

Smoke Signals II

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CAPTAIN WORNE HALL of the Hitchins Volunteer Fire Dept

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When we learned of the death of Worne Hall, we thought it unusual for an 86 year-old Fire Captain to still be serving. We figured there had to be a story... so decided to ask. We thought others might be interested in what we learned...

Worne Hall did not join the fire service in Hitchins... he helped create it.

In 1976, there was no fire department there. So Mr. Hall and three of his neighbors set out to rectify the situation.

They decided they first needed a building. So some land was donated and the men set out to build one. It would serve as both firehouse and community center... even still. Each day after work, Mr. Hall and others would bring it closer to completion. Worne Hall mixed the mortar and carried the bricks...

When the building was finished, they called a community meeting and asked for volunteers to become firefighters. A 1958 Ford truck (with no heat) was donated. It became the first piece of equipment, and the Hitchins Volunteer Fire Department was operational...

Thirty-four years later, Mr. Hall — now Captain Hall — was still serving. He had observed and been part of the growth of the department over the years and undoubtedly witnessed the fruits of his vision and labor serve many. No doubt many more will benefit from both for generations to come.

In recent years, he was not able to do as much as he once had. But he was always there to do what he could — as he always told he wife as he left to respond, “I am going to see if I can help.”

On Friday November 19th 2010, he was doing just that. He checked on his wife of 64 years then left to go see if he could “help.” He could, and he did.

As he was helping establish a landing zone for an EMS helicopter, he suffered a fatal heart attack in the line of duty — doing what he loved...

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Notes From The President's Desk Bob Newman

As we begin our new year it is important for us to remember we are all in this together. Paid, Volunteer, State, or Federal fire burns the same no matter what kind of firefighter you are, the task is the same. We have common goals and a common enemy. There is no special attention paid to us because we are firefighters. Our lifeblood comes from hard work and making people listen to our cause. As this legislative session begins both on a state and federal level we must stay on top of the issues. There are a multitude of groups with a hand out wanting to take what we have worked hard for away from us. Your KFA pays thousands of dollars for legislative influence in the form of legislative agents on the state level and through the National Volunteer Fire Council on the Federal level. So how can you help? You can help in two ways 1) if you are not a member or have put off sending your dues in for this year then go to page 12 of this newsletter and fill out the application and send in your dues. 2) Visit the KFA webpage at www.kyfa.org often, read the legislative reports and make phone calls to your representatives voicing your needs so we can properly influence what we need. If our legislators don't know then they can't help.

The months of February, March and April are the beginning of our Spring Fire School season beginning with the Officers School. This school hosted by the Green River Firefighters Association, is one of the finest schools of its type in the country. Knowledgeable and skilled instructors are brought in from across the nation just so you can be better prepared to deal with the every day rigors of running a modern day fire department. There are departments from across the state that sends several members at one time just because they know the value of training is unequalled. Don't miss out on this opportunity. Visit the KFA Webpage at www.kyfa.org and click on the brochure for registration and class information. Classes are also listed on page 6 of this newsletter.

At the Officers School February 26 the KFA Executive Board will meet. If you decide not to go to the Officers School but have some time on Saturday and think you might like to see how the KFA

functions please come and sit in on the E-board meeting. We meet in the Lexington Downtown Hilton at 9 AM. Come join us!

Until we meet again stay safe and alert.

Bob Newman

President KFA



Treasurer's Notes

by Terry Keller

Hope everyone is having a good start to the New Year. Your Executive Board will be holding a meeting at the upcoming Green River Officer School. Many issues will be discussed during this meeting. K F A will be following the legislation going thru the session which started in January. It looks as though some legislative bills are being pushed thru at a rapid speed. The K F A legislative agents will be following these bills very closely with the help of K C T C S. All contracts the K F A has with the legislative agents, Jaima, and Woody come up for review, as they do every year. Budget items will be discussed, and chairman of committees should let the Executive Board know of what monies they expect to need next year in the 2011 - 2012 budget.

K F A is following up on the voluntary donation on license plates. K F A has not heard anything from the transportation cabinet about the program. A law was passed a couple of years ago that each person could make a voluntary \$10.00 donation on their license plate at time of renewal. The program has not been put in place, by the transportation department and is one of many concerns of the Executive Board. Hopefully by the February meeting the board will have the final answer. This program could be a shot in the arm for the finances of our organization.

