



FIRE & EMS NEWS

May 31, 2014

This latest issue is jam packed with fire service news stories, training opportunities, training and safety information, and employment opportunities! Whether you are a future firefighter or a current fire service professional of *any* rank, you should find valuable information that will help keep you educated and informed, as well as up-to-date with the fire service.

CHABOT COLLEGE 2014 FIRE TECHNOLOGY SCHEDULE:

Looking for Fire Technology related courses to become a firefighter or continue your education if you are currently a firefighter so you can prepare for promotion or become the best you can be at your current rank? Why not start at Chabot College in Hayward, California where we offer a variety of courses year-round to allow students to obtain their EMT certification or recertify as an EMT, obtain their Firefighter 1 Academy Certification, or a Certificate of Achievement in Fire Technology, or a two-year degree in Fire Technology, or just take various California State Certified classes.

Registration and classes for the **Summer and Fall 2014** semesters at Chabot College has begun!!! For complete registration information, go to www.chabotcollege.edu

CLASSES AVAILABLE - SUMMER SEMESTER 2014

COURSE	DAY
Fire Technology 95 & 96 (Work Experience)	Wednesday nights: 6/18, 6/25, 7/9, 7/30 & 8/06
Health 61 (EMS First Responder)	Monday/Wednesdays (0900 – 1450 hours)

CLASSES AVAILABLE - FALL SEMESTER 2014

COURSE	DAY
FT 50 (Fire Protection Organization) Note: This section (Monday morning) will be a Hybrid course with on-campus meetings and 20 lecture hours conducted over the internet. Online lecture schedule will be available on the first day of class.	Monday (am)
FT 50 (Fire Protection Organization)	Monday (pm)
FT 51 (Fire Service Operations)	Tuesday (pm)
FT 52 (Firefighter Safety & Survival) Note: This section (Wednesday morning) will be a Hybrid course with on-campus meetings and 24 lecture hours conducted over the internet. Online lecture schedule will be available on the first day of class.	Wednesday (am)
FT 52 (Firefighter Safety & Survival)	Wednesday (pm)
FT 53 (Fire Behavior & Combustion)	Tuesday (am)
FT 54 (Fire Prevention Technology)	Thursday (pm)
FT 56 (Building Construction for Fire Protection)	Monday (pm)
FT 88A (Intro to Fire Fitness Training)	Mon & Wed (mid day)

COURSE	DAY
FT 88A (Intro to Fire Fitness Training)	Wednesday (pm)
FT 88B (Intermediate Fire Fitness Training)	Mon & Wed (mid day)
FT 88B (Intermediate Fire Fitness Training)	Wednesday (pm)
FT 89 (Firefighter 1 Academy evaluation) Note: Class meets on the following dates: - October 8, 10 and 12 (Wed/Fri/Sun) - November 11, 13 and 15 (Tue/Thu/Sat)	Tue & Thu (pm) Saturday (all day) or Wed & Fri (pm) Sunday (all day)
FT 90A (Firefighter 1 Academy) **Must also be registered in FT 90B and 90C**	Tue & Thurs (pm) Saturday (all day)
FT 90B (Firefighter 1 Academy) **Must also be registered in FT 90A and 90C**	Tue & Thurs (pm) Saturday (all day)
FT 90C (Firefighter 1 Academy) **Must also be registered in FT 90A and 90B**	Tue & Thurs (pm) Saturday (all day)
FT 91A (Wildland Firefighting-1 Basic: Cal Fire 69 hour wildland course) Note: Class meets on the following dates: - December 6 through 21	Tue & Thurs (pm) Saturday (all day) Sunday (all day)
FT 91B (Haz Mat 1 st Responder-Operations) Note: Class meets on the following dates: - November 18, 20, 22 and 23	Tue (pm) Thurs (pm) Saturday (all day) Sunday (all day)
FT 91C (I-200; Basic ICS) Note: Class only meets the following dates: - November 11, 13, 15 and 16	Tue & Thurs (pm) Saturday (all day) Sunday (all day)
FT 91D (Firefighter Survival) Note: Class only meets the following dates: - November 2 through 8	Tue & Thurs (pm) Saturday (all day) Sunday (all day)
FT 95 (Work Experience) **Must also be registered in FT 96**	TBA
FT 96 (Work Experience Seminar) **Must also be registered in FT 95**	Wednesday (pm)
EMS 1 (First Responder)	Tuesday (mid)
EMS 1 (First Responder)	Tuesday (pm)
EMS 1 (First Responder)	Friday (am)
EMS 2 (EMT)	Wednesday (all day)
EMS 2W (Extrication and Triage)	Saturday (one day only)
EMS 4 (EMT Refresher) Note: Class only meets the following dates: - December 2 through 13	Tue & Thurs (pm) Saturday (all day)

NOTE: The above information is to the best of my knowledge as of the time this went to print. For the most up-to-date information (including room numbers & registration numbers) regarding 2014 scheduling, check the Chabot College web site at www.chabotcollege.edu

My suggestion is to register as soon as you are eligible to. Classes fill up quickly, and with more people wanting to become firefighters, I don't see our numbers of students decreasing, only increasing.

ONLINE FIRE TECHNOLOGY COURSES:

TAKE SUMMER FIRE TECH CLASSES ON THE INTERNET @ ALLAN HANCOCK COLLEGE

Priority Registration is ongoing; Open Registration has begun at Hancock College

Contact Dan Coffman @ dcoffman@hancockcollege.edu for Information on how to apply for admissions, register for classes & for additional information on the Fire Technology Program.

On-line Fire Technology Classes

Summer 2014 Session: June 16 – August 7, 2014

• Core Classes (Required)

- Fire Protection Organization
- Fire Prevention Technology
- Fire Protection Equipment & Systems
- Building Construction for Fire Protection
- Fire Behavior & Combustion
- Principles of Fire & Emergency Safety & Survival

• Electives

- Apparatus & Equipment
- Fire Hydraulics

General Education classes are also offered on-line.

START EARLY: Students who want to start early, before the Summer Session actually starts: June 16th, will have access to all of the Core Fire Technology classes on Blackboard as soon as they register. Because these online classes are self-paced, the student can complete all assignments at any time prior to the end of the Summer Session.

Fire Academy Applicants: If you need a class or classes to qualify for a Fall Fire Academy & must have proof, ask the instructor for an e-mail confirming your completion of the class and grade.

New Students: Apply for Admissions as a Student NOW!

Register Early, Classes are Expected to Fill Fast.

Fall 2014 Semester: In addition to Fire Technology classes, Hybrid & On-line CFSTES Fire Officer Classes will return in the Fall 2014 Semester. The Online Fall Schedule will be available on-line May 5th, Priority Registration will start June 30th & Open Registration starts on July 5th. The Fall Semester runs from August 18 - December 3, 2014. **FYI!!! Register Early, All Classes, Particularly the Fire Prevention Officer classes, Fill Fast.**

The Fire Education Company Inc., 1278 Glenneyre #190, Laguna Beach California 92651

ERGOMETRICS 2-DAY WORKSHOP

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER NOW!](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ergometrics-2-day-workshop-tickets-5565217716)

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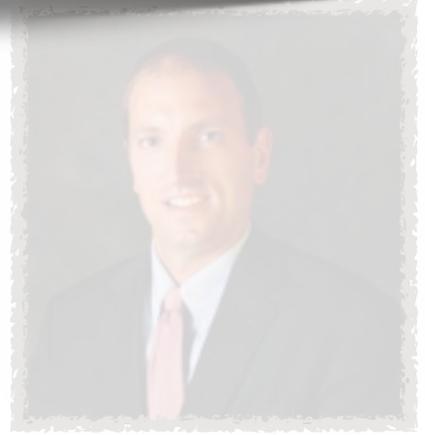


THEY'RE BACK!

Retired Lieutenant Linda F. Willing and Professor Daniel Quigley are returning to San Francisco to conduct a 2-day workshop to help prepare candidates for the San Francisco Fire Department (SFFD) entry level Firefighter exam. These professionals are proven performers who have helped candidates not only score high on past exams, but land jobs!

•**WHEN:** Saturday, July 19, 2014 and Sunday, July 20, 2014 from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm. Registration begins at 8:30 am

•**WHERE:** Best Western Grosvenor Hotel, 380 South Airport Boulevard, South San Francisco, CA 94080



Select either the Saturday or Sunday workshop, or both at a discounted price!

Video-Based Human Relations

Day 1: Saturday, July 19, 2014

Presented by Linda F. Willing

President of Real World Training and Consulting, Retired Career Fire Officer, Instructor at the National Fire Academy, and Author and Co-Author of many Fire and Emergency Services publications. Ms. Willing possesses a B.A. and M.S. in Management and Organization Development.

The Ergometrics Video-Based Human Relations component is a deciding factor in order to place on the SFFD entry level firefighter Eligibility List. What may seem subjective does not have to be. Ms. Willing is a nationally-recognized consultant who has been instrumental in preparing many candidates for the previous SFFD entry exam when she conducted her workshop in 2009. Ms. Willing has trained a number of fire departments and organizations, including FDNY, LAFD, and many many more.

Ms. Willing's expertise is to combine valid theory with practical knowledge of the Fire and Emergency Services from the inside out. Ms. Willing will focus on the team work and human relations skills in order to best prepare candidates to reach their highest potential score.

Math/Mechanical Aptitude

Day 2: Sunday, July 20, 2014

Presented by Professor Daniel Quigley

Professor Quigley is a Mathematician and Professor of Mathematics at Chabot Community College. He possesses a B.S. in Material Science and Engineering and M.S. in Mathematics.

Let's face it, there is math and then there is Firefighting Math. Professor Quigley will train candidates on Firefighting Math, a type of math that candidates are expected to demonstrate for the SFFD entry level exam. Professor Quigley's extensive knowledge will allow candidates to quickly solve various math problems presented in the exam. He will also demonstrate easy to understand problem-solving techniques that will allow candidates to quickly work through various Mechanical Aptitude (MA) questions.

Being armed with a basic understanding of solving math and MA problems can be the difference between getting hired or not getting hired. Set yourself apart by learning and practicing both skill sets required to ultimately increase your exam score. Don't get left behind. Professor Quigley has assisted many candidates in preparing for a myriad of fire department entry exams that required a working knowledge of both math and MA.

Questions? Email us at fireexamprep@gmail.com or call (415) 999-8583

FIREFIGHTER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:

The **San Francisco Fire Department** is now accepting applications for Firefighter!

The Entry Level H-2 Firefighter position is now open for application filing. The web link to access the job announcement and to file an online application is at:

<http://www.jobaps.com/SF/sup/bulpreview.asp?R1=CCT&R2=H002&R3=900310>

Please Note: This is a continuous application filing and testing process with no deadline at this time. As part of the registration process to take the exam, you will be required to pay a \$40 testing fee to the National Testing Network. Financial assistance is available to eligible candidates.

FIREFIGHTER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:

FIREHIRE is now Firefighter Candidate Testing Center (FCTC):

The Firefighter Candidate Testing Center (FCTC) is your new one-stop resource for written and physical ability testing for firefighter candidates and fire departments. Operated by the California Fire Fighter Joint Apprenticeship Committee (CFFJAC), FCTC combines rigorous, validated written testing with the Candidate Physical Ability Test (CPAT). The CFFJAC's three decades of experience in fire service recruitment, testing and training gives FCTC the tools to offer high-quality, relevant testing that will make it easier to match qualified candidates with the agencies that need them.

FOR CANDIDATES: If you're planning to sign up for the June 25th, 2014 written exam, please continue using the web site – www.firehire.com for registration, testing information and updates.

- **THE NEXT WRITTEN EXAM WILL BE HELD JUNE 25, 2014.**
- **Multiple fire departments in California will be utilizing this hiring list!**

The test will be at the firefighter candidate testing center (FCTC) located at 2560 river plaza drive, Sacramento CA 95833. The exam will be a general knowledge-based exam. There will be no study guides. The deadline for all documents, including payment, needs to be received no later than **June 16, 2014**. Please make every effort to send everything in at once!

FIREFIGHTER CAREER RESOURCES:

From our good friend Bob Atlas, one of the owners of Fire Alumni (www.firealumni.com) - another great resource for future and current fire service personnel, here are some articles related to getting hired in the fire service and creating fire service resumes:

<http://careersingovernment.com/tools/author/boba/>

FIRE NUGGETS:

As mentioned in the February 2 issue of the Chabot College Fire & EMS News, **Fire Nuggets** is back in action, thanks to the efforts and support of the Berkeley Firefighters Local 1227!

For those that are not aware of FireNuggets, Firenuggets.com is owned and operated by veteran firefighters, who for years, have subscribed to professional magazines, attended training workshops and networked with fire service professionals from all over the world. Throughout our reading and our time spent with other firefighters, one thing has been clear - most of us prefer career related information that is experienced-based, yet short and to the point. We continue to find great benefit in remaining current through publications, seminars and conferences. However, due to busy schedules, many of us may now have a desire or need to access information through a much more convenient method, THE WORLD WIDE WEB.

Our first-hand experiences ultimately result in "nuggets" of knowledge. It is such knowledge that we are here sharing in our online magazine. Fire Nuggets is available to every firefighter, paid or volunteer, around the world using the Internet. The exciting element of this magazine is that the opportunity exists for anyone to share their own "nuggets" of information, acquired through both positive or less favorable experiences, with others. This invaluable sharing of information may improve your operation, prevent a disastrous situation, or, above all, SAVE A LIFE! Our magazine contains short "nugget" articles from a core of respected fire service veterans identified herein and joined by various guests from around the country and possibly the world.

The April / May 2014 issue is now available – best of all it is FREE! All you need to do is go to their website at www.firenuggets.com and you'll find how you can access the latest issue as well as future and past issues. Lots of great fire service information for personnel of all ranks!

Some of the highlights of the April / May 2014 issue include:

- Nozzle Dreams by Dennis J. LeGear
- The Size-Up Corner by Joe Pronesti
- The Cutting Edge by Joseph Krueger and David Peterson
- Right Patient, Right Drug, Right Dose, Right Route and Right Route by David Sprague
- The Career Corner by Steve Prziborowski

As mentioned above, I will be writing a regular column titled the Career Corner, that will assist personnel with getting hired, staying hired, getting promoted and staying promoted in the fire service.



Fire Service Seminar Series:

FireNuggets is proud to announce the re-launch of the popular FireNuggets Seminar Series. You can find the most current schedule under the "Seminars" drop down in the main menu. The first two classes scheduled are scheduled on the next two pages, please distribute widely!



THE NOZZLE FORWARD

JUNE 28 - 29, 2014 Contra Costa County, California **ONLY \$150**

The Nozzle Forward class is a class for engine company crews. It is not a collection or technique; it is an adaptable system of hose line management and fire attack. Come learn about it.

Students will spend 3 hours in the classroom and then 19 hours (over two days) on the drill ground flowing water and moving hose.

