



# Smoke Signals II

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## Glendale Firefighter Jonathan French is Killed in the line of Duty

Glendale Volunteer Firefighter Jonathan French, 25, died Wednesday, Aug. 6 while battling a car fire on I-65 at the 87 mile marker about a mile north of Glendale KY. It was around 3:30 a.m. when he was struck and killed by a semi-tractor trailer in the southbound lane. Jonathan was a third-generation firefighter and was working alongside his mother Lisa (also a firefighter), and another volunteer firefighter, when they were struck by a tractor-trailer. Firefighter Lisa French was airlifted to University of Louisville Hospital with serious but not life-threatening injuries. At this time, she is recovering but she faces a long road of surgeries on her right leg.

Glendale FD is located about nine miles south of Elizabethtown, Ky in the small close knit community of Glendale.

The French family has a long history of service to the fire service commu-



nity. As a very young person Jonathan and family could be found lending assistance at every Dixie Firefighters Association function. They were all staples and could be counted on at every Dixie Fire School. Jonathan's uncle, Rick Peters is the Fire Chief of the Glendale Fire Department. Both Jonathan's grand parents where firefighters and in fact Jonathan's parents met in the fire service. To say they are a firefighting family is an understatement.

No charges have been filed against the truck driver and the incident has been labeled as an accident. Jonathan's death has sparked a campaign called "Shut It Down" the crux

of the campaign is to shut down the interstate when emergency workers are alongside the highway. People these day are talking on cell phones, texting, watching videos and every other type activity except paying attention to what's happening on the road ahead. On August 31, a KSP Trouper was struck on I-65 in Bullitt County during a traffic stop and thrown 50 feet. He is in stable condition and recuperating from his injuries. How many more brothers and sisters have to suffer?



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### **Notes From The President's Desk Steve Kyle**

It is with deep sadness that I write my first article. It has been a tragic year so far for Kentucky. Our thoughts and prayers are now with these most recent events with the Glendale Fire Department and Campbellsville Fire Department as they have both experienced terrible tragedies. We will continue to pray for and support each of you as you try to move forward and provide the services to your citizens for which you have been charged. All of this while dealing with the personal effect that these situations have inflicted upon each of your members. We stand with you, side by side, as you take steps forward. We also want to remember and pray for the families of these firefighters as they deal with these circumstances, for if it wasn't for our family support systems, none of us would be able to do the job. Thanks to all the fire departments that have been assisting these departments in their time of need. We truly are our brother's keeper.

With these terrible events that have occurred, we find that we have to be ever vigilant in all of our actions as we are constantly reminded that our profession is a dangerous one. It demonstrates that we cannot be too safe while we are out there doing the job. Be Safe out there wherever you are responding!!!!

I would like to thank President Chris Crawford and Dixie Firefighters Association for putting on a great conference. We appreciate the hospitality and all the events provided. Who would've thought that you could have gotten Ronnie Day, Pat Thompson, Mike Hulsey, and Greg Dearing on stage to perform!!! Entertainment at its best!!!

As we start this new KFA year, we have many important issues to be concerned about. Special districts as identified in HB 1 need to ensure that they are registered and reporting with the Secretary of State. The July deadline has already passed! If you haven't registered or contacted them yet, please give them a call so that you won't be penalized. We are also currently in the process of identifying our legislative needs to focus on in this upcoming session. I cannot over-emphasize the importance that the legislative session has for the fire service and our organiza-

tion and ensuring that the voice of the fire service is heard loud and clear. Howdy Kurtsinger and Gerald Stewart have done a great job and we appreciate all of your hard work. Please stay tuned for Howdy's reports and give your support where needed on the legislation we are either trying to support or defeat.

I am looking forward to hosting the conference in Paducah in 2015 by the Jackson Purchase Firefighters Association. Planning is ongoing and we are excited about the activities that are going to be provided, along with the conference. The website will be live by the next issue of smoke signals and will encourage everyone to register!! Our next meeting in October is going to be in Paducah and if you have time please come join us and learn more about the KFA and where you can help. If you haven't paid your membership or are not a member, please get your application completed and sent in.

