



Smoke Signals II

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Wendell H Ford National Training Center dedicated in Bryant Stiles Name

On April 26, 2013 family, friends, and co-workers of Bryant Stiles, former Director of Fire Rescue Training for Kentucky, gathered at the Wendell H. Ford Training Center in Bryant's name.

The center will train firefighters from all over the United States in a variety of skills and subjects. Because of the vast training area available a number of large scale props and models to assist in training are scheduled to be placed at the center. The building is a 6,000 square foot facility with classrooms, a large bay area, storage, and office space. It has state of the art multimedia equipment and capabilities. Firefighters from the National Guard and Reserve components of the military will also be trained at the center. Major General Tonini, Adjutant General of the Kentucky National Guard was the key speaker at the ceremony and touted the first class training facility as having the potential for positively impacting training on a national level for both the military and civilian firefighter worlds.



The center began as a dream of Bryant Stiles over two years ago. He and Fire Commission Executive Director Ronnie Day began negotiations with leaders at the Wendell Ford Center. Funding was secured and the project began in earnest with construction completed in less than a year. Bryant spearheaded the project and it quickly became a passion for him. In the little free time he had, he and his bride often took a "Sunday afternoon drive" from their home in Calhoun to the National Responder Preparedness Center just to check on the progress of the building. Unfortunately, Bryant did not live to see this exceptional facility completed but his dream and his memory live on as the building was formally dedicated as the Bryant Stiles Training Center. This was certainly a fitting tribute to someone who had dedicated his adult life to training the fire service, not only in the Commonwealth, but now also nationwide.



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Notes From The President's Desk Sam Stacy

Greetings from your president (at least for the next few months). I have just returned from a trip to Washington DC where we met with our representatives and senators to relate to them your needs as emergency responders. One item that will be of interest to all of you is a possible passage of the Emergency Responder Volunteer Act. This act would grant each volunteer firefighter a \$1000.00 tax credit for your service to your community.

As August is just around the corner I want to remind you of the KFA 2013 Conference. It will be held at the Ashland Plaza Hotel in Ashland August 3-6. All the rooms at the Ashland Plaza are booked but as of today (5/14/2013) the Hampton had 13 rooms left and the Best Western had 24 rooms

left (4-6) but none on the 3rd. There are other hotels in the Ashland area so don't give up if you can't find a room at one of these two hotels.

To give you a heads up on the plans the agenda for the conference include:

Saturday August 3rd Olympics 9AM to 3PM at Central Park. If you have never witnessed the Olympics you can't imagine the excitement and fun the participants have that spills over to the eagerly awaiting fans. It is a blast! There will also be food and fun at a meet and greet reception sponsored by the EKFA & Greenup Co FF Assn. from 5 to 7pm.

Sunday August 4th begins with a worship service from 9-10 am along with registration from 9 to 1pm. The Fire Commission meeting will be held at 1 pm and the Memorial Service at 3 pm. After you have had a chance to change into some comfortable clothes bring your appetite to a fun filled Pig Roast (not so much fun for the pig) 6 to 9pm. The hospitality rooms will be open from 8 until ?

Monday registration is from 9 to 1pm. Busi-

ness meeting from 9 – 1 pm. Golf outing from Noon to 6 pm. Men's luncheon from Noon to 2 pm. Ladies Banquet from Noon to 3 pm. Luau and cookout with cash bar from 6 to 11 pm at the Bellefonte Country Club. Hospitality rooms 9 - ?

Tuesday Conference Business meeting 8 – 4 pm. Historical Downtown Russell Tour & Luncheon noon to 3 pm. Conference banquet 6 to 9pm After banquet live band "City Heat" 9 pm to midnight.

As you can see we have a great lineup of activities planned to keep you busy, active and having fun from Saturday the 3 through Tuesday the 6th. Bring the family and plan on having a great time! I hope to see you at the conference.

Sincerely,

Sam Stacy



From the 3rd VP Jeff Pohlman

Greetings from Northern Kentucky! As I write this article in early May, many of us are almost certainly working on our Fiscal Year budgets. As we all know, this past Legislative session proved very interesting with many changes, especially to our Fire District friends. This writer senses that Fire Districts in the Commonwealth have been doing a wonderful job with transparency issues and with the new laws, additional work will be required of us. With the new tax/fee increase hearings, confusion may become more prevalent than in years past. Fire Districts have always been required to advertise and hold hearings at the fire station. Now Fire Districts will be required to hold their hearings at the government agency with the most population served! In the Alexandria Fire District where I serve as Chief, our largest population is the City of Alexandria (approximately 10,000) and the smaller population is rural Campbell County with approximately 5,000 citizens. This is a no brainer for us. Now take our neighboring Fire District, Campbell County Fire District #1 which serves the cities of Silver Grove, Camp Springs, California, and Mentor. They also serve a rural Campbell County population. If the County area is their greatest population served, which I calculate it is, their hearing will be at the Courthouse. Now comes more confusion.