Instructor: Aaron Fields

Student must bring turnout coat, bunker pants, boots, gloves and structure helmet.

Register @ firenuggets.com





S-234 IGNITION OPS.

JUNE 19 - 21, 2014 Angels Camp, California

ONLY \$150

Prerequisite: S-290 Intermediate Wildland Fire Behavior

This course introduces the roles and responsibilities of a firing boss (FIRB), common firing devices, and general firing operations and techniques.

Students are in the classroom for two days and in the field for the third conducting live fire exercises.

The knowledge and skills taught in this course are a must for any firefighter preparing to deploy as an out-of-county resource during the upcoming wildland fire season.

Instructor: Chief Todd McNeal ([click for bio](#))

Register here: firenuggets.com



FIREFIGHTER PROMOTIONAL PREPARATION BOOK:

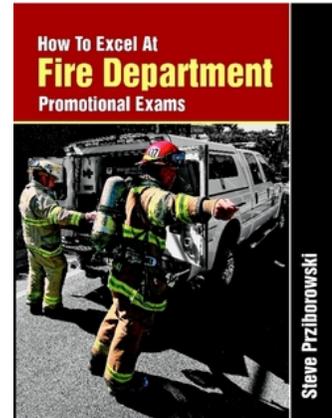
Preparing for promotion? If so, this book is for you and is a must read!

It is titled "**How To Excel At Fire Department Promotional Exams.**" To order, go to www.code3firetraining.com

Getting promoted in the fire service is not an easy process. Many people have that desire to promote, but for whatever reason cannot put the pieces together to make it a reality. Over the 20 plus years I have been in the fire service, I have had the opportunity to be on both sides of the promotional process – as a candidate, and as a rater and proctor. This book will assist fire department personnel specifically prepare for their next promotional exam.

Promotional candidates will be exposed to and offered key points for the most common tasks and events within a fire department promotional process including, but not limited to: promotional preparation, completing the application, resume preparation, the written exam, the oral interview, the personnel problem, the oral presentation, and the emergency simulation.

- Available in soft cover paperback and e-book formats.
- Also available on Amazon and iTunes.



FIRE SERVICE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES:

- **Looking to increase your fire service knowledge, skills and abilities (KSAs) or obtain some initial or continuing education? Check out some of the various fire service & EMS training conferences and seminars around the United States:**

Firehouse Expo – *Baltimore, MD* – July 15 through 19, 2014
Go to www.firehouseexpo.com for more information.

Fire Rescue International – *Dallas, TX* - August 12 through 16, 2014
Go to www.iafc.org/fri for more information.

California Training Officers Fresno Training Symposium – *Fresno, CA* – November 17 through 21, 2014 - Go to <http://www.to.calchiefs.org/> for more information.

Firehouse World – *San Diego, CA* – January 25 - 29, 2015
Go to www.firehouseworld.com for more information.

Fire Department Instructors Conference (FDIC) – *Indianapolis, IN* – April 2015. Go to www.fdic.com for more information.

FIRE SERVICE BOOKS:

Looking for fire service books to help you get hired, stay hired, get promoted, stay promoted, or just be better at your current position? While the Internet is a great way to locate books, two of the best resources I have seen include:

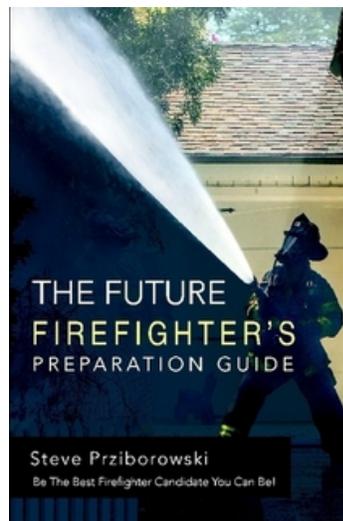
Firefighter's Bookstore – www.firebooks.com

FSP Books & Video – www.fire-police-ems.com

FIREFIGHTER ENTRY-LEVEL PREPARATION BOOK:

Are you preparing to become a firefighter or do you know someone who is preparing to become a firefighter? If so, this book is a must-have for your library!

The Future Firefighter's Preparation Guide!
Be The Best Firefighter Candidate You Can Be!
Be the best firefighter candidate you can be!



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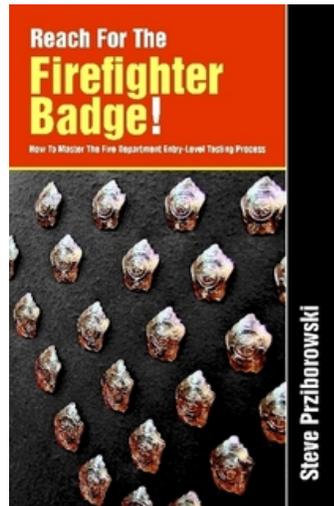
- To order, go to www.chabotfire.com
- Available in soft cover paperback and e-book formats.
- Also available on Amazon and iTunes.

FIREFIGHTER ENTRY-LEVEL PREPARATION BOOK:

Are you preparing to become a firefighter or do you know someone who is preparing to become a firefighter? If so, this book is a must-have for your library!

Reach For The Firefighter Badge!

How to Master the Entry-Level Fire Department Testing Process!



This book is intended to take over from where my first firefighter preparation book “The Future Firefighter’s Preparation Guide,” left off. That book was intended on providing the future firefighter with a road map of what to do when starting out the journey to becoming a firefighter. This book is intended to provide more focus on what to expect and more importantly, how to be successful at the firefighter testing process, which can vary from department to department. This book will help future firefighters by providing a road map of how to best navigate the firefighter testing process, so that they are successful in obtaining a position in the best career I am so fortunate to be a part of, a career in the fire service! If you have prepared for the position of firefighter by doing many of the things I suggested in “The Future Firefighter’s Preparation Guide,” and follow the suggestions within this book, your chances for success will greatly increase!

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FIRE SERVICE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES:

Looking for California State Certified fire training courses? Check out the California State Fire Training CLASS SCHEDULE – it is updated every Friday and contains a statewide listing of state certified classes for personnel of all ranks – even future firefighters.

Go to: <http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/training/trainingclassselection.php>

FIRE SERVICE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES:

The Santa Clara County Fire Department is proud to offer the following California State Fire Marshal certified courses:



COURSE: _____

DATES: _____

2014:

- **S-336 (Tact. Decision Making in Wildland Fire)** June 10 – 13, 2014
- **S-234 (Ignition Operations)** June 16 – 19, 2014 (***SOLD OUT!***)
- **Fire Command 2D** July 7 – 11, 2014
- **Fire Command 2E** September 15 – 19, 2014
- **Regional Instructor Orientation (RIO)** September 17, 2014
- **Ethical Leadership in the Classroom** September 18, 2014

NOTE: *RIO & Ethical Leadership will be held @ the Home Church Classroom, 1799 South Winchester Blvd., Campbell, CA 950008.*

- **Fire Management 2A** November 3 – 7, 2014

2015:

- **Fire Management 2B** January 12 – 16, 2015
- **Training Instructor 1A** January 26 – 30, 2015
- **S-244 (Field Observer)** February 2 – 4, 2015 (*0900 start*)
- **S-245 (Display Processor)** February 5, 2015 (*0900 start*)
- **Training Instructor 1B** February 9 – 13, 2015
- **Training Instructor 1C** February 23 – 27, 2015
- **Fire Management 2C** March 9 – 13, 2015
- **Fire Investigation 1A** March 23 – 27, 2015
- **Fire Investigation 1B** April 13 – 17, 2015
- **Fire Investigation 2A** May 4 – 8, 2015
- **Fire Management 2D** May 11 – 15, 2015
- **Fire Investigation 2B** June 1 – 5, 2015
- **Fire Management 2E** July 13 – 17, 2015

Course Locations:

McCormack Training Center
485 West Sunnyoaks Avenue, Campbell, CA 95008
Behind the Sunnyoaks Fire Station, please park along the fence towards the training tower.

Start Time:

0830 the first day unless noted otherwise.

To Register:

Please see below for registration form.

More Info:

Contact Steve Prziborowski at steve.prziborowski@sccfd.org or 408-896-6890.

Prerequisites:

See below.

CLASS PREREQUISITES

COURSE	PREREQUISITES
Training Instructor 1A	None
Training Instructor 1B	Training Instructor 1A
Training Instructor 1C	Training Instructor 1A and 1B
Fire Command 2D	I-300; Fire Command 2A
Fire Command 2E	I-300; Fire Command 1C and 2A
Fire Investigation 1A	None
Fire Investigation 1B	Fire Investigation 1A
Fire Investigation 2A	Fire Investigation 1A and 1B
Fire Investigation 2B	Fire Investigation 1A, 1B and 2A
S-234	S-290 and at the minimum an Engine Boss, Single Resource (ENGB) initiated task book.
S-244	Successful completion of the pre-course work; S-290; ability to use a GPS receiver; NWCG Firefighter Type 2 (or CSFM Firefighter 1).
S-245	Successful completion of the pre-course work.
S-336	Qualified as a Single Resource Boss or Initial Attack Incident Commander Type 4 (ICT4)
Ethical Leadership in the Classroom	None
Regional Instructor Orientation	None
Fire Management 2A	Fire Management 1
Fire Management 2B	Fire Management 1
Fire Management 2C	Fire Management 1
Fire Management 2D	Fire Management 1
Fire Management 2E	None

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT
CLASS REGISTRATION FORM**

COURSE:	DATES:	COST:	QUANTITY:
S-336 (Tactical Decision Making)	June 10 – 13, 2014	\$480.00	_____
S-234 (Ignition Operations)	June 16 - 19, 2014	\$495.00	SOLD OUT!
Fire Command 2D	July 7 - 11, 2014	\$295.00	_____
Fire Command 2E	September 15 – 19, 2014	\$295.00	_____
Regional Instructor Orientation	September 17, 2014	\$175.00	_____
Ethical Leadership in the Classroom	September 18, 2014	\$100.00	_____
Fire Management 2A	November 3 - 7, 2014	\$295.00	_____
Fire Management 2B	January 12 – 16, 2015	\$295.00	_____
Training Instructor 1A	January 26 – 30, 2015	\$295.00	_____
S-244 & S-245	February 2 – 5, 2015	\$295.00	_____
Training Instructor 1B	February 9 - 13, 2015	\$295.00	_____
Training Instructor 1C	February 23 – 27, 2015	\$295.00	_____
Fire Management 2C	March 9 - 13, 2015	\$295.00	_____
Fire Investigation 1A	March 23 - 27, 2015	\$295.00	_____
Fire Investigation 1B	April 13 - 17, 2015	\$295.00	_____
Fire Investigation 2A	May 4 - 8, 2015	\$295.00	_____
Fire Management 2D	May 11 - 15, 2015	\$295.00	_____
Fire Investigation 2B	June 1 - 5, 2015	\$295.00	_____
Fire Management 2E	July 13 - 17, 2015	\$295.00	_____
		TOTAL:	_____

Name: _____

Rank: _____

Department: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail: _____

For these classes, the only form of payment will be checks, money orders or cash.

- **Please make your check/money order payable to:** Santa Clara County Fire Department.
- **Please mail or deliver your check / money order (please don't mail cash) to:**
 Santa Clara County Fire Department - Attention: Steve Prziborowski
 14700 Winchester Blvd., Los Gatos, CA 95032-1818
- **Cancellation Policy:**
 Full refunds will be provided if requested 14 calendar days in advance (of the first day of class) at 1500 hours. If a class begins on Monday, then the refund deadline is 1500 hours two Mondays prior. If a refund is requested within 14 calendar days before the first day of the class, the student may be given credit for a future course, but not a full refund. No refunds will be provided if the student does not attend the class, or if they begin the class but do not complete the class.

FIREFIGHTER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

If you want to become a firefighter, have you started taking fire department examinations yet? If not, what are you waiting for? If you say you're not ready, you'll probably never be ready. If you want to wait until you finish your degree, then you're going to have wasted about two (or more) valuable years that could have been spent learning how to master the fire service testing process. You should be taking every fire service exam you qualify for – what's the worst that can happen if you take a test? If nothing else, you will hopefully start to learn your strengths and weaknesses and what it takes to become a firefighter. Don't rely on us to provide you with every fire department that is accepting applications. We only send out a small fraction of the current open firefighter positions across the United States. If you truly want to become a firefighter, put your money where your mouth is and subscribe to a fire testing service that will notify you when fire departments across the United States are accepting applications.

Two of the best fire testing notification services I have seen are:

- www.firerecruit.com
- www.firecareers.com

For approximately than \$100.00 per year (each), those companies will provide you with valuable testing information to help save you time and effort. Becoming a firefighter is not an easy task, and the badge will not drop from the sky into your lap. Don't wait for your friends to tell you about testing opportunities or expect to hear about them from us.

CANDIDATE PHYSICAL ABILITY TEST (CPAT) INFORMATION:

The Candidate Physical Ability Test (CPAT) is a must have for any person planning on becoming a firefighter. More and more departments are requiring a candidate to possess a CPAT completion card (no older than one year) just to apply for their department. If you do not possess a current CPAT, you do not pass go, you do not collect two hundred dollars, and you miss out on the opportunity to compete for a firefighter position at many departments. The CPAT does not guarantee that you will be a successful firefighter. Successfully passing the CPAT means that you should be able to enter a firefighter academy at a reasonable level of fitness appropriate to the job. I encourage you to learn more about the CPAT, and also look into having this certificate on your resume. Trust me, this may be an eye-opener for some – many of you will not pass it the first time. Make sure you take advantage of the orientation and practice sessions and learn where your weak spots are so you can focus on those areas. To see the available dates to take the CPAT at any of the below three locations, visit their website at www.cpatonline.org

- NOTE: Do not wait until the last minute to attempt to complete the CPAT as it is common for people to fail their first attempt and have to go back on another day for a retest. More departments are asking for a CPAT card within six months or one year of the date of their testing process. I've seen many candidates fail the CPAT and not be able to continue through a department's testing process because of their failure to plan ahead. Don't let this be you!

CPAT TESTING CENTER LOCATIONS:

Southern California:
626 N. Eckhoff Street
Orange, CA 92868

Northern California
526 Commerce Way
Livermore, CA 94551

Sacramento Area:
1329 N. Market Blvd., #100
Sacramento, CA 95834

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Hey,

As thousands of Brother and Sister Firefighters arrive in Boston to honor the lives and families of beloved BFD "Jakes" Lieutenant Edward J. Walsh Jr. and Firefighter Michael R. Kennedy, we hope and pray that those closest to this incident, and most importantly the families, can find some level of peace in their days, years and their lives ahead. RIP. While this weeks focus is, as it absolutely must be, on the horrific loss of those two brave Boston Firefighters, a few weeks ago it was on New Jersey, and other places as we keep looking back. Everyone and their brother have opinions on what's right or wrong when we get hurt or killed. And while some don't like hearing it, there are times when we absolutely **must** take great risk when there are indications of people being inside...you know, risk a lot to save a lot. No one else will get them out if we don't get water on the fire and find the missing. Next week at FDIC, your hearts will absolutely burst when you hear of the truly beyond human heroics of Bryan (Texas) FD's 54-year-old Lt. Greg Pickard ...and his witnessed efforts in his attempts to save his trapped Brother, Lt. Eric Wallace. Both lost their lives in as horrific manner as you can in our business. Next week, Lt Pickard will be awarded the coveted 2014 Ray Downey Courage and Valor Award. Lt Pickard's family and members of the BFD will be there -along with thousands of FDIC'ers as Lt Picard is honored posthumously. Do not miss that program.