Lastly, I would like to thank Gerald Stewart for his many many years of hard work on the Legislative committee and the time he has spent at the numerous sessions that he has attended. Gerald has decided to pass the baton and enjoy more time at home. Gerald has worked tirelessly on fire service issues at the state level for better than 40 years. We thank him for his service to the Kentucky Firefighters Association.



### **Notes From 1st Vice President Jeff Pohlman**

Greetings from Northern Kentucky! Fall is upon us! This is my favorite time of the year and the colors of the landscape could not be more vibrant!

I first want to congratulate Chris Crawford on his year as President of the KFA and the great things he accomplished during his tenure. I know for a fact that Chris was involved in a lot of activities including visiting and working the many fire schools in the Commonwealth. Chris plans to stay active and he still is a vital part of our KFA organization. I had a very good time at the conference in Elizabethtown and I am sure many of you will agree.

I want to congratulate Steve Kyle on his new

position as KFA President. Steve is ready for the challenge and I am sure he will be a very active President. Our fall KFA Executive Board meeting will be in Paducah on the 18th of October and we hope to see many of you all from that area at the meeting. It is always a pleasure to see our many friends from Western Kentucky.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of FF Jonathon French and the Glendale Fire Department. This incident happened at the close of the KFA 2014 conference nearby the host hotels. On Wednesday early morning, we (KFA Executive Board Members) went to the Glendale Fire Department, along with members of the Fire Commission to assist where we could. We wish Lisa French a speedy recovery and our prayers will remain with the family and Fire Department.

Our thoughts go out to the South Hopkins VFD and Mount Eden FD for the loss of their fire stations. This is a reminder to us in the fire service that we are not immune to fire ourselves. I am sure that these Fire Departments along with their dedicated fire fighters will rebound and be back in service in no time. Our thanks also to the departments that have assisted with coverage, equipment, thoughts and prayers.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Campbellsville/Taylor County Fire Department and families for the tragic accident involving four firefighters. Our thanks go out to the many departments that have supported the Fire Department and families in any way. My thanks also to 3rd Vice President Pat Walsh for assisting in the supporting endeavors. I know there have been many organizations assisting such as the Jefferson County Firefighters, Campbellsville/Taylor County Firefighters, Fire Commission/staff, and our friends from Supporting Heroes. I'm sure there are many others that have supported through meals, visits, cards, and prayers. I know the family appreciates all of the assistance.

As the cooler weather approaches, we want to make sure we educate the citizens we serve about the importance of heating safety to include checking the furnaces and the possible consequences of carbon monoxide poisoning. And as always, making sure they have at least one working smoke detector in the residence along with a

safety escape plan. We have had our share of fire fatalities in the Commonwealth and we must make sure we educate the public during this upcoming fire prevention week to eliminate or lessen these numbers.

Stay safe!

Jeffrey H. Pohlman  
1st Vice President



**Mike Hulsey**  
**Vice President At-Large**

I hope that everyone that attended the KFA conference had a wonderful time in Elizabethtown if you didn't attend you missed a good time. Chris had a great year and with his guidance it ended right. A special Thank You to the Hardin County Chief's Association for stepping up and hosting the Luau, fantastic job. The Dixie Association had one goal for the conference, to make sure everyone in attendance were not only able to take care of business but also were entertained. On a personal note, I have to publicly thank the firefighters from my department. Whatever had to be done they stepped up and did it, most often before they were asked, and not only that they also went out and won the Olympics and the KFA Golf Tournament for the third year straight. Our teams will be in Paducah next year to defend both titles. I would like to challenge everyone to try to beat them.

Unfortunately President Kyle's term started off the wrong way. As everyone knows the first day of his Presidency started off with the LODD of Glendale Firefighter Johnathan French. We don't understand our Lord's plan when something like this happens, but everyone that needed to respond were within 5 miles of the incident so that assistance to the family and the department was immediate. A special Thank You to all of our brothers who responded to this incident to show how strong our brotherhood is, from departments making sure that the escort to the Med Center to and from Louisville was done with honor to the departments who attended the funeral, the procession traveled 27.2 miles and was eight miles long. The Glendale Department is coming back



strong and will only grow from this incident.

I personally would like to welcome back the Lake Cumberland Association to good standing within the KFA, now we need to work on the Barren River Association. The fire service in Kentucky is a sleeping giant and the Legislators know this. If we could get everyone woke up to realize how strong we could be, there is no end to what we could get done.



