



Smoke Signals II

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LODD Allen FD Fire Chief Billy Ray Jarvis

While re-
sponding to an
emergency call
of a downed power line on
March 4, 2015, Chief Jarvis
became ill and had difficulty
breathing. His son, who is a
Captain on the Fire Depart-
ment and was in the vehicle
with him, took over driving and



rushed him to the closest hospital. Upon arrival there, Chief Jarvis went into cardiac arrest. He was resuscitated and transferred to the Pikeville Medical Center where he died of the apparent heart attack six days later March 10, 2015.

Chief Jarvis became chief in January 2015 but had been on the department for 35 years. He was 54. He is survived by his wife Vivian Irene Powers Jarvis, one son, Jason Ray Jarvis of Prestonsburg, KY, and two daughters, Tabatha Renee Jarvis - Holbrook of Prestonsburg, KY and Brittany Noel Jarvis - Woods of Auxier, KY.

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Notes From The President's Desk Steve Kyle

Well it's been a busy couple of months. We've all had our fair share of the wintry events going on and the Green River Officer's School has successfully completed its move back to Owensboro. Even though I was unable to make it, I've heard lots of great comments about it being back in Owensboro. Congratulations on a successful school!

The legislative session has been in high gear since our last letter and has been filled with activity. Firefighter cancer presumption has passed the house and we would like to thank everyone that made calls to their legislators. Our next hurdle is the senate and let's hope we have as much luck there. I visited with Howdy and Steve during the session and they are representing us well. Our fire service partners are working well together to give our legislators one voice for the fire service. Keep up the good work!!!

Dixie Fire School is fast approaching, please get out and support them this month. We wish them well for a successful school.

Registration is now open for the 2015 KFA Conference. You can visit www.kfa2015.com to register and make your reservations. We are excited and looking forward to having everyone here in Paducah.

Thanks and Be Safe in All You Do!!!

Steve Kyle
President, KFA



Notes From 1st Vice President Jeff Pohlman

Greetings from Northern Kentucky! I hope as you read this month's issue of the Smoke Signal, the warmer weather is upon us. February has been a month to remember with all of the ice and snow, not to mention the many days with below zero temperature.

I congratulate the Green River Firefighters Organization for a very successful Officer's School in Owensboro. Although the weather did not cooperate and from what I understand there were many cancellations, the school went on with good

attendance. I commend the City of Owensboro for a beautiful convention center and the attractions on the riverfront. I had a very good time and enjoyed the weekend. I will be looking forward to next year's school.

We are also preparing for the State Fire School in June. There are many great classes available along with a great Friday class/seminar from Billy Goldfeder. The brochure is mailed and available so please take the opportunity to sign up early to assure you spot in the class of your choosing.

The legislative session is in full swing. As I write this in late February, HB 156 has passed the House and is headed to the Senate. As this edition comes to print, hopefully it has passed both Houses and headed to the Governor's desk for signature.

On January 17th, I attended the NKFA Awards Banquet. This is an annual event that is well attended to honor the Fire/EMS/Dispatchers of Northern Kentucky. Award recipients include: EMS Award-Lt. Mel Sands and Scott Ifcic of Alexandria FD, Jr. FF – Josh Pollitt of CCFD#1, Support – Chaplain David Kennedy of Edgewood FD, Lifetime Achievement – Retired Chief Marc Muench of Florence FD, Chief Officer – Bill Birkle of Petersburg FD, Fire Prevention – A/C Calvin Crupper of Dry Ridge FD, FF of the Year – Mark Adkins of Central Campbell FD, and Department of the Year – Independence FD. Congrats to the awards recipients!

Remember to sign up for the KFA conference this year starting July 31 in Paducah. All information is available on the KFA website. Please come and support President Kyle and the KFA.

Stay safe!

Jeffrey H. Pohlman
1st Vice President, KFA



Mike Hulsey Vice President At-Large

First I wish to offer Billy Selvage my sincere condolences in the loss of his father Bill Selvage Sr., may the Good Lord comfort you and your family, and keep all of you in his loving hands.

