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What do you think? Fireworks in Kentucky

Fireworks are a piece of Americana that many firefighters find exciting and use as a fun part of holiday celebrations. Some fire departments host community fireworks shows, and it's a safe bet that many include fireworks safety information in seasonal public education efforts.

Many firefighters, however, can't fully explain what is legal to possess and use in Kentucky. Current fireworks laws read that ground or handheld sparkling devices are

legal, whereas aerial devices and audible devices are not. In summary, if it leaves the ground, has wings or fins, the word "explosive," or has a report, it is illegal for a person to possess and use in Kentucky, unless they obtain a sales or display permit from the Kentucky State Fire Marshal.

The State Fire Marshal will grant a permit for a "supervised public display" after a fire chief, mayor, or county judge signs an application for a "competent operator." There is no clear definition of what a competent operator is, so the responsibility is placed squarely on these public officials to determine who is competent. Hopefully, they are reviewing NFPA 1123 *Code for Fireworks Display*, for guidance on proper setup and operation of any display within their jurisdiction. A different permit is required for fireworks sales and this is also issued by the State Fire Marshal's Office. Wholesalers must be licensed by the ATF to possess "the good stuff," and are required to obtain a state sales permit as well. Statewide enforcement is limited by the low number of local or state inspectors who ensure that they are stored and sold in accordance with the state fire code and NFPA 1124 *Code for the Manufacture, Transportation, Storage, and Retail Sales of Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles*. Several fire chiefs can tell stories on how they were surprised by illegal inventories of large quantities of fireworks that were discovered due to a fire or other call. Imagine how several hundred (thousands) pounds of items marked "explosive" would change your tactics on a response!

Our current law is long overdue for revision; some language is outdated and it does not meet the need of firefighters, fire chiefs and even the fireworks industry. The KFA Fireworks Committee addressed this issue with a bill introduced in 2008 to the Kentucky Legislature. It met a stiff challenge from fireworks industry representatives and failed to come out of committee. During the 2009 session, fireworks whole-salers reworked the bill, attempting to push through something more to their favor. As of this writing, the bill has not come out of the House committee it was assigned to. We could not support this bill and there was no time to work out a compromise.

The KFA is continuing its work in this area and the Fireworks Committee will be meeting with the Kentucky State Fire Marshal's Office, Kentucky Injury Prevention Research Council, and other statewide safety advocates in late April / early May at the Fire Marshal's Office in Frankfort. After we reach a consensus, we intend to meet with fireworks industry representatives to address all of our concerns in the best possible manner for all Kentuckians.

You can link to <u>www.lrc.ky.gov</u> and go to Chapter 227.700 to find the current laws regarding fireworks in the Commonwealth. For more information, email <u>russell.todd@elizabethtownky.gov</u> and let your voice be heard before we seek legislative changes in the 2010 session. Other members of the committee include: Buddy Steele, Van Taylor, Dave Jackson, Mike Kurtsinger, Dave Tiemeyer, Joe Stambush, Bob Hendricks, and KYSFM Bill Swope. We are interested in any opinions, clippings, or reports from events that have involved Kentucky fire departments on fireworks response or enforcement.

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Notes From The President's Desk Randy Courtney

Well let me start by saying a big thank you to all the folks at Green River Firefighters Association for putting on a great school so far away from their normal operating area in Owensboro. It was a wonderful school and a great vendor night. However, we have become accustom to this caliber of work over the years so we expect nothing less from this fine organization. Thank you again for allowing us to hold our spring meeting in conjunction with this fine school.

I want to also thank the KFA Executive board, Committee Chairs, Regional Directors for their support and the reports that were submitted during our meeting. With out the exceptional people we have it would be so much harder to run our association and have such a wonderful organization.

At our E-Board meeting the biggest topic that was discussed was of course **Money**. As everyone is aware, the KFA is no different than any other organization in the fire service, we need money to operate. We must have money to provide you with the services that you have come acustom to just like the Officers School which is a premiere training school in this state but requires funding in order for you to enjoy a wonderful training experience.

We are asking that each department pay their \$75.00 annual membership dues and with that you are getting some rewards. The biggest is the \$2,000.00 accidental death and dismemberment policy through the American Income Life Insurance Co. Each member of a dues paying department receives this from the KFA when you pay your \$75.00 annual dues. As of February 28, 2009 we had 377 dues paying departments out of over 800 in this state. Now if you are one of those 377 we greatly appreciate you for your support. If you happen to be one of those departments that haven't paid your dues then if you're reading this we encourage you to do so. If you are not a chief then we encourage you to hassle your chief or your board to join the KFA. It is never too late in the year to join.