**Dixie FF Assn. Director  
Chris Crawford**

Greetings from the Dixie Firefighters Association, I hope that everyone found the fun and hospitality at the 2014 conference to be excellent. We have many things going on in the Dixie Region at this time, some will be over by the time you read this and some we are just in the planning stage.

I must tell you we are all still in shock from the loss of Lieutenant French of the Glendale Fire Department. His family, along with Jonathan, were very active in the Dixie Firefighters Association for many years. Chief Peters and his whole family worked behind the scenes at Dixie Fire School to ensure that each student had a great weekend of instruction.

We are also praying and wishing a speedy recovery for our brothers and friends from the Campbellsville Fire Department who were injured while serving their community.

As I was saying earlier, we have several things going in the Dixie Region. Meade County Fire School will be held September 6-7, and we have already started planning for the 2015 Dixie Fire School. Dale Dobson continues to work with Tiger Robinson to roll out the "Save Our Kids" fire truck.

*Chris Crawford*

**Pike Co FF Assn. Director  
Lewis Ratliff**

First of all, I would like to congratulate Past President Crawford and the Dixie Firefighter Association on a very successful conference and I wish President Steve Kyle the very best of luck during his tenure as President.

As many of you know, I got pretty sick during the first week of July. What I thought was the flu

turned out to be a lot worse. What started out as a corn on my left foot turned into Necrotizing Fasciitis (flesh eating bacteria). It lead to the amputation of my left leg below my knee and I am a diabetic. The corn showed up the first or second week of June and I treated it with an over the counter remover and the next day, I noticed a small hole in the corn. I began treating it with antibiotic cream and Band-Aids. On July 2, I noticed a small skin tear under the corn. By Tuesday, July 8, I was so sick that I couldn't walk and I was taken to the hospital here in Pikeville and then I was transferred to UK where I was told the news. I spent 10 days there and I had 2 surgeries, then I was sent back to Pikeville Medical Center to do my rehabilitation. I stayed in rehab for 6 days.

I am doing fine now. I have started the prosthetic process which should hopefully have me walking on my own by Thanksgiving or Christmas and be back firefighting by January.

Without the support of my family, friends and members of the Island Creek Volunteer Fire Department, I would have been lost. I want to thank everyone for the words of encouragement and get well wishes.

By the time you read this, The Pike County/ Pikeville Fire School will have been held and hopefully a good turnout. This is the 25th anniversary of the school. I hope to see all of you in Owensboro at the Officers School in February.

*Lewis Ratliff*  
Pike County Director



**Pat Walsh New 3rd VP**

Pat Walsh was sworn in as your new third Vice president at the KFA Conference in Elizabethtown. Pat is the Chief of the McMahan Fire Protection District in Louisville. He is part of the Jefferson County Firefighters Association. Pat will host the KFA Conference in the Louisville area in 2016.

**Words of Wisdom**

Some people die at 25 and aren't buried until 75.  
Benjamin Franklin

## Tragedy Strikes Campbellsville FD



Four Campbellsville Firefighters were injured on the campus of the Campbellsville University Thursday August 21 when the aerial apparatus bucket came too close to a 36,000 volt power line. The bucket did not touch the lines but was close enough for the voltage to arc over to the firefighters. The department was participating in a ALS Cold Water Challenge (pictured above).

Injured were Firefighters Captain Tony Grider 41, Firefighter Simon Quinn 22, Firefighter Steve Marrs 37 and Firefighter Alex Johnson 28. Captain Grider and Firefighter Quinn were flown to University Hospital in Louisville. Firefighters Marrs and Johnson were treated locally and released. Captain Grider is in critical condition and Firefighter Quinn is in stable condition with some improvement.

The Campbellsville Fire Department as well as the University has asked for everyone to remember the the men as well as the department in prayer.

Firefighters from many departments have stood vigil at the hospital assisting the family as they wait for signs of improvement.



## Mount Eden Fire House Burns To The Ground

On August 5th the Mount Eden Fire House was a victim to our never ending foe fire. By the time anyone saw smoke the fire house was already fully involved. The source of the blaze has not been determined. The department lost everything in the fire. The loss was over 1 million dollars. The membership has decided to rebuild but in the meantime neighboring departments are on automatic alarm so the residents will be protected. The fire board is actively involved in trying to bring the department back to a new normal as rapidly as possible.