Dues have been coming in as expected for the year. So, far there have been about 22 departments that have joined the K F A that was not members last year. This could be the best year for membership in a long time. This was one of the many items the Executive Board began working on just after the conference last year.

State Fire School is just around the corner. We need to send as many people as possible to this fine school. There are no better instructors

anywhere than what we have right here in our own state. K C T CS and the instructors of the Lexington Fire Department put on one of the best fire schools available for our members. All the instructors have good information to share with students. Please ask your department to send as many people as possible to the school.

Until I see some of you at a school or meeting stay safe and remember the men and woman in the service who protect us, so we can meet and do as we please.

Terry Keller

Treasurer, Kentucky Firefighters Association

KFA Scholarship Committee

The KFA Scholarship Committee is now accepting applications for scholarships. The rules are as follows:

Students must be working on their Associate or Bachelor degree, this program is not for grades programs.

These are detailed below.

1. The applicant must submit a resume to include:
 - A. High School Grade Transcript
 - B. Secondary Education Grade Transcript (If Applicable)
 - C. Past Employment History
 - D. Details of Present Emergency Services Experience
 - E. Future Emergency Services Plans
 - F. Reasons for Needing or Deserving a KFA Scholarship
 - G. List of other scholarships or grants receiving
2. The applicant must provide three (3) letters of recommendation.
3. The applicant must be affiliated with a dues paying member of the KFA and must provide a letter of affiliation from the department's administration verifying said affiliation. The letter may also include a recommendation but is not necessary.
4. The applicant must provide the KFA with an official criminal background check.
5. The applicant must intend to return to Kentucky and serve in an emergency services capacity after graduation. This intent must be so stated in the resume, and serve as a written contract between the KFA and the applicant.

6. The applicant must provide the KFA with a copy of a letter of acceptance from the institution they will be attending.
7. Any past convictions for any criminal activity will automatically disqualify the applicant.

PRIORITY

In order of preference, priority shall be given to active firefighters or other safety personnel followed by the children of emergency services workers. Extra consideration will be given to persons able to remain active during their college and or vacation time. Additional priority shall be given to students who intend to major in fire science, paramedic science or another safety field. Other majors will be considered if they can be justified as deserving by the applicant and no other qualifying applications are approved. Applicants who later change their major away from a safety field will lose their scholarship but may reapply.

REQUIREMENTS TO MAINTAIN SCHOLARSHIP

1. The student must maintain a 2.5 cumulative grade point average. If the student falls below this level, they shall have one semester (not counting summers) to return the GPA to the 2.5 level. If the cumulative GPA is still below 2.5 after the grace period the scholarship shall be rescinded.
2. The student must, at the end of each semester, provide this office a copy of their grade report. Failure to provide this report will delay or prevent the following semester's scholarship payment.
3. Student must maintain their affiliation with a dues paying department in order to maintain their eligibility.
4. The student must maintain the major for which the scholarship was awarded. Any change in the major must be considered by the KFA. If the new major is still within the emergency services field, the scholarship will be maintained. If the move is away from the emergency services field, the scholarship will be rescinded but the applicant may reapply with the new major.

The application is available from the KFA website at www.kyfa.org.

Words of Wisdom

America is not anything if it consists of each of us. It is something only if it consists of all of us.
Woodrow Wilson, President USA 1856-1924

News From Northern Kentucky

The Northern Kentucky area has seen some departments upgrading equipment. Newport Fire has just received a new Aerial Truck. Erlanger Fire and Crescent Springs/Villa Hills Fire have advertised for new pumpers. Bromley Fire has ordered or is about to order a new pumper. Good things are happening in the North.

1/5/2011 Legislative Meeting

A general meeting of representatives of the Kentucky Fire Service was held on January 5, 2011 at the office of the State Fire Marshal in Frankfort. The meeting was called to order at 1030 a.m. by Gerald Stewart chair of the legislative committee of the KFA, Jack Reckner legislative agent for the KY Fire Chiefs and State Fire Marshal William Swope. After introductions of attendees a discussion was held concerning Senate Bill 2. This bill converts public employee pensions to a 401-K format. A consensus of the attendees was to oppose this legislation as not being in the best interest of the Fire Service. Following this discussion each agency was allowed an opportunity to share their legislative agenda with the room. A synopsis of these comments follows:

SFMO - Fire Marshal Swope reported on Fireworks legislation. HB 177 by Rep. Kerr is an industry bill without input from the fire service. A draft of the fire service bill to be submitted by Rep. Bell was discussed. The consensus in the room was to proceed with a fire service bill or, if required, attempt to amend HB 177 to obtain our requirements on fireworks.