We have Gerald Stewart and Michael "Howdy" Kurtsinger as paid lobbyist to attend the legisla tive sessions in Frankfort and watch several bills for us. From time to time we get an email from them that give us a date they need us to be in Frankfort to help influence a vote on a bill or for us to make calls to our local Representatives or Senators. This is another reason why you need to be a Dues paying member of KFA. At our E-Board meeting in Lexington John Daley the immediate past president of the KFA presented two six hundred dollar (\$600.00) checks that were left over from the Northern KY Conference Fund. He requested that one go to the Scholarship fund and the other to the Honor Guard fund. These are two services we provide when you need them the most which are very much in need of this money. Thanks John and the Northern KY FF Assoc.

Please check our web site out www.kyfa.org. We are conducting a survey in reference to your interest in attending our meetings during fire school. We want to know what you think and what we can do to improve relationships with the firefighters of this great state. The meetings in the past have taken place during the time you are in class. We would like to know if there is enough interest for us to move the meetings to the evenings so you could attend or maybe even different dates. The dates have been set and some brochures have been given out on the 80th Annual Kentucky State Fire School and Homeland Security Conference. The dates are June 10th thru 14th 2009. Plan now to attend this great school and conference. I promise you will come away learning something.

We have a new fund raiser and it works pretty easy all you need to do it go to our web site and



click on this link to get to the site. It offers really good travel deals and just about anything else you can buy off the internet. When you purchase travel or items thru our web site not only do you get a good price but we receive a small percentage from each sale. So if you are going to book that vacation or buy flowers and send them

a long distance anyway you might as well do yourself and us a favor and do it through the KFA. Please just try it and see how you like it.

Let me close by saying a big thank you to Charlie Shaw, Jamie Skaggs, Bobby Coward, Rick Bobo, Joey Little, for their efforts in putting up the KFA booth that was used during vendor's night. And Miss Kentucky for appearing and signing pictures for everyone. Well hope to see you in Lexington at the 80th annual Ky State Fire School. Until then if you need me or any of the executive board members just check out our web site and our numbers are listed. Send your dues in please WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!!

Respectively Yours

Randy Courtney

President

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Treasurer's Notes

by Terry Keller Spring has sprung. I hope the state of Kentucky is finished with the icy and or wind storms.

Your K F A Executive Board met in Lexington, during the Green River Officer school. I hope everyone had a chance to stop by the K F A booth, or at least talk to one of the executive board members. I know I was able to talk with some of you. It is always good to hear what is going on in the rest of the state. Most fire departments have the same issues, just on a different level.

Your Executive Board is taking a strong look at it's spending from now until conference. Income is down and membership is still not to the the projected 400 departments. The Executive Board and Directors are directly involved with calling departments asking them to join the K F A. This is a major program for the K F A. Membership must be increased if the K F A is to continue the programs for the betterment of the fire service. I know the \$75.00 dues is a lot of money, but consider the benifits your department receives. State Aid Check or incentive pay, \$2000.00 accidential life insurance policy for each member, copy of the newsletter sent to each department, Memorial in Frankfort, Legislative agents in Frankfort protecting the pension fund, along with the health and welfare benifits. These are just a few programs the K F A is involved in.

There are 382 departments paid at the time of this article. K F A needs more members. If you think your department is not a member, please encourage your chief and other members to join.

The KFA conference is the 31st of July thru Aug. 3rd. Your department needs to be a dues paying member so they can send two delegates to the conference and make your departments voice heard.

Until I see some of you at the conference, stay safe and enjoy the good weather.

NOTICE!!

In light of economic issues facing the KFA, the Eboard has decided that effective July 1st 2009 if your department dues are not paid you will no longer receive a copy of the KFA Newsletter Smoke Signals II at your department. All three membership types (Department, Sustaining and Personal) will continue to receive six printed copies per year. We encourage you to pay your dues so you will not miss an issue. Membership benefits include: 1. A voice at the legislative table through our lobbyists in Frankfort. 2. Co sponsorship of the State Fire School/Homeland Security Conference. 3. Assistance with funerals for fire fighters to include a statewide honor guard. 4. Six printed newsletters that contain current information you need to help make tough decisions. 5. A \$2,000.00 accidental death and dismemberment policy through the American Income Life Insurance Co. for each firefighter on your roster. 6. Assistance with discounted travel and other internet services. 7. An annual firefighter competition and conference held at various locations across the state. 8. A representation on national issues through the KFA's membership in the National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC). 9. A directory of all the departments in the state with phone numbers and email addresses if available. 10. Scholarship Program. It's not difficult to see how far the small dues of \$75.00 per department has to be stretched. It is imperative that your department join. If for some reason your department does not join but you as an individual fire fighter want to continue to receive the newsletter a simple check for \$25.00 a year will get 6 copies delivered to your home. Membership applications are available on the KFA website at www.kyfa.org.