It's well known amongst our profession that last year was the deadliest on record for our Brothers and Sisters in Texas...Texas Firefighters-such as in Bryan. Early this morning, a "non fire service" magazine article was sent to us with a very interesting article. It is about Texas Firefighters and the Line of Duty Deaths that occurred in Texas last year...and we wanted to pass it on to you. The piece looks at the so called "cultural" aspect of the job with comments from Firefighters, Chiefs and others. Take time to read the piece.

HERE IS THE ARTICLE: <http://www.texasobserver.org/hero-complex/>

FDIC NEXT WEEK:

We look forward to seeing many of you next week at FDIC. **We also encourage you to consider purchasing the book "PASS IT ON" while at FDIC...100% of the royalties are being donated equally to the Chief Ray Downey Scholarship Fund and the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation.** Nearly 100 Firefighters and those close to us have contributed to provide you with advice, ideas, suggestions and stories of what they have experienced in their "fire" lives. The 444 page book contains stories from the remarkable contributors - that have never been published or seen before.

OTHER FDIC ACTIVITIES FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION: FF CANCER SUPPORT COMEDY & MUSIC NIGHT: (Tuesday) <http://www.firefightercancersupport.org/>

FOOLS INTERNATIONAL BASH: (Wednesday) <http://www.foolsinternational.com/>

STOP, DROP, ROCK & ROLL-NFFF (Thursday) <http://www.stopdroprocknroll.com/>

There are so many learning opportunities at FDIC-formal and informal-take advantage of every one you possibly can. Stop by and see Gordon G (Graham) and I on Tuesday afternoon, or Thursday afternoon in class, or at any one of the above events-as well as around the FDIC Bookstore.

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Whatever you do-get up early and attend as many sessions and classes as possible-waste no time-the instructors have been preparing for a long, long time... for the privilege to pass it on to each of us, no matter how long you've been a FF.

We can't wait to cya. Safe travels.

Take Care. Be Careful. Pass It On.

BillyG

The Secret List 4-1-2014-1409 Hours

AND:

Hey,

3 South Carolina Firefighters were injured late yesterday afternoon-with one being seriously burned. A resident who started the fire has also been charged in the incident with failure to notify forestry of a fire and not stopping it before it spread to other properties. The most seriously burned member, a Windy Hill Firefighter, is currently at Augusta Burn Center for injuries he suffered. That Firefighter, Jacob "Jake" DeLung of Windy Hill FD, suffered facial and neck burns, third to second degree burns, when he was in the **mobile home** that was burning and the floor collapse. As of this morning, doctors were cleaning his burns and he may require some skin grafts in several places. **FF DeLung, who is the son of Windy Hill Fire Chief John Delung**, called for help and other Firefighters were able to rescue him. He was taken to McLeod Hospital first and then airlifted. Not long after FF DeLung was hurt, West Florence FD's Anthony Fox had the home's front porch collapse under him. Fox injured his ankle. Florence City FF Ed Richardson, fell on Fox and was hurt, too. They were both T & R. We wish FF DeLung a rapid recovery.

RURAL WATER SUPPLY: A GREAT CLASSROOM SESSION AT FDIC.

It's been a few years since I paid any real attention to rural water supply-but yesterday I had a chance to sit in on a "rehearsal" session of a class that is going to be presented next week at FDIC....and it was **really** impressive. If rural water supply impacts YOUR department, take time to attend this session at FDIC...you won't be disappointed. TIME: 1530 hours on Thursday the 10th of April.

CHECK THIS VIDEO PREVIEW: <http://tinyurl.com/nngkfj8>

It is with sincere regret we advise you of the passing of U.S. Army Sgt. and Brother of (Chicago FD Fire Comm ret.) and current Carol Stream FD Deputy Chief Robert (Bob) Hoff, **Mr. Michael James Hoff**. While in the eight month of his tour in Viet Nam, Sgt. Hoff suffered a critical head wound in mid-October 1967 while in an armored troop transport vehicle in hostile area from an enemy mortar shell. As a wounded warrior veteran he worked through life with the many physical and mental challenges which became of greater struggles through the years of his life. On Sunday, March 30, 2014 at the age of 67, Sgt. Michael J. Hoff passed with family beside him at Edward J. Hines V.A. Hospital. May he rest in eternal peace. Arrangements: (NOW)-VISITATION: Thursday, April 3, 2014 from 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Petkus Funeral Home, 12401 S Archer Ave, Lemont, IL. FUNERAL: Friday, April 4, 2014 at 10:00 AM. Funeral mass at St. Patrick Church, 200 E Illinois St, Lemont . RIP.

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AND

Hey,

On Thursday, a North Carolina Firefighter was struck at the scene of a wildland fire. Due to smoke conditions, there was zero visibility as the Candor Firefighters (Montgomery County) arrived on the scene at 1414 hours - and were walking to the rear of the truck - when a passenger vehicle struck FF Earl Harrington. The fire apparatus was pulled about halfway off the road, and when FF Harrington was struck, he was pinned underneath the fire apparatus. Initially, as Firefighters went to the rear of the truck - to put out traffic cones and get set up to fight the fire, a passing Jeep hit the rig, pinning FF Harrington between the vehicles. A second vehicle, also traveling eastbound on the two-lane rural road, then hit the Jeep. FF Harrington was flown out and taken to UNC Hospitals in Chapel Hill. As a result of his injuries, his left leg had to be amputated. He is listed in stable condition with additional surgery anticipated. The driver of the passenger vehicle was taken to Moore Regional Hospital for evaluation. We wish FF Harrington a very successful recovery.

Take Care. Be Careful. Pass It On.
BillyG
The Secret List 4-5-2014-2307 Hours

AND

All, Two NYPD police officers have been critically injured while operating in a fire at a Coney Island (Brooklyn) high-rise apartment building. FDNY received the initial call at 1228 hours of a 13th floor apartment fire in the 18 story building at 2007 Surf Avenue. Initial reports are that the Police Officers used an elevator to get up to the fire floors - in what appears to be an attempt to assist the occupants - but the elevator stopped and they became trapped, and suffered severe smoke inhalation. One officer is reported in cardiac arrest. KTIYP's. Much more to follow.

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BillyG
The Secret List 4-6-2014-1400 Hours

AND:

Mayday Video-Hero Captain Uses His Body To Save FF's (The Secret List)

Hey,

Two Toronto Firefighters were injured when a floor collapsed during a fire in a townhouse [this morning](#). The members were working inside the building and fell into the basement when the ground floor collapsed. Their Captain was one of the firefighters who fell, but was not injured. Heroically, he was able to hang onto the first floor and then helped the other two climb up, using his body as a ladder. A mayday call was sent out, but the alert ended once the firefighters got out of the home-with NLT injuries. The fire broke out in the basement of the townhouse shortly before 0800, and residents were evacuated from neighboring homes as a precaution. Congrats the the Captain and crew-it's a good day.

HERE IS THE VIDEO:

<http://toronto.ctvnews.ca/mobile/toronto-fire-captain-uses-body-as-ladder-to-save-colleagues-when-floor-collapses-1.1767782>

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The Secret List-4-9-14/1500 hours

AND:

All,

One of the officers who was critically hurt in a Coney Island blaze that police said was started when a 16-year-old boy lit a mattress on fire in the hallway of a building, has died. NYPD Housing Officer Dennis Guerra, a 38-year-old married father of four, died shortly before 7 a.m. at Montifiore Hospital, police said. Guerra had more than seven years on the job. His colleague, 36-year-old Rosa Rodriguez, is at the burn unit at Weill Cornell Medical Center. Rodriguez is a single mother of four kids and a four-year veteran of the NYPD Housing Bureau. "We pray that every young person who hears of the tragic passing of hero police officer Dennis Guerra and of the suffering of officer Rosa Rodriguez and their families, learns that there deadly consequences that result from foolish actions," PBA president Patrick Lynch said in a statement. "We must learn from this tragedy so that their sacrifices will not have been made in vain. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Guerra and Rodriguez families, friends and their fellow officers." Both officers were hurt **Sunday** when they were overcome by smoke and carbon monoxide while responding to a fire at a residential high-rise on Surf Avenue. They were hit by a wall of smoke when they reached the 13th floor by elevator.

On radio transmissions, the officers could be heard gasping for air.

Guerra: "Can't breathe, can't breathe."

Dispatch: "He can't breathe. He's on the 14th floor. They're on the 14th floor. They can't breathe."

Guerra: "Thirteen!"

Dispatch: "OK, 13th floor. The FDNY was just minutes behind them. Police Commissioner Bill Bratton said firefighters found the officers "unconscious and unresponsive" in the hallway.

Bratton said New York City does not have any specific policies in place when it comes to police entering a burning a building or using elevators, an issue he said they're now addressing. "Most other major cities do not have a policy or training to address this issue. It's something we are certainly, we are, based on this incident, going to correct very quickly for ourselves," Bratton said. Meanwhile, 16-year-old **Marcell Dockery**, who lives in the building, has been charged with arson, assault and reckless endangerment. Police said he confessed to starting the fire by lighting a mattress in the hallway of the 13th floor because he was bored. Our condolences to his family and the members of the NYPD.

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BillyG

The Secret List 4-9-14 0945 hours

AND:

All,

One of the Police Officers trapped in that Brooklyn apartment building fire allegedly set by a "bored" teen has been declared brain dead, media sources are reporting. Officer Dennis Guerra remains on life support at Montefiore Hospital in the Bronx, where he was transferred after doctors struggled to stabilize him at Coney Island Hospital and Jacobi Hospital. **Family members wept outside an intensive care unit today in a hallway crawling with concerned cops and a police department chaplain.** Officer Guerra, 38, a married father of four, and his partner Officer pRosa Rodriguez, 36, were the first two on the scene of a fire in a Coney Island apartment building, where they were immediately overcome by smoke as they stepped off the 13th-floor elevator and into a hallway where a mattress was set on fire. Officer Rodriguez was in critical condition at Cornell Medical Center's burn unit in Manhattan where she was placed in a hyperbaric chamber. After the accused arsonist, Marcell

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Dockery, 16, told investigators he was "bored," according to sources, he was caught on camera with a wide grin as he was walked from a Brooklyn precinct, a gesture that outraged cops and Guerra's heartbroken family. **"We saw him smiling on TV, is this a joke? We are going through so much right now," said Guerra's mother, Miriam, outside her home before rushing off to the hospital as Guerra's condition worsened.** "This is a very tough time for us. Because he was bored, two officers are now fighting for their lives, and one of them is my son," she said. Dockery - who set up an entire Facebook page devoted to his "obsession" with fire - was charged with felony arson and assault and reckless endangerment. We'll post more as it becomes available.

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BillyG

The Secret List 4-8-14 2040 hours

AND:

Hey,

www.FirefighterCloseCalls.com and www.ModernFireBehavior.com are proud to partner with www.ULFirefighterSafety.com to host UL's newest online course: "Scientific Research for the Development of More Effective Tactics" - an online course that serves as a culmination of the full-scale field experiments performed on Governors Island by the Fire Department of New York, NIST and UL. The interactive training takes learners through a research timeline of the previous fire dynamics research conducted by NIST and UL, all of the details that went into the tests, test results, and tactical considerations derived from the test results. This course brings science to the streets by examining two main groups of tactical considerations. The first group looks at the impact of controlling ventilation and flow paths. The second explores the use of exterior fire attack as a means to rapidly reduce the fire hazard inside the structure in order to facilitate interior fire operations. Fires were conducted within numerous 3 story residential row houses with ignition occurring in the basement, in the first floor living room and in a second floor bedroom.

UL FSRI Director Steve Kerber shared, "This training program presents the most up to date fire dynamics research in a way firefighters at all levels can comprehend. It builds off of all of the UL and NIST firefighter research to date and provides students with the science they need to examine their tactical approaches. Tactical considerations are presented with video and data in a way that is easy to understand. For the firefighters out there that want all the details, buttons allow access to all of the data graphs, experimental video and relevant FDNY procedures." There are many features to this course that will increase fire service knowledge. An initial interactive research timeline provides links to more than 15 years of previous UL and NIST research that led to this series of experiments. Then basic fire dynamics concepts are introduced and linked to tactical considerations that will allow for the students to re-examine their current operating procedures. Finally, students have the opportunity to use interactive examples to develop an in-depth understanding of the impact of ventilation and water application on fire dynamics. **The course link**

is: <http://www.firecompanies.com/modernfirebehavior/governors%20island%20online%20course/story.html>

For mobile users, the course is compatible with tablet devices and iPad via the Articulate Media Player application in the App Store. In closing, **Congratulations to UL FSRI Director Steve Kerber** on his 2014 George D. Post Instructor of the Year Award. Steve's vision for a thinking firefighter and drive to provide firefighters around the world with knowledge truly exemplify what it means to be great leader and educator.

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AND:

Hey,

The NYPD has overhauled its "fire response" protocol - and is working on plans to provide basic fire training to officers in the wake of a deadly arson fire that killed a seven-year NYPD veteran and critically injured another officer. Hmmm. The Police Chief ordered new rules that went into effect immediately, including maintaining communication with fire dispatchers, taking the stairs whenever possible and being mindful of exits when responding to an emergency situation. The NYPD confirmed the changes, originally reported by media but prior to the directive, there was no protocol for officers responding to a fire. One suggestion was that they await the FDNY, control the scene area, traffic and not operate in fire conditions. Additional training from the FDNY is also being "considered" - a "Fire 101" course that offers insight into fires, which hasn't been done in decades.

As you know, Police Officer Dennis Guerra, 38, and Police Officer Rosa Rodriguez, 36, were at 2007 Surf Ave. in Coney Island on [Sunday](#) and got in an elevator to the 13th floor, where they were overcome by the smoke. They were both unconscious when FDNY members rescued them. Officer Guerra died days after the incident, and Officer Rodriguez remains hospitalized in critical condition. In yet another incident on [Thursday](#), an NYPD sergeant and an officer were hospitalized with smoke inhalation at a fire in a Williamsburg apartment building. The day after the Coney Island fire, the FDNY brought three of the NYPD's top cops to the hallway where the two officers were overcome with smoke. The visit prompted the department to implement major changes, and they are "considering" bringing FDNY personnel to NYPD to provide fundamental information about fires.

