern Kentucky Firefighters Association hosted their 8th Annual Awards Banquet January 29th, 2000. Awards went to the following:

1. "Award of Honor" Charles "Chuck" Green, Newport FD.
2. "Fire Prevention, Education and Life Safety" Captain Don Overman, Bellevue FD.
3. "Chief Officer Award" A/C Ken Schaub, Dayton FD, Ken has also recently became chief of Alexandria FD.
4. "Firefighter of the Year" A/C Ron Becker, Ft Wright FD.
5. "Emeritaritan Service Award" Mr Charles Butz and Mr Tom Seiter, Submitted by Alexandar FD. These two civilians pulled an individual from a burning automobile at the scene of an auto accident scene.
6. "Liberty Mutual Award" Department of the year Rescue Award to shift two Newport FD.
7. "Fire Mark Award" Chief Dale Harshbarger Hebron FD.\

Congratulations to all these individuals who are willing to risk ALL to save another!!

Terry Keller , President NKFA

Pike County Firefighters Association

President Randy Courtney

County Fire School Held in Johnson County

After several years without a county fire school members of the Johnson County Fire & Rescue Association recently conducted a "Mini" fire school at Mayo Technical College in Paintsville.

A committee made up of three (3) association members and the Area Eleven State Fire/Rescue Training Coordinator Bob Barringer selected 3 classes that would be taught on Thursday evening, Friday evening and Saturday.

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Emergency Response to Terrorism/Basic Concepts, Origin & Cause for the First Responder, and a cluster of hard to get training hours were the classes selected by the committee.

The Mountain Firefighters/State Fire/Rescue Training burn trailer was made available during this week.

Association committee members Gary McClure, Randy McCarty, and Brian Jeffers handled the publicity, registration and refreshments. Mayo Technical College provided classroom space, and State Fire/Rescue Training Area Eleven provided the instructors and instructional materials.

Forty firefighters from Johnson County took part in the School

Randy Courtney



Fire and Life Safety Education

Home structure fires and home fire deaths peak in winter months. This reflects the influence of heating equipment fires. Based on 1992-1996 annual averages, half of the home heating fires and two-fifths of the home heating fire

deaths occurred in months of December, January and February.

Source: The U.S. Fire Problem Overview, NFPA, Fire Analysis and Research Division.

NFPA has a program called "Risk Watch". They want to make it as easy as possible for you to get this important program implemented in your community!



"Risk Watch: A Leader's Guide to Preventing Childhood Injury in the Community," outlines NFPA's recommended step-by-step process for undertaking a Risk Watch implementation effort. You can download and print the entire guidebook or the following specific chapters:

- 1.Introduction/Why Risk Watch? (12 pages)
- 2.Forming a Community Coalition (11 pages)
- 3.Gaining Support for Risk Watch (8 pages)
- 4.Getting the Resources (10 pages)
- 5.Implementing Risk Watch (4 pages)
- 6.Conducting an Effective Teacher Workshop (10 pages)

7.Evaluating Risk Watch (5 pages)
8.Marketing Risk Watch (5 pages)
9.Support Materials (9 pages): It is available at the NFPA web-site <http://www.nfpa.org/Education/index.html>. Please take departmental time to get involved with this very important project. The children of your community are counting on YOU to MAKE a DIFFERENCE!

Coming Events

Bluegrass Festival

A bluegrass festival to benefit the Pulaski County Fire & Rescue Association will be held Saturday, April 22, 2000, at the Pulaski County Fairgrounds.

Highly acclaimed performers Illrd Tyme Out will highlight the all-day Pulaski Bluegrass FireFest. Also



Ill rd Tyme Out

scheduled to appear are The Bluegrass Strangers, Wilderness Road, North Fork and the Bluegrass Volunteers – the latter featuring Mt. Victory Volunteer Fire Department Chief Coby Dykes.

Since its inception, Illrd Tyme Out has won virtually every award bluegrass has to offer, including being honored as the International Bluegrass Music Association's "Vocal Group of the Year" for the past six years.

The band was founded in the spring of 1991 by three Doyle Lawson & Quicksilver alumni: vocalist/guitarist Russell Moore, fiddler Mike Hartgrove, and bassist Ray Deaton. With Wayne Benson on mandolin and Steve Dilling on banjo, each member of Illrd Tyme Out makes significant contributions to the arrangements and selection of material.

All seven of the group's albums -- including the current "John and Mary" and 1998 "Live at the Mac" offerings -- have produced number one hits, most of which have stayed on the charts for close to or more than a year.

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Gates will open at 11 a.m., rain or shine, with entertainment starting just after noon and continuing until about 10:30 p.m.