KFA - The KFA opposes SB 2 and supports the Fire Service legislation on fireworks.

KPFA - The KPFA opposes SB 2 and remains committed to collective bargaining and presumption of job related illnesses such as heart disease and certain types of cancer.

EMS - EMS intends to seek a re-write of current certification statutes to address testing of EMT-B. A discussion of the National Registry approach to testing followed.

Homeland Security - Homeland security urged the Fire Service to support their priority of remaining a stand-alone agency in Kentucky.

KAFC - The Fire Chiefs oppose SB 2 and support the Fire Service legislation on fireworks.

State Fire Rescue Training - SFRT is aware of an on-going conflict between its adjunct instructors and the KRS regarding retired Firefighters and EMS workers being unable to continue as instructors. SFRT requested assistance in getting this issue resolved. Additionally, Director Bryant Stiles reminded the room that the issues of state funding for haz-mat and 911 services have not been resolved. He also mentioned the difficulty KFA is having with the \$10 dollar fee associated with obtaining KFA license plates.

Fire Commission - Executive Director Ronnie Day and Asst. Director "Howdy" Kurtsinger both expressed the support of the Fire Commission for the agendas of the group and reminded everyone that the Fire Commission remains as the effective point of contact for all legislative matters affecting the 2011 session of the General Assembly.

The meeting ended with a general discussion of the situation that arises when volunteer firefighters engaged in firefighting fail to report for duty as career firefighters with another department. It was agreed that a reminder should be widely distributed to the Kentucky Fire Service that all personnel have a responsibility to call in when this situation occurs.

The meeting was adjourned at 1215.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack Reckner, Legislative Agent
Kentucky Association of Fire Chiefs

Michael J. "Howdy" Kurtsinger
Kentucky Fire Commission/KFA

Gerald Steward, Legislative Chairman
KFA



Volunteers for Success

by Lee Noyes

This past summer the Flaherty Volunteer Fire Department located in Meade County, Kentucky, have been busy. They have developed and built a training site unlike any other in all the surrounding areas.

With the training requirements, and diverse capabilities required to be a fire fighter, rescuer, and/or EMT, they have developed a site that enables all



aspects to train at one location all at the same time.

The newest addition, a 1680 sq.ft. training building, enables a multitude of training capabilities. This

building is a two story site that enables you to smoke up either the first story, second story, or both. It features many capabilities such as movable walls to change your search patterns, various ABCD approaches, wall breaching with or without wiring, breakaway drywall ceiling, and confined spaces.

Other features also include a Denver bailout window, a removable floor from the second story to simulate vertical rescue from either an attic or a basement through the use of ropes or ladders. The second story window is capable of rope, ladder, rescue, bailout, and repelling operations.

From a small control room located inside the structure, they can control the lighting, smoke environment, as well as monitor the movement through windows looking into the structure. Through the use of a smoke generator and evacuation fans, you can smoke the structure in just a few minutes and then clear it for quick evaluations and evolutions.

Along with this one building, this site also features a maze trailer, vehicle extrication site, an old tractor used for farm rescue, a live burn pan for extinguisher training and a live burn trailer.

Through this live burn trailer, you can introduce fresh recruits to a real fire environment, control fire volume, as well as pumper operations for water flow control.



Future plans are to include a SCBA obstacle course, and a roof operations trainer.

All together, the uses for this one site are limited only by the instructor's

knowledge, experience, and imagination.

Built by this small 100% volunteer department, they have created a site that can improve firefighter and EMT safety, knowledge, and skills to help save lives and property through their training.

THE COURAGE TO BE SAFE

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In this issue of "Smoke Signals" we address the "Everyone Goes Home", **Life Safety Initiative #11** which states that:

"National Standards for Emergency Response Policies and Procedures Should Be Developed and Championed."