As I am nearing my retirement, July 31, 2015,

I want to take this opportunity to THANK everyone for their friendship, support, and assistance over the years. The Fire Service in this Commonwealth is a fantastic brotherhood and that is primarily because of the work of the people involved, from the Fire Marshalls office, to the Fire Commission, KCTCS, and down to the individual Fire Departments and Firefighters. I have no plans to be involved with emergency services in the response area in the near future. I do hope to continue to assist the KFA, KY Chiefs, Dixie with serving on committees and sitting in the back of the room and keeping the boards straight. My career with the Elizabethtown Fire Department and the State and Local Associations has been more rewarding and fulfilling than anyone can imagine.

We are blessed in our State and Local Associations with personnel that care and work tirelessly to further our profession more and more each day across this Commonwealth. Please get involved, the future of all is dependent on you. Except the challenge, step up and contribute!

The Bryant Stiles Officers School, now back in Owensboro, was a great success. The Green River Association again stepped up and took care of everyone, Thanks. There were many good classes to choose from.

I hope all of you have weathered the weather in good shape, in my area we ended up with a total of 16" of snow on the ground, and the lowest it got was -18, good job everyone.

Thanks for what you do!

Mike Hulsey

KFA, Vice President AT Large



Notes From Fireman Joe The Ol Fire Dog

Hello from a very cold Northern Kentucky this find wintery day, you know I was enjoying a mild winter until Monday and this week has brought us all back to reality. Did you ever have one of those days when you know you should have just stayed at home and maybe did what you had to do at a home computer? But then I would have missed the company of my comrades from FDBD and so on and so on. I think the hardest part of winter is navigating the highways and dodging other cars as they slide or almost plow

into you, oh well let's change that subject.

As I write this article Bryant Stiles Green River Officers School is this upcoming weekend and because of another commitment I will not be able to attend. Sure hate that as I was looking forward to having that excellent school back in Owensboro. Sure wish my friends and fellow comrades and great school and another excellent training opportunity.

A regretful aspect of age comes the sad news of old friends and colleagues passing on, have received news of several of those within the past couple of months. This horrible Northern Kentucky Winter Week has taken a good friend and comrade, Retired Asst Chief R. G. Bidwell of the Florence Fire Dept. RG and I had the pleasure of working on several fire and life safety projects as well as attending several Pub Ed Seminars together. RG was an excellent fireman who was dedicated to family and the fire service who we will all miss. I also received word of the passing of fellow Hall of Fame Member and Retired Fire Chief of the Ashland Fire Dept Jim Hogsten. I enjoyed seeing Chief Jim and his lovely wife at KFA Conferences and events; he was a delight and such a joy to speak with. I will miss you Chief.

Please remember there is still some winter left and educating our communities about these winter hazards should always be on our agenda for Fire Prevention and Education. Since we are spending so much time indoors, don't forget to check your CO Alarm and encourage your communities to do the same. It goes without saying to use caution if you must use a space heater or have alternative heating sources in your home. Keep an eye on your furnace and chimney especially that old fireplace.

I am ready for Spring and looking forward to Kentucky State Fire School in Lexington, so until next time Stay Safe and GOD BLESS.

Fireman Joe

Words of Wisdom

I've heard there are troubles of more than one kind; some come from ahead, and some come from behind. But I've brought a big bat. I'm all ready, you see; now my troubles are going to have troubles with me!

Dr. Seuss



Firefighter Combat Challenge Workshop April 18 9:00 to 16:00

The Kentucky Fire Commission in cooperation with the Kentucky Regional Fire Training Academy 11605 Fairmount Road Louisville is offering a FREE Firefighter Combat Challenge Workshop. The workshop will help prepare any prospective competitors for the new challenge events to be held in Kentucky. The details have not yet totally been confirmed but the competition dates are:

May 30 & 31 in Lexington

August 21 & 22 in Louisville

If you should decide to attend the workshop in April, you will be taught the tricks of the trade from World Record Holders. Items that will be covered during the workshop are: Event History, Competition Rules, Course Layout, Tower Specs, PAR-Questionnaire, Drug Policy and the Five Categories in detail. After the classroom then it's on to the tower for some hands on skill training.

Those attending will receive a free tee shirt. Any relay team that attends will receive free registration for the Kentucky Challenge in Lexington (only).

If you attend the workshop and participate in the Lexington and Louisville Kentucky Challenge the top three relay teams will receive:

1. The First Place Challenge Winner will receive Free entry fee (up to three runs) to complete in the World Finals in Montgomery Alabama.
2. Second place team will receive Free entry fee (up to two runs).
3. Third place team will receive Free entry fee (up to one run).