All food concessions will be provided by the Pulaski County Fire & Rescue Association; no coolers or alcoholic beverages will be allowed on festival grounds.

At this writing, the Association is also hoping to stage a fire and rescue equipment display.

Admission arm bands for the Pulaski Bluegrass FireFest are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the gate. Children age 12 and under will be admitted free with a paying adult.

Advanced admission arm bands are available by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope, along with your check or money order made payable to the Pulaski County Fire & Rescue Association, to: Bluegrass FireFest, c/o the Somerset-Pulaski Convention and Visitors Bureau, P.O. Box 622, Somerset, KY 42502.

For information about lodging or activities in the Pulaski County area call the Visitors Bureau at 1-800-642-6287.

Proceeds from the festival will be used to provide fire and rescue training.

JPFFA SPRING FIRE SCHOOL

The Jackson Purchase Firefighters Association Spring Fire School will be conducted on March 25th and 26th at the Paducah Community College in Paducah, Kentucky. PCC is located on Blandville Road, just East of West Kentucky Technical College. Registration begins at 7:00 AM. Classes start at 8:00 AM on both Saturday and Sunday. Registration fees are \$20.00 for members of the JPFFA and the WKEMS Association. Non member registration fees are \$25.00. (Includes both days) Classes for the weekend event include:

1. **FIRE INSTRUCTOR LEVEL I** – Instructor Pat Trevathan, Coord., Fire Rescue Training – Area 1
This is a two-day class and is approved for preparing instructors to teach within their own departments. Persons who successfully complete this course, with full attendance, and who meet other fire commission requirements may apply to the commission for certification. All requirements must be met and an application submitted and approved. Completing this class **DOES NOT** certify a participant. A high school education or equivalent is required and you must have at least two years experience as a **CERTIFIED FIREFIGHTER**. Enrollment is limited to 15 students. (Class conducted at West Kentucky Tech)
2. **HARD TO GET SHORT CLASSES** – Instructor Duane Suttles, coordinator, State Fire/Rescue Training – Area 9
This is a one-day class and will be repeated on Sunday. Each subject is a two-hour unit for a total of eight hours. Subjects will include; Aircraft Fire

Training, Communications, Sprinkler Systems and Building Construction. (Class conducted at PCC)

3. **FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS AND GASES** – Lead instructor Bill Carver, coordinator, State Fire/Rescue Training, Area 4, assisted by Earl Craft (Area 2), Wayne Jordan (Area 6), Whitney Innes (Area 15), Chuck Caldwell (Area 12), and Mark Hammond (Area 10). Duane Hawes, (Area 1) will assist.

The class will address the needs assessments, methods of operations, resources and management associated with flammable liquid gas fires and includes a hands on session which requires each participant to bring full turn out gear and full SCBA equipment to include a spare cylinder. This is a two-day course and is limited to 25 students. (Class conducted at Calvert City Fire Training Facility)

4. **VOLUNTEER FIRE SERVICE MANAGEMENT** – Instructor Charles W. Shaw, Coordinator, State Fire/Rescue Training area 14

This class addresses management, leadership, transition from member to manager, communication skills, motivation, problem solving, decision-making, command, personnel management and SIMULATED, REAL WORLD, TABLETOP EXERCISES. This is a two-day class. (Class conducted at West Kentucky Tech)

5. **COMPUTERS FOR THE FIRE SERVICE** – Instructor Dave Wright, State Fire/Rescue Training Area 1.

This is a hands on class dealing with computer hardware and software, operating systems, INTERNET AND EMAIL, National Fire Incident Reporting System, Kentucky State Training Reporting System, Multi-Media and Microsoft Office 97. This is a two-day class and enrollment is limited to 35 students. (Class conducted at West Kentucky Tech)

6. **EMERGENCY AND DISASTER PLANNING** – instructor Bryant Stiles, Coordinator, State Fire/Rescue Training, Area 3.

This course addresses the initial considerations relative to command, methods of operations, resources, management and evaluation of emergency responses. Size-up, action plans and site organization will be covered including incident command integration. This is a two-day class. (Class conducted at PCC)

7. **LEGAL ASPECTS OF ARSON INVESTIGATION** – Instructor – IAAI

This is a two-day class will address the legal aspects of command and administration activities. Arson Level II certification is required. Enrollment is limited to 30 students. (Class conducted at PCC)

8. **EMS TRACT** –

This is a two-day class. The morning classes, both Saturday and Sunday, will be lecture hours. The

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afternoon classes, both Saturday and Sunday, will be skill hours. (Classes conducted at West Kentucky Tech.)