Sustaining Members dues are \$150.00 per year and the benefits include:

1. Homeland Security Conference State Fire School Registration Discount. 2. Listed in Event Showbook (If received by May 1st). 3. Receive a CD of all Kentucky Fire Departments. 4. Listing on KFA Website. 5. Receive Smoke Signals Newsletter. 6. Listing in Smoke Signals Newsletter. 7. Listed in KFA Directory. 8. A Plaque honoring your membership.

REGIONAL **E**MBERS



Dixie Firefighters Association Chris Crawford President



On March 13, 14, 15 the Dixie Firefighters Association held it's 46th annual fire school. The 800+ in attendance can attest to the fact the school was an overwhelming success. For a school of this size instructors are brought in form across the state and even some from outside the commonwealth. Saturday evening was an event that is always a highlight of the school. 11 teams competed in the 7th Annual Dixie Firefighter Challenge. 1st place was captured by LaRue Co. Team 1 (See picture above) Chris Schmittou, Darren Payne, Mike Key with a time of 1.09.63 minutes. 2nd place Bardstown/Nelson Co. JT Smith, Anthony Skube, Josh Wright, Paul Vane with a time of 1.22.87. 3rd place went to New Hope Team 1 Mike Crobett, Matt Dadisman, Billy Hall, Brian Cissell with a time of 1.24.37. Other teams competing were The Misfits (a conglomerate of Hardin Co. FF), Upton Teams 1 & 2, LaRue Co. Team 2, Oak Grove, Central Hardin, Bedford, and New Hope Team 2. A great time was had by all.

News and notes from Pike County: By Lewis Ratliff

First of all, I would like to congratulate the Green Rivers Firefighters Association on the success of their fire school in Lexington. The 20th annual Pikeville/Pike County Fire Rescue School will be held in September. Dates and classes will be announced at a later date. We are continuing to work on the 2009 KFA Conference. The dates are August 1-4. Please check out our website at KFA2009.com. Hope to see everyone at the conference.

Mountain Firefighters Association By Sam Stacy

The Mountain Firefighters Association has been busy working on the upcoming Hazard Fire School. The Mountain Firefighters Association Regional Fire School will take place on August 29th and 30th on the campus of Hazard Community College. This will be the 31st anniversary of the Hazard School in which all classes and the picnic still will remain free to the all firefighters. The booklet for classes will be available by the first part of May. This year the vendors section will be greatly enhanced with more vendors participating. We are planning a picnic for all fire school students on Saturday evening which will be totally free of charge. All classes at the fire school will be totally free as well and available to any fire, police or EMS agency. There will be a meeting of the Mountain Firefighters Association on April 16 at 6pm to finalize plans for Hazard Fire School.

The Mountain Firefighters Association also recently held their annual election with Chief Roger Friley of Jackson Fire Department Elected as President. Mike Strickland of Krypton Fire Department was elected Vice President. Leonard Toler Chief of Avawam Fire Department was elected as the Secretary and Chief Don Duff of Grapevine/ Chavies Fire Department was elected as Treasurer.



Jefferson Co. Firefighters Association

It is with great pleasure that I am writing my first article to you as the newly elected President of the Jefferson County Firefighters Association. For those that do not know us, the JCFA is the oldest, and by far the largest, fire based association within Jefferson County. We represent all firefighters in Jefferson County regardless of rank or personnel status, including Louisville Fire, Shively Fire, and the Louisville International Airport. For over sixty years we have stood as the voice for firefighters throughout the county amongst each other, the Governor, the state Legislature, and the jurisdictional Fiscal Court. Through the diverication of some duties and responsibilities to other, more newly formed associations, we are able to again concentrate on our core business, firefighters.

We need your input!

Your KFA executive board would like your input in deciding the best time to hold it's meetings during specific events. We currently meet on Saturday during the officer's school and State Fire School. It has been brought to our attention that some members of the fire service would like to attend those meetings but cannot because they are in class. The meetings normally take about 4 hours which could be done on a Friday or Saturday evening. Please take the time to go to our website www.kyfa.org and click on the link that will allow you to give us your input.

