

# **Kentucky Firefighters Association**

# **SMOKE SIGNALS II**

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# **2016 KFA Conference**

**NORTHERN KY** - The 2016 KFA Conference had plenty to offer including speakers Tim Sendelbach, Firehouse Magazine's Editor in Chief, and Michele Gay from Safe & Sound, a Sandy Hook Initiative.

Attendees had the opportunity to listen to the two speakers and attend KFA business meetings where items such as legislative issues were addressed for the upcoming session.

Chief Jeff Pohlman and his conference committee need to be commended on a very successful conference. The 2017 conference will be held in Ashland, KY. www.kfa2017.com

**BELOW:** Russell Fire Chief Billy Selvage takes the gavel from Chief Pohlman as the next president of the KFA.



Don't Wait CHECK the date!



**ABOVE**: Matt Logsdon was a proud volunteer firefighter in Jefferson County before becoming a career firefighter with Lexington Fire Department.

After being diagnosed with cancer earlier this year, Matt lost his battle in July. Matt played an important role in the passing of the Cancer Bill for all Kentucky Firefighters.

He is survived by his wife Jessica and his children Hayden 16, Patrick 10, and Maggie 8. Please remember his family and friends in your thoughts and prayers.

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# From President Billy Selvage

Greetings from Northeast Kentucky! I hope all is well and everyone is enjoying the last month of summer as we prepare for fall and Fire Prevention Week 2016.

First, I would like to congratulate Jeff and Dottie Pohlman along with the 2016 conference committee on a fantastic conference and banquet. For those that were unable to attend the conference, you should take the opportunity to visit Northern Kentucky and take in there many attractions and beautiful skyline.

I'm honored to be serving as your KFA President for the upcoming year and look forward to continuing the work of past KFA presidents'. For those that may not know, I'm currently the Fire Chief for the Russell Fire Department located in Greenup County next to Ashland Kentucky.

When I joined the fire service in 1980, I was a volunteer firefighter for the Raceland Fire Department where I eventually became fire chief. A few years later I moved to the Russell Fire Department as a firefighter and then officer. I became the second career fire chief for the City of Russell a little over eight years ago.

Being part of the KFA Executive Board the past few years has allowed me to be involved in many aspects of the Kentucky Fire Service. As your president for the upcoming year, I will continue to be involved in these activities around the state and with the help of many others we will continue to advance the Kentucky Fire Service.

It would not be possible to hold the position of president without the support of my city council and mayor along with the members of my fire department. I would like to also recognize my beautiful wife for her unwavering support, she is such a tremendous supporter of the KFA.

Eastern Kentucky will be hosting the 2017 conference next year in Ashland. Registration is now open and can be accessed at www.kfa2017.com. While you are there plan on visiting historical locations such as the Paramount Arts Center where Billy Ray Cyrus made his first country music video. Ashland is also the home town of famed country music duo, The Judd's.

There are many other places to visit and enjoy while in Ashland. All this information will be added to the conference website in the coming months. We look forward to having you and your family at the conference.

As you all know Fire Prevention Week is just over a month away and the theme this year is "Don't Wait, Check the Date". I encourage you all to do what you can in your communities to promote fire prevention at your local schools, nursing homes, and daycares. If you need ideas visit the NFPA website or United States Fire Administration website.

In closing, we know there are many issues facing the Kentucky Fire Service and the KFA in partnership with other fire associations in Kentucky will work diligently to improve every aspect of the fire service in Kentucky. As always we will need your help to be successful in reaching our goals especially when we are working in Frankfort or Washington.

What can you do to help the KFA? Help us get more firefighters and fire departments involved in the KFA by becoming members and helping us grow our voice as one across the Commonwealth. Membership applications can be found on the KFA website: www.kyfa.org

Take care, stay safe, and have a wonderful fall.

Billy Selvage **KFA** President





# From 3rd Vice President John Beatsch

It is with some apprehension and a great deal of pride that I begin my term as Third Vice President of the KFA. I follow in the footsteps of some incredible leaders.

As a member of the Southgate Volunteer Fire Department I learned from some KFA legends, Ray Muench Sr., Sie Jewell and others about the importance of hard work, dedication and loyalty. I hope to use those lessons in my new commitment to the Kentucky Firefighters Association. I promise to do my best to maintain and hopefully improve on the high standards of this great organization.

I am replacing Jeff Pohlman as the representative of the Northern Kentucky Firefighters Association. Jeff did an incredible job during his years on the Executive Board. I plan on using Jeff as a mentor and advisor frequently.