Campbell County has two County Courthouses/ seats where the Fiscal Court meets, Alexandria and Newport. I'm sure our friends at CCFD#1 will have it all worked out before hand, but sometimes the simple things can become very complicated! And then there are the pension changes! I'm sure we will have many informational meetings forthcoming!

I extend an invitation to all Kentucky Fire Departments to attend and support the KFA 2013 conference in Ashland. If you want to see changes, this is the place to voice your opinions. This is also a great place to "network" with other Chiefs and meet up with old friends. There are also great family activities and a great place to unwind for a few days. I look forward to seeing you all in Eastern Kentucky!

Congratulations to Chief Greg Buckler, newly appointed Fire Chief of Campbell County Fire District #1, for the retirement of Chief Paul Uebel after serving over 20 years with the Newport Fire Department, and for the retirement of Chief Terry Allen after serving over 30 years with the Erlanger Fire Department.

Jeffrey H. Pohlman



Mike Hulsey President At-Large

At the time of this publication our nation has gone through several events that have shaken us. With the bombing of the Boston Marathon the media went crazy, not to take away anything from the tragedy of this event or how it affected our nation.

At the same time the horrific event in West Texas occurred taking the lives of many of our brothers. This event was almost totally forgotten and covered just slightly, we must not forget the sacrifice that our brothers gave that day, at the same time we must acknowledge the emergency workers in Boston. Both events have saddened our country.

While I have not been a supporter of President Obama, I must acknowledge that during his press conference of the Boston bombing he did bring up the West Texas incident and asked all to pray for the survivors of this event, good job Mr. President.

The KFA has a wonderful friend in Mr. Rick Bobo. Mr. Bobo keeps a very busy schedule with Emergency Management, but took the time to design our new flyer to hand out and let all know some of what the KFA does for them and what it means, not only that he got the printing of the flyer for free. The KFA needs more active people such as Mr. Bobo. If you are a member of our organization and you would like for me as Vice President at Large to attend your local association meeting please drop me an email at mike.hulsey@kyfa.org, and I will make every attempt possible to attend your meeting and discuss the advantages of membership.

Many events are approaching us: The Fire Caucus in Washington, Crusade for Children in Central Kentucky, State Fire School. The KFA meeting at State Fire School is the last before the upcoming Conference in Ashland. Soon the filing deadline for resolutions for the conference will be here, if you want to see change in the KFA this is your opportunity.

Please stay safe.

Vice President at Large

Michael E. Hulsey



Dixie Firefighters Association

The Dixie Firefighters Association is excited about the success of our 2013 Dixie Fire School. The entire weekend was one full of learning, education and fellowship. With 48 of the 50 planned classes being held, the students received a wide variety of training opportunities. The Dixie School had 781 students register for classes. This was the independent student count and represented the total number of individual students who participated. Add to this number, approximately 50 instructors and another 50 school staff, the 2013 Dixie School was a huge success.

This year, Dixie Fire School was a mixture of classes and topics. The most praised class of the school was the live fire training burn held in Bardstown. The preparation of the house by Chief

"Dixie News" continued on next page

Marlin Howard of Bardstown –Nelson County Fire Department and his staff and the instructors from KCTCS made for an excellent two day training event. With the house being so large and sturdy, the students had the opportunity to fight fire nine separate times over two days. At the conclusion of Sunday's training, students and instructors agreed the training had been great and it was time to let the house go to the ground. This was the first house burn that had been conducted as part of the Dixie School since 2008. Other classes and instructors were well praised by students including the Emergency Medical In-service program, the National Fire Academy STICO class, and the rope rescue class. Planning is already underway for next year's fire school and we hope to see you here.

March saw the changing of Officers for Dixie Firefighters Association. Immediate past President Froman Peters passed the gavel to incoming President Ryan Slaubaugh at the Kentucky 86 Fire and Rescue Department. Past President Peters wants to thank everyone for their hard work and dedication during his year as President. As with any great leader, things were accomplished on Froman's watch, and some items remain to be accomplished.