If you would like to help, donations can be made at People's State Bank of Taylorsville at the main branch and the Elk Creek Branch. The name of account is Mt. Eden District Board Disaster Contribution. You can also donate by calling 502-477-2244.



## Strange things Do Happen!

The Summersville Fire Department experienced a vehicle incident that wasn't related to driving. The rescue truck pulled into a parking lot to turn around during a funeral procession in Greensburg, Kentucky.

When the truck made the turn, it fell through the basement of an auto parts store.

The parking lot was built over a former service station which is connected to the store.

## EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES



### CPAT Testing Schedule

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

#### Louisville (open)

October 6th-6 PM Orientation (Mandatory)

October 27th-6 PM 1st Practice

November 10th-6 PM 2nd Practice

November 24th-6 PM Final Test

#### Henderson (open at KCTCS Campus)

October 25th-8AM Orientation (Mandatory)

November 15th-8 AM 1st Practice

December 6th-8 AM 2nd Practice

December 13th-8 AM Final Test

### Coming Events At A Glance!

#### SEKFA Fire School

London, October 17-19

#### Green River Fall Fire School

Owensboro, October 24 - 26

#### Buffalo Trace Fire School

Maysville, October 24 - 26

#### 2014 Instructors Weekend

London, November 21 - 23

#### Bryant Stiles GR Officers School

Owensboro, February 21 - 22, 2015



### 2014 IFSAC SKILLS TESTING SCHEDULE

Date	Area	Location	Phone
10/29-30	15	Lexington	859-361-2273
11/1 - 2	5	Elizabethtown	888-234-7201
11/22-23	6	Middletown	888-306-8064
3/7-8/2015	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 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 accreditation is through the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC).

### Hopkins County Fire School

October 3-5

Madisonville CC Health Campus

### Friday Night Classes Oct 3

- 1 Wildland Awareness
- 2 Flashover Recognition
- 3 Basic FF Skills (4 hrs PPE)
- 4 Haz Mat Awareness (First 4 hrs)

### Saturday Classes Oct 4

- 5 Haz Mat Awareness (Last 4 hrs)
- 6 Haz Mat Operations (1st 4 hrs start after lunch)
- 7 Basic FF Skills (2hrs Ladders, 2 hrs Vent, 3 hrs fire prevention)
- 8 Firefighter Survival
- 9 Off Road Driving & Winch Operations
- 10 Aerial Ladder Operations
- 11 EMT Refresher Course

### Sunday Classes Oct 5

- 13 Firefighter Rescue
- 14 EMT Refresher Course
- 15 Violence Intervention Prevention for Emergency Responders (3 hrs starts at 1 PM)
- 16 Basic FF Skills (4 hrs Fire Hose, Nozzles, & Apparatus 3 hrs Protective Systems)
- 17 Haz Mat Operations (Last 8 hrs)
- 18 Basic Low Angle Rope Operations
- 19 Drivers Training

## Words of Wisdom

It takes many good deeds to build a good reputation, and only one bad one to lose it.

Benjamin Franklin



***Southeastern FF Association Fall Fire School***

October 17-19

KCTCS London Campus

***Friday Only Classes***

- 1 Haz Mat Awareness 8 hrs (class begins at 1 PM)
- 2 KY Wildland Awareness 4 hrs
- 3 What's In You Air 4 hrs
- 4 Drivers Training 4 hrs
- 5 Traffic Incident Management 4 hrs
- 6 KY Flashover Management 4 hrs

***Saturday Only Classes***

- 7 CPR 4 hrs AM
- 8 First Aid 4 hrs PM
- 9 Fire Scene Photography 8 hrs
- 10 FF Survival 8 hrs
- 11 Basic Firefighting 1 4 hrs AM
- 12 Basic Firefighting 2 4 hrs PM
- 13 Hard To Get Hours 1 4 hrs AM
- 14 Hard To Get Hours 2 4 hrs PM