THE COURAGE TO BE SAFE

www.everyonegoeshome.com Chief Marc A. Muench, EGH State Advocate marc.muench@florence-ky.gov Cell 859 991-0721

As stated in the previous edition of "Smoke Signals", over the coming months we will address the individual initiatives put forth within the "Everyone Goes Home" program. The first initiative is as follows:

#1-"DEFINE AND ADVOCATE THE NEED FOR CULTURAL CHANGE WITHIN THE FIRE SER-VICE RELATING TO SAFETY BY INCORPORAT-ING; LEADERSHIP, MANAGEMENT, SUPERVI-SION, ACCOUNTABLITY AND PERSONAL RE-SPONSIBILITY."

Who is ultimately responsible for your health and safety as a firefighter? The Chief? Your Line Officer? The Safety Officer? The true answer is that each of us is very much responsible for our own health and safety. Sure, our officers and department policies should dictate that we operate in a safe manner but we as individuals must maintain a certain level of responsibility for our own actions as they relate to fire ground safety as well as our own health. Many times that safety may depend upon our ability to accept changes in the way we do things and/or the equipment we use in our job. We have reached a time in American fire service history where we must once again consider changes in how we do our jobs. In fact, it is time for a radical change to the current firefighter culture and you my friend are an integral part of that culture. For those firefighters who have been

around for less then 10 years, this may sound a bit strange. "You want me to change my culture? Don't we already use modern equipment and techniques to go about our business?" Well yes, but it was not long ago that firefighters entered burning structures without SCBA protection. It has been even less time since firefighters rode on the rear step. Even now it is not unusual to see firefighters freelancing on a fire scene, against the rules of good Incident Command. As firefighting progresses, we have become safer, but now it is time to take the next step. The major initiative of the EGH program is to reduce the number of injuries or deaths in the fire service. In 2008 nearly half of all firefighter deaths were attributed to health issues such as heart attack and stroke. In this same year nearly 25% of deaths were related to vehicle crashes. Good policies that would definably lower these numbers include; reducing vehicle response speeds, intersection safety, structural tactics, firefighter health and fitness programs and most of all, the use of seat belts. Chief Officers must have the leadership to set policies that may not be popular with the rank and file and Line Officers must have the courage to enforce policies that their subordinates might not like. As with all policies, each and every member of a department must be held accountability. Most of all each of us must be personally responsible for our own safety by following department policies. Each of us must hold ourselves accountable for performing each and every fire related task in a safe and efficient manner.

Moving forward it is hoped that these articles will promote a desire for you to operate more safely within your department and thus encourage your department to be a safer place for all members however, these articles are no substitute for the actual four hour EGH Program. I am seeking avenues to spread this program across the entire state and will require your help. At the recent EGH Summit held in Emmittsburg, 140 State Advocates and other interested individuals attended compared to 40 in 2008. THE WORD IS OUT THAT FIREFIGHTER SAFETY IS IN. As this program moves forward, I hope you will consider joining us in helping Kentucky Firefighters to Keep Going Home, After Each Run and After Each Shift.



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Fireman Joe Says Joseph Stambush

Congratulations to the Green River Officers School Committee and their entire staff for once again providing a splendid, educational and fun-filled weekend in Lexington February 27, 28 & March 1. With everything that has gone on the last couple of months, budget cuts and funding problems the school appeared to be a huge success. There was so many things going on the weekend was over before I could even spend time with my many friends and colleagues.

I was able to provide a report to our KFA Executive Board and attend that meeting which proved to be an interesting and informative meeting. I am confident our Executive Board will maintain their standard of excellent leadership and our committee will do what we have to do to provide the support and service needed to our fire and life safety educators. All of us are under strict budget restrictions and this has to be accepted as a sign of the times, we will work it out. NFPA has advised me the next NFPA Public Education Network Workshop and Meeting will be in Chicago, June 7th. NFPA will cover 80% of the cost for attending this Workshop and I have no problem with accepting the other expenses necessary. I feel it is essential that Kentucky be represented and be recognized, not to mention what benefits that may be available to our people from it.

Thank you to the State Fire School Committee for allowing our Team to provide our Basic Public Education Course at Kentucky State Fire School in June. Our class will be held on Friday only, June 12th so pass the word to anyone who may want to attend. Be sure to check the Fire School Brochure which is out now and register for this informative class.