As President Slaubaugh starts his term, several projects are in the future. First is a genuine effort to make new contacts and renew old acquaintances both on a departmental and individual basis. President Slaubaugh has initiated a recruitment drive and will be discussing this matter at the upcoming May 23 meeting in New Haven.

Other project currently underway include the planning for the 2014 KFA Conference, continued work on the SOC fire safety prop and as always the 2014 Dixie Fire School which will be in March 2014. This year's officers for the Dixie Firefighters Association include: President Slaubaugh, First VP Dale Dobson, Second VP Mike Cotrell, Treasurer Steve Sheets, Sergeant at Arms Froman Peters and Secretary Larry Naser. Your officers are from Hardin, Larue and Meade Counties and bring well over a century of firefighting, emergency medical and rescue experience into the leadership of the Dixie

On a sad note, one of the original founding members of the Dixie Firefighters Association died

recently. Retired Brandenburg Fire Chief Elroy Bruington died on Monday, April 1, 2013. Chief Bruington had served as a member and Chief of the Brandenburg Fire Department for almost 30 years when he retired in June 1986. Chief Bruington continued to serve another 15 years with the Payneville Fire Department as an instructor and mentor and was a fire department videographer for the Meade County Fire Protection district for five years. As a young firefighter with the Brandenburg Fire Department, I vividly remember going with Elroy to Dixie meetings across the region. In the late 1970's and early 1980's, the Dixie meetings presented all the new ideas and important issues affecting the fire service. In that pre e-mail, pre internet days, great ideas and discussions were held on the way to and from Dixie meetings. Chief Bruington was always open to improvements and new ideas and stressed firefighter and public safety as benchmarks for a successful fire protection program.

Chief Bruington was laid to rest on Friday April 5th, 2013 with several active and honorary pall bearers being firefighters and retired firefighters. Final Honors were provided by the United States Navy and the Meade County Firefighters and Chiefs Association. Chief Bruington is survived by his wife Betty Ruth, Sons John & Michael (Sergeant with Meade County Fire District) and Daughter Nancy and their spouses as well as an array of grandchildren, friends, colleges and an extended family of active and former firefighters.

The Dixie Association will be represented at the 2013 KFA conference in Ashland Kentucky. Please come and see us in our hospitality room and have a bite to eat and a cool beverage. We look forward to seeing you there. If you would like to become a member of the Dixie Firefighters Association please contact us at the address above.

In closing, please remember the brave firefighters from West, Texas and their families who are struggling to put both their lives and their community back together following the tragic fertilizer fire and explosion. Be safe out there.

Sincerely,

Chief *Larry Naser*,

Secretary, Dixie Firefighters Association.



National Volunteer Fire Council

Ken Knipper, Director

As this report is being prepared, I will be attending the NVFC Spring Board meeting in Washington, DC. Certainly one of the highlights of this meeting will be that Bryant Stiles will posthumously be awarded the James E. Monihan Award. His family will be in attendance as will members of the Fire Commission. This award is only given occasionally to recognize outstanding contributions to the NVFC and the fire service in general. Bryant did outstanding work for the firefighters of Kentucky through his NVFC efforts and was highly respected in Washington for his accomplishments.

The NVFC is active at this time on a number of legislative issues which are important to Kentucky's fire service:

AFG/SAFER Grants – these funds have proven to be important to many departments in updating equipment and providing funding for staffing.

Volunteer Emergency Services Recruitment & Retention Act – this deals with the treatment of reimbursements or payments to volunteers

VFA/RFA Grants – these programs provide funds for rural fire departments to assist them in fighting forest fires and other rural incidents.

Volunteer Responder Incentive Protection Reauthorization Act – this legislation would exempt property tax benefits and up to \$600.00 per year of other types of incentives that volunteers receive as a reward for their service.

There are two webinars that the NVFC will be presenting – one covers Recruitment and Retention and a PW&W webinar reviews HIPAA requirements for fire departments. PW&W is considered one of the top law firms in the country on EMS issues. The NVFC will offer both of these webinars FREE to members of the NVFC. This is a fantastic opportunity – take advantage of it. Go to www.nvfc.org to get all of the information on these webinars.

FREE FREE FREE Globe is again offering free turnout gear to fire departments. Go to the NVFC site to get information on how to take advantage of this offer for your department.