Sounds a bit like a broken record doesn't it? Response Standards, Response Standards, Response Standards... Driving Policies and Procedures, Driving Policies and Procedures, Driving Policies and Procedures, Seat belts, Seat Belts Seat Belts... Why??? Well, it's because emergency vehicle operations continue to remain one of the top three reasons our firefighter's are being injured or killed while on the job. Just last year, 20 American Firefighters died from vehicle related incidents including, rollovers, intersection collisions, falls from vehicles, being run over by vehicles, excessive speed and ejection. In addition, the very citizens that we are sworn to protect, are being injured or killed by our ignorance of safe vehicle operations. Some fire officers cringe at the words, "NATIONAL STANDARD" because, we can take care of it within our own department, right? We don't need the government sticking their nose in our business, right? We follow all the recommendations now, right? For many of us, that may well be true however, the reality of the situation is that many departments across this State and this Country still do not have response and just as many more do not follow the standards that they have put into place. And, the issue applies to all, young and old, career or volunteer. All of us are subject to the same consequences of risky driver behavior.

If fire departments will not or cannot take the initiative to mandate driving standards within their own departments, then mandatory national standards may be in order to protect us from ourselves. You might think that setting department standards is a big undertaking but the beginnings can be quite simple. Just sit down and address the following: **TRAINING:** It's not a car or pick-up truck. It's a 35,000# hunk of lethal metal. Firefighters need to ***'The Courage to be Safe' continued on page 7***

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

2011 IFSAC SKILLS TESTING SCHEDULE

Date	Area	Location	Phone
2/15-16	15	Lexington	888-234-3961
3/5-6	7	Cold Springs	888-306-8101
3/12-13	9	Maysville	888-301-2946
3/19-20	10	Cannonsburg	888-302-2833
3/26-27	3	Owensboro	888-306-8015
?Spring	12	Hazard	888-234-6759
4/9-10	6	Middletown	888-306-8064
4/16-17	11	Pikeville	888-302-8935
4/30-5/1	14	Campbellsville	888-234-1780
5/21-22	2	Princeton	888-306-7986
8/20-21	13	London	888-234-0100
9/10-11	1	Calvert City	888-306-7901
? Fall	7	Cold Springs	888-306-8101
9/17-18	15	Richmond	888-234-3961
11/5-6	5	Leitchfield	888-234-7201
11/12-13	6	Middletown	888-306-8064
12/10-11	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 EKU 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!

February

5-6 Area 9 NFA Weekend Mt Sterling
25, 26, & 27 Officers School Lexington

March

11, 12, 13 Dixie Fire School Elizabethtown
21-26 FDIC Indianapolis

April

1-3 Jackson Purchase FS Paducah

2011 Kentucky Officers School

The 24th Annual Green River Officers School is scheduled for February 25th, 26th and 27th in Lexington. A great line up of instructors and classes are being offered:

Friday

Certified Fire Alarm Systems Con Ed
Fire Alarm Systems for Firefighters

One Day Class Saturday or Sunday

Keeping Badges OFF the Wall
Recruiting, Retaining & Keeping Troops Safe
Integrating FS into the KY Intelligence Fusion Ctr.
Incident Command w/Table Top Exercise
Fire Appratus Response Scene Safety
Meth Labs - A Firefighters Nightmare
Investigating Arson Fires

One Day Classes Saturday Only

Street Smart Safety
Taking Care Of Our Own
Leading With Attitude
A Car Can Kill You At 0 MPH
Managing The "MayDay" Call
TtT Certified Company Inspector
Case Histories

Midea Operations In Good & Bad Times

One Day Classes Sunday Only

Responding To Utility Emergencies
Tactical Approach To Residential FF
Structural Tactics With Limited Manpower
Resp. To Large Truck & Bus Incidents
Safe Response To Mining Incidents
KY Fire Commission 2011 & Beyond
Special Operations For The Fire Service
KY Fire Marshal's Update
Managing EMS Incidents

Two Day Classes Sat & Sun

NFA Health & Safety Officer
NFA Decision Making For Initial Co. Operations
NFA Training Operations In Small Departments
NFA Leadership I: Strategies For Co. Success
NFA Leadership III: Strat. For Super. Success

MAKE HOTEL RESERVATIONS NOW!