I continue to be asked to present workshops, classes or provide an information booth at various activities across the state. As long as I am able my plan is to continue to provide these vital programs for the enhancement of our fire and life safety projects and educate our citizens.

I want to also thank Carter Northcutt for his work with Juvenile Fire Setters and especially the Nov-

desperately needed to keep our children safe. As of this writing, I have high hopes this legislation will pass, it is incredible to me to think that, in our times, toys can injure and harm our precious children.

Lastly, I have advised the KFA Executive Board I will not accept any future appointments as Chairman of this great committee after President Courtney's Conference in Pikeville. It is time for Fireman Joe to finalize my own programs in Northern Kentucky and plan for retirement. I have tried so very hard to help educate, train and lead our Fire and Life Safety Educators to bring a safer Kentucky for our communities. My associates across Kentucky have been OUTSTANDING! They have shown me time and time again of their strong commitment and dedication to Public Fire and Life Safety Education Projects. I am so very proud of all of you and will miss each of you more than you will ever know.

Thanks to the great Associations who have done so much for our committee over the years. Ronnie Day and the Kentucky Fire Commission especially have always been there to help and provide materials and funding for our many projects. KIPRC, KCPC, Safe Kids, Highway Safety Commission, NFPA and Home Safety Council to name a few. But most of all to the KFA, whose confidence and support have made us what we are. I wish I could have done more and some day my hope and dream for a Statewide Public Education Coordinator for Kentucky will come to reality. I will promise to support and assist whoever is appointed to succeed me.

MAY GOD BLESS AND KEEP YOU SAFE AL-WAYS!

Fireman Joe

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Currently the JCFA's primary mission is divided threefold. First, the representation of all firefighters within the borders of Jefferson County on both a local and state level. Second, training and dissemination of information from local, state, and federal sources that affect firefighters. Third, to act as a conduit for all firefighters and departments to meet, share ideas, and speak with a common voice.

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Most recently the JCFA has taken on the challenge and responsibility of securing the future of the fire service by aggressively promoting the fire explorer program with which interest has exploded. While we continue to expand our representation and interests we are always looking for more firefighters to take on an active role in our organization. With that in mind I am issuing the following challenge to all firefighters in Jefferson County. Take an active role in your representation. Come to a meeting and see what we are doing and what you can do to help. Speak to your Department Chief about becoming your departmental representative today.

To Chief Officers, continue to promote and foster support for JCFA. Appoint a representative to carry your personnels voices to us, and the memberships collective voice back to your agency. Volunteer to host an association meeting where we can showcase your department and equipment. Above all, help us stand together, because those that stand united, stand strong.

Cpt. Wesley J. Stover, President 502-817-1137

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

2009 IFSAC SKILLS TESTING SCHEDULE

Date	Area	Location	Phone
4/4-5/09	11	Pikeville	888-302-8935
4/18-19/09	15	ТВА	888-234-3961
5/2-3/09	2	Princeton	888-306-7986
5/30-31/09	6	Louisville	888-306-8064
8/15-16/09	13	London	888-234-0100
9/19-20/09	12	Hazard	888-234-6759
10/10-11/09	6	Middletown	888-306-8064
10/17-18/09	14	Campbellsville	888-234-1780
10/17-18/09	5	Elizabethtown	888-234-7201
10/31-11/01	7	Highland Heights	888-306-8101
11/7-8/09	15	TBA	888-234-3961
11/21-22/09	1	Calvert City	888-306-7901
12/12-13/09	4	Bowling Green	888-234-5760

Written testing information is available on the area 9 web site. 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.

Homeland Security Conference and 80th Annual State Fire School June 10 – 14, 2009 PATRIOTISM A Salute to the United States of America, the Flag, and Our Armed Forces

Throughout the Commonwealth there are many devoted men and women, both career and volunteer Emergency Service Personnel that have gone beyond the pledge to Serve and Protect Life, Property, and Environment in their communities, to protecting their countries freedom as a member of the United States Armed Forces. Therefore this year at our Homeland Security Conference and 80th Annual State Fire School we believe it is an appropriate time to honor such dedication displayed by those extraordinary individuals.