A question has been raised whether the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) requires volunteer fire departments to provide Health Insurance Benefits to their members. This act takes effect in 2014 and could prove to be an expensive proposition for anyone with over 50 members. The NVFC EMS/Rescue Section is following developments on this issue.

I have been fortunate to represent the Kentucky volunteer firefighters at the national level for over twenty years. During that time the NVFC has grown into a formidable supporting organization of the fire service. We regularly work with the IAFC and IAFF organizations to protect and enhance the benefits of the fire service. The NVFC has recently established an International Committee as they have become respected world-wide for the programs and materials they have developed. Fire organizations from different parts of the world are coming to our office and we are being invited to visit them.

Your KFA membership and NVFC membership have never been more important than today as the fire service is under extreme pressure to maintain our levels of service to our communities. The fire organizations mentioned deserve your support as never before.

I thank the KFA for their support and all who are members of the NVFC as your membership allows us to continue to support you at the national level.

As always it is an honor to serve you as the NVFC director. If you have any issues or ideas that need attention, do not hesitate to contact me.

Ken Knipper

Words of Wisdom

It is better to keep your mouth closed and let people think you are a fool than to open it and remove all doubt.

Mark Twain

Educational Opportunities

2012 IFSAC SKILLS TESTING SCHEDULE

Date	Area	Location	Phone
8/17-18	14	Campbellsville	888-234-1780
9/28-29	1	Calvert City	888-306-7901
10/12-13	6	Middletown	888-306-8064
11/2-3	5	Leitchfield	888-234-7201
11/30-12/1	7	Cold Spring	888-306-8101
12/7-8	4	Bowling Green	888-234-5760

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

Coming Events At a Glance!

State Fire School

June 6-9 Lexington

Meade County Fire School

September 7-8 Brandenburg

Jefferson Co Fire School

September 13-15 Louisville

Southeast FF Assn Fall Fire School

October 18-20 London

Buffalo Trace Fire School

October 25-27 Maysville

Green River FF Assn Fall Fire School

October 25-27 Owensboro

Fire & EMS Instructors Weekend

November 15-17 London

Words of Wisdom

Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.

John Adams

84th Annual Kentucky State Fire School and Homeland Security Conference

Lexington June 6 - 9

Registration information and forms may be obtained on-line at www.kyfa.org under resources/fire schools.

Registration fee is \$70.00. On-line registration will be accepted as well as credit card payments. Visit www.sfrtarea3.org for more information. Checks can be made payable to **State Fire School**. Mail completed registration forms to "State Fire School" PO Box 700, Calhoun KY 42327.

This Year's Class Lineup!

Thursday Only Classes

- 308 Con Ed for Fire Suppression Systems Insp.
- 401 All Hazards Awareness Workshop
- 501 Risk Communication (Thurs AM)
- 501 FF Fitness & Wellness (Thurs PM)

Thursday (Repeated on Friday) Classes

- 304 Con Ed for Fire Alarm Inspectors

Thursday (Repeated on Sunday) Classes

- 415 Forestry Fire Fighting

Thursday and Friday Classes

- 201 NFA Leadership I
- 301 Arson I
- 305 Fire Inspector I
- 409 KYTF-1: The USAR Initiative Awareness
- 410 Basic Chaplaincy

Thurs & Fri Classes Repeated Sat & Sun

- 101 Aircraft Firefighting
- 103 Basic Firefighting "Fire Academy"
- 109 Basic Search & Rescue BSAR
- 302 Arson II - Fire Scene Investigations
- 303 Arson III - Legal Issues for Fire Inves.

Friday Only Classes

- 307 Basics of fire & Life Safety Education
- 414 Contaminated Water Diving
- 502 Chief Officer Transition Seminar (AM)
- 502 Sprinklers the Big Picture (PM)

Friday Repeated on Sunday Classes

- 408 "Meth" Lab Awareness
- 415 HSEEP Toolkit Course

Friday & Saturday

- 108 Big Rig Rescue

Friday, Saturday & Sunday

- 104 "Bread & Butter" Boot Camp

- 110 EMT Refresher
Saturday Only Classes
 106 Tanker Operations & Water Supply
 403 EMS Evaluator
 407 Managing Farm Related Emergencies
 411 Advanced Chaplaincy
 503 Hit & Run Tactics/Doing it Different (AM)
 503 Leading From Where You Are (PM)

Saturday & Sunday Classes

- 102 Pump Maintenance & Testing
 111 Junior FF Mini Academy
 112 Full Face Mask/Dry Diving Certification
 202 NFA MTCO Decision Making
 306 Fire Inspector 2
 402 Rural FF Operations