When I agreed to take this job I felt secure in the fact that I would be working with my friend, KFA Secretary Monica Rath. Her untimely death was a shock to everyone. I am saddened that I will not have Monica to keep me moving in the right direction but I am excited about having her husband Steve serving in Monica's place as KFA Secretary.

I will have lots more to say in the future but for now be assured that I am here to serve the firefighters of the commonwealth. If you need my help in doing so don't hesitate to contact me. Until then be safe and keep putting the wet stuff on the hot stuff.



3rd Vice President



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# From Past President Jeff Pohlman

First off, Dottie and I want to thank you all for attending a very well-orchestrated conference. I say well-orchestrated due to the fact we had a lot of great help from our Northern Kentucky people. We could not have done it without them! I tip my hat to Conference Chairman John Wiseman who tirelessly led the effort. I hope all had a good time!

I for one enjoyed the classes on Saturday, leading off with Michele Gay and her Safe and Sound Initiative. She kept us on our seat edges the whole morning session. And Tim Sendelbach filled the room with energy in the afternoon session talking about todays' fire issues. On Sunday it was also a wonderful Memorial Service honoring our fallen over the past year. Monday and Tuesday meetings went well and what a way to finish with the Hall of Fame and President's Banquet. Congrats to all of our inductees and our remembrance of Monica!

As I reflect back over the past year, we had many accomplishments as an organization. First off, the new edition of Smoke Signals commenced back in August of last year and Buford has done a tremendous job with both the newsletter and web site. Second off, we attended the County Clerks Association conference to talk about the firefighter license plate voluntary fee and what the funds assisted with. That sure did pay off because our license plate monies increased this year.

We also worked hard on membership this year and as Duane reported at the conference membership had increased this year. The legislative session was one of the most productive we have had in many-many years. The cancer bill passed. This has been worked on by many people over the past 12 years, so there are many people to thank, including State Aid and Incentive monies were Howdy. increased in the budget, something we now must work on to get in legislation so we maintain these monies. I am happy to say, we had a surplus budget!! This can only happen with hard work, dedication, and fiscal responsibility. My thanks to Treasurer Duane Suttles and the finance committee led by John Wiseman.

As I said in my final farewell speech, I traveled approximately 10,000 miles this past year attending LODD's, The National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service in Emittsburg, Maryland, Washington D.C., Frankfort (numerous times), Fire Commission Office (numerous times), Fire Association meetings, Committee Meetings, and Executive Board Meetings. I have met many great people in this Commonwealth and have many friends for life.

As I close this writing, I have enjoyed my term as President. I have worked hard to move this organization forward and my wish is that the current E-Board continues this journey. I have enjoyed working with the members of the E-Board, Committee Chairmen, the Presidents of both the Kentucky Chief's and Kentucky Professional Firefighters (Mike Morgan and Joe Baer), and with Ronnie Day and the Fire Commission. It takes all of us to move the Kentucky Fire Service forward.

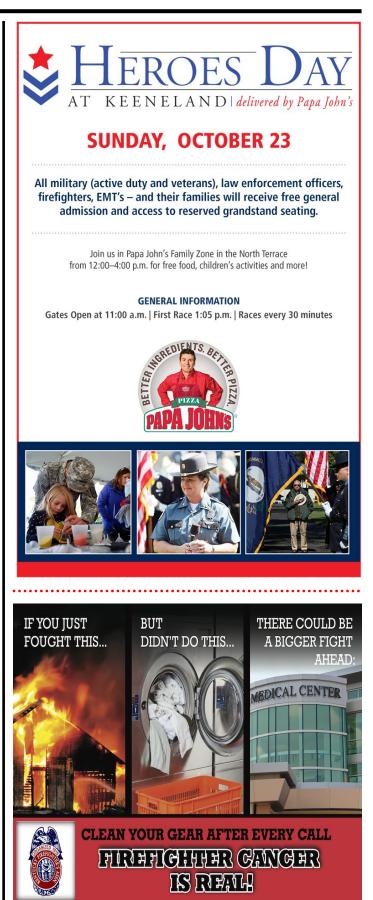
Finally, I congratulate Billy Selvage as your new KFA President and wish him and the E-Board the best. I also would like to congratulate John Beatsch as your new 3<sup>rd</sup> VP and Steve Rath as your new Secretary. Steve has some big shoes to fill and he knows it! We truly lost a great friend and a great Secretary this year with the loss of Monica. She made me a better President and made us a better organization as a whole. My thanks to all of you great firefighters in the Commonwealth!