SATURDAY MORNING- LECTURE

- A. Controversies in pre hospital care – William Wheeler, MD
- B. Facial and airway trauma - Shawn Jones, MD
- C. Update on burns and smoke inhalation – Dan Tkach, MD

SATURDAY AFTERNOON – SKILLS

- A. Rapid vehicular extrication of the unstable patient
- B. Adult airway and ventilation management
- C. Neurologic assessment and head injury management
- D. ALS assist skills

SUNDAY MORNING -LECTURE

- A. Update on acute MI – Pat Withrow, MD
- B. Update on stroke – Charles Ross, MD
- C. Update on orthopedic emergencies – Robert Wolfe, MD

SUNDAY AFTERNOON – SKILLS

- A. Vehicular extrication with full spine immobilization
- B. Pediatric airway and ventilation management
- C. Shock assessment and management scenarios
- D. A.E.D. review and scenarios

The members, of the Jackson Purchase Firefighters Association and the West Kentucky EMS Association, invite you to Paducah, to participate in our Spring School. Bring your families to our Saturday night get together. There will be vendors set up to display their wares, enjoy the hamburger cook out and feast your eyes on the fire apparatus show and display. You will not be disappointed.

For further information, contact Patricia Walker at Fire Rescue Training, Area One, PO Box 7408, Paducah, Kentucky 42002. Phone 1-270-554-3968; FAX – 1-270-554-9754; Email – patricia.walker@kctcs.net

National Volunteer Fire Council

Director Ken Nipper - Alternate Bryant Stiles

National Wildland Train the Trainer



On Jan. 14-16, 2000, members of KFA and State Fire/Rescue Training attended a Train the Trainer presented by the National Volunteer Fire Council at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center in Forsyth, Georgia (See photo top of next column). The course covers information on Volunteer Fire Departments in Wildland Fire Suppression. The National Volunteer Fire

Council presented the program with support from, U S Fire Administration, National Association of State Foresters, and the U S Forest Service. The class was attended by 45 students which represented 18 Eastern



Pictured above Duane Suttles (SFRT Area 9) right explains KCTCS State Fire Rescue Training and its relationship to Kentucky's Fire Service. In the background Greg Gray (Sfrr Area 13) looks on.

and Southern States and Washington D.C. Course topics included: Cooperative Agreements, Performance Based Testing, National Wildland Council Guide Materials and Introduction to Wildland /Urban Interface. The attendees from Kentucky came away from the training with several new ideas and goals.

America Burning Panel Seeks Input of the Fire Service

As many of you know, James Lee Witt, the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency has established a new panel on America Burning. Director Witt has asked the Panel to provide him with insight into the future goals, evolution and activities of the fire services and prevention community and recommendations on how the community's achievement of its goals can be supported and accelerated.

The establishment of this panel indicates a much needed, and long-awaited, national effort to continue and accelerate reductions in our country's losses to fires. The Panel can also offer a framework for the evolving role of the fire services in the safety of America's communities and neighborhoods with respect to fires and other hazards.

The panel is inviting members of the fire community to provide them with views on the future of the fire services and recommendations for improvement. The panel is also interested in learning of any particular successes that demonstrate the value of these recommended approaches. As you provide your input, bear in mind the changing role of the fire service and the current extension of its responsibilities to such areas as EMS, hazardous materials, terrorism, special rescue and emergency management. Comments may be submitted

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online until March 1, 2000 at: <http://www.fema.gov/america/burning>

NVFC Sponsors Arson Course at Emmitsburg

Due to High Demand, NVFC Offering Additional Arson Course for Volunteers Fees for Course are Waived.

Arson Detection and Prevention in Rural Communities is a two-day seminar that has been developed by the National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) and the International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI) in conjunction with the U.S. Fire Administration, to address the challenges facing the volunteer fire service in Arson Detection and Prevention. After attending the two-day course, the attendees should be able to recognize the red flags of an incendiary fire, as well having the ability to institute prevention programs in rural communities.

The seminar will be held at the U.S. Fire Administration/National Emergency Training Center in Emmitsburg, Maryland the weekend of April 15 - 16, 2000. The deadline for registration is March 10, 2000. Due to the high demand for the course, a second seminar will be offered on July 29 - 30, 2000 at the National Emergency Training Center in Emmitsburg, Maryland. The deadline for registration is June 30, 2000. The course will cover the following topics: As a result of the 1996 church arson fires, the National Arson Clearinghouse, under the auspices of the U.S. Fire Administration, was established. A tremendous amount of information and contacts are available through the Clearinghouse. The National Arson Prevention Initiative Coordinator, Mr. Tim O'Dowd, will speak to the group about the clearinghouse. An agent of the Profiling Unit with the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Quantico, Virginia will outline how the serial arsonist is profiled and prosecuted. Mr. Huff has worked with the NVFC on a firefighter arson project, he is also a member of the IAAI and is a past member of the Board of Directors.