"It's a basic 'Fire 101' course that is thought to inform the [NYPD] about what they should be prepared foror avoid," a source explained. Police Commissioner William Bratton said the two cops did not break any department protocol by responding to the emergency situation, because there was none. NYPD does not have, and has not had any policies specific to this issue of going into buildings that are on fire. Perhaps re-evaluating a role that doesn't include placing the cops in any fire related environment might be considered...just say'n.

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BillyG

The Secret List [4-11-14-1417](#) hours

AND:

All,

[Tomorrow](#) is the anniversary of the Line of Duty Death of New Jersey Firefighter/Foreman Kevin Apuzzio...who gave his life while attempting to save the life of a trapped civilian. Below are the factual details from the Incident Commander....Chief Danny Krushinski of the East Franklin (NJ) FD :

"....On [April 11th, 2006](#), many of our lives changed in a heartbeat, especially the life of 21 year old Firefighter Kevin Apuzzio. Kevin stood courageous on the front lawn of 36 Whittier Avenue and said "Chief, what do you need my crew and I to do?" I Said "**Kevin, go in ...and get her.**" While it only seems like [yesterday](#), to me it is still clear as day. With a house full of heavy smoke and an elderly women confirmed trapped, Kevin (and crew) did not hesitate and attempted to rescue her. I knew when the floor collapsed and my Firefighters fell into that basement -literally just feet from removing her out the front door, from that point forward, their lives along with many others would be changed forever. While several were seriously injured and burned, Kevin lost his life with the victim he and his Brothers were valiantly trying to save.

Kevin Apuzzio, you will always be by our side and your name is tattooed on my arm to prove it. On that day, you lost your life and became a hero doing something you loved to do, that was helping strangers...." "Tomorrow, my family which includes the men and women of Station 27, my wife and children and the Apuzzio Family will again be spending the day together. We will share story's about our hero's life and not mourn Kevin, but celebrate his life and all that he stood for. God bless you Kevin, continue to watch over us each and every day...."

Chief of Department Dan Krushinski-EFFD

THE FIRE DETAILS:

On April 11, 2006, Foreman Kevin Apuzzio died while he and four members of the East Franklin VFD selflessly and heroically attempted to rescue 75-year-old Betty Scott from a single family dwelling fire. Foreman Apuzzio died when he became trapped after falling through a floor that collapsed into a well involved basement....he fell just a few feet from the front door - with Mrs Scott in hand. Mrs. Scott also died in the fire as Kevin and crew were attempting to remove her. It is sadly but widely acknowledged, that most FF LODD's can be prevented. However, in this case, it is well documented that Kevin died while he and his crew were heroically attempting a rescue - that based upon conditions and size up, was the right thing to do.

We take a moment to once again remember Kevin, the Apuzzio Family and the members of the East Franklin FD, along with all area FD's that were impacted by the Line of Duty Death of Kevin. Rest in Peace.

HERE is the FIRE / LODD REPORT: <http://www.state.nj.us/dca/divisions/dfs/reports/eastfranklin.pdf>

HERE is the EFFD Website: <http://www.station27.com/>

HERE is a related VIDEO: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w05Y6saNYEw>

NOTE: Both Chief Krushinski and Dr Joe Apuzzio, Kevin's Father-are contributors to the book "PASS IT ON...What We Know..What We Want You To Know" -- being sold as a fundraiser with 100% of the royalties being split between both the Nat'l Fallen FF's Foundation and The Chief Ray Downey Scholarship Fund. Please consider your purchase ..in Kevin's memory: <http://www.fire-police-ems.com/books/bp0190.shtml>

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AND:

Hey,

As you are hopefully aware, Technician (Firefighter) Kyle Wilson of the Prince William County (VA) Department of Fire & Rescue was killed in the Line of Duty when he horrifically but heroically gave his life at a single family dwelling fire on April 16, 2007. Tomorrow is the anniversary of his Line of Duty death.

PLEASE take time to check out the links below that include video access, slides, photos and graphs to help you-and your crew understand this fire. **WHAT HAPPENED SUMMARY:** Technician Kyle Robert Wilson was 24-years old when he joined the Prince William County Department of Fire and Rescue on January 23, 2006.

He died in the line of duty on April 16, 2007 while performing search and rescue operations at a house fire on Marsh Overlook Drive. On that day, Technician Wilson was part of the firefighter staffing on Tower 512 which responded to the house fire that was dispatched at 0603 hours. The Prince William

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County area was under a high wind advisory as a nor'easter storm moved through the area. Sustained winds of 25 mph with gusts up to 48 mph were prevalent in the area at the time of the fire dispatch to Marsh Overlook Drive. Initial arriving units reported heavy fire on the exterior of two sides of the single family house and crews suspected that the occupants were still inside the house sleeping because of the early morning hour. A search of the upstairs bedroom commenced for the possible victims.

A rapid and catastrophic change of fire and smoke conditions occurred in the interior of the house within minutes of Tower 512's crew entering the structure. Technician Wilson became trapped and was unable to locate an immediate exit out of the hostile environment. Mayday radio transmissions were made by crews and by Technician Kyle Wilson of the life-threatening situation. Valiant and repeated rescue attempts to locate and remove Technician Wilson were made by the firefighting crews during extreme fire, heat and smoke conditions. Firefighters were forced from the structure as the house began to collapse on them and intense fire, heat and smoke conditions developed. Technician Wilson succumbed to the fire and the cause of death was reported by the medical examiner to be thermal and inhalation injuries.

We take time out to remember the loss---and provide the below links to learn about the fire, an excellent way to honor his life for all FF's. PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY DOCUMENTS,

PRESENTATIONS: <http://www.pwcgov.org/government/dept/FR/Pages/Technician-I-Kyle-Wilson-LODD-Report.aspx>

NIOSH REPORT: <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/fire/reports/face200712.html>

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY

REPORT: http://www.iaff.org/hs/LODD_Manual/LODD%20Reports/Prince%20William%20County,%20VA%20-%20Wilson.pdf

MEMORIAL VIDEO: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vUo_Z-zwZtU

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BillyG

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Please consider your support: www.PassItOnFire.com

AND:

Hey,

A number of years ago, when we were living and working in the Tampa Bay area of Florida, I was intimately involved in a child-drowning prevention program. I was blown away at the number of responses we made to these types of calls and how, in many respects, little to nothing was being done from an educational and prevention standpoint. We developed a great program that continues [today](#)-one that measurably recued the incidents, with a very strong focus on drowning prevention for kids. The main focus was "eyes always on kids" as well as the establishment of physical barriers to water/pool etc. where it would be an absolute hassle for an adult to reach--with the theory that if it was tough for an adult (several locks, latches, doors etc) it would be impossible for a kid. [Today](#), technology, alarms and motion detectors help the effort of responsible adults helping prevent drowning's of little kids.

Of the many resources we used to educate people on how quickly a child can end up in water, nothing (other than being on a scene) I had seen (until now) could have the impact of this video:

PLEASE WATCH THIS VIDEO

- a security camera "witnesses" a child that ends up in the water. Please watch, share, copy, post and pass this on. **Trust me. This video does it.**

VIDEO: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ATaQhP4YHDU>

HERE ARE RELATED LINKS:

http://www.safekids.org/safetytips/field_age/big-kids-5%E2%80%93939-years/field_risks/water-and-drowning?gclid=CMTxypG75b0CFchFMgodlyMATg

<http://www.drowningpreventionfoundation.org/>

<http://www.healthychildren.org/English/health-issues/injuries-emergencies/Pages/Drowning.aspx>

<http://ndpa.org/>

With warmer weather coming, now is the time to blast this stuff all over your town via whatever means you have. While we may "love" responding to calls, this is the kind of run no firefighter or medic ever wants to turn out on.

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BillyG

The Secret List [4/16/14-1300 Hours](#)

AND:

Hey,

At least 6 people were critically hurt (some reports are up to 10) after two apparatus collided with each other, struck pedestrians and then crashed into a building in Monterey Park (Calif) just a little while ago. Initial reports are that the Alhambra apparatus collided with a Monterey Park apparatus engine, sending the apparatus into a restaurant on the corner. 6 people were transported to L.A. County USC Medical Center in critical condition. Further injuries were expected to be reported. No details yet as far as Firefighter injuries. We posted a picture on our home page. Much more to follow. KTIYP's.

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BillyG

The Secret List [4-16-2014 1830 hours](#)

AND:

Hey,

Yesterday, the two fire apparatus had their lights and sirens running when they collided in Monterey Park, sending one into a restaurant. the apparatus -- one from Monterey Park, the other from Alhambra -- were responding to a house fire around 1500 hours. A total of 15 people, including 6 Firefighters, were hurt. One person, a civilian who was inside Lu's Dumpling House, was critically injured and 1 Firefighter suffered moderate injuries; the other injuries were minor. The Alhambra ladder truck was traveling south and the Monterey Park engine was heading east-and it was the Monterey Park engine that came to rest inside the restaurant. The California Highway Patrol's major accident team will lead the investigation into the crash. Officials said everything from the speed of the trucks to radio traffic would be reviewed.

IN SOUTH CAROLINA last evening, Interstate 85 northbound was closed for two hours after two wrecks blocked all lanes at the 29 mile marker near Williamston. Piercetown Fire Department's Rescue 13 vehicle was struck and two injuries were reported at the scene, just south of Welcome Road. Anderson County Coroner Greg Shore said one injured person was flown and another, an unidentified woman, taken by ambulance to Greenville Memorial Hospital, but there were no fatalities.

AND IN ALABAMA, an Athens Fire Department engine operating at a wreck was struck by a motorist on I- 65 northbound near Huntsville-Browns Ferry Road, Fire Chief Tony Kirk said firefighters had responded to a wreck in the median when a motorist driving by the wreck site hit the fire truck. No one was injured but the apparatus had to be towed.

REMINDER: FREE FIREFIGHTER ROADWAY SURVIVAL TRAINING available at:
<http://learning.respondersafety.com/>

REMEMBERING WEST, TEXAS: (Newly released video)

Today we take time to remember those killed in the Line of Duty in West, Texas, one year ago today.

NEWLY RELEASED VIDEO:

<http://www.cnn.com/2014/04/17/us/texas-explosion-anniversary-video/>

We Remember:

Morris Bridges Jr., 41, a fire sprinkler technician for Action Fire Pro in Waxahachie and a member of West Volunteer Fire Department. Perry Calvin, 37, a student at Hill College Fire Academy and a member of Mertens and Navarro Mills volunteer fire departments. Jerry Chapman, 26, a member of Abbott Volunteer Fire Department and in training to become an emergency medical technician. Cody Drago, 50, a foreman at West Fertilizer Co. and a member of West Volunteer Fire Department. Kenneth "Luckey" Harris Jr., 52, a Dallas Fire-Rescue captain and owner of Harris Home Inspections and Construction. Adolph Lander, 96, a resident of West Rest Haven Nursing Home who died the day after the explosion. His death is attributed to trauma from the blast. Jimmy Matus, 52, owner of Westex Welding and a member of West Volunteer Fire Department. Judith Monroe, 65, a native of Sinton, Texas, moved to West in 2001. She was in the apartment complex adjacent to the West Fertilizer Co. plant when it exploded. Joey Pustejovsky Jr., 29, secretary for the city of West and a volunteer firefighter. His parents and son have spearheaded a project to rebuild the town park complete with a memorial to those lost in the blast. Cyrus Reed, 29, a member of Abbott Volunteer Fire Department. He was completing his last night of EMT basic training when he went to assist at the plant fire. Mariano C. Saldivar, 57, a native of Mexico, lived in an apartment complex adjacent to the fertilizer plant. Saldivar retired to West after working for years in the warehousing industry in California. Kevin Sanders, 33, a member of Bruceville-Eddy Volunteer Fire Department, was taking an EMT class when he went to assist at the plant fire. Doug Snokhous, 50, a Central Texas Iron Works employee and a member of West Volunteer Fire Department. Robert Snokhous, 48, a Central Texas Iron Works employee and a member of West Volunteer Fire Department. William "Buck" Uptmor Jr., 45, owner of fence-building company Uptmor Welding and Construction.

RIP.

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BillyG

The Secret List 4-17-14-0900 Hours

AND:

All,

Thursday morning in Comstock Township, Michigan, near Kalamazoo, a woman was killed in a crash - when her vehicle was involved in that crash with a truck driven by a Firefighter responding to a fire call. The Firefighter was in his own personal vehicle.

Read the circumstances below.

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The woman drove into the path of that Firefighter who was responding to another crash that occurred minutes earlier. The woman has been identified as Audrey Jean Kurka. Kurka, 51, of Comstock Township, was waiting in traffic in the passing lane of northbound Sprinkle Road when she attempted a U-turn and pulled her 2010 Nissan Cube into the middle turn lane at around 0830 hours. Her car was struck on the driver's side by a northbound 2005 GMC Sierra pickup truck -driven by Comstock volunteer Firefighter Shaun Hughes, 32. Hughes, who had the emergency lights and siren on his truck activated, was responding to a report of a head-on crash when Kurka turned in front of him. Hughes was initially traveling in the passing lane of northbound Sprinkle but then moved over to the middle turn lane because of the traffic backup. The point of impact between Hughes' truck and Kurka's car was near the "westernmost stripe" of the middle turn lane. "Hughes didn't have time for evasive action," the local undersheriff said. Hughes, who was not seriously injured in the crash, was taken from the scene to the hospital in a private vehicle--Kurka was pronounced dead at the scene. Investigators did not yet know how fast Hughes was going. That determination will be made as part of the continuing investigation and crash reconstruction. Another grim reminder of the high risks of emergency response-to us and those on the road, regardless of the circumstances. More to follow. Take Care. Be Careful. Pass It On.

BillyG

The Secret List 4-19-14/0715 hours

AND:

TEXAS FIRE CHIEF DIES IN THE LINE OF DUTY-COLLAPSES AT FIRE SCENE

We regret to advise you that a 52 year old Fire Chief has died in the Line of Duty in Texas. At around 2300 hours last night, a dwelling fire was reported in Damon, Texas (Brazoria County, SW of Houston). The Damon Volunteer Fire Department responded and while on the scene, during suppression, the Fire Chief was assisting and establishing water supply and he was discovered down by other members as he had collapsed at the scene. Immediate attempts to save his life were started but were not successful. We regret to advise you that Fire Chief Hugh Ferguson, 52, was treated and then transported by Life Flight to Memorial Hermann Hospital, where he died. Our condolences to all affected. RIP. We'll post more as it becomes available.

Take Care. Be Careful. Pass It On.

BillyG

The Secret List 4/22/14-0700 Hours

AND:

Hey,

From NIOSH this morning, they have released a new website entitled, *Fire Fighter Fatality Map*.