Jeffery Pohlman

Past KFA President



ABOVE: KFA Past President Jeffery Pohlman and Michele Gay after her presentation on the Sandy Hook Initiative.



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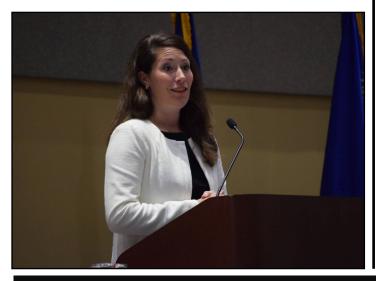
## Kentucky Fallen Firefighters Memorial set for October 5th



**FRANKFORT** - The Kentucky Fallen Firefighters Memorial will be held October 5, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. (EST) at Juniper Hills Park in Frankfort.

The walls at the memorial contain the names of Kentucky Firefighters killed in the line of duty. For more information please feel free to contact Ronnie Day of the State Fire Commission at 1-800-782-6823.

**BELOW:** Secretary of State Alison Lundergan Grimes speaking to KFA attendees during the business session.





#### Share The Load<sup>™</sup> Support Program for Fire & EMS

Most people are aware of the physical demands that first response activities place on firefighters and EMS providers. But it is important to also realize the impact that fighting fires and responding to emergencies has on the mental wellbeing of emergency personnel. Firefighters and EMS providers face the risk of many behavioral health concerns such as anxiety, depression, burnout, posttraumatic stress disorder, and addiction among others.

Taking care of your mental health is as important as managing your physical health. The NVFC's Share the Load<sup>™</sup> program provides access to critical resources and information to help first responders and their families manage and overcome personal and work-related problems. This includes the Fire/ EMS Helpline, which offers free 24-hour assistance with issues such as stress, depression, addiction, PTSD, and more.

The NVFC can assist individuals seeking help for a behavioral health issue as well as departments looking to implement or enhance a behavioral health program.

#### **CONTACT**



## FIRE PREVENTION WEEK Do you know the History??

Fire Prevention Week was established to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire, the tragic 1871 conflagration that killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures and burned more than 2,000 acres. The fire began on October 8, but continued into and did most of its damage on October 9, 1871.

#### **Commemorating a conflagration**

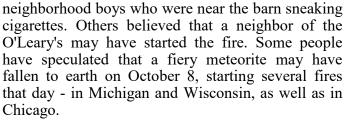
According to popular legend, the fire broke out after a cow - belonging to Mrs. Catherine O'Leary kicked over a lamp, setting first the barn, then the whole city on fire. Chances are you've heard some version of this story yourself; people have been blaming the Great Chicago Fire on the cow and Mrs. O'Leary, for more than 130 years. But recent research by Chicago historian Robert Cromie has helped to debunk this version of events.

#### The 'Moo' myth

Like any good story, the 'case of the cow' has some truth to it. The great fire almost certainly started near the barn where Mrs. O'Leary kept her five milking cows. But there is no proof that O'Leary was in the barn when the fire broke out - or that a

jumpy cow sparked the blaze. Mrs. O'Leary herself swore that she'd been in bed early that night, and that the cows were also tucked in for the evening.

But if a cow wasn't to blame for the huge fire, what was? Over the years, journalists and historians have offered plenty of theories. Some blamed the blaze on a couple of





Why focus on smoke alarms three years in a row? Because NFPA's survey data shows that the public has many misconceptions about smoke alarms, which may put them at increased risk in the event of a home fire. For example, only a small percentage of people know how old their smoke alarms are, or how often they need to be replaced.

Did you know that roughly half of home fire deaths result from fires reported between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m., when most people are asleep? Fire departments need to educate their communities on how important it is to have operating smoke alarms throughout the house and when they should replace the smoke alarm, not just the batteries.

#### When should smoke alarms be replaced?

- Smoke alarms should be replaced every 10 years.
- Make sure you know how old all the smoke alarms are in your home.
- To find out how old a smoke alarm is, look at the date of manufacture on the back of the alarm; the alarm should be replaced 10 years from that date.

#### What can you do during this week?

- 1. Have an Open House at your station.
- 2. Have a Fire Prevention Parade
- 3. Stop by your schools, daycares, and nursing homes.
- 4. Educate, Educate, Educate, It's the only Way!!