Mr. John McDermott, a former firefighter with the Morris Town New Jersey Fire Department and currently an investigator with the Morris Town Prosecuting Attorney's Office, will cover the other agencies who assist local fire and police as well as the red flags for the first-in firefighter in arson detection. He will list the other agencies different from fire and police departments that can be of assistance in Arson Detection and Prevention. The firefighter will re-learn his important responsibility in detecting the first signs of an incendiary fire. Juvenile fire setter prevention, recognition and correction are a duty of the Juvenile Fire Setter Committee of the IAAI. This committee will furnish the instructors to talk about the juvenile fire setter programs and the success rate of these programs.

The seminar fees are \$225 for NVFC members and \$250 for non-members. However, this is a special offering from the NVFC - all fees for this seminar are WAIVED. The NVFC will cover the costs of the seminar

and meals for both days. Shuttle service will be provided to and from the Baltimore-Washington International airport (BWI). Participants will be responsible for travel and room accommodations. Lodging at the NETC is \$30 per night.

Download the course registration form from the NVFC website at www.nvfc.org or call 1-888-ASK-NVFC (275-6832).

Letters to the Editor

Do You Think You Are Immune?

You know we live in a litigation society, and we have to follow guidelines as sent forth by many different local, state and federal agencies. If you fail to follow these guidelines to the letter you can be in a lot of hot water. Believe it or not we have fire departments operating with under age firefighters on the fire scene. If you find that hard to believe we even have 16 year olds driving fire apparatus.

Ignorance of the law is no excuse when you end up in court. Everything begins with training. If your people, as well as the chief do not know the guidelines as set forth by local, state and federal agencies then you need to have the necessary classes. With proper training, if something should happen, you will not find yourself needing a lawyer.

Fire departments can not operate like they did back in the 70's and 80's. There is a whole new set of rules "Everyone Must Follow"! Do you have SOP's and a Mission Statement? If you come off with "Well that's the way we have always done things here", you had better back up and take a long hard look at the way your department is operating. If someone gets hurt or killed, or something goes wrong on the scene of an incident you could find out real fast about lawsuits. Hopefully, these are words of wisdom and you are operating in accordance with all the laws and guidelines. Unfortunately, we have quite a few departments who operate with their head in the sand, and need to come in to the 21st century. Thank You *Wayne Jordan*

Kentucky Legislation 2000

The legislative session for the year 2000 is well underway with one month under its belt. It is difficult at this stage of the game to tell exactly where we will end up before the session is over. The best way for you to stay informed is the KFA website legislative page at <http://www.kyfa.org>. The major focus of our legislative effort will be the reorganization of the Fire Commission and State Fire/Rescue Training under the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS). However there are many bills that deal with Fire and

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EMS that we will be tracking on our web page. We are doing our part. It is your responsibility to stay informed and make calls when needed. Below are just a few:

BILL SUMMARIES SENATE BILLS

SB 12/LM (BR 459) - B. Guthrie

AN ACT relating to retirement.

Amend KRS 95.859 to allow police and firefighter retiree pensions covered by KRS 95.859 to annually increase by greater than the CPI, not to exceed 5%, if the board determines the increase is actuarially sound.

(Prefiled by the sponsor(s)) Jan 4-introduced in Senate; to State and Local Government (S)

SB 31/LM (BR 496) - B. Jackson

AN ACT relating to health insurance coverage of city pension fund retirees and their spouses.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 95 to require cities with policemen's and firefighters' pension funds to include retirees and their spouses who are not Medicare eligible or surviving spouses in any health insurance coverage provided city employees under KRS 79.080, upon request, regardless of other insurance coverage.

(Prefiled by the sponsor(s)) Jan 4-introduced in Senate Jan 5-to State and Local Government (S)

SB 48/AA (BR 832) - D. Adams, P. Herron Jr

AN ACT relating to hazardous duty retirement.

Add a new section of KRS Chapter 16 and amend KRS 61.592 to provide hazardous duty retirement benefits to dispatcher/telecommunicator positions within the Department of Kentucky State Police.

Jan 5-introduced in Senate Jan 7-to State and Local Government

SB87(BR 1530) - M. Long

AN ACT relating to hazardous duty retirement.