Sunday Only Classes

- 107 Foam Fire Streams
 404 EMS Instructor Orientation
 405 Emerg Resp to School Bus Incidents
 406 Highway Crash Scene Management
 504 Response to West Liberty

Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday Classes

- 105 Rapid Intervention Team
 203 Haz Mat Awareness & Operations
 412 IMT-4 Incident Management Team
 413 Applicants Agent Briefings



**State Fire Rescue Training
 By Pat Thompson**

Thanks for all the many kind emails, phone calls, and handshakes upon my promotion to Division Director of State Fire Rescue Training. I look forward to working with everyone across the Commonwealth of Kentucky and assisting in your departments training endeavors.

The first two months on the job have been extremely busy, traveling from one end of the state to the other. I have been to numerous fire schools and met with each and every area coordinator, office coordinator, and industrial training specialist. These meetings have allowed me to meet with the very unique individuals that make up our staff. I was also able to see their facilities and equipment, listen to their concerns and needs, and share some of my ideas and visions. I was able to gather a tremendous amount of information and will work with our staff in addressing the areas of concern.

There are exciting times ahead for State Fire Rescue Training. The Kentucky Fire Commission continues to support us in the most generous of ways. Several additional training props are in the works and much needed personal protective equipment has been purchased for our instructors. This will allow us to provide departments with additional and more advanced training opportunities. Two new flashover trailers and one new smoke maze trailer have been added to the fleet and are now available. Other projects are in the works and planned for the new budget beginning in July.

I will keep you updated in the future and look forward to working with everyone. If I can be of any assistance to you, the easiest way to contact me is by email at pat.thompson@kctcs.edu. Train hard and be safe!

**Volunteer Firefighter
 Recruitment and Retention**

Recruitment and Retention continues to be a hot button issue across the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The Kentucky Fire Commission continues to support these efforts and recently closed an application period for the position of Volunteer Firefighter Recruitment and Retention Coordinator vacated by my promotion to Division Director of State Fire Rescue Training. We hope to have the position filled and announced before the beginning of the next budget on July 1.

I continue to work on recruitment and retention issues and assisting several departments in their efforts. If you need his assistance, don't hesitate to email me at pat.thompson@kctcs.edu. I will gladly come to your department and help you in any way possible to locate new firefighters. One thing we can do is some promotional advertising. We have partnered with a Kentucky company to assist in developing recruitment materials to advertise the need for volunteers. If your department can provide pictures, they can customize a poster/flyer for your area. We have seen this be very successful in several regions across the state.

The Fire Commission History and Recruitment Trailer has been renovated and remodeled. It is also available for events and to assist your department in their recruitment efforts. Contact Pat Thompson at the above email address if you are interested in scheduling this traveling advertisement of our fire service history.

A Code Moment...

The time for the final adoption of the 2012 International Building Code (with KY Amendments) is drawing near. The final step in that process is passage at an Administrative Regulation Review subcommittee hearing in June. Once that is completed there is a six month period before enforcement begins to allow developers, contractors and code enforcement officers to adjust to the changes.

The Commonwealth of Kentucky currently uses the 2006 version of that document that is a product of the International Code Council. Building and fire safety is further enhanced by the use of National Fire Protection Association's Uniform Fire Code (NFPA 1) and Life Safety Code (NFPA 101). These form the backbone of efforts to improve and manage the built environment. The other codes that are referenced by those documents concentrate on specific areas that need further detail, such as NFPA 13 for guidance installing fire suppression sprinkler systems in commercial properties; NFPA 33 for the spray application of flammable and combustible liquids; and the ICC Mechanical Code for installation of HVAC equipment and ventilation systems.

The NFPA revises their standards approximately every three years, and the ICC does so in a similar fashion, however Kentucky law requires adoption of specific versions, hence the reference to a building code document that is now six years old. We cannot use the most recent published code document, but must reference the one that is legally adopted.

This most recent effort at adopting the building code has been slowed by a challenge posed by a regional builder's association contending that the elimination of an exception to code requirement for installation of fire suppression sprinkler system in all multi-family dwellings would place their members at an economic disadvantage. This exception has been in place in Kentucky for the last two code cycles and many multi-family dwellings have been constructed without this important life safety feature. The Board of Housing, Buildings and Construction voted to remove the exception and move forward with the adoption of the KBC. As reported in the August 2012 Smoke Signals II,

it appeared that we were headed for passage if this made it through the public comment period.