Hyatt Regency Lexington

401 West High Street, Lexington
For Reservations call 800-233-1234
Reservation block is under Green River
Firefighters Association, code G-GFAA

Hilton Lexington Downtown

369 West Vine Street, Lexington
For Reservations call 877-539-1648 or
859-231-9000

Reservation block code GRFFAS

Holiday Inn North

1950 Newtown Pike, Lexington

For Reservations call 859-233-0512

Reservation block is under Green River

Firefighters Association, code F50

If you need assistance, please call

Area 3 Training Center 888-306-8015

An on-line copy of the brochure of the officers school can be accessed from the main page of the KFA website www.kyfa.org

Thermal Imaging and Structural Search
Heavy Vehicle Rescue With a Twist
Emergency Traffic Control for Responders &
HWY Crash Site Management
KFA Basic Honor Guard

Sunday Only Classes (8 hours)

EMS Instructor Evaluator
Certified Company Inspector (TtT)
Officer Orientation
Registration is \$50.00

Opening Ceremony Sat March 12th 7:30 AM
Guest Speaker Congressman Brett Guthrie
RPC Auditorium

Some Area Hotels w/working sprinklers

Baymont Inn & Suites	270-769-9616
Best Western	270-769-3030
Comfort Suites	270-360-0088
Fairfield Inn	270-769-1440
Hampton Inn	270-765-6663
Holiday Inn Express	270-769-1334
La Quinta Inn	270-765-4747
Ramada Limited	270-769-9683

For more hotel information contact the Hardin County/Elizabethtown Chamber of Commerce at **270-765-4334**



2011 Dixie Fire School

March 11 - 13

Elizabethtown KY

Registration at

www.dixiefirefighters.com

All Classes, Vendors and meals will be held at ECTC. This is a change from past schools for more information visit the website above.

Registration deadline March 7

Vendor schedule Fri 5-8 PM, Sat 7AM - 9PM

Fri EMS Classes 6 - 10PM

Fri Safety Seminar 7 - 8:30 PM

Fri, Sat & Sun Class (20 hr class)

EMS Continuing Education

Saturday Only Classes (8 hr classes)

EMS Instructor Orientation

Certified Company Inspector

Propane Emergencies

Saturday & Sunday Classes (16 hr classes)

Aerial Operations

Arson I (FRS 2074)

Basic Firefighting

Explorer/Jr. Firefighter Training

Leadership II - Strategies for Personal Success

Managing Co Tact Ops-Decision Making (FRS2062)

NFPA 1403 - Conducting Live Training Burns

Preparing for Initial Company Ops (PICO FRS 2016)

Pump Operations (FRS2023)

Farm Rescue

Firefighter Survival & Rescue (FRS2052)

Intermediate Rope Rescue

Vehicle Rescue

Chaplain Training

Saturday OR Sunday Classes (8 hr classes)

Drivers training

Fire Behavior/Control (Live Burn)

Hard to Get FF Hours I

Hard to Get FF Hours II

Hard to Get FF Hours III

Hard to Get FF Hours IV

Instructor Methodology Update

On Scene, In Command

“The Courage to be Safe” continued from page 5
be extensively trained on the operations and unique characteristics of each piece of apparatus in your department. **SPEED:** Set limits. If there are no life safety issues and it takes a little longer to arrive, so be it. **STOP:** At all Stop Signs and Signals. Intersections are the #1 location for accidents with emergency vehicles. **BUCKLE UP-NO EXCUSES.** These four topics are the most important but you also need to have policies on backing up equipment and vehicle maintenance and repair. The National Fire Protection Association provides several standards that can be used by your department as a template or they can be adopted as written. As applied to vehicle operations, driver training and response standards, reference; NFPA 1002, Standard for Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator Professional Qualifications and NFPA 1451, Standard for a Fire Service Vehicle Operations Training Program.

Years ago there was a saying that went, **“Arrive Alive”**. As firefighters, if we do not arrive alive, we are no use to the citizens we serve or to our fellow firefighters. Established, implemented and enforced emergency response policies and procedures will assure that each of us, “Keeps Going Home, After Each Run and After Each Shift.”