***Sunday Only Classes***

- 15 FF Rescue 8 hrs
- 16 Basic Fire Scene Investigation 8 hrs
- 17 Basic Firefighting 3 4 hrs AM
- 18 Basic Firefighting 4 4 hrs PM
- 19 Hard To Get Hours 3 4 hrs AM
- 20 Hard To Get Hours 4 4 hrs PM

***Saturday and Sunday Classes***

- 21 Vehicle Extrication 16 hrs
- 22 Intermediate FF Skills 16 hrs
- 23 Haz Mat Operations 16 hrs
- 24 Command and Control 16 hrs
- 25 Pump Ops and Maintenance 16 hrs
- 26 NFA MCTO-DM 16 hrs
- 27 Arson 1 16 hrs
- 28 Advanced SCBA 16 hrs

***Friday, Saturday and Sunday***

- 29 Advanced FF Tactics (Fri PM) 20 hrs
- 30 EMT Con Ed 24 hrs

***Buffalo Trace FF Assn. Regional Fire School***

October 24-26

Maysville

***Friday Only Classes***

- 4 Street Drug Awareness 2-3 hrs
- 5 Flashover Recognition 3 hrs
- 15 Wildland Awareness 4 hrs
- 16 Auto Extrication 4 hrs
- 17 Electrical Safety & Gas Line Emerg. 3 hrs
- 18 Chief's Round Table

- 19 Courage To Be Safe 3 hrs

***Saturday Only Classes***

- 8 FF Survival 6-7 hrs
- 10 Pump Operations & Water Supply 7 hrs
- 12 Propane Emergencies 7 hrs
- 14 Initial Fire Attack w/Limited Manpower 8 hrs
- 21 Paramedic Refresher 8 hrs

***Sunday Only Classes***

- 9 Fire Control 7 hrs
- 11 FF Rescue 6-7 hrs
- 13 Advanced Foam 8 hrs

***Saturday Repeated Sunday Class***

- 20 AMTRAK & Railroad Safety 8 hrs

***Saturday & Sunday Classes***

- 3 Hard To Get Hours 12-14 hrs
- 6 Haz Mat Operations
- 7 Farm Rescue 14-16 hrs

***Friday, Saturday & Sunday Classes***

- 1 EMT Con Ed 24 hrs
- 2 Basic Firefighting 18-20 hrs

***Green River FF Assn Fall Fire School***

October 24-26

Owensboro

***Special 2 Weekend Class***

- 6 Methodology - Level 1 (Oct 11&12) 40 hrs

***Saturday Only Classes***

- 9 Utility Emergencies 8 hrs
- 12 Testing 101 8hrs

***Sunday Only Class***

- 10 Haz Mat Awareness 8 hrs

***Saturday Repeated on Sunday***

- 8 USAR Awareness 8 hrs

***Saturday & Sunday Classes***

- 2 EMT Con Ed 16 hrs
- 3 Firefighter Survival & Rescue 16 hrs
- 4 Extreme Extrication 16 hrs
- 5 Fire Blast Burn Simulations 16 hrs
- 7 Hard To Get Hours 16 hrs
- 11 Arson Awareness 16 hrs
- 13 Water Rescue & Recovery 16 hrs

***Friday, Saturday & Sunday Class***

- 1 Essentials / Basic 20hrs

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**Words of Wisdom**

Early to bed and early to rise makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise.

Benjamin Franklin



## Recruitment and Retention

by Jacob Warren

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The Recruitment and Retention Program has been busy with events across the Commonwealth. The Mobile History and Recruiting Center has undergone a exterior face lift adding the current Fire Commission Logos and the recruiting hotline. With fall and cooler weather, many departments are planning open houses and recruiting events, so don't miss your chance. The program spent several days at the Kentucky State Fair recruiting volunteers and promoting the fire service. We're happy to report several interested people from throughout the Commonwealth expressed interest in volunteering. In this day and time departments need to make an effort to inform their communities about the current need for volunteers. Often times people do not know their departments are looking for people. Get out there and make your community informed. Here is a quick thought on morale and retention. I'll offer a quote from John Salka Battalion Chief FDNY Ret. "I could treat everyone in the fire house to steak dinners, except that free steaks are not going to make them better or happier firefighters. But when I give them the freedom to do their jobs and apply their considerable talents in the way they see fit, they're the most effective, most motivated bunch you've ever seen." Find ways to motivate your people and let them excel fulfilling your departments' mission.