Developed to increase awareness of fire fighter deaths and to provide quick access to up-to-date fire fighter fatality information, the site combines fire fighter fatality case information from the U.S. Fire Administration and with information about NIOSH fire fighter fatality investigations. Interactive maps show all USFA data and those with "pending" or "completed" NIOSH investigation reports. Links to NIOSH reports for fatalities that have been investigated through the NIOSH Fire Fighter Fatality Investigation and Prevention Program (FFFIPP) are included. The site is expected to be updated at least monthly with new or revised fire fighter fatality information. The site can be accessed either directly at (<http://wwwn.cdc.gov/wisards/ffmap/>) or through the FFFIPP homepage (<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/fire/>).

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The Secret List 4-21-14/1330 hours

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AND:

All,

Four firefighters have been injured and one of them is in critical condition after fighting a three-alarm fire at a pesticide storage warehouse in Mississauga, Ont., early this morning. The firefighters were being treated after a wall collapsed and an explosion occurred at the industrial facility. Companies were called to the fire around 4:30 a.m. ET. All members were ordered to leave the structure and battle the fire only from the exterior after a Mayday call went out following the wall collapse, which reportedly trapped three firefighters briefly. Explosions could be heard in quick succession as officials got word from the building owner, who was en-route to the scene, that a large amount of pesticides and aerosols are stored in the building. We'll keep you advised-KTIYP's.

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The Secret List 4-23-14-0630 hours

AND:

All,

There's a new report out about the Line of Duty death of a Firefighter who died in a house fire one year to the date-April 24. Reisterstown VFD (Baltimore County) volunteer FF Gene Kirchner, 25, was killed in that dwelling fire while assisting in trying to search and remove a victim. **Local media WJZ** has obtained the Baltimore County Fire Department's report from that night. The link is below. FF Kirchner had been a member of the department for nine years and had responded to more than 3,000 calls. At that fire of April 24 of last year, 25-year-old Kirchner suffered burns and smoke inhalation-losing his life.

HERE IS THE FD REPORT:

<http://resources.baltimorecountymd.gov/Documents/Fire/kirchner140421.pdf>

HERE IS MEDIA COVERAGE:

<http://baltimore.cbslocal.com/2014/04/24/baltimore-co-fire-dept-releases-report-from-night-firefighter-died/>

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Billy G

The Secret List 4-25-14/0030 hours

AND:

All,

A civilian died when a car slammed into the back of Houston (Texas) Engine Company 36 - who was blocking, on a freeway early this morning. The crash happened just before 0230 hours on I-45. The engine company was blocking a crash scene when the car slammed into it. The car's passenger was pronounced dead at the scene. Two of the four Firefighters on the scene were also taken to the hospital with non-life threatening injuries. Engine 36 was on the scene providing protection to the accident scene. As the HFD stated: without that protection - the fatalities could have been greater...once again reminding us of the extreme danger to us when operating on the roadways.

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The Secret List 4-26-14 / 1800 hours

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The Secret List 4-25-14/0030 hours

AND:

KENTUCKY FIREFIGHTER DIES IN THE LINE OF DUTY

It is with deep regret we notify you of the Line of Duty Death of Firefighter Charles "Charlie" Goff of McQuady Volunteer Fire and Rescue in Falls of Rough, Kentucky. Falls of Rough is not far from Owensboro, in Breckinridge County, western Kentucky. Firefighter Goff suffered a fatal heart attack early [this morning](#) just after returning home from an emergency response. The response was to a multiple-vehicle crash in which five patients were critically injured and three had to be extricated.

NOTE: One of the critically-injured patients in that crash was a fellow Firefighter and member of McQuady Fire and Rescue. Firefighter Goff was 53 years old and had been a member of the Department for over 30 years. He is survived by his wife - Cathy; daughter - April and son - Tyler. Our condolences to all affected. RIP. Thanks to our partners at Supporting [Heroes.org](#) for the heads up on this sad loss.

BillyG

The Secret List 4-27-2014 1726 hrs

AND:

All,

Last night's "Secret List" should have read like this: We regret to pass on to you that a Firefighter who had been with the Duxbury Fire Department for 28 years died [yesterday](#)- however, he was not on duty-but the loss is being classified as an "active duty" death. John Thomas, 56, was a firefighter and EMT and died very suddenly while on active duty-but not on duty. Our condolences to all those affected and our sincere apologies for any confusion.

DOUBLE FIREFIGHTER LODD LAWSUIT JUDGEMENT:

Here is a followup piece from CurtV regarding the Colerain Township (Ohio) double LODD lawsuit:

<http://www.firelawblog.com/2014/04/28/ohio-lodd-suit-ends-victory-morning-pride-motorola/>

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BillyG

The Secret List 4-28-14/1247 hours

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Hey,

A Goshen Township (Clermont County, near Cincinnati, Ohio) rescue/pumper crashed [last night](#) while returning to quarters. While on their way back from a run - they were traveling on a narrow road with big/deep side ditch, the rear passenger tire slid off the road. The apparatus went over very violently and ended up on its side, facing the opposite way. Everything loose in the cab was ejected through the windshield-but not the members. According to Goshen Township Fire EMS Chief Steve Pegram, the members were belted in-saving them from an almost certain horrific outcome. The crew members were all transported to a local hospital as a precaution. **CHECK OUT** the photos that are posted on our home page. **GOT SEAT BELTS?** Use'm. **Ejection Sucks.**

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BillyG

The Secret List 5-1-14/0745 hours

AND:

Hey,

Take time to read (and watch, link below) this media investigative report from CBS in South Florida. ***This doesn't just impact South Florida Firefighters.....not hardly...but look at their numbers: double digit firefighter cancer diagnosis. Double Digit: 32%!***

They are men and women willing to risk their lives to save ours, but as our CBS4 News investigation found, a silent killer has been wreaking havoc in their lives, their careers, their dreams and destiny. First triggered more than three years ago by the courageous fight against cancer by Miami Dade Fire Rescue Captain Raphael Herrer, CBS4 Chief Investigative Reporter Michele Gillen has been following and reviewing heartbreaking cases across our community and country. Gillen reports on the human tragedy but also on efforts to collect data on the local and national level. The firefighters in Gillen's story are just a few of the many who are in the fight of their lives and who graciously agreed to share their stories in the hope of finding answers. Also, as a way of honoring those who have lost their lives and who will not be forgotten. It's a chilling realization for Miami Dade Fire Captain Bob Carpenter who shared the culprit behind so many of the deaths of his colleagues - cancer. "There's a lot of attention for line of duty deaths. Firefighters who die in a burning building, in a collapse - the funerals are on television. The truth is the number of us dying with our boots off is far greater," said Carpenter. For Miami Dade Firefighter Leslie Carter, tears flow and words fall with painful reflection.

"Four of us were diagnosed the week I was diagnosed with mine, four of us." The diagnosis was cancer, in the case of the 45-year-old it was thyroid. "Three were thyroid, one was colon, in on week," said Carter. Now on the frontline of a different life-or-death battle, Miami-Dade firefighters shared their nightmare with Gillen of cancer diagnosis which seems to haunt firehouse after firehouse. Miami-Dade Firefighter Paul Hoar, 42, a hero in his ranks, is recognized for his charity work and for his appearance in the Firefighter calendar, was stunned when he got the call from his doctor. "She says you are at stage three colon cancer and it's in your lymph nodes and we are going to need to set you up with an oncologist and start chemotherapy," said Hoar. "And that just devastated me." Surgery removed a tumor and two feet of his colon. He is in his second round of receiving eight months of chemotherapy. "I ate clean, I exercised, I don't smoke, I'm active daily so never in a million years did I think that was going to happen to me," Hoar said. He's not alone. Grief has settled across Miami-Dade given seemingly unsettling numbers of firefighters getting diagnosed with cancer and losing the battle. Keith Tyson is a retired Miami-Dade Firefighter and head of the Firefighter Cancer Support Network for Florida. He spent hours with Gillen reviewing data, collections of cases of the diagnosis of cancer. Tyson knows the nightmare; he's lived it, diagnosed with prostate and skin cancers. Now Tyson's life is about documenting the cases, studying data and death certificates.

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"We reached out to United HealthCare, the numbers looking back were staggering. Between the years of 2008 and 2009 and 2010, out of the approximately 2000 members insured by United HealthCare, 32-percent of us had already been diagnosed with some form of cancer," said Tyson. "And these are young members for the most part. Cancers in the fire service that are developing are coming earlier for us. And far more aggressive," said Tyson. Go to FCSN.net for studies on Florida firefighters diagnosed with cancer. It is chilling data, and it appears to be emerging nationally. In one of the most comprehensive federal studies of its kind, that tracked 30,000 firefighters from San Francisco, Chicago and Philadelphia, the findings are considered daunting. There is evidence of a relation between firefighting and cancer. The research speaks to the high incidence of solid cancers, such as brain, lung and colon among otherwise very fit firefighters. Miami-Dade Fire Captain and cancer survivor Bob Carpenter says he sees it day after day.

"In 2013 in the month of December, six members were diagnosed with cancer within that month," said Carpenter. Now focus turns to the potential why the toxic soup firefighters are working in may be more toxic than ever. "The fires that we are fighting [today](#) are not the fires of 40 years ago, most of the products in our houses and homes are made up of more than 50-percent of petroleum products. We know that petroleum products are just laced with carcinogens," said Carpenter. But it's not just exposure to chemicals in the field that may be of concern. The set up for fire houses is also a cause of concern; the bed bunks where the firefighters sleep were often right next to the vehicle bays where diesel fuel regularly filled the air. Also, lifesaving gear is most often stored right next to the fire trucks and each firefighter only has one set, so even when laden with toxic aftermath of fires and smoke, firefighters often have to turn right around and put them right back on. Many states have taken action, passing laws to help firefighters struck with cancer-presumed to be linked to their jobs-medical care costs covered by those states.

"There are 33 states across the country right now that have a cancer presumption law. The state of Florida does not," said Tyson. Carpenter is hopeful that will change, "Presumptive legislation that cancer diagnoses are job-connected is what I see in the short-term, by short-term I know we are not talking days but we should not talk about decades either," said Carpenter. In the latest fight for those in the trenches saving others, decades are not guaranteed for anyone. "Firefighting is easy compared to this. You can say this is the fight of my life," said Hoar.

For more information and support, check out firefightercancersupport.org.

VIDEO REPORT:

<http://miami.cbslocal.com/2014/04/29/cbs4-investigates-silent-killer-claiming-lives-of-firefighters/>

MOTHERS DAY!

For any Mom who is a Firefighter, or knows a Firefighter, consider this as a really cool gift for Mothers Day. Several chapters written by Firefighting Mom's - including Mom's of Firefighters-we are pretty sure any Mom with any connection to the fire service will really appreciate this gift. And...your purchase supports the NFFF & the Chief Ray Downey Scholarship.

<http://www.fire-police-ems.com/books/bp0190.shtml>

..or check Amazon, Fire Engineering Books and other booksellers.

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The Secret List 5-1-14/0033 Hours

AND:

**===FLORIDA FIREFIGHTER DIES IN THE LINE OF DUTY
TWO FIREFIGHTERS IN CHINA DIE IN THE LINE OF DUTY**

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A 50-year-old Lieutenant with the North Port (Florida) Fire Department died [May 1](#) after suffering an aortic dissection more than a week previously. Lt. Jeffrey B. Newland suffered his fatal medical emergency on [April 23](#) approximately four hours after ending a shift that included several emergency response calls. Newland was treated and transported to the local hospital and then flown to Health Park Hospital for specialized care where he remained for just over a week before succumbing to his injury. Newland is survived by a partner Beverly Ward, a son Clayton, 6; a step-son Colton, 17; his mother Jane and a brother Jim. Our condolences to all affected-RIP.

===TWO FIREFIGHTERS DIE IN CHINA:

Firefighters fall hand-in-hand to their deaths battling 13th floor blaze in Shanghai.

READ THE STORY AND SEE THE INCREDIBLE PICTURE:

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2618641/Tragic-moment-two-firefighters-blown-13th-floor-window-building-trying-save.html>

===IS IT FIRE ..OR FIRE DEPARTMENTS, THAT ARE CHANGING?

Relax...but the answer is yes. End of debate. Every FD changes...good or bad. And these days, what's burning in the building is different than it was back in the day. By the way, if you are under 30, **this is** back in the day for you. Welcome. XOXO

However..... **TAKE SOME TIME** and maybe even make this your "**kitchen table**" drill this week and WATCH and LISTEN to the Fire Chief of the largest and busiest combination fire department in North America, Chief Marc Bashoor of Prince Georges County Fire/EMS. Joining him is FDNY's Captain Mike Dugan, FDIC/Fire Engineering's Chief Bobby Halton and NIST's Dan Madrzykowski ...as they discuss the facts of what happened at the "57th Avenue" fire when several Firefighters were critically burned...what lessons were learned... **and most importantly what CHANGES the Chief is leading.**

Additionally:

----listen to the excellent discussion amongst them where they discuss how things used to be....what tactics and tools were used in the past and how some of that is now coming full circle.

----listen to the clear definition of BACKDRAFT and FLASHOVER that Dan provides.

1-WATCH THE VIDEO DISCUSSION HERE AND LEARN:

<http://www.fireengineering.com/articles/2014/05/fe-talk-bobby-halton-talks-to-dan-madrzykowski-marc-bashoor.html>

2-RELATED 3 PART ARTICLE ON THAT FIRE:

<http://www.firehouse.com/article/10960265/close-call-as-firefighters-trapped-at-maryland-house-fire>

3-HERE IS THE 57th AVENUE FIRE REPORT:

<https://sites.google.com/site/pgsafetyofficers/latest-safety-news/57thavereportreleased>

===TWO OFFERS:

**BOSTON AND HAWAII T-SHIRTS FOR SALE-ASKING FOR YOUR SUPPORT:
AUTHORIZED BOSTON FD LODD shirts:**

Boston Fire Department Engine 33 / Ladder 15 has designated FSP Books and Videos as the source for the officially authorized Walsh / Kennedy Memorial tee shirt. 100% of the proceeds from the sale of the shirts will benefit the Walsh / Kennedy Memorial Fund.

<http://www.fire-police-ems.com/misc/boston-memorial-shirt.shtml#sthash.Bo3u5bJZ.dpuf>

HAWAII FOOLS:

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The 3rd annual 50th State FOOLS Fire Conference will be held on [August 4-7](#). The conference is completely self funded, and dependent on registration fees and sponsorships. They are selling their chapter's t-shirt and patch with all proceeds going towards putting on this years training. The 50th State FOOLS are reaching out to you...take a look at their online store (see link below), and consider purchasing a t-shirt: www.kulathreads.com/collections/50th-state-fools-1

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BillyG

The Secret List [5/3/2014-1637 Hours](#)

AND:

All,

A Dallas firefighter was seriously injured while operating at a 2-alarm house fire last night. Around 1900 hours, Dallas Fire Rescue responded Chilton Drive in Southeast Dallas. When companies arrived, they had heavy smoke coming from the one-story single family dwelling. As conditions worsened, a 2nd alarm was struck. Initial reports are that members had been fighting the fire from inside the home, then just as the order was given for firefighters go defensive, one of the firefighters was hurt. The Firefighter has reported 2nd and 3rd degree burns to approx 30% of his body and was taken to Parkland Hospital in serious but stable condition. KHIYP's.