Notes From Fireman Joe The Ol Fire Dog

HAPPY NEW YEAR! 2011 has begun and if December is any indication of what is to come for this winter we all better get ready. I was talking to my comrades at lunch the other day about how I couldn't recall a colder and more snow filled December in a long time. Oh well it was nice having a white Christmas. In the Northern Kentucky area we were haunted with several bad fires and our folks found out first hand fire can be extra tough in winter conditions, not to mention the horrors of injuries and fatalities on the fire scene. I strongly encourage our Fire Prevention and Public Education divisions to enhance their fire and life safety messages on winter fire safety. I commend the Northern Kentucky Firefighters Association and Fire Marshal Robert Krebs of the Florence Fire Dept for their Press release and especially the re-enforcing message of The Fire Marshal's Office on winter safety. I can only reiterate their message; Place Space Heaters away from walls, bedding, furniture, curtains and other combustible materials and assure that children cannot get near them. Electric cords used to power electric heaters need to be of proper size to handle the high current draw of these devices. Fill kerosene heaters out of doors, store refillable fuels in designated safe containers outdoors as well. Never leave space heaters unattended and turn them off at night and when leaving home. Use extreme caution with candles, if you leave the room, blow out the candle, consider keeping a flashlight and extra batteries around the house during winter months. Lastly, and most importantly, Working Smoke Alarms and Carbon Monoxide Detectors must be in place, along with home evacuation plans and a safe meeting place outdoors that everyone in the house knows, inside and out. I also commend my friend FF Mike Fronimos for his media contributions on winter fire safety tips which was shown on local television news.

A preview of upcoming events and activities indicates many excellent Training opportunities are coming in 2011, I encourage all to take a serious look at these excellent chances to fine tune your skills. We are so very lucky in Kentucky to have so many of these schools, seminars and conferences for our

emergency service personnel. Be sure to thank and support the work of your Fire Commission, KCTCS, Kentucky Firefighters Association and the other great folks who work so very hard to make us the best we can be.

Good Luck and GOD be with all of you this 2011, STAY SAFE!

Fireman Joe



National Volunteer Fire Council

Ken Knipper, Director Bryant Stiles, Alternate

The FY 2010 Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) Grant application period is now open. Take this opportunity to apply for funding to assist your fire department with fire prevention initiatives as well as firefighter health and safety programs. The application deadline is February 4.

FP&S Grants support projects that enhance the safety of the public and firefighters from fire and related hazards. It is part of the Assistance to Firefighters Grants program and is under the purview of the Grants Program Directorate in the Federal Emergency Management Agency of the Department of Homeland Security. Examples of projects supported by FP&S grants include fire prevention and public safety education campaigns, juvenile firesetter interventions, media campaigns, arson prevention and awareness programs, and firefighter health and safety initiatives. The funds can also be for firefighter safety research and development.

On Tuesday, December 21, the House of Representatives voted to approve appropriations legislation that had previously passed the Senate funding the federal government through March 4 at FY 2010 levels. The bill, commonly referred to as a continuing resolution, keeps the government running but does not establish FY 2011 funding levels for federal agencies or programs. That task will fall to the 112th Congress, which will convene in January.

The National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) has advocated for passage of FY 2011 Homeland Security Appropriations legislation providing \$420 million each for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program and the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant program. This would represent an increase of \$30 million over the FY 2010 level for AFG and flat funding for SAFER. The President requested \$305 million each for AFG and SAFER.

The House passed legislation earlier this year funding AFG and SAFER at the level requested by the NVFC. On December 16, omnibus appropriations legislation that would have funded the entire federal government through FY 2011 and provided \$420 million respectively for AFG and SAFER was filibustered by Republicans in the Senate and failed to garner enough votes to end debate and force a vote. The Senate voted to approve the continuing resolution after it became clear that the votes to pass the omnibus were not there. The NVFC will continue to work with House and Senate Appropriators and our allies in Congress to obtain adequate funding for AFG and SAFER for FY 2011 when the 112th Congress convenes.

Legislation reauthorizing AFG and SAFER also failed to gain passage in the 111th Congress. The House of Representatives passed legislation supported by the NVFC in November 2009 reauthorizing both programs. The Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee approved similar reauthorization legislation in July but it was never taken up by the full Senate. Passage of AFG and SAFER reauthorization legislation will be one of the NVFC's top priorities next year.

Congress also failed to pass legislation extending the Volunteer Responder Incentive Protection Act (VRIPA), which exempts certain benefits that volunteer emergency responders receive as recruitment and retention incentives from income taxation. Legislation extending various tax provisions, including a series of income tax reductions that were originally enacted during George W. Bush's first Presidential term in office, passed the House and Senate and was signed into law on December 17.