Check out the new wrap on the Mobile History & Recruiting Center.



## Notes From Fireman Joe

My Compliments to the Dixie Firefighters Association, President Chris Crawford, his committee and all involved with the 2014 edition of the KFA Conference in Elizabethtown, Kentucky in early August. It was so good to get back to E-Town. I had a marvelous time and particularly enjoyed lunch with E-Town Firefighters on Monday and the trip to the Patton Museum. The Party that evening was a GREAT TIME!

On Wednesday morning we were all awoken to the horrible news about the events on I-65 earlier that morning which took the life of FF Jonathan French and injured his mother while attacking a van fire. Having worked many years on I-75 in Northern KY, I am very much aware of the dangers of interstate incidents. It was such a terrible ending to such a wonderful time spent in E-Town. My heart-felt prayers go out to the family and members of the Glendale Fire Dept.

Congratulations are in order for good friends, Chief Mike Hulsey of the Elizabethtown Fire Department and Assistant Chief Joe Bowman of Pleasure Ridge Park Fire Department who were inducted into the 2014 Class of KFA Hall of Fame. I have known both these exceptional gentleman for many years, admiring and respecting their contributions to KFA and specifically their Departments. I was very proud to read the bio's and recognize our latest entries into the Hall of Fame.

I wish I could figure out where our summer has gone, at this writing it is late August and I am looking at my calendar and Fire Prevention Month is right around the corner. In case you are not aware, NFPA theme for 2014 is "WORKING SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES" which reminds us to test our detectors every month. What a great opportunity for your department to have an Open House to promote Fire Prevention Month Programs. Another great idea and even better is a smoke alarm giveaway or blitz of your city to insure all homes have this life saving protection. Time after time after time, smoke alarms are responsible for making sure all are out safely in a fire emergency. Of course take the time to complete school fire drills and inspections, and while you're doing those fire drills encourage the little ones to have mom and dad do a fire drill at home. If it is important at school, think how valuable that drill can be in your home. Make sure they have that safe meeting





place OUTSIDE by a tree, telephone pole or at a neighbor's house and call 9-1-1.

My thoughts and prayers also go out to the members of the Campbellsville Fire Department members who were injured while promoting a local fund raiser for ALS. I can't think of a better time than now to continue to promote the Everyone Goes Home Program that the Fallen Firefighters Foundation encourages us to promote.

Until next time, PLEASE! STAY SAFE! GOD BLESS.

*Fireman Joe*



## Chaplain's Corner

"Mayday, Mayday, firefighter down", the most dreaded words in our work. I know we join together in one common prayer and hope, we never have to hear those words again. As Chief Walsh and our training officers keep repeating over and over again, "Safety is always first". Yet, the risks associated with doing our job are always out there; some predictable, others that we cannot imagine or control. Out of nowhere they come; a roof collapses, a semi-truck hits a pumper, an explosion occurs and all of a sudden things have changed forever. Expecting the unexpected, now how in heavens name do we deal with that?

We all know that it has been a rough time for the "firefighting family" around our area over these past few days. The loss of one of our own at a van fire on I-65 south at Glendale and the roof collapse claiming another in New Carlisle, IN. The Secret List continues to post names of our fellow fallen firefighters from across the nation at a rate that is overwhelming.

Would you allow me to simply remind us of what has been said in our training time and time again? "There are no routine runs". Now, how many times have you heard that? It has been repeated so many times over my years in the fire service that the saying has become routine in and of itself. Our fallen firefighters cannot be forgotten. The best way that we can honor them is to keep before us not only the honor of their service but the possibility that their life can still help save ours. Many of them were just responding to what was a "routine run". Our "brother" Jonathan French of Glendale Fd was just responding to a car fire on the side of I-65. How many car fires do we get called to in a year? A flashback comes to my mind of my former jump-seat riding days when we would yawn on our way to the scene of a car fire or an alarm sounding at a place we had been to so many times before. Of course

I am not suggesting we get super hyper over ordinary runs but PLEASE heed the voice of your experienced officers, trainers and from our fallen heroes. If just one more life of our firefighting family is saved, it will have been worth it.