Amend KRS 16.505, 61.510, 61.592, and 78.510 to provide hazardous employees in the Kentucky Employees Retirement System "high 3" benefits-in practice since 1998 based on an Attorney General's Opinion--and require these employees to pay the same as others receiving the benefit; make technical corrections to SPRS and CERS.

Jan 12-introduced in Senate Jan 14-to State and Local Government

HOUSE BILLS

HB 30 (BR 304) - R. Crimm, J. Reinhardt

AN ACT relating to income tax.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 141 to provide a \$500 income tax credit for volunteer firefighters, emergency medical technicians, and members of a rescue squad; amend KRS 141.0205 to conform.

(Prefiled by the sponsor(s)) Jan 4-introduced in House; to Appropriations and Revenue (H)

HB 35/LM (BR 299) - B. Yonts

AN ACT prohibiting the licensing of felons as inspectors in certain occupations. Create a new section of KRS Chapter 335B to prevent felons from acting as plumbing, electrical, building, plans and specifications, elevator, HVAC, or fire inspectors; amend various other sections to conform.

(Prefiled by the sponsor(s)) Jan 4-introduced in House; to Judiciary (H) Jan 18-posted in committee

HB 49 (BR 38) - J. Coleman, P. Clark

AN ACT related to the use of automated external defibrillators.

Create various new sections of KRS Chapter 211 to provide legislative intent with regard to the use of an automated external defibrillator; define terms including "automated external defibrillator" and "cardiopulmonary resuscitation"; direct persons or entities acquiring an automated external defibrillator to ensure that AED users receive specified training and that the equipment be maintained; provide immunity from civil liability for persons or entity rendering emergency care by use of an AED; exemptions.

(Prefiled by the sponsor(s) indicated with recommendation for passage, and as amended by the Interim Joint Committee on Health and Welfare) Jan 4-introduced in House; to Health and Welfare (H) Jan 10-posting waived Jan 11-reported favorably, 1st reading, to Calendar Jan 12-2nd reading, to Rules Jan 14-posted for passage in the Regular Orders of the Day for Tuesday, January 18, 2000 Jan 19-3rd reading, passed 97-0 Jan 20-received in Senate

HB 52 (BR 310) - L. Belcher, P. Clark

AN ACT relating to operators of motor vehicles.

Amend KRS 189.930 relating to driver's duties upon approach of emergency vehicle to specify that when driver approaches a stopped emergency vehicle the driver shall move to the lane furthest from the emergency vehicle, or slow down as necessary if lane change cannot be safely made.

(Prefiled by the sponsor(s)) Jan 4-introduced in House; to Judiciary (H) Jan 12-posting waived Jan 13-reported favorably, 1st reading, to Calendar with Committee Substitute Jan 14-2nd reading, to Rules Jan 18-posted for passage in the Regular Orders of the Day for Wednesday, January 19, 2000 Jan 19-3rd reading, passed 98-0 with Committee Substitute Jan 20-received in Senate

HB 87 (BR 513) - G. Stumbo

AN ACT relating to reorganization.

Confirm Executive Order 98-1405, dated October 20, 1998, which creates the Division of Training Support and changes the name of the Division of Training to the

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Division of Training Operations within the Department of Training, Justice Cabinet.

(Prefiled by the sponsor(s) indicated with a recommendation for passage by the Interim Joint Committee on Judiciary) Jan 4-introduced in House; to Judiciary (H) Jan 13-reported favorably, 1st reading, to Calendar with Committee Substitute Jan 14-2nd reading, to Rules Jan 18-posted for passage in the Regular Orders of the Day for Wednesday, January 19,2000 Jan 19-3rd reading, passed 98-0 with Committee Substitute Jan 20-received in Senate

HB 141 (BR 834) - L. Clark

AN ACT relating to police radios.

Amend KRS 432.570, relating to possession of police radios, to permit possession by paid or volunteer fire or public emergency medical services personnel with the written permission of the chief of the fire department or the ambulance service director.

(Prefiled by the sponsor(s)) Jan 4-introduced in House; to Seniors, Military Affairs and Public Safety (H)

HB 198 (BR 297) - R. Crimm

AN ACT relating to the educational assistance of volunteer firefighters, volunteer paramedics, and volunteer emergency medical technicians.

Create new sections of KRS Chapter 164 to allow volunteer firefighters, volunteer paramedics, and volunteer emergency medical technicians a 25% reduction on tuition at state-supported universities, community colleges, and vocational training institution.

(Prefiled by the sponsor(s)) Jan 4-introduced in House; to Education (H)

HB 269/LM (BR 896) - F. Nesler

AN ACT relating to the Kentucky Law Enforcement Foundation Program fund.