The final tax bill language was based on the terms of an agreement that President Obama reached with Congressional Republicans extending certain expiring tax provisions. Expiring provisions that had not been previously extended by Congress were not included in the agreement. VRIPA, which was enacted in 2007 and is set to expire at the end of this year, fell into this category and as a result was not included in the final bill. The NVFC will continue to work with the House and Senate sponsors of VRIPA and the Committees of jurisdiction next year to extend VRIPA with a goal of making the extension retroactive to the beginning of 2011.

Turn Around a Bad Trend

By Bill Tricarico, Loss Control Director
Emergency Services Insurance Program

One of our underwriters recently came to me and asked, "Why are there so many accidents involving fire trucks and ambulances making u-turns?" This is a very good question considering the fact that there doesn't seem to be a need for such a maneuver while responding to an emergency. And yet, this has become a loss trend and that makes it a concern.

Of course this is a dangerous maneuver for any vehicle to make. So u-turns should be avoided unless absolutely necessary. If you are in a position where you feel it is necessary to make a u-turn, it should be done very carefully. Remember, if you don't have an emergency, you are bound by the local laws which may include "No U-Turn" restrictions so always be aware of these rules before attempting the maneuver. If it is legal, you must be certain that the area you have chosen is wide enough to complete the u-turn without backing. If backing is required, so are spotters. Also be aware of soft shoulders which may be a concern for large vehicles.

Usually you would pull the vehicle over to the right side of the road. At this point, vehicles traveling behind have no idea that you are about to make a u-turn. As a matter of fact if they are following the laws of many states, they are now attempting to pull over to the left in observance of the emergency vehicle operating on the shoulder of the road. In doing this, they actually take their eyes off your vehicle to check the left lane for traffic and don't notice your vehicle turning in front of them until it may be too late to stop.

OK, let's say that you now have pulled to the right and stopped. At this point, your lights and sirens are of little to no help since they are positioned to clear the right of way in front of the vehicle, not from the rear, so don't depend on these devices to be of assistance. You need to clearly signal your intention which is usually done with the \$1.49 turn signal blub. This is lost amidst the vast array of LED flashing lights on the rear of the vehicle so you must take extraordinary precautions which may mean arm signals or when safe, a property attired spotter to make certain that the road is clear before initiating the u-turn. Viewing oncoming traffic may be difficult to do with just the mirrors especially if your vision is blocked by the truck body or patient compartment

"Turn Around a Bad Trend" continued on next page

NEW ARRIVALS



ERROR from December Issue.

In the December issue of Smoke Signals this boat was listed For Sale. It is actually a new acquisition for the Wilder Fire Department. It is a 2010 26' SEA-ARK Little Giant Fire Boat. The boat has (2) 175-hp Evinrude motors, a 750-GPM Fire Pump, 25 Gallon Foam Tank and a Ray Marine Radar/GPS. Sorry guys for the mix up. Woody



Louisville Gas and Electric Trimble Co. Plant Emergency Response team has taken delivery of a 2010 Toyne Pumper sold by High Tech Rescue in Shelbyville KY. This unit features a Spartan Gladiator Chassis, Stainless Steel Body, Hale Q Pak 1500 gpm Single Stage pump, 750 Gallon Tank, Foam Pro Class A foam system, 10K Gen Set, Remotely operated light tower.



Glencoe KY took delivery of a 3500 Gallon tanker from US Tanker. The unit was sold by High Tech Rescue and features a 3500 Gallon Painted Stainless Poly Tank, Stainless Body, 750 PTO pump, 7500 Series International Chassis.

The following apparatus was delivered by Wynn Fire Apparatus.



Kentucky 86 FD: Has taken delivery of a 2011 Wynn Ford F-750 300 Series Rescue, with a 16' Aluminum Body, a Warn 9500# Winch, a 10,000 Watt Hydraulic Generator, a Command Light Tower, and much more!



Lincoln Co. Station 3 / Moreland VFD: Has taken deliver of a 2010 Wynn Ford F-550 Rescue, with a 9' open rescue body, a Warn 9500# Winch with full brush guard, a Honda EU3000 Generator, L.E.D. Emergency Lighting, and much more!



Southeast Floyd FD: Has taken delivery of a 2011 Wynn Kenworth T-370 600 Series Pumper, with a 1000-gallon Polypropylene Tank, a Darley PSM 1250-GPM Pump, On-Spot Tire Chains, a removable Deck Gun, 5200 Watt Generator, and much more!