I am reminded of the greater words that were once spoken in the record of the Christian Bible that may have some truth for all, "Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come." (Mark 13:33)

Let's keep training for safety, learning about safety, practicing safety and watching out for each other. Life is the most valuable gift of God. Let's keep alert! Remember there are no routine runs.

Thanks for all your help in making life better!

*Wayne Bishop*

Chaplain, Jefferson County Fire/Rescue  
McMahan District

## Recalls

### LAPTOP POWER CORDS

DETAILS: Power cords that came with HP and Compaq laptops and mini laptops. They were sold between September 2010 and June 2012 for about \$500 to \$1500. The cords are black and have an "LS-15" mark at the end.

WHY: The power cord can overheat and may start a fire or cause a burn hazard.

INCIDENTS: Twenty-nine reports of power cords overheating and melting or charring. Two customers said they the cord caused minor burns, and 13 said it caused minor property damage.

HOW MANY: About 5.6 million.

FOR MORE: Call Hewlett-Packard, which also makes the Compaq laptops, at 877-219-6676. Customers can also visit [www.hp.com](http://www.hp.com) and click on "Recalls" at the bottom of the page.

### HELMETS

DETAILS: NRS Chaos Side Cut helmets used for water sports, such as rafting, kayaking, stand-up paddling and canoeing. They were sold, for about \$60, at Collinsville Canoe & Kayak Store, NRS, Outdoorplay, REI and other sport equipment stores around the country and online at [nrs.com](http://nrs.com) and [aire.com](http://aire.com) from April 2014 through July 2014. The helmets are available in yellow, red, blue or white.

WHY: The rivets that hold the chin strap to the helmet can fail and cause the helmet to fall off, posing a head injury risk.

INCIDENTS: Four reports that the helmet's rivets failed. No injuries have been reported.

HOW MANY: About 3,300.

FOR MORE: Call NRS at 800-635-5202, email [service@nrs.com](mailto:service@nrs.com) or go online at [www.nrs.com](http://www.nrs.com) and click on "Voluntary Recall" for more information. Customers can also return the helmet to where they bought it for a refund or replacement.

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# Kentucky Firefighters Association

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*The KFA sincerely appreciates your continued support of our organization on a personal level. Your choice to support our organization shows your support of the fire service and its professionalism and dedication to the citizens of our commonwealth.*

*Duane Suttles, Treasurer*

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## NEW ARRIVALS



To Louisville FD a 2013 Seagrave Marauder II Tractor Drawn Aerial, 500 HP Cummins Engine and an Allison Transmission, 100' Ladder with 500 lb. Tip Load, Stainless Steel Cab and Body, ROM Roll-Up Doors, 10KW Harrison Generator, Delivered By: Fire & Specialty Equipment Co. in Shepherdsville, KY.



To Nicholasville FD a 2014 Seagrave Marauder II Custom Pumper with Stainless Steel Cab, Body and Operators Stand a Cummins 450 HP Engine and an Allison Transmission, 1500 GPM Pump, 750 Water Tank, ROM Roll-Up Compartment Doors with an Enclosed Ladder Bay In Body sold by Fire & Specialty Equipment Co. in Shepherdsville, KY



To Garrard Co. Fire Protection District #1- Manufactured by Southeast Apparatus, LLC (888-996-6277)...A 2015 Ford F-550 Heavy Duty Rescue Truck with a 12 ft. body, Hannay Electric Rewind Cord Reels, Hannay Electric Rewind Hydraulic Reels, Akron Scene Star Portable 110-Volt Tripod Lights, Kussmaul Battery Charger/Maintainer, all L.E.D. Emergency Lighting.

## Funeral Resource Information and KFA Funeral Director



Your KFA has created new resources to further serve the Kentucky Fire Service in a time when you need it most along with position to further assist you. The resources are available on the KFA website at [www.kyfa.org](http://www.kyfa.org). On the left side of the website, click

on Resources and then on Funeral Resources.