Amend KRS 15.420 to add law enforcement telecommunicators to the list of local units of government eligible to share in the distribution of funds from the Law Enforcement Foundation Program fund; amend KRS 15.440 to specify the required training for law enforcement telecommunicators who participate in the Law Enforcement Foundation Program Fund; create a new section of KRS 15.530 to 15.590 to authorize law enforcement telecommunicator to participate in salary supplement funds.

Jan 6-introduced in House Jan 7-to Local Government (H)

HB 301 (BR 1438) - A. Simpson

AN ACT relating to fire chiefs and assistant chiefs in cities of the second class.

Amend KRS 95.500 to exclude fire chiefs and assistant fire chiefs from the "24 hours on/ 48 hours off" duty requirement in cities of the second class.

Jan 10-introduced in House Jan 11-to Local Government (H) Jan 14-posted in committee.

HB 312 (BR 1366) - J. Callahan, J. Adams, Ro. Adams, J. Arnold Jr., A. Arnold, E. Ballard, L. Belcher, J. Bowling, K. Bratcher, J. Bruce, P. Childers, P. Clark, J. Coleman, J. Draud, J. Fischer, J. Gray, J. Haydon, T. Kerr, S. Nunn, R. Palmer, II, J. Reinhardt, W. Scott

AN ACT relating to emergency medical technicians.

Amend KRS 211.964 to provide, that new emergency medical technicians shall be initially certified using the requirements established by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians; require, on or after the effective date of this Act, that certified EMTs, recertify using at least 16 hours of required topics and 8 hours of elective topics over 2 year period, and require cabinet to recognize any EMT who chooses to recertify under the requirements established by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians.

Jan 10-introduced in House Jan 11-to Health and Welfare (H) Jan 10-introduced in House Jan 11-to Health and Welfare (H) Jan 13-posted in committee Jan 18-reported favorably, 1st reading, to Calendar Jan 19-2nd reading, to Rules; posted for passage in the Regular Orders of the Day for Thursday, January 20,2000 Jan 20-3rd reading, passed 95-0

HB 318 (BR 837) - T. Feeley

AN ACT relating to retirement.

Amend KRS 61.637 to delete the provision that a person retired from a hazardous position who draws his or her retirement and then holds an elected city or county office may chose to continue to receive his or her pension and not contribute to the elected office's retirement system.

Jan 11-introduced in House Jan 12-to State Government (H)

HB 322 (BR 1263) - J. Wayne

AN ACT relating to safety and security at postsecondary education institutions.

Create new sections of KRS Chapter 164 relating to safety and security at postsecondary education institutions; require each postsecondary education institution to maintain a daily log recording all crimes occurring on campus and make the log available for public inspection; require that campus security authorities immediately report a fire or threat of fire to the state fire marshal and the local authorities; require that campus security authorities immediately report each fire or threat of fire to the state fire marshal's office and the local authorities; effective September 1, 2000, and each year thereafter, require each postsecondary institution to report to the Council on Postsecondary Education policies and statistics related to campus safety and security; establish penalties for any person who violates the provisions of the Act; provide that the Act may be cited as the Michael Minger Act.

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Jan 11-introduced in House Jan 12-to Education (H) Jan 20-posted in committee

HB 323 (BR 1490) - B. Heleringer
AN ACT relating to retirement.

Amend KRS 61.552 to allow an employee participating in a state-administered retirement system in a hazardous duty position to buy hazardous time with an urban-county government, by paying the full cost, if the member is not eligible for any other retirement benefit for the same service.

Jan 11-introduced in House Jan 12-to State Government (H)

HB 326 (BR 969) - J. Fischer, H. Anderson, J. Callahan, J. Reinhardt, J. Stewart

AN ACT related to the probationary period of police and firefighters.

Amend KRS 95.762 to allow civil service commission to increase probationary period for police and firefighters from six months to twelve months.

Jan 12-introduced in House Jan 13-to Local Government (H)

HB 360 (BR 1464) - M. Treesh, B. Crall, J. Hoover, T. Kerr, H. Moberly, A. Simpson, R. Thomas, J. Vincent, C. Walton

AN ACT relating to the police and firefighters' retirement fund in cities of the second class.

Amend KRS 95.859 relating to the police and firefighters' retirement fund in cities of the second class to increase the minimum retirement benefit from \$400 to \$500; amend KRS 95.860, 95.861, 95.862, and 95.863 to conform.