The builder's challenge may prove successful as the hearing has been postponed twice due to the status of the sprinkler exception. Among others, Fire Marshal Swope has been working to help resolve this, but the "word on the street" is that it will not pass the Committee review unless the sprinkler exception remains as before. This speaks directly to Life Safety Initiative 15: "The widespread use of residential sprinklers will improve outcomes for civilians and decrease firefighter injuries and LODDs." (From the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation's Courage to Be Safe program.)

If the adoption occurs and residential sprinklers are mandated in all multi-family dwellings the works just begins as fire departments need to become more familiar with the provisions of NFPA 13R and 13D system installations and maintenance. If we can't answer the questions from the public who should? All is not lost if the exception stands, we just need to redouble our efforts to gather the right kind of information to convince the legislators that make the ultimate decision to remove in the next cycle. The final outcome will be known by the time of the upcoming KYFA conference in Ashland.

Rusty Todd,

citizen (recently retired from the Elizabethtown Fire Department!)

NEW LAW REQUIRES ADDITIONAL TESTING FOR ALL CAREER KENTUCKY FIREFIGHTER CANDIDATES

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

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

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

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

Reminder to those High School Seniors graduating This Year!

High school seniors interested in pursuing a Fire Science Degree from one of our local institutions. The KFA awards scholarships to those interested students that meet the criteria for scholarship. The application and information is available on line at the KFA website www.kyfa.org. The money is available to you with little or no effort on your part just fill out the forms and let us help you! Higher education is within your grasp all you have to do is apply! So what are you waiting on?



Chaplain's Corner

Who helps you with you decisions?

Today is May 14, 2013. It is also the 25th anniversary of the worst drunk driving crash in American History. On May 14th 1988 67 innocent people were having a wonderful time at Kings Island



but only 40 would get home alive. On I 71 Larry Mahoney chose to drive under the influence with a blood alcohol level of 0.24 three times the legal limit today. He hit the bus carrying those innocent children that caused their fiery death. The Carrolton bus crash is still on the minds and hearts of most Hardin County residents. Some might say "How can a loving God allow things like that to happen?" The only answer that makes any sense to me is the fact that evil is alive in this world today. If you do not believe in evil, then I would ask you how can a human being kidnap women, get them pregnant, and then punch them in the stomach until they miscarriage. That can only be described as evil. The Bible is very clear concerning the existence of the devil and the evil he creates. The devil is real and strives to cause us to make wrong choices. The choice Adam and Eve made doomed us to a life of hard work strife and more poor decisions. However, that does not mean

we don't have a choice because we do. We can choose good over evil, right over wrong, choices that please God instead of disappoint Him.

You are faced with many choices each and every day of your life. Have you ever asked God to help you with those decisions? He is waiting for you to ask. He will never force Himself on you but is available to help you if you will but ask.



Campbell County Fire District #1 gets new Chief.

On March 21, 2013 Assistant Chief Greg L. Buckler was promoted to the rank of Fire Chief after the retirement of John Daley. Chief Buckler has been with the department since it was created in 2002 by merging three departments into one. Prior to the merger, Chief Buckler served five years as Fire Chief of the Eastern Campbell Fire Department which he had been a member of the department since 1979. Chief Buckler has just recently retired from his fulltime job as the Campbell County Jailer which he held for the last fifteen years prior to being named fire chief. Chief Buckler says one of his biggest challenges in his new role is just like everyone else "having more demand of services with less resources"



Notes From Fireman Joe

My congratulations and thanks to the Green River Gang for an outstanding Bryant Stiles Fire School past February 22nd thru 24th in Lexington. As usual, great instructors and speakers. It was especially good to attend the Fire Commission Meeting and see some old friends I haven't seen for a while.

Congratulations to my friend, Pat Thompson on his recent promotion and appointment. I have known Pat for a long time and have enjoyed him as a friend, colleague and brother in the fire service. I am confident Pat will continue his dedication and commitment to the Kentucky Fire Service.

I also attended KFA Hall of Fame Committee meeting and sadly said farewell to Chief John Daley as chairman of that committee, Chief John has done a splendid job of coordinating the selections, ceremonies and events for Hall of Fame these

past ten years. Congrats and thanks to Chief John Beatch of Southgate Fire Dept. for accepting Chairman of the KFA Hall of Fame Committee. John will keep us all on task and make the coming selections to honor the well-deserved folks of our Kentucky Fire Service.