Words of Wisdom

I used to think that the worst thing in life was to end up alone. It's not. The worst thing in life is to end up with people who make you feel alone.

Robin Williams

Sustaining Members Wishing to Advertise in Smoke Signals II

At the KFA Executive Board Meeting in Paducah on Saturday, October 18th decisions were made concerning advertising in Smoke Signals. Those decisions were as follows:

1. All changes will take place January 1st 2015.
 2. We will continue to allow Sustaining Members to advertise on the two pages of "Sustaining Members" pages 14 & 15 at no additional charge. You will continue to receive 5 lines within the boxes on the two pages.
 3. The newsletter is currently 16 pages in length. If there is space available we will allow 1 full page ad at the price of \$300.00 on a rotating basis so no one company can purchase pages in advance. You can however, choose on a first come first serve basis, the issue you want your ad to appear in.
 4. We are also offering to add 1 double sided 11" X 17" page which gives us 4-8 1/2" X 11" pages of advertising space if they can be sold 1 year or 6 editions at a time. That would mean that 4 different Sustaining Member companies would need to pay \$300.00 X 6 = \$1,800.00 times 4 or a total of \$7,200.00 for the year in advance. If you would be interested in funding one of the pages for the year and we have 3 other business that are interested please contact me at 270-766-9946.
- Woody

Legislative Report

Howdy Kirtsinger and Steve Rath

I am writing this report after the second snow storm shut down the legislature again. With only three days and two extra days for veto override at the end not much has been accomplished. We still have the bill to help with the problems of SPGE requirement for the cost of an audit for those departments that are under \$100,000.00. That Bill HB 348 should be heard on Monday March 8th. This Bill HB 348 will have the Commission do the audit saving the small departments thousands of dollars. If we can get it out of the Committee and heard on the floor we might have one of the very few bills to pass this session. As of this time only

three bills have passed all the way through, wasting a lot of time for so little amount of work.

Several pieces of firefighter legislation have been stalled or not moved at all. I will try to report on those that have the most impact;

- HB 348 is in the Military Affairs committee and we are hopeful this bill will pass and be signed into law helping the smaller departments with the cost of audits.

- HB 156 is the cancer bill that would have benefited volunteer and paid firefighters if they become ill for cancer that is job related. The cost would have been covered within the fire commission budget. Saving many fire departments thousands and providing the firefighters of Kentucky with added protection. As of this writing with 3 days to pass legislation the leadership in the Senate has moved this bill from one committee to another. This is their way to kill this much needed legislation, and keep our members from putting too much pressure on any of the Senate members! I want to thank all those that called and let the Senators know that this is one of our major pieces of legislation and with your help we hope that we can pass HB 156.

- HB 308 and SB 200 was the legislation to increase the incentive pay and State Aid. After we met with leadership from both houses and the Chairman of House A&R Representative Rand and then the Chairmen of the Senate A&R Senator McDaniel both stated that they wanted to wait until the next session to make sure that the funds are available to give an increase without increasing the insurance surcharge. As of this time we have not been able to get a hearing and those committees will not meet again during this session. We will try again during the next session because there is not anytime to get through both houses.

- HB 175 was the tax credit of \$1000.00 for volunteer firefighters never could get a hearing in the House A&R committee.

- HB 213 and SB 5 the Heroin bills that we supported made it available for the use of Naloxone for use during rescue. That and the importance of saving lives from this drug is why we support the concept of these bills. They both have passed each house and are in conference com-

mittee. Could pass with changes but should pass.

Again as in past sessions the leadership of both houses have not allow bills to be heard in committees or moved them from one committee in an attempt to delay or not get a hearing. These are tactics to kill bills without coming out against bills and make you their constituents think they support. If we cannot get a hearing then it is those members that select leadership and their leaders must be held accountable for these tactics and killing our bills! As in the past we will be back during the next legislative session to fight for firefighters and the benefits that should be the right thing to do!!! We need to support those that really support us the fire service!



Chaplain's Corner

The Kentucky Federation of Fire Chaplains has recently adopted a set of "Guiding Principles". The organization has always operated with these values but until recently they have not been penned to paper. They are:

We will faithfully discharge our duties.