Jan 13-introduced in House Jan 14-to Local Government (H)

HB 370/LM/HM (BR 122) - J. Coleman

AN ACT relating to emergency medical services.

Create and amend various sections of KRS Chapters 211 and 311 to specify new membership and duties for the Kentucky Emergency Medical Services Council; create new sections of KRS Chapter 304 to specify that health and motor vehicle insurance cover ambulance service; create a new section of KRS Chapter 205 to specify that state health insurance programs cover ambulance service; create and amend various sections of KRS Chapter 311 to provide for discipline and provision of services by paramedics.

Jan 14-introduced in House Jan 18-to Health and Welfare (H)

HB 399 (BR 1421) - J. Callahan

AN ACT relating to free postsecondary tuition for disabled law enforcement officers, firefighters, and volunteer firefighters. Create a new section of KRS Chapter 164 to provide free tuition at state-supported universities, community colleges, or vocational training

institutions to law enforcement officers, firefighters, or volunteer firefighters permanently and totally disabled while in active service or in training for active service.

Jan 19-introduced in House Jan 20-to Education (H)

HB405 (BR 1279) - S. Nunn, B. Ausmus, III, J. Callahan, B. Colter, W. Scott, J. Turner, K. Upchurch

AN ACT relating to emergency medical services and making an appropriation therefor. Create various sections of KRS 311.652 to 311.658 to create a 15-member Board of Emergency Medical Services; require that board members be appointed by the Governor; require that members serve no more than (3) two (2) year consecutive terms; provide for reimbursement for travel expenses for official duties; reenact various sections of KRS Chapter 211 as sections of KRS Chapter 311 to define "board," "emergency medical services personnel," "emergency medical services system," "emergency medical technician (EMT)," and "paramedic"; authorize the board to exercise all administrative functions in the regulation of emergency medical services system and the practice of paramedics, emergency medical technicians, first responders, dispatchers, ambulance services, and training institutions; transfer all unexpended funds under the control of the Cabinet for Health Services and the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure which were derived from fees collected for certification of emergency medical services personnel; authorize the board to promulgate administrative regulations to carry out the functions of the board; permit the board to disburse matching funds to local units of government up to fifty thousand dollars for purchasing ambulances and providing salaries and education for personnel; require emergency medical technicians to complete the requirements of the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians for initial licensure; require emergency medical technicians to complete sixteen hours of required topics and eight hours of elective topics or complete requirements of the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians; permit the board to set fees for examinations, licenses, and renewal of licenses; amend KRS 205.6314 to require reimbursement rates for services provided by the emergency medical services system to be at least equal to Medicare reimbursement; amend KRS 216B.410 to require ambulance providers or medical first response providers to complete an annual report to the board in lieu of sending run report forms to the Cabinet for Health Services and provide for confidentiality of data; amend KRS 281.014 and 281.605 to conform; amend KRS 304.17A-580 to require all health benefit plans to cover emergency medical services and supplies and to reimburse for supplies used during prehospital care independent of transport; amend KRS 304.39-080 to require motor vehicle insurance to coverage emergency

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medical services and supplies; amend KRS 311.550 to exempt the performance of duties by paramedics from the definition of "practice of medicine or osteopathy"; amend KRS 311.652 to prohibit anyone from using the term "paramedic" without a valid license; amend KRS 311.654 to require relicensure programs for paramedics to include continuing education and in-service approved by the board; amend KRS 311.656 to conform; amend KRS 311.658 to permit paramedics and emergency medical technicians to function in emergency and non-emergency out-of-hospital situations as approved by the board; amend KRS 311.660 to require any paramedic relicensed within three years of July 15, 1998, to complete in-service training relating to the determination of death and preservation of evidence; amend KRS 311.990 to conform; repeal 211.9533, 211.9535, 211.956, 211.960, and 311.650; repeal KRS 211.950, 211.952, 211.953, 211.9531, 211.954, 211.962, 211.964, 211.966, 211.967, 211.968 and reenact as a new section of KRS 311.652 to 311.658; and appropriate eight million six hundred ten thousand ninety dollars (\$8,610,090) for the fiscal year 2001 and eight million two hundred eighty thousand ninety four dollars (\$8,280,094) for the fiscal year 2002 to fund the functions of the Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services and provide grants to local units of government for emergency medical services.

Jan 19-introduced in House Jan 20-to Health and Welfare (H)

New Arrivals

Valley Creek FD gets new pumper



It is a 1982 Ford Chassis, 1000 GPM Watrus pump, 5 man Cab, 1000 gallon tank, with caterpillar diesel engine and an Automatic transmission. It was purchased from Bradenton Florida with a 3% loan from the Kentucky Fire Commission. Congratulations and good luck!