#### Fire Prevention Resources.

Www.usfa.fema.gov/prevention - (USFA) www.firepreventionweek.org - (NFPA)

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Pike County Fire School Pikeville - September 9-11, 2016

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Recruit Week at NRPC Greenville - September 12-17, 2016

2016 Hopkins County Fire School Madisonville - September 16-18, 2016

Jefferson County Fire School Louisville - September 22-25, 2016

2nd Annual Ashland H.O.T. & Rescue School Ashland - October 7-9, 2016

> SKFA fall Fire School Corbin - October 14-16, 2016

Buffalo Trace Fire School Maysville - October 21-23, 2016

2016 Green River Fall Fire School Owensboro - October 28-30, 2016

2016 SFRT Area 4 Fire School Owensboro - November 4-6, 2016

Officer Leadership Symposium 2016 Independence - November 10-11, 2016





If you are interested in testing please contact Rick Larkins, CPAT Director email rick.larkin@kyfa.org. We have two fixed testing sites one in Louisville, KY and the other in Winchester KY.

### Testing Dates For 2016

Ashland Area 9-10-11-12 - * Eastern Time					
sept.	t. 10th / 9 AM - Orientation (Mandatory)				
Oct.	1st / 9AM	- 1	1st Practice		
Oct. 15th / 9 AM - 2nd Practice					
Oct. 29th / 9 AM - Final Test					
Bowling Green - * Central Time					
Sept.	3rd / 8 AM	-	Orientation (Mandatory)		
Sept.	24th / 8 AM	-	1st Practice		
Oct.	8th / 8 AM	-	2nd Practice		
Oct.	22th / 8 AM	-	Final Test		
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Sept.	13th / 6 PM	-	Orientation (Mandatory)		
Oct.	4th / 6 PM	-	1st Practice		
Oct.	18th / 6 PM	-	2nd Practice		
Nov.	1st / 6 PM	-	Final Test		
Louisville Open Area 6- * Eastern Time					
Sept.	29th / 6 PM	-	Orientation (Mandatory)		
Oct.	27th / 6 PM	-	1st Practice		
Nov.	10th / 6 PM	-	2nd Practice		
Nov.	17th / 6 PM	-	Final Test		

## Educational Opportunities



## 2016 IFSAC SKILLS TESTING SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Area</u>	<b>Location</b>	<u>Phone</u>
9/ 30 10/ 01	2	Princeton	888-306-7986
10/ 8-9	14	TBA	606-219-2243
11/ 5-6	6	Middletown	888-306-8064
11/ 12-13	12	Hazard	888-234-6759
11/ 14-15	6	Middletown	888-306-8064

# Testing within the Kentucky Accredited Certification Program

All Kentucky firefighter certifications that carry IFSAC accredited credentials, require the candidate to complete both a written examination and a skill competency evaluation. The written portion of the process is usually arranged by the lead instructor of class-based certification, such as Level 1 Fire Instructor. Written exams are also available through the offices of State Fire Rescue Training, by contacting the Area Coordinator of the office nearest you. You can locate that information on our website www.kyfa.org

Additionally, you may check with your area offices for monthly test dates for written exams. Written exams require 70% to achieve a passing grade. Exams are mostly multiple choice questions, with a few True/False and Matching questions. Exams carry a completion time limit. Skills testing for FF 1 and 2 is a random sampling of all possible skills in each certification level. There are multiple skill possibilities at each station, however the candidate will only be required to perform 1 skill at each station. 2015 policy changes in the Kentucky process require **ten (10) skill stations** to be completed by the candidate for FF1 with 100% competency. FF2 testing will consist of **six (6) skill stations** with a required 100% competency. Hazardous Materials Operations PPE and Product Control (NFPA 472:2013 Chapters 5, 6.2 and 6.6) are required prerequisites for firefighter certification. **Four (4) Haz Mat skill stations** will be offered on the same test day as FF2 for the benefit of those needing the required certification.

Candidates are now required to test FF2 skills with Haz Mat. Candidates needing ONLY Haz Mat Operations must test following an organized course of the subject matter OR a scheduled skills test session that consists of ALL Haz Mat Operations (NFPA 472:2013 Chap 5) Ops Product Control (NFPA 472:2013 Chap 6.6)and Haz Mat PPE (NFPA 472:2013 Chap 6.2)

Testing requires the use of PPE, therefore candidates for testing are required to bring full PPE and SCBA. Each test day will expose the candidate to potential IDLH atmospheres with live-fire scenarios, therefore all candidates MUST be clean shaven to the point that facial hair does NOT come between the face piece seal and the face.