We respect the dignity of those we serve.

We seek to understand cultural and religious values that differ from our own.

We believe in the right to exercise our faith is best protected when we protect the rights of all to worship or not worship as they choose.

We work together to meet religious needs.

We are called to serve our people, the Fire Service and each other.

We hold sacred the trust placed in us.

We Are Fire Chaplains.

Each department should evaluate their need for chaplain. Chaplain duties go way beyond offering a blessing for a department meal. If you have every had a line of duty death in your department you know the value of a chaplain.

Words of Wisdom

A small body of determined spirits fired by an unquenchable faith in their mission can alter the course of history.

Mahatma Gandhi

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Coming Events At A Glance!

EKFA Regional Fire School

Louisa May 1 - 3

Daniel Boone Regional Fire School

Morehead May 15 - 17

KY State Fire School

Lexington June 3 - 7

Pike County Fire School

Pikeville September 11 - 13

Jefferson County Fire School

Louisville September 17 - 20

SKFA Regional Fire School

London October 16 - 18

Buffalo Trace Regional Fire School

Maysville October 23 - 25

Fire & EMS Instructor Weekend

London November 20 - 22



2015 IFSAC SKILLS TESTING SCHEDULE

Date	Area	Location	Phone
5/2-3	12	Cold Spring	888-306-8101
8/15-16*	11	Pikeville	888-306-8101
9/12-13	15	Georgetown	859-361-2273
9/19-20	9	Maysville	888-301-2946
10/9-10**	1	TBD	888-306-7901
11/7-8	5	Elizabethtown	888-234-7201
11/21-22	6	Middletown	888-306-8064

***weekday testing**

****Evenings/Night Test Sessions**

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

creditation is through the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC).



CPAT Testing Schedule

If you are interested in testing please contact Rick Larkins, CPAT Director email rick.larkin@kyfa.org.

We have two fixed testing sites one in Louisville, KY at 11605 Fairmount Road and the other in Winchester KY at 525 BLT Way.

Testing Dates

Area 15 Orientation on 3/30. 1st Practice 4/20 2nd 5/4. Test at Winchester location on 5/18.

Louisville Open

Area 5 & 6 Orientation on 4/8. 1st Practice 4/29 2nd 5/13. Test on 5/27.

Glasgow

Area 4 Orientation 5/23. 1st Practice 6/20 2nd 6/27. Test on 7/11.

Somerset

Area 13 - 14 Orientation on 6/2. 1st Practice 6/23 2nd 7/7. Test on 7/21.

Central KY Open

Area 15 Orientation on 8/3. 1st Practice 8/24 2nd 9/14. Test on 9/21

Louisville Open

Area 5 & 6 Orientation on 8/13. 1st Practice 9/3 2nd 9/17. Test on 10/1.

Ashland Open

Areas 9, 10, 11 & 12 Orientation on 8/22. 1st Practice 9/12 2nd 10/3. Testing at Ashland FD Hqts on 10/10

Northern KY Open

Area 7 Orientation on 9/9. 1st Practice 9/30 2nd 10/14. Test at Winchester on 10/28

Henderson Open

Area 3 Orientation on 10/24. 1st Practice 11/14 2nd 12/5. Test Henderson Community and Technical College on 12/12.



Jackson Purchase Fire School

Julian Carroll Convention Center

Paducah April 10-12

Friday Night Only

F001 Wildland Awareness 4 Hrs

Saturday Only

F003 Flashover Recognition 8 Hrs

F009 Things to Know from the Fire Commission 8 Hrs

F011 Firefighter Survival 8 Hrs

F013 Meth Labs A Firefighters Nightmare 8 Hrs

Sunday Only

F012 Firefighter Rescue 8 Hrs

Saturday OR Sunday

F002	CPR / First Aid	8 Hrs
F008	Sprinklers	8 Hrs

Saturday & Sunday

E001	EMT Refresher	16 Hrs
F004	Building Construction	16 Hrs
F005	Structural Fire Strategies and Tactics for Small City and Rural Fire Depts.	12 Hrs
F006	Rope Rescue / Low Angle	16 Hrs
F007	Preparation for the Initial Company Officer	16 Hrs
F010	Arson for the First Responder	16 Hrs