Sure hope Spring has Sprung by the time you read this, last year I remember the horrible tornadoes that struck our State and hope we can be spared those types of incidents. As I write this article I look outside to gray skies, cold and rain with more snow on the way this evening and March looks to start that way as well. But with spring comes unexpected and sudden change in weather conditions so be ready for that and prepare. I have found it is helpful to prepare an emergency kit containing water & food supplies, radio with extra batteries, blankets, medications, change of clothing, flashlights with extra batteries and more importantly realize utility disruptions that may last several days. Watch the media alerts and know the difference between watch and warnings.

Fireman Joe has been enjoying my retirement but miss my past associations and spending time with the children. So glad I decided to stay on a couple of days doing my public education things which I still love. I must admit retiring from Edgewood, KFA Committees and other Pub Ed Events left me realizing how busy my life was before so some free time does feel good. I am so very grateful to those who have decided to carry on our statewide programs and events which are so crucial to the safety of our Kentucky Communities. With that being said, don't forget upcoming State Fire School in Lexington in June which I have been assured may be the best school ever. Wanda Isaacs and Greg Schultz are planning an excellent Pub Ed Class and even Fireman Joe may stop by to see how things are going and offer my comments. Be sure to check out the brochure and register for this great school, Ronnie Day has told me the brochure should be out soon to Fire Depts. and on the KFA Website.

Well until next time, BE SAFE! And as Always GOD BLESS!

Fireman Joe

Now Accepting Nominations for 2013 KFA "Hall of Fame"

Dear Kentucky Firefighters,

We are pleased to announce that nominations are being accepted for potential inductee's to the Kentucky Firefighters Association "Hall of Fame".

The mission of the KFA Hall of Fame is to recognize and honor individuals who have demonstrated outstanding leadership and exceptional contributions to the formation and continued success of the Kentucky Firefighters Association.

The induction ceremony for the 2013 class of Hall of Famers will be during the KFA banquet at this year's annual conference in Ashland. Inductee's will be notified sometime late June or early July prior to the conference. Nominees may be living or deceased.

Please research your department, regional association, and KFA histories and nominate those deserving of this honor. All nominations must be submitted to the committee no later than June 4, 2013.

Mail nominations to Duane Suttles, State Fire Rescue Training, PO Box 248, Morehead, Ky. 40351 ,or by FAX to (606) 784-1878 or you can scan and email to duane.suttles@kctcs.edu .

Sincerely,

Chairman John Beatsch and
the KFA Hall of Fame Committee

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For a nomination form please go to WWW.kyfa.org and click on "Hall of Fame" there is a link on the Hall of Fame page for a printable nomination form.

Words of Wisdom

Any people anywhere, being inclined and having the power, have the right to rise up, and shake off the existing government, and form a new one that suits them better. This is a most valuable - a most sacred right - a right, which we hope and believe, is to liberate the world.

Abraham Lincoln



Pictured above is Sharon Crosier, Chief Crosier's widow, and daughter Dana Crosier-Basham

15 Miles of KY Hwy 86 Named in Honor of Chief Louis Crosier

For over thirty years Louis Crosier served the community of Cecilia Kentucky as a founding member of Kentucky 86 Fire and Rescue Department and ultimately as the Chief of the department. He was dedicated to his wife and daughter as well as his second family at the fire department. Louis was "a firefighter's firefighter. He learned his firefighting skills by studying and by doing. He shared his knowledge with his department and others as an instructor with KCTCS.

Four years ago cancer claimed his life and a living legend in the fire service in Kentucky was gone. Kentucky 86 Fire and Rescue was not about to let the memory of this great firefighter fade into oblivion. Assistant Chief Charlie Williams approached State Representative Jimmie Lee and State Senator Dennis Parrett requesting their assistance in naming a portion of State Highway 86 in Louis' honor. Those exceptional legislators quickly secured that honor for our fallen chief.

On May 5, 2013 family, friends and Kentucky 86 firefighters gathered on Highway 86 to name a fifteen mile stretch of the highway as the Fire Chief Louis Crosier Highway. A cold drizzle add-

ed to the somberness of the ceremony but reinforced the idea that firefighters serve in all types of weather and under challenging conditions. Louis Crosier exemplified the concept of selfless service to family and community. He is gone but his memory lives on along the highway named for him that serves as the main artery through his community.