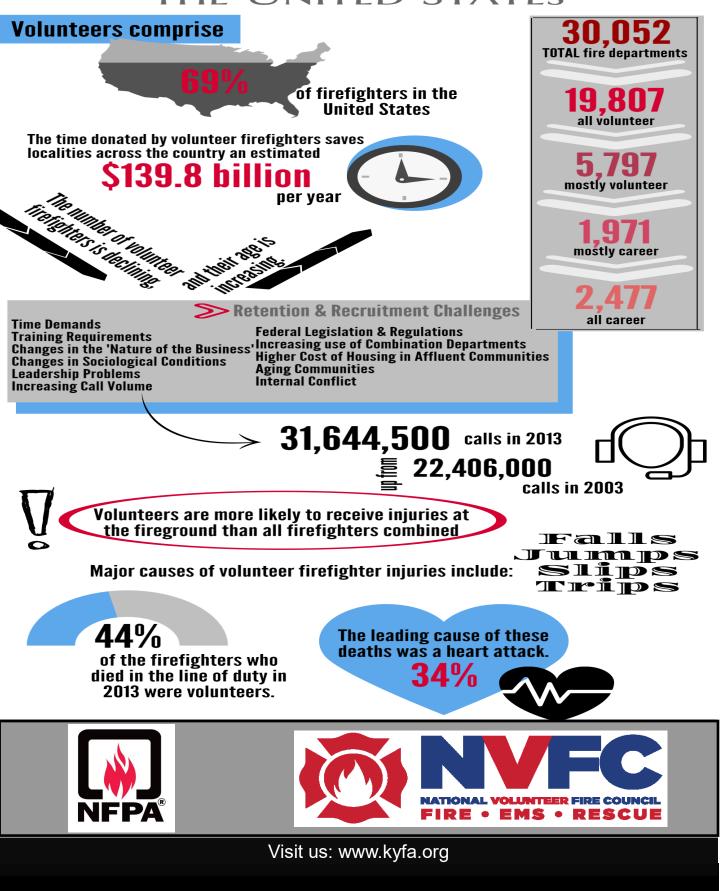
#### Candidates may no longer bring a copy of Kentucky FF1, FF2 and Haz Mat Operations skill sheets and/or a copy of the IFSTA Essentials of Firefighting to the testing site. Testing DOES NOT break for lunch, light snacks will be made available.

Due to current NFPA requirements for certification, candidates shall show competency in medical training. Candidates shall bring a copy of a current CPR-Pro card and current first aid, first responder, EMT or Paramedic certification. Failure to show proof of medical training does not prohibit the candidate from testing, just certifying.

Visit Kentucky Accredited Firefighter Program: @ http://kyffcert.com/

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# The Volunteer Fire Service in the United States







Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home, including the basement. Larger homes may need more alarms. For the best protection, make sure all smoke alarms are interconnected. When one sounds, they all sound.



Call the fire department from a cellphone or a neighbor's phone. Stay outside until the fire department says it's safe to go back inside.

For more information about smoke alarms, visit usfa.fema.gov and firepreventionweek.org.

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# **KFA Conference 2016**



Tim Sendelbach, Firehouse Magazine's Editor in ABOVE: Chief speaks at the KFA Conference in Northern Kentucky.



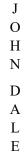
ABOVE: Michael Koeninger and the South Gate Fire Dept. Honor Guard at the KFA Conference Memorial Service.

Please help support the KFA when you purchase a Kentucky Firefighter tag. Your contribution supports KFA education.



# 2016 KFA Hall of Fame









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# Make Bells Ring Nationwide

# **BELLS ACROSS AMERICA** for Fallen Firefighters

National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend October 8 - 9, 2016

# You can be a part of the national remembrance for fallen firefighters.

The bells at the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Chapel will ring as the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service begins on October 9, 2016. Sound off in support of fallen firefighters in your community.



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## **Firehouse Expo** is the cant-miss event for firefighting professionals. More than 10,000 firefighters, chiefs, captains, lieutenants and more will meet in Music City to hone their skills, become familiar with the latest gear and equipment and gain new expertise to advance their careers. This year, for the first time, Firehouse Expo will be held in Nashville.



October 18-22. 2016 Nashville, Tennessee!!