Friday Night, Saturday & Sunday

F014	Basic Firefighter	20 Hrs
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KFA Scholarship

At the February Executive Board meeting held in Owensboro at the Bryant Stiles Officers School the decision was made to change the application process for the KFA Wayne Watts Memorial Scholarship Program. The requirement for a background check has been removed. That should take some of the burden off the applicants. You might be asking yourself "Who is eligible?" The answer is simple. Any active Kentucky Fire Fighter, Jr. Kentucky Firefighter, Emergency Medical Technician or Paramedic or their dependents as long as their department is a participating dues paying member of the Kentucky Firefighters Association Inc. The scholarship recipient must also have at least a 2.5 overall G.P.A. on their graduating high school transcript or a composite 19 on the A.C.T. or a 950 total on the S.A.T. college entrance test.

When should you apply and what priority will scholarships be considered?

A) Fall Semester

- a. 1st Priority will be given to Firefighters, EMTs, Paramedics, of a KFA member department.
- 2nd Priority will be given to family members.
- b. Applicants that have never received a KFA Scholarship.
- c. Applicants that have received KFA Scholarship.
- d. Application must be received by June 1st of each calendar year.

B) Spring Semester

- a. 1st Priority will be given to Firefighters, EMTs, Paramedics, of a KFA member department.
- 2nd Priority will be given to family members.
- b. Applicants that have received KFA Scholarship.
- c. Application must be received by January 1st

of each calendar year.

There is also priority given for eligible courses. An application and further qualification information is available on the KFA website at www.kyfa.org.

**National Volunteer Fire Council**

Ken Knipper, Director

Pat Thompson Alt. Director

In the last issue I wrote about some of the benefits that the KFA/NVFC partnership brings to Kentucky's firefighters and that the KFA Board was considering the NVFC All-State Membership Program.

Heather Schafer, NVFC CEO, flew to Owensboro to address the KFA Board meeting held at the Bryant Stiles Officers School to present the Program to the Board. After the presentation the Board considered the Program and this week signed the contract to implement the Program in Kentucky.

The application period for the Globe/NVFC turnout gear program is now open. Go to www.nvfc.org to apply for this gear. Globe and the NVFC are proud to provide this opportunity to better equip our firefighters.

I have sat in on a number of calls regarding the lack of information provided our first responders to the Ebola issue. A new document titled "Emergency Medical Services Domestic Preparedness Improvement Strategy" has been published and is available through the NASEMSO site. Another offering is the "Biodetection Technologies for First Responders: 2014 Product Guide". It is now available as a downloadable App from the Apple iTunes store and is available for Android.

I have been reporting on the development of the "Evidence Based Guidelines" project. That document is now finished and is available from the NAEMSP site.

Our focus on Federal legislation is ongoing. Our legislative representative continues to work diligently to protect our firefighters from unnecessary legislative burdens.

Just a note: this past week we lost a Pennsylvania Fire Chief and an Oklahoma State Trooper when they were hit while working traffic accidents. Be Safe Out There.

If you have any questions or issues you want Pat or me to address, just let us know as we want to hear your concerns.

Do Safety Posters Really Reduce Accidents?

By Bill Tricarico

Senior Risk Management Consultant
Emergency Services Insurance Program

The answer to the title question is...it depends. That's probably not the answer you were looking for so let's take a look into the use of safety posters.

Several studies have indicated that safety posters can reduce accidents and injuries as well as improve morale and communications within an organization. Safety posters are a simple means to convey a single thought which is meant to make people safer and this type of information can be very powerful. Posters avoid "information overload" which can be ineffective and often times ignored. In addition, safety posters displayed around the building demonstrates management's concern and commitment to safety probably the most important aspect of any safety program.

Now that we've reviewed the positive aspects of safety posters, the answer to the title's question may seem obvious but....it still depends.

I've walked through fire stations where the posters have yellowed with time and bulletins from 2003 are pinned over portions of them. These posters, while in plain sight, are no longer consciously visible to personnel. They may not even have any meaning to new members. I've also seen them posted behind doors which are usually open or other rarely visited places. So the first step is to be seen. Posters should be placed in heavily traveled areas. They should be obvious and not hidden among other postings. Placing them in a frame is a great way to draw attention as well.