Conference 2000 Notes

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THE CONFERENCE AT A GLANCE **(Tentative Schedule)**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 2000

Firefighter Olympics - To be conducted at the Executive Inn at the north end of the property. In case of rain, the Olympics will be held on Sunday, August 6, 2000. Registration for the Olympic is 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM. The Olympics will begin at 9:00 AM.

Conference Registration - Open 2:00 PM until 6:00 PM at the Executive Inn Convention Center.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, 2000

Conference Registration - Open 1:00 PM until 5:00 PM at the Executive Inn convention center.

Fire Commission Meeting - 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM - International Room D

Welcome Pool Party - 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM - Indoor Pool Area -

MONDAY, AUGUST 7, 2000

Early Bird Coffee and Donuts - 6:30AM - 7:30 AM - Courtesy of the Fire Commission

Conference Registration - Open 8:00 AM until 12:00 Noon - "E" Inn convention center.

Memorial Service - 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM Broadway Methodist Church, Paducah, Ky. ALL FIREFIGHTERS ARE REQUESTED TO WEAR UNIFORMS IF

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POSSIBLE. Family members are encouraged to attend these services. This production alone will be worth your trip to Paducah and the conference.

Conference Formal Opening and Business Session - 10:30 AM

Ladies Program - 12:00 Noon

Regional Association Meeting - 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM - International Room D

Monday Night Outing - Players Island Casino, Metropolis, IL. - You can not afford to miss this outing. Grayline tour buses will pick you up at the Executive Inn and transport you to the Players Island Casino. The staff at the casino will tell you about the property and answer any questions that you might have. You will be treated to a wonderful dinner in the Island Buffet. The entrée's will include ham, chicken and prime rib. You will then have the opportunity to step aboard the beautiful 1650 passenger side-wheeler riverboat for four hours of exciting casino gaming. The Grayline tour buses will then return you to the Executive Inn, in Paducah. The best part is, your transportation, your meal and your boat ticket are all FREE, courtesy of the Jackson Purchase Firefighters Association. The River boat website is <http://www.playersisland.com/Metro/mt.htm>.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2000

Early Bird Coffee and Donuts - 8:00AM - 9:00AM - Courtesy of the Fire Commission

General Session - 9:00 AM

Business Session Reconvenes -

Ladies Program - (Time to be announced)

Firefighters Dinner & Dance:

Cocktail Hour - 6:00PM - 7:00PM

Dinner and Installation of Officers, - 7:00PM - 9:00PM

(To include a Charlie Shaw Slide Presentation)

Dance - 9:00 PM - ?

- All activities will be conducted at the Executive Inn with the exception of the Memorial Service and the Monday Night Outing.

- Several hospitality rooms will be in operation during the conference.

- **FIRE SERVICE MEMORABILIA CONTEST**

This is a new idea for the conference this year. Our agenda and our focus are on the new millennium, but the fire service is steeped in tradition and we should not forget that fact. Therefore, we are asking that conference attendees bring with them, to the conference, their favorite fire service memorabilia that can be hand carried. In addition, we ask that you bring with you a description of this item with a short history and its significance. This information should be typed on an 8 1/2" X 11" piece of paper suitable for display. We will display your item and its description in a secured room at the convention center. The room will be open, at posted times, and security will be present any time that the room is open. Prizes

will be awarded, at the banquet, for the top three items displayed. (\$100.00 first choice, \$50.00 second choice and \$25.00 third choice) Judging will be conducted by the "people's choice" method as they view the memorabilia. All memorabilia must be picked up at the conclusion of the conference. Join us in preserving our history and tradition and share with others your treasured items of fire service memorabilia.

- **CONFERENCE PACKAGES**

Full and complete conference packages will be mailed out about March 1, 2000. These packages will contain everything that you want to know, concerning the 80th. Annual conference in Paducah, Kentucky.

Fire Control Class in Ekron

On January 22, 2000 State Fire/Rescue Training Area 5 held a Fire Control class in the worst weather thus far in 2000. Staff from Area 3 conducted the class. This was the first time in area 5 the burn trailer was used outside



of a regional or county fire school. For the weather the class was well attended. It also contained a good mix of seasoned firefighters and Explorers. Below Rick Montague checks for proper donning of personal protective equipment. A team watches as the level of temperatures are explained to those about to enter for extinguishment.



In discussion after the exercise Fire Commission member Woody Will asked the class what they thought about the concept of mobile training equipment. The answer was a resounding approval for the concept.



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6. FRT 295-1 Emergency Disaster Planning Level 1



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