We would like to have the ability to identify all members of the Commonwealths Fire Service that are also members of the armed forces, whether they are on active or inactive duty at this time. We would send a Fire School program and a letter of appreciation to each individual, wherever they are stationed. We plan to have the names of each person active and inactive listed in the program with their fire department, their branch of service listed and to show if they are actively or inactively deployed. To accomplish this we are requesting the help of every Fire Department in the state and their members to send us; the name, address (home and stationed), branch of service, name of fire department, and status of service to one of the below addresses, by Wednesday, April 29, 2009. 14, 385 Old Greensburg SFRT Area Rd., Campbellsville, KY 42718

Or Kentucky Fire Commission, Ronnie Day, 300 North Main St., Versailles, KY 40383

Or E-mail to fireresq@kyol.net

KFA Special Events Coordinator Charlie Shaw would like to remind everyone to <u>Mark</u> <u>Your Calendars</u>:

June 11 – 14, 2009 – Homeland Security Conference & State Fire School; Lexington

August 1 – 4, 2009 KFA Conference

August 14 & 15, 2009 – Firefighter Combat Challenge Lexington, KY

Words of Wisdom

In three words I can sum up everything I've learned about life: it goes on.

Robert Frost

Kentucky Intra-State Mutual Aid Plan (KISMAP)

By Chief J. William Martin, Hebron FPD Committee Member of the KAFC ISMAP Committee

Who would have thought that Kentucky would encounter a Hurricane or an Ice Storm that would significantly affect over 100 counties in Kentucky? The answer is that for many years emergency managers have worked in our state and counties to plan for these types of events. Three years ago the Kentucky Association of Fire Chiefs thought that a state wide plan for the movement of fire service resources across our state was a good idea and something long overdue. Most of these discussions centered on the fact that over 250 firefighters in our state assisted in deployments to the Gulf Coast after Hurricane Katrina and Rita. In addition this plan is needed due to the environment that we live in today in America. The possibility of terrorism or any type of all hazards disasters affecting our community and Commonwealth can and has occurred. This work actually came about by a national initiative through the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) in every state due to our country's experience with recent natural and manmade disasters. In Kentucky's history we have encountered serious flooding in many portions of the state as well as the possibility of a tremendous earthquake in our far west. Disastrous fires, hazardous materials incidents or weather emergencies can occur any time. Kentucky needed a plan for the fire service to assist each other when our community's resources are overwhelmed.

The planning for this system started with the IAFC initiative called IMAS. This plan will help the fire service's ability to support the National Response Plan and implement concepts presented in the National Incident Management System. The project is called the National Fire Service Mutual Aid System or IMAS, and it addresses intrastate (within states) mutual aid. A second initiative is focusing on interstate (between states) mutual aid, and is known by Mutual Aid System Task Force or MASTF.

In Kentucky, the Kentucky Association of Fire Chiefs took on this assignment and Chief Bob Hendricks, Lexington and I have been fostering it

for the past three years. A well rounded group of public safety professionals have developed the plan for Kentucky's use. The use of a mutual aid plan across our entire state is above and beyond any local or regional mutual aid plan that currently exists and will not replace them. We have tied the movement of fire service apparatus and manpower to declared emergencies that occur in our cities and counties. This system provides the protection that we all need with funding, liability insurance, etc. This plan also reinforces the fire service as first responders to the existing emergency management plans in Kentucky. We are not recreating the wheel. You may or may not be aware that every county in Kentucky has signed a compact to work together in major emergencies. This was completed by our coworkers in emergency management. Our plan is nothing more than a plan to move fire service manpower and equipment to help each other when disaster strikes. It is a resource for yourself as a Fire Chief and also your local emergency manager when you advise him or her that you need help. We envision in the future that other disciplines (public works, law enforcement, EMS, etc.) could utilize this same basic plan if an emergency exists that involves their area of expertise.

Some Key Points included in the existing plan include:

1. This entire intrastate mutual aid plan is voluntary.

2. Those departments that can not participate at this time will be encouraged to participate when the time is right for their department.

3. Any city or county will be able to draw upon the plan's resources when necessary.

4. No community should commit more resources than they need to protect their own communities on a day to day basis even during short periods of time.

5. In smaller communities and counties a "pooling of resources" to provide one piece of apparatus and manpower is encouraged.

6. Even if you agree to participate, you may decline any deployment request based on local conditions either due to staffing shortages, apparatus status or activities and/or events within your jurisdiction.

7. The system will include all fire service apparatus, including but not limited to: engines, aerial

devices, water tankers, EMS units, rescue vehicles, brush units, manpower, commanders and rescue teams in many areas of technical rescue.

8. Deployments will be made at one of three possible levels.

- a. Scramble Response
 - Less than one day or 24 hours. These resources will be expected to be enroute within 30 minutes of activation.
- b. Standard Response
 - 24 hours to 72 hours, with deploy ment within three hours
- c. Long Term Response
 - A commitment for up to two weeks.