Next, is changing them often. Old posters simply become part of the wall and lose attention quickly. You must have a safety poster program which provides for changing posters on a regular basis. Most people in the safety industry feel that safety posters should be changed at least quarterly and monthly is even better.

Finally, make them relevant. If your safe driving poster is aimed at fire apparatus operators don't use a poster with a delivery van on it. People need to relate to the message and will disregard what they feel is not important to them. A great way to make them relevant is to put up posters which reinforce your training message. For instance if you've just completed a class on patient handling, posters

on lifting safety would work well.

And please remember, safety posters are not a safety program. They are designed to enhance your program which should include training, analysis, hazard prevention and control, management commitment, and member involvement.

Safety posters are easily available. They can be purchased from a variety of safety product companies but you may also be able to get them at no charge from your insurance company, product manufacturers, and governmental agencies such as OSHA. You may also want to develop your own safety posters. Photos of your own buildings or equipment will have an even greater impact.

So the real answer to the question, safety posters alone may not reduce accidents but a well-planned safety poster program will impact your overall safety program in a positive manner which is a win for everyone.



Why should I or my department be a part of the KFA?

There are many reasons but I guess the most important is the benefits the fire service of Kentucky as a whole realizes as a result of the work the KFA and various other agencies accomplish when they work together.

In cooperation with the following agencies the Kentucky Firefighter's Association has been involved in the creation of The Kentucky Fire Commission, State Fire School, Incentive Pay, Low Interest Loan Program, Volunteer Workers Compensation, Volunteer State Aid, Enhanced Death benefits, State Fire Rescue Training Program, Training Facility Grants Program, Additional Pension Benefits, Firefighter Olympics, Fallen Firefighter memorial, Smoke Signals Newsletter, KFA Website, and the Accidental Death and dismemberment Insurance program.

The State Fire School will take place June 3-7. This school is a direct benefit of the efforts of the KFA and its partnerships. Many departments have used the resources of the KFA when conducting a fire department funeral for both line of duty and non-line of duty deaths.

If you have not taken the time to fill out your membership application and send it in then please do so. Our flag has the inscription "United We Stand Divided We Fall" no truer words were ever spoken. Be part of the solution not the problem!



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F-500 is applied using common firefighting nozzles and eductors and requires no special equipment. F-500 can be premixed and stored in the apparatus tank as well as proportioned and applied with apparatus-mounted eductors, proportioners, and CAFS.

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Interrupts Free Radical Chain Reaction			✓

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SUPPORTING HEROES was born when a small group came together to discuss an idea about helping public safety personnel in their community. Present at that meeting was Eric Johnson, a leader of an organization that provides peer support to families and co-workers of police officers killed in the line of duty. While the peer support provided by that organization on a national level is unparalleled, he had been consistently frustrated by the lack of financial support that was available to families following a line of duty death. It had long been his dream to help form a local organization similar to The BackStoppers to provide the much needed support. By the end of the first meeting, the group had decided to make that dream a reality. Hence, SUPPORTING HEROES was born.

The Goals

- Honor those in the police, fire, and EMS services who make the ultimate sacrifice.
- Create a vehicle by which citizens could show their appreciation for the daily service sacrifices of public safety servants.
- Assure those left behind that their loved ones would never be forgotten and that they, the survivors, would always be cared for.

While the group originally set out to achieve those goals in the Louisville, Kentucky area, it decided that the need was so great that the scope should be broadened. When operations began, all police, fire, and EMS personnel in all of Indiana and Kentucky were covered.

Support Services

"Supporting Heroes" Continued on Page 12

NIOSH STUDY OF FIREFIGHTERS FINDS INCREASED RATES OF CANCER

A combined population of 30,000 firefighters from three large cities had higher rates of several types of cancers, and of all cancers combined, than the U.S. population as a whole, researchers from the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) and colleagues found in a new study.

The new findings are generally consistent

with the results of several previous, smaller studies. Because the new study had a larger study population followed for a longer period of time, the results strengthen the scientific evidence for a relation between firefighting and cancer, the researchers said.

The researchers found that:

- Cancers of the respiratory, digestive, and urinary systems accounted mostly for the higher rates of cancer seen in the study population. The higher rates suggest that firefighters are more likely to develop those cancers.
- The population of firefighters in the study had a rate of mesothelioma two times greater than the rate in the U.S. population as a whole. This was the first study ever to identify an excess of mesothelioma in U.S. firefighters. The researchers said it was likely that the findings were associated with exposure to asbestos, a known cause of mesothelioma.