Southeast Area Engine Academy

On May 8 - 15, the Southern Area Engine Academy was conducted at the National Responder Preparedness Center in Greenville, Kentucky. The USDA Forest Service, Kentucky Fire Commission, Kentucky Division of Forestry, and Wendell H. Ford Regional Training Center sponsored the 8-day training session.

The Cumberland Gap National Historic Park and the Greenville Fire Department provided assistance.

The students were alternately placed each day in charge of engine operations. Risk management, safety and leadership were emphasized as the Engine Boss's primary responsibilities. The students and instructors who participated in this first-time event came from 15 national forests and 11 states.

The academy is designed to give students hands-on experience with all aspects of wildland fire engine operations. The students learn engine and pump maintenance, emergency vehicle operations, pump operations and hydraulics, hose lays, hose packs and apparatus hardware.

Winch operations, radio programming, vehicle weight requirements and mandatory minimum engine inventory are included in the academy coursework.



The students practiced drafting, pumping and filling from a variety of sources. The basic pump and engine tactics were performed at the Wendell H. Ford Regional Training Center and in the Greenville community. The students completed hazard assessments in the wildland-urban interface and practiced structure defense by running drills with sprinkler kits and hose lays.



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Words of Wisdom

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Abraham Lincoln

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ARES what is it?

During the ice storm of 2009 even cell phone communications were for some areas nonexistent. There was one group of emergency responders that never lost communications during the two week event. That group was the Armature Radio Emergency Service. The ARES people are an excellent resource that can help you in the event you are unable to communicate outside your area. No I am not necessarily talking about you communicating with your dispatch. I am however, talking about getting messages through to other states, relatives, the EOC in Frankfort and digital communications such as email and text messages. This group is a free resource that can keep you in the know and communicating when other sources are not working. If you would like to know more about ARES and find a group in your area go to www.kyhams.net.

KENTUCKY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

Membership Application

Annual DUES Request for the Period of Oct. 1, 2012 - Sept. 30, 2013

Please print all information clearly to insure accuracy

FIRE DEPARTMENT or AGENCY NAME _____

County of Location: _____ Chief/Agency Head: _____

Primary Affiliated Regional Association: _____

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Address _____
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Fire Department/Agency Membership (include check for \$85.00)

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Mail Form and Payment to: **DUANE SUTTLES, K.F.A. TREASURER**
GRAYSON FIRE DEPT.
316 E. THIRD STREET
GRAYSON, KY. 41143

Questions concerning this membership dues request may be directed to: (606) 922-7671
Copies of the by-laws can be downloaded from the KFA Website www.kyfa.org
Thank you for your support and for taking the time to submit this document with your dues payment.
Asst Chief Duane Suttles, Treasurer

Please feel free to copy and distribute this form.

It's not too late for you to join, become a member and attend the KFA Confrence! So what are you waiting for?

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It's Only Funny on TV

When someone falls on TV or in the movies it generally provokes laughter, but if someone falls on your organization's premises it is not a laughing matter. If it is a resident stopping in or a pedestrian just passing by it could mean a lawsuit along with a ton of bad publicity. If it is a member it means a potential workers' compensation claim along with the hidden costs such as loss of productivity.

Every year slips trips and falls cost all types of organizations millions of dollars. The National Safety Council estimates that these types of injuries account for nearly 8.6 million visits to the emergency room. In addition, the US Department of Labor indicates that slips trips and falls are the second leading cause of worker injuries after vehicle accidents and that 17% of all disabling worker injuries are as a result of falls. The real shame is that most of these incidents could have been prevented.

Spills should be cleaned up quickly, wet surfaces should be so noted, stairs should be in good condition, free from obstacles with adequate handrails, objects such as electric cords should be removed from floors, changes in grade clearly marked, keep floors clean, have good lighting,

and keep desk and file cabinet drawers closed when not in use.

Apparatus areas present their own issues with the potential of oil or grease as well as soap from washing the vehicles.

Don't stop inside your building. Slips and falls by pedestrians account for many legal actions against emergency service organizations. Keep sidewalks in good condition, free from cracks and uneven surfaces. Clear snow, ice, and fallen leaves as quickly as possible and prevent potential problem areas by making certain that water drains away from sidewalks. Parking lots also need similar attention.

Since all of these variables can change, it is always a good idea to do regular inspections. Develop a check list and assign someone to be certain all areas are free of hazards. Keeping a file of these check lists could have a positive effect in the event your organization is sued. Video cameras will also reduce the opportunity of fraud.

Falls are funny on "You Tube", but the damage they can do to your organization can be devastating and prevention is the key.

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