WEST VIRGINIA FIREFIGHTER SERIOUSLY INJURED

A Nicholas County firefighter is recovering in the hospital after he was injured fighting a fire. The fire happened on McMillion Drive in Summersville. The firefighter was taken to Cabell Huntington Hospital with severe injuries-more details to follow.

THE 2nd ANNUAL "JOEY D" FIREFIGHTERS SEMINAR IS COMING UP MAY 16 & 17 ON LONG ISLAND.

As both a student and an instructor, FDNY Lt. Joseph P. "Joey D" DiBernardo knew how important training was to being a better firefighter. Even his training company motto, "experience is paramount" reflected this approach to learning. In this same spirit, students from across the country and some of the top fire service instructors will come together for two days of learning in memory of Lt. Joseph P. DiBernardo, "Joey D," of FDNY and the Setauket Fire Department.

The 2nd Annual Lt. Joseph P. DiBernardo Memorial Foundation Seminar will be held on May 16 - 17, 2014 at the Hyatt Regency Long Island and will support the work of the Lt. Joseph P. DiBernardo Foundation.

FDNY Chief Joseph DiBernardo, Joey's dad and Foundation president remembers, **"The thing Joey loved most in the world was going to fires; his next passion was training firefighters.**

After a very successful 2013 seminar, a meet and greet component was added to the 2014 event so students could talk with some of the most experienced firefighters and fire officers in the business and ask questions that are important to them.

When you sign up for this year's seminar you're not only improving yourself, you're also helping to remember a fallen brother and helping to provide life-saving training and equipment to other firefighters. Don't miss this opportunity to gain from the experience of veteran firefighters and learn things to make you the best firefighter that you can be.

DETAILS HERE: <http://www.joeydfoundation.org/seminars/seminar-2014/>

FDNY Battalion Chief (Ret.) John Salka recalls the event, "I was so honored last year to be asked to

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present at the first Joey D Foundation seminar. I was the engine captain where young Joey was assigned as a probie; from day one it was obvious he was something special. He would be so proud to see what the Foundation that bears his name is accomplishing. I'm proud to have worked with both Joey and Chief DiBernardo and I look forward to seeing you at this year's seminar"

YO!!! MOTHERS DAY IS COMING UP!

ASK YOURSELF THESE SIMPLE QUESTIONS:

Where are last years flowers? Exactly.
Where are those candies you bought her? See What I Mean.
Take Her Out To Dinner? Yeah-That's Original.
More jewelry? Please. Who has THAT kinda \$\$ these days?

For any Mom who is a Firefighter, loves or just knows a Firefighter, consider this as a really cool gift for Mothers Day. **PASS IT ON!**

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<http://www.fire-police-ems.com/books/bp0190.shtml>

...or check:

Amazon: <http://www.amazon.com/Pass-It-On-What-Know/dp/1593703198>

Fire Engineering Books: <http://www.pennwellbooks.com/paitonwhwekn.html>

...and other fine booksellers.

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BillyG

The Secret List 5-4-14-1900 hours

AND:

WYOMING FF LODD-MEDICAL

We regret to advise you that Honor Farm Inmate Fire Supervisor Ted Drake, suffered a coronary event yesterday morning while participating in a pack test for red card certification. This morning, (5/17/2014) Ted Drake, a supervisor at the Honor Conservation Camp Newcastle, Wyoming, suffered cardiac arrest while engaged in the annual pack test for red card re-certification. Drake's duties included supervision of an honor camp inmate crew which the Forestry Division deploys on state and federal fires as needed. These hand crews, depending upon level of training and experience, are essentially hotshot crews. Drake was a Forestry Division employee. The pack test is a federally required physical test used in the redcard certification process of both the Dept. of Interior, (BLM), and Dept of Agriculture, (Forest Service). Redcard certification is required of all firefighters responding on federal fires. It is a standard basic certification in the wild land firefighting world. He was transported to Newcastle hospital and did not survive. Our condolences to all those affected. RIP.

SPECIAL CONDOLENCES:

At approximately 3:30pm on May 16, 2014 the Cy-Fair (Texas) Volunteer Fire Department responded to an incident involving a bicycle near the intersection of N. Bridgeland Lake Parkway and Shorelands Place. The patient was then air lifted to the Medical Center where doctors announced that he had passed due to severe trauma sustained during the accident. The cyclist has been identified as Assistant Chief W. Mark Braswell, Assistant Chief of Support Services at the Cy-Fair Volunteer Fire Department. Chief Braswell was also a Captain at the Houston Fire Department (HFD) - Station 6.

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Chief Braswell has been a member of the Cy-Fair Volunteer Fire Department since 1988 where he rose gracefully through the ranks to Assistant Chief, displaying strength, honor, and commitment to his community. There he over saw the daily operations of the Dispatch Center, Communications Officers and Technicians, and the Public Information Officers for the Fire Department. Among all of these responsibilities at CFVFD and HFD, Chief Braswell was a dedicated and devoted husband and father. Our hearts and prayers go out to the family and friends of Chief Braswell in this, their time of need.

REMINDER:

We are asking you to please click the below and go to VOTE for Firefighter Motchkavitz as National Teacher of The Year. He is a wonderful man by all accounts and his school kids and fellow teachers are the ones who did this. As a finalist he already has won 30 computers for his school- **it's a big deal**. If he wins the top award, the school kids get even more. Knowing John, who is a longtime friend, and if you watch the video, you'll understand, this is absolutely NOT about him-but the love affair he and his students have for one another, and all he does for the community-he is really amazing. Trust Me. John "Motch" Motchkavitz is a 29 year Firefighter in Great Neck, Long Island, NY and a long time public school teacher for the Great Neck Public Schools. He is a FINALIST (one of 5, nationwide) as Teacher of The Year on the ABC-TV Kelly (Ripa) Michael TV Show.

PLEASE take a quick moment, **CLICK** on this link below **ASAP** and **VOTE** for **JOHN**, a **Brother Firefighter** and an **amazing friend**. **Once you click this link, click his picture and then scroll down to VOTE**. You can vote once a day, including today, and again tomorrow, **Monday**. I *really* appreciate your help.

VOTE: CLICK HERE:

<http://livekellyandmichael.dadt.com/uncategorized/top-teacher/>

Thanks so much.

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BillyG

The Secret List 5/18/14-1252 Hours

AND:

All,

As you well know, on April 17, 2013, an incredible explosion occurred at the scene of a fertilizer plant fire, in West, Texas. The explosion resulted in multiple Line of Duty Deaths of West, and area Firefighter/EMT's.

HERE is the Texas State Fire Marshals report on those Line of Duty Deaths, which was released this evening: <http://www.tdi.texas.gov/reports/fire/documents/fmlodwest.pdf>

RIP.

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BillyG

The Secret List 5-15-14/2200 hours

AND:

Hey,

What you see vs what you get, or have, when operating, is nothing new to Firefighters. While pre-planning, training and sizing up on arrival are critical, we have to be prepared and ready to be surprised. Surprised or better yet, anticipating whatever ingenious idea the "world" has come up

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with...to surprise us. And so, with that said: Surprise. One of the "new style" LNG tankers rolled over in Raymond, New Hampshire. This is the type with 4 smaller cylinders stacked in a roll frame, then "disguised" inside a "normal" looking box truck. Last year, New Hampshire Firefighters were sent a statewide safety bulletin from their State fire folks, to be aware of this potential...and it was for good reasons. Take a look and pass it on:

<http://m.wmur.com/news/crash-involving-tractortrailer-reported-on-route-101/25991380>

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BillyG

The Secret List 5-15-2014-1840 hrs

AND:

All,

Two Liege, Belgium Firefighters died in the Line of Duty while attempting to save a swan in rough waters. The response which happened on the "River Ourthe" in Southern Belgium started with the first Firefighter getting trapped in heavy water currents during the rescue of the swan. The second Firefighter jumped in, in an attempt to save the first Firefighter. Reports are that an initial engine company responded in first and then requested divers to assist in the rescue of the swan. After actually saving the swan, the first Firefighter/diver became incapacitated - that's when the other Firefighter went in to rescue the first. Firefighters Yves Peeters died at the scene and FF Christian Dejardin was transported by medevac to a hospital where he was pronounced. Local Fire Officials stated "This is an operation that surprised us because it would be an easy intervention has he said. We still do not understand what happened, we have no precise information about what happened," Hervé Fanuel, spokesman Fire Liège, told local media. "All we know is that our firefighters were caught in swirl of the Ourthe, one on one bank and the other on the other bank and that they were found unconscious." This double LODD occurred late last week. So, when you first read this, you may be thinking WTF!?...but then the more I thought of it, the more I realized this kind of non-human life "customer service" rescue - or non-emergency detail - has happened right here in North America as well...with tragic results. Be it a human rescue, training or "customer / public service" response, the risk doesn't go away. Our condolences to those affected by this loss.

HERE are links to video and additional media:

<http://www.euronews.com/2014/05/10/belgium-two-firefighters-lose-their-lives-to-save-a-swan/>

<http://www.firefightersworldwide.com/2014/05/belgium-lodds/>

==WOMEN FIREFIGHTERS AND CANCER...AN IMPORTANT STUDY

Looks like there is going to be a groundbreaking study to investigate why so many women Firefighters are getting breast cancer. Additionally, this study appears to be related to the work being done with the Toxic Hot Seat efforts. The link to info is below. Not surprisingly, the IAFF is very much involved in this effort.

STUDY INFO:

<http://www.insideprevention.org/2014/05/groundbreaking-study-to-investigate-why-so-many-female-firefighters-are-getting-breast-cancer.html>

INFO FROM THE IAFF:

<http://www.iaff.org/14News/050614ToxicHotSeat.htm>

REMEMBER:

As Firefighters, you are exposed to flame retardants every day, just like the rest of the population. However, you are at high risk for the cancer-causing effects of carcinogenic flame retardants. Whether it's in the air you breathe, exposure during the overhaul of fires, the absorption through your skin during and after working at a fire, or after the incident as you are exposed to the toxic soot that covers your turnouts and equipment, these exposures contribute to the reason that Firefighters have a

significantly higher incidence of cancer than the general public. Every fire you respond to-dumpster, vehicle, structure-whatever-is postured to greatly expose you to cancer.

HOW TO MINIMIZE YOUR RISK AS A FIREFIGHTER:

<http://www.firefightercancersupport.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/08/Taking-Action-against-Cancer-in-the-Fire-Service.pdf>

==INSTRUCTORS: CHECK OUT THIS FIRST TIME TRAIN THE TRAINER OPPORTUNITY

A Special Multidiscipline TIM Train the Trainer Course Is Being Offered at the National Fire Academy. Train the Trainer (T-t-T) course for Traffic Incident Management (TIM Course T-0690) is being offered at the National Fire Academy (NFA) in Emmitsburg, MD June 27 to June 29, 2014 for Certified State Fire Service Instructors and/or Fire Department Training Division Members as well as roadway incident trainers from other disciplines.

This opportunity to become a recognized TIM trainer is sponsored by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and hosted by the National Fire Academy (NFA). This is the initial offering of the course at this prestigious institution and is a first for multiple public safety disciplines attending an NFA hosted course on campus. The National TIM Course is designed to establish consistent training of all roadway responders and achieve the three objectives of the National Unified Goal for Traffic Incident Management:

- Responder SafetySafe
- Quick Clearance
- Prompt Reliable Interoperable Communications

Reasons to attending this exclusive Train the Trainer Course:

1. The first multi-disciplinary course offering at the National Fire Academy
2. Travel, lodging and course materials are all covered minimizing agency expense.
3. The TIM course supports the 16 Life Safety Initiatives (Everyone Goes Home) by setting standardized response actions geared to prevent harm to first responders.
4. The program facilitates intra-agency operability and communications eliminating on scene disagreements and facilitating quicker mitigation and clearance.
5. The Job Performance Requirements (JPRs) of Draft NFPA 1091 Standard for Traffic Control Incident Management Professional Qualifications are reflected in the TtT course. Registration preference is for State Certified Fire Instructors and/or Members of Fire Department Training Divisions. Interested instructors should download registration information from this article:

<http://newsletter.respondersafety.com/q/HLRjE4JX20miXUJHWsoxP3seS8FdJQ5kSLuNVZEIvDaxyjCGVNM6BbVXU>

==BELOVED CANADIAN FIRE SERVICE LEADER SUCCUMBS TO CANCER (CANADIAN FD'S-- PLEASE SEE NOTE BELOW)

It is with great sadness that we let you know of the passing of Town of Ajax Fire Chief and OAFCA Vice-President Mark Diotte on May 7, 2014 following a hard-fought battle with cancer. Mark recently celebrated his 55th birthday. In addition to serving as the Fire Chief in the Town of Ajax, Mark also served as a Vice-President of the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs. Our sincere condolences to his wife Jennifer and daughters Natalie and Bridgette, along with his family and friends-and of course the Canadian Fire Service. NOTE:

They will be live streaming OAFCA VP Chief Mark Diotte's funeral tomorrow at 11:00 The service link is: <https://new.livestream.com/funeralservicelive/ajax>

For mobile access on your smartphone, text the keyword ajax to the number 123411

FULL FIRE SERVICE HONORS FUNERAL DETAILS:

Go to the OAFc website at

www.oafc.on.ca/passing-oafc-vice-president-chief-mark-diotte

Take Care. Be Careful. Pass It On.

BillyG

The Secret List 5/14/2014-0401 Hours

AND:

MAINE FD SAFETY OFFICER DIES FOLLOWING A RUN

Captain/Safety Officer David Millett of the Norway (Maine) died following a run. He responded to a structure fire on May 10th in the early morning hours. Later that afternoon, EMS was requested to his home for difficulty breathing but sadly Captain Millett did not survive. He was a member of the NFD since 1972 and leaves behind his wife, 2 daughters and a grandchild.. Our condolences to all those affected.

FIREFIGHTER TRAINING VIDEOS FROM THE ATF:

An excellent three part video series (below) was prepared by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosive's Fire Research Laboratory with the Support of Montgomery County, Maryland Fire and Rescue Service an effort to share with the Fire Service several relevant conclusions from recent full-scale fire tests and scene investigations. Many of the fire scenes that ATF investigates feature teaching points and common themes relevant to the duties of the fire service. These findings are consistent with the firefighting tactical research conducted by NIST and UL. These videos are targeted directly to firefighters featuring terminology, videos, photos and audio from actual fire scenes and full-scale fire testing. The ATF Fire Research Laboratory uses many of these videos to teach both ATF investigators as well as state and local investigators, however they certainly have value to the fire service.