The study analyzed cancers and cancer deaths through 2009 among 29,993 firefighters from the Chicago, Philadelphia, and San Francisco fire departments who were employed since 1950.

The study was led by NIOSH in collaboration with the National Cancer Institute and the Department of Public Health Sciences in the University of California at Davis. The study was supported in part by funding from the U.S. Fire Administration.

Firefighters can be exposed to contaminants from fires that are known or suspected to cause cancer. These contaminants include combustion by-products such as benzene and formaldehyde, and materials in debris such as asbestos from older structures.

The findings of the new study do not address other factors that can influence risk for cancer, such as smoking, diet, and alcohol consumption. In addition, few women and minorities were in the study population, limiting the ability to draw statistical conclusions about their risk for cancer.

In a second phase of the study, the researchers will further examine employment records from the three fire departments, to derive information on occupational exposures, and to look at exposures in relation to cancer incidence and mortality. Those findings, when completed, will be published in the future. (NIOSH firefighter cancer study)

Social Media: Positives vs. Negatives

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In today's reality, Social Media pages have become the immediate go to in order to regularly obtain news, special events and other information instantaneously. Social Media pages are great tools and resources that have only begun opening up opportunities to the world of emergency services. The use of Social Media by your organization can benefit your organization's reputation in many ways. However, this new exposure to our line of work carries the potential to negatively impact your organization's reputation if not managed appropriately. Let's take a look at a few of the positives versus the negatives relating to the use of Social Media in the emergency services.

Social Media pages can positively benefit your organization and the public only if the right communication tools are in the proper person's hands. A designated person, typically the Public Information Officer or Chief should be the only one in charge of the organizations Social Media pages. The purpose of your Social Media page should be to become more engaged in today's reality and maintain a positive influence with your community. Typical Social Media posts can be topics related to travel advisories, weather conditions, special events, emergencies or natural disasters. During an emergency or natural disaster we all know that rumors spread like wild fire. When using a Social Media page for your organization during these types of events, your number one job will be rumor management. With the public accessing their Social Media pages to find out what is going on, most times multiple stories are formed with misleading information and nobody knows for sure what to believe. Having a reliable Social Media page for your organization allows the public to readily obtain the correct information. This will help establish authority and provide trusted information during major crises.

From the emergency services stand point we need to understand the possible consequences or negative impacts of utilizing a Social Media page. Strict policies and procedures should be implemented on who is able to access and add information to the organization's Social Media

pages and how often. This should include what type of content is being provided to the public (ex: photos of training evolutions to show the public what you do on a day to day basis, regular postings of traffic delays, weather conditions, special events, etc.). Policies and procedures should also include what type of information that should be excluded from the Social Media page, (ex: pictures of fatal car accidents or house fires, exact addresses or caller names on emergency calls, etc.). Not only does the organization's Social Media page create potential liability, but each member's personal Social Media page does as well. In addition to these policies and procedures, your organization should include guidelines on what type of information members are allowed to post to their personal page relating to the emergency service organization they are associated with. If the member is representing the department on their personal page then anything they post will be essentially representing the department as a whole as well. Always remember to discuss possible consequences BEFORE creating a Social Media page so you can best be prepared. The last thing your organization should do is create a Social Media page, post one topic and never touch the page again. With Social Media being a dominant resource to the public, this could potentially create a bad reputation and false sense of Social Media involvement to your community.

Social Media pages will always have their positives and negatives. However, it is important to take the proper steps to ensure the positives always outweigh the negatives in your organization. Become a trusted and valued resource of information in your community the right way. Be sure to establish strong policies and procedures on Social Media in your organization in order to appropriately manage today's new reality.

Words of Wisdom

Leadership is solving problems. The day soldiers stop bringing you their problems is the day you have stopped leading them. They have either lost confidence that you can help or concluded you do not care. Either case is a failure of leadership.