The resources found there include:

1. Chaplain's Manual.
2. How to Help the Family.
3. LODD Planning.
4. Main Points for Funerals
5. Firefighter's Prayer
6. KRS 61.315 KY LODD Benefit
7. KRS 95A.070 KY Disabled FF Line of Duty Insurance benefit
8. KRS 164.2841 KY Free Tuition to family LODD
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Your KFA has also appointed Charles W Shaw (Charlie) as its new Kentucky Firefighters Association Funeral Director. Charlie will be assisting you with LODD or other firefighter funeral needs. You can contact Charlie by phone at 270-572-6161 or by email at [fireresq@kyol.net](mailto:fireresq@kyol.net).

Your KFA is always looking to find new and better ways to serve you, the firefighter. We are here if you need us!

As your Funeral Director, I need your help! Please send the following information to:

**Charles W. Shaw, [fireresq@kyol.net](mailto:fireresq@kyol.net) or mail to 108 Wakefield Dr., Campbellsville KY 42718. If you have any of the following please send that information to me:**

1. List of your member trained to participate in Color or Honor guard.
2. Persons in class A uniform capable to participate in "Line of Duty" or Non-Line of Duty funerals.
3. Bagpipe players - cost - availability.

**Work Place Safety... As Simple As a Seatbelt**

By Bill Starr, Risk Management Safety Manager  
Emergency Services Insurance Program

As emergency service providers, you have all seen the difference between injuries sustained by drivers and passengers who are involved in motor vehicle accidents who are wearing seat belts compared to those who are not wearing seat belts. Traffic safety facts provided by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) have confirmed that seatbelt use can reduce serious crash-related injuries and deaths by 50%.

As operators and passengers in emergency apparatus, the risk of an accident is even greater than with the general public. Surprisingly, even though this is a commonly known fact, many emergency responders still do not use their seat belts when answering an emergency call. As recently as June of this year we reviewed two emergency vehicle accidents where a fire apparatus left the highway and rolled over. In each case the equipment was a total loss. In one case all of the emergency personnel were wearing seatbelts, resulting in minor injuries to the occupants. In the second case the operator of the fire truck was not wearing his seat belt and was killed after being ejected from the vehicle and crushed by the apparatus. Many line of duty deaths in the emergency services industry are caused by vehicle accidents which could have been prevented with the use of a seatbelt.

As an Emergency Service Organization, it is your responsibility to establish and promote a culture of safety for your community, fellow members and co-workers. Standard Operating Procedures that address requirements for wearing seatbelts are in place within most organizations. Enforcing these policies is crucial to the safety of your organization. Your insurance provider has a vested interest in your safety and some may have resources available to aid you and your organization in promoting the use of seatbelts. They typically include sample seatbelt policies, procedures and on line courses to name just a few. For more information contact your insurance company.

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**Words of Wisdom**

Why do they call it rush hour when nothing moves?

Robin Williams

**NFPA Teams Up Again This Year with  
LEGOLAND Parks**

This October represents the third year NFPA and LEGOLAND Parks have joined forces to promote Fire Prevention Week and its home fire safety messages. Both Parks are planning fire safety events and activities during and leading up to the annual campaign, and will be announced in the weeks ahead.

"Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in a home fire in half," said Lorraine Carli, NFPA's vice president of Outreach and Advocacy. "Teaming up with our LEGOLAND partners to sponsor the smoke alarm pledge presents a fun, simple way to motivate the public to test their smoke alarms monthly, and to help ensure that they're protected in the event of a home fire."

Participants who agree to take the smoke alarm pledge will automatically be entered into a sweepstakes. The grand prize winner will be randomly selected to receive a trip for up to four people to either LEGOLAND Florida Resort or LEGOLAND California Resort, while another 10 participants will win free tickets to either park. From today through October 5, families can participate in the pledge by visiting [www.nfpa.org/smokealarmpledge](http://www.nfpa.org/smokealarmpledge).

"Safety is a priority for us," said LEGOLAND Florida Resort General Manager Adrian Jones. "We're thrilled to team up with NFPA and actively support the smoke alarm pledge, and help educate children on the importance of fire safety."

According to NFPA statistics, three out of every five home fire deaths in the U.S. result from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms. For more information about smoke alarms and this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, visit [www.FPW.org](http://www.FPW.org).

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**Words of Wisdom**

The Statue of Liberty is no longer saying, 'Give me your poor, your tired, your huddled masses.' She's got a baseball bat and yelling, 'You want a piece of me?'

Robin Williams

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