9. Apparatus and personnel will be deployed based on the distance to the area that has encountered the disaster. The closest resources will be sent first without stripping any area.

10. Personnel participating in deployments through the intrastate mutual aid system must be KY certified volunteer firefighters or career firefighters. The Fire Chief will be responsible for assuring this minimum certification prior to deployment. National certification at IFSAC Firefighter 1 and 2 is encouraged.

11. Regional coordinators have been identified to assist in the organization of each county's equipment and manpower lists that will be made available.

12. The regions have been set up to coincide with the KCTCS Fire Service Training regions. Each department will be capable of taking their apparatus and manpower in and out of service at any given time period based on local needs.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact:

Partial list Members of the KY Association of Fire Chiefs Intrastate Mutual Aid Committee

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Chief Chris Aponte, Harrods Creek Fire Prot Dist, <u>caponte@hcfd.org</u>

Wouldn't you like to know that there is a multitude of fire service resources available to you should you ever need it. I certainly would!



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Chaplain's Corner

The Mason Jar - Author Unknown

A seasoned old fire instructor stood before a new recruit class on their first day of orientation. He held up an empty quart mason jar and then he filled it with golf balls. He then asked the class if the jar was full. The class agreed that it was.

He then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled around into the areas between the golf balls. He then asked again if the jar was full. The class agreed it was. The instructor then picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. The sand filtered down into the spaces not occupied by the balls or pebbles and again he asked if the jar was full. The students all agreed that surely now it was full.

The instructor then brought two cups of coffee from under the table and poured them into the jar, effectively filling the empty space between the sand. The students began to laugh.

"Now," said the instructor, as the laughter subsided, "I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life. The golf balls are the important things – your God, family, health, friends, and your favorite passions-things that if everything else in life was lost you could still have a full life. The pebbles are other things that matter your job, your house, and car. The sand is everything else-the

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National Volunteer Fire Council

Ken Knipper, Director

Bryant Stiles, Alternate

Bryant and I continue to be very active with the NVFC and appreciate the opportunity to serve the best interests of the KFA organization and its members at the national level. We persistently fight for issues favorable to our volunteer and paid departments. Kentucky is one state that has its director and alternate participate in many projects.

The NVFC continues to receive grants that allow it to produce outstanding materials for all fire departments. The Heart Healthy Program is an example of such a project. The Junior Firefighter is another example and has just been given additional funding through grants from Dunkin Donuts and Spartan Motors. This program continues to win national and international acclaim. The program even provides scholarships to outstanding young people in the fire service – check into this and other programs at <u>www.nvfc.org</u>.

The Fire Service and EMS Calculators have been received well. Recruiting and Retention materials have recently been updated with the help of a federal grant. And the NVFC just released "Emergency Vehicle Safe Operations". This document is the result of a cooperative project between the US Fire Administration and the NVFC.

The NVFC continues to expand its influence in EMS and is called upon regularly to participate in projects with other organizations that want volunteer EMS input. The point has been made that there is a benefit in supporting volunteer department development that will not only help small communities provide a valuable EMS service but also have residual benefits for all EMS providers.

The National EMS Advisory Council (NEMSAC) continues to work at a frantic pace. I currently sit on two subcommittees – Safety and Systems. The Safety Subcommittee is committed to improving the safety of personnel and patients through better ambulance design, training, and equipment. The Systems Subcommittee is hard at work developing guidelines aimed at improving system design that will result in better service at less cost.

I have also recently represented your interests at Workforce Development Workshops, Pandemic Flu planning workshops, FEMA/EMAC planning meetings, and others.

SPECIAL NOTE: If you have volunteer firefighters who have experienced losses due to the ice or wind storms, go to <u>www.nvfc.org/files/docu-</u> <u>ments/Support Fund Application.doc</u> or call (202) 887-5700 to get information and an application on this benefit.

If you have questions on any of the above information, call me at (859) 462-9056

KFA Now Accepting Nominations for 2009 "Hall of Fame"

We are pleased to announce that nominations are now being accepted for potential inductee's into the Kentucky Firefighters Association "Hall of Fame". The nomination form on the next page can be copied and used to send in your nominee. It can also be downloaded from the KFA web page at **www.kyfa.org**. Forms are also available from any committee member.