Colin Powell

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The focus of the young organization was to deliver \$3,000 of "emergency funds" to families as quickly as possible following a line of duty death. In the early days, it struggled to do so. Since then, the support has grown and expanded in many ways:

- **Immediate Financial Support** - In addition to the \$3,000 "emergency funds", additional support is now provided to cover a family's financial needs until state or federal benefits arrive. Each family's need is determined on a case-by-case basis. The importance of this support cannot be overemphasized as public-safety families often experience financial stress even before tragedy strikes. Taking away the stress of house payments, buying groceries, continuing health insurance, or even purchasing new clothes for funerals can be a tremendous relief.

- **Funeral Planning** - To help families and agencies render appropriate tributes to fallen heroes, SUPPORTING HEROES personnel respond to all line of duty deaths to offer assistance with funeral planning. In addition, specially trained Memorial Teams have been developed in each state to assist on a larger scale as desired. (An FOP/COPS team handles law enforcement tributes in Indiana and the Kentucky Fire Commission generally coordinates fire tributes in Kentucky.)

- **National Memorial Services** - To help ensure that survivors are there when the nation honors their fallen hero, SUPPORTING HEROES covers travel and lodging expenses for immediate survivors (parents, spouses, and children) to the respective (first year) national memorial service.

- **Remembrances** - All SUPPORTING HEROES events start with a remembrance of those whose sacrifice has brought everyone together. There is also an annual Holiday Remembrance Ceremony between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

- **Benefits & Appeals** - Assistance is provided to families and agencies in filing for benefits as well as with appeals when necessary and appropriate.

- **Trial Support** - Protracted court proceedings often follow deaths of public safety heroes - particularly when the death occurred feloniously. When that is the case, families often face overwhelming financial burden during the proceed-

ings - loss of income; lodging and meal expense; transportation; childcare; and more. SUPPORTING HEROES provides financial and other support to help take those burdens away.

- **Social Events & Peer Support** - In an effort to bring survivors together to form lasting supportive relationships, SUPPORTING HEROES hosts events to bring police, fire, and EMS survivors together (Heroes Banquet and Luncheon, and Heroes Weekend). More events will follow.

Unfortunately, it is inevitable that more brave men and women will fall in the line of duty. When tragedy strikes, SUPPORTING HEROES will 'be there' to take as much of the burden away from survivors as possible - freeing them to focus on the things that are truly important: their family and their grief.

You may ask "What does all of this have to do with me". The answer is simple. This very worthwhile non-profit organization needs your financial support. The money they give to families of fallen heroes is substantial. The amount you can afford is up to you but they do need your support. The website is www.supportingheroes.org. You can simply donate a lump sum, you can become a supporting member with membership status from individual with a yearly gift of \$120.00, a family membership of \$200.00 or you can choose a parole deduct membership of \$10.00 per month. The bottom line is this organization deserves your support because if something happens to you in the line of duty your family will have Supporting Heroes support!

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NEW ARRIVALS



Oak Grove Fire Department recently put into service their new 2014 E-ONE Typhoon eMax Rescue Pumper. This unit is built on a heavy-duty extruded aluminum cab and body. Features include a 178" wheelbase for increased maneuverability, 350hp Cummins ISL9 engine, 1500gpm eMax Pump, 780 gallon tank, FireTech 72" LED Brow Light and Whelen LED scene & warning light package. Sold by Vogelpohl Fire Equipment www.vogelpohlfire.com



The Boyle County Fire Dept. has taken delivery of a 2015 Toyne Rescue Pumper. This unit is built on an IHC 4400 chassis. It features a bolted stainless steel body, 1500 GPM Hale Pump, 10KW Harrison Hydraulic Generator Set, 1500 gallon tank, and a foam Pro 2002 Class A/B foam system with a 50 gallon foam tank. It also features a remote bumper nozzle for Airport fire/rescue service. The truck was sold by James Riddle - High Tech Rescue, Inc.



The Knottsville Fire Department recently took delivery on a 2015 Ford 4x4 Rescue Truck with a 12' Aluminum Dry Rescue Body, Whelen LED Emergency Lighting Package, Custom Graph-

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7 AM - 6 PM Registration ICC & Lucas Oil Stadium (LOS**)

8 AM - 10 AM Opening Ceremony ICC*, Sagamore Ballroom

10:30 AM - 7:15 PM Classroom Sessions ICC* & LOS**

4 PM Firefighter Combat Challenge Exhibitor Relay, South Street

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1 PM - 3:30 PM FF Combat Challenge South St

6PM Courage and Valor Fun Run White River State Park

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