Words of Wisdom

Life is like a ten speed bicycle. Most of us have gears we never use."
Charles M Shultz

Kentucky Firefighters Association

Membership

KFA By-laws regarding Membership

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP; All individuals, shall by virtue of their membership in their respective fire departments, be members of the KFA, so long as said organization remains a member of this association.

Eligible KFA membership shall be limited to public and private emergency response organizations including, fire departments and fire districts "structural" Fire Brigades, hazardous material response team, Fire authorities, Fire Insurance or other salvage corps, {1} Structural fire brigades as defined by KOSHA and or NFPA {2} Meeting minimum requirements of tech level by KOSHA and NFPA

SECTION 3: Active membership may be obtained in the KFA by paying annual dues of \$85.00 per year. Dues are payable on October 1 of each year. Dues not paid by December 1, of each year, render that membership delinquent. The fiscal year of this organization shall be August 1, through July 31. A copy of the KFA Newsletter is sent to each active membership member on a bi-monthly basis. To receive a personal copy of the newsletter, to an address of your choosing, include a check or money order for \$25.00 with the form below to:

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Chaplain's Corner

Keep Your Tank Full

We are aware of the importance of full air tanks when arriving at a fire. This is one of the essential checks that would be included in the daily 'truck checks'. Nothing could be more frustrating or life-threatening than to have a low tank alarm sounding just after beginning your attack on a structure fire. This is something that can be avoided by doing the checks ahead of time.

Our walk with Christ is entirely dependent upon our daily communion with Him. We all have our routines as we begin each day. Some of us exercise to stay fit, some of us read the newspaper with a cup of coffee in hand, and others will watch the news on the TV while we are shaving. Probably the most important routine of the day is to spend time with The Father. This will ensure that we arrive with a 'full tank of air' when we need it and, in our business as Firefighters, we need a good working relationship with our Heavenly Father. If we are 'prayed up' and walking close to The Father we will be ready to respond and provide assistance when and where it is needed.

Stay On The Right Frequency

Stories are told of Firefighters who failed in their ability to communicate and later to find that the problem was, simply stated, their radio was on a different frequency. This can and does happen and the results could be quite serious if a rescue effort is launched into a fully involved structure only to find that our Firefighter is quite safe and standing outside the building.

It is necessary that we stay on the right 'frequency' with our Heavenly Father and be listening to the Spirit's voice. It is that still small voice that is our communication with the Father. For God to know us the way we need Him to he must be in communication with us. It's hard to call someone a friend if you don't talk with them frequently. If we are in need we simply call a friend and ask for help and he comes right over to help. I doubt you would get the same reaction from someone you have never talked to or even met. How is it then when we get in a tight spot we pray and are disappointed when we feel the prayer was not answered. Talk to Him. He loves you and wants to be involved in your life.

History of the Kentucky Firefighters Association

The Kentucky Firefighters Association (KFA) originated in September of 1919 as State Fire Marshal Edward Hite called the first meeting to order to discuss ways to collectively improve the fire service. This meeting was held in the City Hall Council Chambers of Louisville, Ky.

At this original meeting, Louisville Fire Chief Arnold Neuenschwander was elected President of the newly formed organization, named the Kentucky Fireman's Association, and served until his death in 1924.

Early efforts of the association centered on an action to improve the welfare of firefighters through promotion and legislation. Passage of Civil Service Laws in the early 1920's recognized the KFA as a force to be reckoned with. The KFA also encouraged the formation of regional associations to promote the mission of the KFA on a local level.

As the stature of the KFA grew, so did its membership. While the State organization had no control over local fire departments, it encouraged the departments to insure local benefits to its respective members, to work together through mutual aid, and to assist in the work and purpose of the KFA. Providing specialized training to local departments was another important mission the KFA took on in its beginning.

Many of these early works of the KFA continue today. The KFA has co-sponsored the Kentucky State Fire School for over 75 years. KFA legislative efforts have granted Kentucky fire departments and its members many progressive benefits including Volunteer State Aid, Training Incentive Pay for career firefighters, and workers compensation and death benefits.

The Kentucky Firefighters Association has worked tirelessly for the fire service of Kentucky since 1919. It still proudly stands tall, and unites the fire service of our great Commonwealth. Nearly 90 years old and going strong. The KFA is the one constant in the greatness of the Kentucky Fire Service.

Words of Wisdom

America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves.

Abraham Lincoln

Kentucky Firefighters Association Sustaining Members

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