ATF Certified Fire Investigators and the ATF National Response Team is the sole federal resource tasked with assisting state and local investigators with determining fire origin and cause. Many firefighter Line of Duty Death cases are investigated by the ATF National Response Team, which consists of Certified Fire Investigators, Senior Special Agents, Fire Protection Engineers, Electrical Engineers and forensic chemists. Thanks to the "firefighters" at ATF for their support and outstanding "behind the scenes" work they do for us-such as the following videos:

Part 1: Reviews in detail the Line of Duty Death of Baltimore County Firefighter Mark Falkenhan. Mark's widow, Gladys Falkenhan introduces the video which includes a detailed analysis utilizing computer fire modeling and discusses the effects buoyancy driven ventilation flow paths. <http://youtu.be/82OJqcftNVg>

Part 2: Reviews several additional firefighter Line of Duty Death and injury cases where firefighters were operating in uni-directional ventilation flow paths. Each case is examined to illustrate how to identify a uni-directional flow path and several tactical considerations are also discussed. <http://youtu.be/ISJuQfcj62A>

Part 3: Examines the effects of ventilation and suppression tactics on ventilation-limited fires. The vast majority of fires encountered by firefighters are ventilation-limited, meaning that by definition that the fire will always grow with additional ventilation until water is applied to the absorb the energy being released. Several full-scale fire test videos are shown to illustrate all topics in the video, which concludes with a live table-top fire model. <http://youtu.be/fljOGCAZfgk>

From all of us, we wish Dr Burt Clark the best as he retired last month from the National Fire

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Academy. While a "Dr" - he has crawled down halls for years-as a former DC Firefighter and as Assistant Fire Chief in Prince Georges County (Maryland's) Laurel VFD. We could write volumes about Burt, but we'll just say that he has had a profound positive impact on the American fire service-from operations to leadership, Burt has either directly, or indirectly impacted every aspect of it. From FDNY officer training to the most rural of fire officers-he has made the good even better. If you were lucky enough to be a student in one of his classes, you know what I mean-he's a good, solid guy who leaves the NFA, and the students he impacted, much better than the way he found it. Thats good stuff. Thanks also most recently to Burt for being one of the phenomenal 99 contributors to the book **"Pass It On, What We Know..What We Want You To Know"**

Here are some words from Burt:

Farewell to the National Fire Academy: Dr. Burton A. Clark, EFO

April 18, 2014

After 44 years of service, this I believe.

As a member of the fire service discipline, what I know and what I do not know has life and death consequences for me and others. Therefore, a fire service calling demands my highest level of professionalism.

Our proudest moment is when we accept the fact that fire prevention, smoke alarms, and fire sprinklers will save more lives and property from fire than we ever will. Our noblest deeds of daring are measured by having the courage to do each task 100% correct 100% of the time, especially when others around us are not, because lives are at stake. Our supreme success is achieved when there is no injury, or death, or loss from fire. As firefighters we honor the past because many people and events have put us here today; we celebrate the precious present because we have accomplished much and tomorrow belongs to no one; and we believe in the future because that is where we will spend the rest of our lives serving the people and achieving our purpose. Thank God for firefighters. Thank you God for letting me be a firefighter.

Class dismissed.

Dr. Burton A. Clark, EFO

Amen!

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BillyG

The Secret List 5/13/14-1833 Hours

AND:

Hey,

An Indian River County (Florida) Fire Rescue Firefighter was burned last Thursday night on inside a bay at their Station 2 when there was some type of flash fire. There were three Firefighters on the fire boat at the time, Firefighter Dustin Hawkins and two others when there was a fire, on the boat. Hawkins, an 11-year veteran firefighter, suffered first through third degree burns on his face, neck and forearms. The worst burns were to Hawkins' arms and he is listed in fair condition at Orlando Regional Medical Center. The boat was impounded and taken to fire-rescue headquarters where an internal investigation continues. The boat did not suffer any serious damage. The firefighters' union president said they will be watching to make sure there is a thorough investigation, and that firefighter Hawkins continues to get the best care. KHIYP's.

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BillyG

The Secret List 5-12-14/2200 hours

AND:

Hey,

There was a fatal fire apparatus crash yesterday in Deering, New Hampshire. Deering is NE of Keene. The crash happened on Deering Center Road near their fire house just before 1800 hours - as the members were returning from a brush fire. Initial reports are that a Honda, which was heading north, was in the southbound lane....the DFD tanker driver saw that and attempted to avoid that by going into into opposite lane - and the collision occurred in the center of the road. The 62 year old driver was killed-it is yet unknown why the driver of that Honda went into the opposite lane. The two firefighters involved in the crash were taken to Concord Hospital for treatment of minor injuries. Our best to those involved.

APPARATUS CRASH IN OHIO-CIV HURT-FIREFIGHTER CITED

Two people were injured when a fire engine and a pickup truck collided head-on in Huber Heights which is near Dayton, Ohio. The crash was reported around 0550 hours at an intersection. The driver of the pickup truck, Andrea Lillie, was taken to Miami Valley Hospital, where she was listed in fair condition late this morning. A female firefighter in the passenger seat was also taken to the hospital. Her condition is not known. Reports are that the Riverside engine was responding to a mutual aid request from Huber Heights. The request was canceled and the engine's driver was going to turn around when the crash occurred, according to police. There were four firefighters in the engine...the engine's driver will be cited for failure to yield.

JOEY D FIREFIGHTER TRAINING THIS WEEKEND - NY METRO AREA

LINK: <http://www.joeydfoundation.org/seminars/seminar-2014/>

The 2nd Annual Lt. Joseph P. DiBernardo Memorial Foundation Seminar will be held on at the Hyatt Regency Long Island and will support the work of the Lt. Joseph P. DiBernardo Foundation. FDNY Chief Joseph DiBernardo, Joey's dad and Foundation president remembers, "The thing Joey loved most in the world was going to fires; his next passion was training firefighters. After a very successful 2013 seminar, a meet and greet component was added to the 2014 event so students could talk with some of the most experienced firefighters and fire officers in the business and ask questions that are important to them.

When you sign up for this year's seminar you're not only improving yourself, you're also helping to remember a fallen brother and helping to provide life-saving training and equipment to other firefighters.

DETAILS HERE: <http://www.joeydfoundation.org/seminars/seminar-2014/>

FDNY Battalion Chief (Ret.) John Salka recalls the event, "I was so honored last year to be asked to present at the first Joey D Foundation seminar. I was the engine captain where young Joey was assigned as a probie; from day one it was obvious he was something special. He would be so proud to see what the Foundation that bears his name is accomplishing. I'm proud to have worked with both Joey and Chief DiBernardo and I look forward to seeing you at this year's seminar"

ANDY FREDRICKS TRAINING COMING UP-DC METRO AREA

Andy Fredericks Training Days is hosted annually to continue Andy's legacy of excellent instruction on basic structural firefighting. The 6th Annual AFTD will be held on September 22nd, 23rd, 24th 2014 in Alexandria, VA. PLEASE check out this excellent event:

<http://frederickstrainingdays.com/>

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All.

A well respected veteran FDNY Chief who took command amid the murders and destruction at the World Trade Center after the Sept. 11 terrorist attack, will now become New York City's next Fire Commissioner. Retired FDNY Chief of Department Dan Nigro was named as the new fire commissioner just a little while ago. He has serious credentials and is highly respected - no matter what end of the FDNY or NYC political fire arena you hang with. Commissioner Nigro oversaw the daily leadership of FDNY as the Chief of Operations from 1999-2001 and took over as the Chief of Department after Peter J. Ganci Jr. was killed when 1 World Trade Center collapsed. As Chief of Department, Nigro held the highest uniformed position of the FDNY in the days after the attack. He retired in September 2002. Amongst many roles, he continues to serve on the Board of Directors of the September 11th Families Association. Nigro will replace Commissioner and also former Chief of Department, Sal Cassano, equally a very highly credentialed and respected fire officer. Amongst numerous accomplishments, Cassano is credited with leading much of the post 9/11 re-building and re-invention of many aspects of the FDNY-particularly in technology, training and survival, health and safety. Looks like the new a Mayor just wanted a change. We wish Commissioner Cassano the best in his retirement and Commissioner Nigro the best as well, as he takes over

FINDING DOWNED FIREFIGHTERS

Lots going on related to finding firefighters - especially under the worse of conditions: when down. While companies operating together with well trained members and solid company officers can often help prevent the problem, that, unfortunately is not always the case. Check out this interesting video and related media from the Phoenix Fire Department:

<http://youtu.be/GfQHTUIPR2Q>

<http://ktar.com/22/1626242/Phoenix-fire-Honeywell-create-locating-device-for-firefighters>

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The Secret List 5/9/2014-1426 hours

AND:

Hey,

Four Charlotte (NC) Firefighters were injured this morning when their fire truck overturned near the state line. **Initial reports are that they were all belted in.** The incident was reported at 0821 on Ardrey Kell Road where it changes into Bridgehampton Club Drive as it crosses into South Carolina. The fire apparatus has been identified as Ladder 32. The truck can be seen on its roof and the cab was on fire. Medic transported four members with serious but NLT injuries to Carolinas Medical Center.

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HERE is video moments after the crash:

<http://myfox8.com/2014/05/08/fire-truck-overturms-catches-fire-near-charlotte/>

More to follow. KTIYP's. Take Care. Be Careful. Pass It On.

BillyG

The Secret List 5-8-14-1030 hours

AND:

All,

As you know, Bryan (Texas) Fire Lieutenant Eric Wallace was killed in the Line of Duty last year. In an attempt to rescue him, Lt Greg Pickard gave his life in a very heroic attempt. FF's Ricky Mantey and Mitchell Moran were very critically burned.

HERE IS the final report from the Texas State Fire Marshal:

<http://www.tdi.texas.gov/reports/fire/documents/fmloddbryan.pdf> The NIOSH report is expected soon.

CATCH THE BUS:

Odd's are you've seen this on the news today-but just in case you didn't, here's the video of the working bus fire-that started rolling toward the fire apparatus:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2cUnrhUqPJ0> (raw video)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-BVbinbY2sg> (media)

SHOTS FIRED AT FIRE SCENE EXPOSURE.

Today in Atlanta around 1100 hours on S. Gordon Street, a man with a gun was arguing with his wife next to the home on fire. When officers tried to break up the fight, the man opened fire on the officers - but fortunately missed. Officers returned fire and struck the man. He was taken to a local hospital. Neighbors said they weren't sure if the man with the gun was attempting to hurt himself or his wife...and it is currently unclear if the fire and shooting are related.

THE CHIEF RAY DOWNEY FATHERS DAY RACE.

...Perhaps YOU Can Help? The Downey Family is getting ready for the 13th Annual Father's Day Run. For those of you that have been there in the past, thank you for your support. You know what a great time it is. For those of you that haven't been there, please consider joining this year. As many of you know this race is comprised of a small committee of the Downey family and their friends. Over the years it has grown quit a bit. In keeping up with the amount of people that attend, we are in need of donations such as food and beverages. **Raffle prizes are also needed - please help to make this an unforgettable event! If you have a fire service business that can donate a gift certificate, merchandise or monetary gift, it will be greatly appreciated. If you frequent a specific business or know someone who owns a business and you feel comfortable asking them for a donation please do so.** If you have any contacts that you would like to pass on to us, please let me know. Not only is it a 5k run/walk, but it is a great way to spend Father's Day; as a memorable family day that includes entertainment for the children with a huge barbeque and drinks for all. Help keep the memory of Chief Downey and all the victims of September 11th alive. The Deputy Chief Raymond Downey Scholarship Charity Fund is a 501 (c) (3) non for profit organization. They have donated over \$325,000 the last 12 years to many different organizations. Thank you for your help in making this day another huge success. Visit

www.chiefraymondndowney.com for race applications and race pictures from previous years.

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AND:

CONNECTICUT DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF DIES IN THE LINE OF DUTY-MEDICAL EMERGENCY

We regret to pass on to you that the City of New Britain (CT) is reporting the on duty death of Deputy Chief David Flore as Line of Duty. Chief Flore died of an apparent heart attack at work **last night** and had responded on an incident within 24 hours. We'll post more details as they become available. Our sincere condolences to all affected. RIP.

=NIOSH REPORT RELEASED ON THE BRYAN (TEXAS) DOUBLE LODD (This report follows the State FM Report released last week)

As you know, on 2-14-13, Bryan Fire Lts. Eric Wallace and Greg Pickard died in the Line of Duty and firefighters Mitch Moran and Ricky Mantey were severely burned.

HERE is the NIOSH report:

<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/fire/pdfs/face201304.pdf>

HERE is the TEXAS FIRE MARSHALS REPORT:

<http://www.firefighterclosecalls.com/news/fullstory/newsid/207924>

ALSO, here is a media account of the **CHANGES** that the **BFD** has made since the loss of their two beloved Lieutenants:

http://www.theeagle.com/news/local/bryan-chief-says-deadly-fire-led-to-tighter-safety-regulations/article_d6c49c7a-0316-5d54-b32d-391b734a2e95.html

=ELECTRICAL SHOCK...AGAIN (VIDEO)

We say "again" because it seems that this is becoming "not so uncommon" when operating on the fireground-or doing training/apparatus checks. Three firefighters were hurt on the job **Saturday** night in Colton (Calif) while battling a residential fire. The members were responding to an abandoned building fire when the trucks ladder touched some powerlines, zapping three firefighters. They suffered minor to moderate injuries on their hands and feet. VIDEO:

<http://www.firefighterclosecalls.com/news/fullstory/newsid/208174>

HISTORICAL RELATED:

40-year-old Fire Captain electrocuted after coming into contact with a 12,400-volt overhead powerline:

<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/fire/reports/face200801.html>

<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/fire/>

MEMORIAL DAY

Our heartfelt thanks to those who serve-and have served in our armed forces. It's easy to forget the sacrifice so many have made-but when we take a moment to remember-it then becomes hard to forget.

ADDITIONALLY -it was really good to see the streets of our town crowded-really crowded-with community members **this morning** (and loads and loads of kids!) not forgetting.. by attending the Memorial Day parade. It's a big deal.

Take Care. Be Careful. Pass It On.

BillyG

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AND:

CalFIRE Firefighter Dies After San Diego Fires

We regret to pass on that Cal Fire FF Roger Gonzalez, 32, a Firefighter with the Fresno-Kings Unit of

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the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, died at his home [Wednesday](#) after returning from fighting the San Diego fires. We don't know if this is being treated as an LODD or not, but we want to show appropriate respect. Our condolences to all affected. RIP.

CANADIAN FIREFIGHTERS THIS WEEKEND:

Firefighters Speak Up is very proud to be hosting Rick Lasky this weekend in both Ilderton and Stratford. Rick will be presenting his popular "Pride and Ownership: Ignite Your Love For The Job" program. It is NOT too late to sign up....as this is a great "not to miss" opportunity.