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 2009 class of Hall of Famers will be during the KFA banquet at this year's annual conference in August. 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 1**, **2009.**

Mail nominations to **Duane Suttles**, **State Fire Rescue Training**, **PO Box 248**, **Morehead**, **Ky**. **40351** or FAX to (606) 784-1878. Sincerely,

John Daley , Chairman

The KFA Hall of Fame Committee are:

Bill Hall, Duane Suttles, Ken Elliott, Bill Robbins, Ed Schmidt, Mike Wallingford, John Beatsch and Joe Stambush.

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The City of Fort Wright, Kentucky, 409 Kyles Lane, Fort Wright, KY 41011 Phone: 859-331-1700 is accepting bids on this 1995 FL 60 Chief XL Freightliner/Braun Medium Duty Ambulance. It has 87,265 miles or 8234 hours. It is white in color w/ maroon interior. It also has a Ferno cot, On-board suction O2, "On-Spot" automatic tire chains. This unit is in excellent condition with no corrosion. Removed from service December 2008 due to new unit purchase. This ambulance is ready for service. Minimum bid starts at \$17,500.00

New Arrivals



The Alexandria Fire District recently placed in service a 2009 Spartan Heavy Rescue Truck. Heavy Rescue 120's equipment includes an Amkus Ultimate 6-tool operation hydraulic system, rescue jacks, high pressure rescue bags, RIT equipment, Thermal Imaging camera, hydraulic rescue cutters, spreaders, rams, combi-tool, foam suppression system, camera system, light tower, air cascade system, rescue rope system, and confined space equipment. This equipment will enhance the Fire District's rescue capabilities for Alexandria and as part of the Northern Kentucky Technical Rescue Team. The Rescue Truck was built by Summit Fire Apparatus located in Edgewood, Kentucky. (Chief Jeff Pohlman)



The Vancleve Volunteer Fire Department has taken delivery of a Wynn 600R Series Pumper. This unit features a 1250-gpm Darley pump with Side Mount Controls, a Foam Pro system, a 1000gallon Polypropylene Tank, and all LED Emergency Lighting. The apparatus body was manufactured on a 2009 Kenworth chassis by Wynn Fire Equipment, LLC.



The Fogertown Volunteer Fire Department has taken delivery of a Wynn 500 Series Tanker. This unit features a Darley HM500 Pump Module, an 1885-gallon Polypropylene Tank, and a variety of equipment. The apparatus body was manufactured on a 2009 International chassis by Wynn Fire Equipment, LLC.



The Hardinsburg Fire Department has taken delivery of a Wynn 300 Series Rescue. This unit features a 12' aluminum rescue body, roll-up doors, and a variety of rescue equipment. The apparatus body was manufactured on a new 2007 GMC 5500 chassis by Wynn Fire Equipment, LLC.



Simpsonville Fire and Rescue in Shelby County has taken delivery of a 2009 US Tanker on a International Maxforce Chassis with 2000 Gallon Elliptical Poly tank. The unit also features a 1000 GPM Hale Pump, Two pre-connected 1 3/4" lines, Three 10 X 10 Quick Dumps, 2100 gallon Drop Tank and 4-SCBA Storage areas over the rear wheel well. The US Tanker was sold by High Tech Rescue Inc.

Fire Department Service & Supply Co. along with KME Fire Apparatus would like thank the following departments for their recent purchase of new KME apparatus.



Palma-Briensburg Fire Department: KME / International pumper.



Shively Fire Department: KME Predator custom pumper. For more information on KME fire apparatus, please contact Rob Hubbard with Fire Department Service & Supply. 1-800-321-6965 or rhubbard@bbtel.com.

Giving The Ultimate Sacrifice

The Lexington FOF is honored to announce plans for the construction of a memorial to honor Lexington Firefighters who have fallen in the Line of Duty. The monument will be made of polished granite and will include a perpetural flame at its peak. In addition on each side of the monument a different Lexington Fire organization: LFD, Lexington FOF, Lexington Fellowship of Christian FF, and the IAFF will all be represented. The monument will be located in Phoenix Park in Lexington. Your tax deductible donation to this historical monument can be made on-line a www.lfdfof.org or by calling 859-264-7822. Commemorative bricks can be purchased for \$250.00. We anticipate the bricks will sell quickly so purchase as soon as possible!

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small stuff. "If you put the sand in the jar first," he continued, "there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes for life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff, you will never have room for the things that are important to you. He said "The emergency services have one of the highest divorce rates in our nation. Don't become a victim of that statistic. Pay attention to things that are critical to your happiness. Spend time with God. Take your spouse out to dinner regularly. Make time to play and mentor your children. There will always be one type of emergency or another to respond to however, you only have a loving family at home for a short time. Pay attention to things that matter.

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