DETAILS HERE: <http://www.firefightersspeakup.net/>

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The Secret List [5-23-2014-0942](#) Hours

AND:

FIREFIGHTER DIES IN THE LINE OF DUTY-WILDLAND AIR CRASH-SPAIN

A Firefighter in Almeria, a city in Andalusia, Spain, located in the southeast of Spain on the Mediterranean Sea, was killed in the Line of Duty when her firefighting plane crashed.

INFOCA, the forest fire organization lost a key member of their team on [Sunday](#). The pilot, Sonia Morales Martínez, in her 40s, died when the Alpha 1 AT 802 aircraft she was flying, crashed during attempts to control a forest fire close to Tijola and Seron. She was not only a firefighting flight pilot, but a highly respected flight instructor as well. Witnesses saw "strange movements" of the aircraft's tail just moments before it fell and collided with the ground. The fire began at a little before 1pm, and was declared under control the same afternoon. Martínez had a long professional history in fire fighting and more than 5,000 hours of experience in this type of aircraft-she leaves behind a husband and daughter. Our condolences to all affected. RIP.

CHIEFS SUSPENDED RE: APPARATUS CRASH & DUI FF

Two members of San Francisco FD's top staff have been suspended in connection with an incident in which a firefighter suspected of being drunk struck a motorcyclist with a ladder truck and left the scene, according to KTVU. Assistant Fire Chiefs Art Kenney and Dave Franklin have been suspended for 10 days and eight days, respectively, for their actions the night of the crash, [June 29](#). The bosses were in charge of the crash scene shortly after firefighter Michael Quinn, 43, struck and seriously injured motorcyclist Jack Frazier. FF Quinn entered the intersection against a red light and struck Frazier, who suffered broken ribs and a punctured lung when he was thrown into a fire hydrant. Quinn allegedly left and did not return to the department's Station No. 1 down Howard Street for several hours. Quinn was indicted in March on three drunken-driving related charges and has since resigned from SFFD. HERE is video and more details:

<http://blog.sfgate.com/stew/2014/05/28/two-s-f-firefighters-suspended-over-crash/>

INTO THE FIRE...BOSTON:

Check out this article about the recent tragic double LODD in Boston:

<http://www.bostonmagazine.com/news/article/2014/05/27/back-bay-boston-fire-investigation/>

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The Secret List [5/28/14-1517](#) Hours

AND:

All,

While unconfirmed if an LODD at this time, we deeply regret to advise you that Birmingham (AL) Fire

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and Rescue Service Chief Ivor J. Brooks died unexpectedly this afternoon, shortly after leaving quarters. Chief Brooks, 57, was transported from a Country Inn & Suites and arrived at Brookwood Medical Center at 1415 hours - Chief Brooks suffered a massive heart attack and was pronounced dead about 1500. Chief Brooks was appointed as chief of the Birmingham Fire and Rescue Service on Nov. 14, 2007 after 26 years on the job. In all, served more than 32 years with BFRS. Our sincere condolences to all affected by the loss of Chief Brooks, a friend of FFCC and TSL. RIP.

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BillyG

The Secret List 5-28-14/1630 hours

**FIRE SERVICE SAFETY, TRAINING & NEWS STORIES TO LEARN
FROM:**

NOTE: All of the website links below were valid at the time of publishing; there is always the chance that the website links may not be valid when you attempt to open them up.

Budget Related Items:

Reno (NV) officials say as many as 35 firefighters may lose their jobs because of the loss of federal grant money. The Reno Gazette-Journal reports the Federal Emergency Management Administration notified the city Monday that its grant application was rejected. Since last year, the city had relied on a \$14 million SAFER grant to fund 64 positions. The money had prevented mass layoffs after the deconsolidation of the Reno and Washoe County fire departments. City Manager Andrew Clinger says the rejection is disappointing. But he says the city has known grant renewal was uncertain and has been taking steps to plan for it:

<http://www.kolotv.com/news/politics/headlines/35-Reno-Firefighters-Laid-Off-After-Loss-of-Grant--254367801.html>

Salt Lake City's (UT) new proposed budget could mean losing a fire station. Mayor Ralph Becker presented his \$1.3 billion plan on Tuesday. It included 2% reduction in fire costs. That means closing a station the city says is under-utilized averaging just two calls a day. One of the concerns is with response times going up if Fire Station 9 is closed. Just The 12 firefighters who work at Station 9 will be reassigned; not fired. Some will go to a new medical response team traveling in pairs in SUVs responding to medical calls especially in downtown Salt Lake. "Maybe closer to 80% of our calls are medical. There is a real need to be more nimble. We don't need a full fire truck rolling up on every single call," said Everitt:

<http://www.good4utah.com/story/d/story/salt-lake-proposes-to-close-fire-station-9/26424/GPns9mwoJUGNzENwmTqtLg>

Update: Reno (NV) to lay off 35 firefighters, brown out 3rd station. When the city of Reno lays off 35 firefighters on July 1, it will be forced to "brown out" three fire stations—Station 19 in Somersett, Station 7 on Skyline Boulevard and Station 10 on North Virginia Street near Parr Boulevard. That means the three stations will be staffed only when hazardous fire conditions exist, such as high winds or lightning strikes:

<http://www.rgj.com/story/news/2014/04/08/reno-lay-firefighters-brown-rd-station/7460745/>

The Salt Lake City (UT) council will soon decide whether or not to close a fire station in the northwest area of the city, situated among industry, hotels and the freeway. As part of the 2015 budget, the mayor's office has been working with fire administrators on the proposal to close Station 9, a location at the international center that receives the fewest emergency calls in the

city, and to redeploy all eight firefighters to other core areas of Salt Lake City. "It receives an average of less than 1.5 calls per day, while there are other areas of city are receiving much higher intensity of calls. We want to reevaluate the best way to appropriate our resources in the city," said David Everitt, the mayor's chief of staff. "We asked our fire department administrators to look at ways to better redistribute our resources in the city and see if there's ways to save money, and this is what they came back with that we agreed is a great proposal." If the city council approves the proposal, the station located at 5822 West Amelia Earhart Dr. (2250 East) would be shuttered by July 1, and two-person downtown emergency squads would be added to cover denser areas. The city is also planning to build a new station, but it would not be open for at least a couple of years, Everitt said:

http://www.kutv.com/news/top-stories/stories/vid_11565.shtml

Not-So-Positive Public Relations Items:

Even the most uninformed taxpayer could see this coming from 10 miles away. North Las Vegas (NV) doesn't have enough money to pay its public safety unions contracted pay raises. If the unions insist on keeping the raises, there will be layoffs. Duh. The city has no other options. Although new Mayor John Lee and a new city management team have tried mightily to work with the bargaining groups, to show good faith and prove the cupboards are bare, the unions haven't exactly rushed to help taxpayers. And so, facing an \$18 million deficit and an April 15 deadline to submit a tentative budget to the state, City Manager Jeff Buchanan served up super-sized portions of reality at two closed-door employee meetings Wednesday. As reported by the Review-Journal's James DeHaven, Mr. Buchanan told public safety unions to sign a \$7.7 million settlement providing smaller pay raises by April 15 or suffer job losses in 10 to 20 percent across-the-board spending cuts. Predictably, the unions indicated they wouldn't sign. They had prevailed in court after the city tried to freeze the pay raises under an emergency declaration two years ago, resulting in a \$25 million judgment. It was a Pyrrhic victory. North Las Vegas Firefighters Association President Jeff Hurley now favors a choice not offered by Mr. Buchanan: a state takeover of the city. If the state puts North Las Vegas into receivership, newly appointed managers would have the authority to increase property taxes, a step the City Council wisely won't take, given the ongoing hardships of residents who are underwater on their mortgages and business owners trying to hang on:

<http://www.reviewjournal.com/opinion/editorial-harsh-reality-north-las-vegas>

What year is this? A check of the calendar might be in order after 2 recent incidents. Two stories caught my eye in the last couple of days make me wonder what year this is. Both involve remarks made by firefighters that are coming back to haunt them. You would hope neither of these would be issues in 2014. The latest involves Delaware's Odessa Fire Company where the chief and two members have been suspended. An investigation is underway into allegations that a racial incident occurred during a bus trip to New York City on St. Patrick's Day. The trip included firefighters from four New Castle County volunteer fire departments and their relatives. The second incident involved the chief of the Fairview Fire District in Greenburgh, New York (Westchester County). This one prompted the local paper, The Journal News, to publish an editorial today (Saturday) titled "Fairview fire chief should leave"

<http://www.statter911.com/2014/03/29/year-check-calendar-might-order-2-recent-incidents/>

When a North Las Vegas (NV) firefighter can commute from Alabama, there's a problem:

<https://www.reviewjournal.com/columns-blogs/glenn-cook/when-firefighter-can-commute-alabama-there-s-problem>

Charges were filed Monday against a former San Francisco (CA) firefighter who was arrested on suspicion of DUI in June 2013 after a crash involving a motorcycle and the fire truck he was driving, a district attorney's office spokesman said. Police arrested 43-year-old Michael Quinn following the collision on June 28, 2013 and he was booked into jail on suspicion of DUI and leaving the scene of a collision, according to police. Quinn was released from jail following his arrest in July, the sheriff's office said. The collision occurred on a Saturday night at about 11:30 p.m. at Fifth and Howard streets in the city's South of Market neighborhood. The motorcyclist suffered serious injuries, police said:

<http://www.ktvu.com/news/news/crime-law/former-firefighter-indicted-alleged-dui-injury-col/nfPmN/>

Six University City (MO) firefighters could lose their jobs over a photo. The city says it's investigating whether the photo violates campaign laws. But the firefighters promise they followed all the rules. The battle played out on Election Day. The firefighters have been in contract disputes with the city for more than a year. Leading up to the elections, they got involved in political campaign for the candidates they support. But, now their involvement could leave them unemployed:

<http://www.ksdk.com/story/news/2014/04/08/university-city-firefighters-fired-campaign-photo-violation/7490503/>

News report: DC firefighter DUI arrest following off-duty crash highlights previous loss of license. Veteran DC Fire and EMS firefighter-technician Jason Siegel worked out of Engine 13 in Southwest Washington. One aspect of his job was driving the fire truck that waits on White House grounds when the president comes and goes via Marine One. If there's an emergency, those firefighters can quickly respond. Now Siegel is on leave after a DUI arrest. This is not the first time Siegel has been arrested. According to online court records, Siegel was picked up in Maryland for DUI in 2007, in 2012 and 2013 for driving with a suspended license. And now in the district for DUI:

<http://www.statter911.com/2014/04/09/news-report-dc-firefighter-dui-arrest-following-duty-crash-highlights-previous-loss-license/>

A former Compton (CA) Fire Department battalion chief pleaded no contest Tuesday to felony charges of arson of property and embezzlement by a public official. Marcel Melanson, 38, was accused of stealing valuable city-owned radio equipment, then setting a fire to cover up the theft. He is expected to be sentenced to three years and four months in state prison, a prosecutor said. Melanson must pay restitution, but the amount is still being determined, the prosecutor added. As a result of the plea, authorities dropped the more severe charge of arson of a structure and a second embezzlement count:

<http://www.latimes.com/local/la-me-fire-chief-plea-20140416,0,4343624.story>

Elmwood Park (NJ) fire captain charged with DWI after crashing firetruck on return from call. In the immediate aftermath of the accident, Kazmark said, the consumption and possession of alcoholic beverages have been banned at all four of the borough's firehouses, at least for the time being. Captain Fenn's blood-alcohol content was more than twice the legal driving limit at the time of the accident in the early morning hours on Sunday, according to Capt. James Mullin of the Bergen County Police Department: <http://www.northjersey.com/news/elmwood-park-fire-captain-charged-with-dwi-after-crashing-firetruck-on-return-from-call-1.997501>

Cal Fire investigation is underway into whether a Cal Fire employee misused funds and equipment to build a motorcycle track and fishpond on private property under the guise of firefighting training:

<http://www.kcra.com/news/cal-fire-investigation-underway-of-possible-misuse-of-funds/25746906>

For the past three years, the Buffalo (NY) Fire Department was run by a trio that, for the first time in anyone's memory, didn't include a single person with enough civil-service rank to oversee a fire scene or a firehouse. The department's top brass included Deputy Commissioner Vincent R. Gugliuzza, who was plucked from the fire union and was Mayor Byron W. Brown's largest campaign donor among city employees in the last election. The other deputy, Joseph J. Tomizzi, saw his career skyrocket but is now under investigation for allegedly abusing his authority to do criminal background checks. Both hold the civil service rank of firefighter:

<http://www.buffalonews.com/city-region/buffalo/ascension-of-fire-departments-top-brass-appears-political-some-charge-20140414>

Phoenix (AZ) Fire Department can't account for 850 keys. More than half of the keys that Phoenix Fire Department uses to access commercial buildings throughout the city have gone missing, officials said. The keys open lock boxes attached to the exterior walls of retail businesses, office buildings, apartment complexes, banks and the like, and are commonly referred to as "Knox-Boxes." Each lock box contains a key specific to the building that firefighters can access in the event of an after-hours emergency. "That key will allow us to get in without having to break a window or take an ax to the door," said David Carter, deputy chief over the department's fire-prevention section. Just one Knox-Box key falling into the wrong hands can give that person access to about 9,000 businesses, which is why the city is paying about \$50,000 to re-key all 9,000 boxes throughout the city in the next 12 weeks. Shelly Jamison, a department spokeswoman, said the department started with about 1,350 copies when the city began using the boxes in 1999. Of those copies, about 850, or 63 percent, have disappeared over the years, according to a recent internal audit. Fire officials don't think any of the keys were stolen — just misplaced:

<http://www.azcentral.com/story/news/local/phoenix/2014/04/14/phoenix-fire-missing-keys/7724577/>

A sex scandal at a Virginia fire station is under investigation by the Spotsylvania County Sheriff's Office. Two volunteer paramedics and a volunteer firefighter are accused of having sex with minors in the firehouse. "The fact that these people were members of a county-sponsored organization makes it even more critical for us to investigate this thoroughly," Spotsylvania County Sheriff's Capt. Jeff Pearce said. Joseph Schlatter, a 45-year-old paramedic, was involved in a sexual relationship with 19-year-old medic Elizabeth Tosick, investigators said. They allegedly had sex at the station. They allegedly asked a teenage girl to have sex with them. "It was determined that two of the volunteer rescue squad members, male and female suspects, had approached the juvenile and had asked the juvenile female to engage in sexual relations with them while they were on duty at the fire station," Pearce said:

<http://www.statter911.com/2014/04/26/sex-scandal-vas-spotsylvania-vfd-leads-arrests/>

Reno (NV) firefighter bills Reno for Mexican cruise. The city of Reno is spending thousands of dollars sending firefighters to emergency medical certification training at out-of-state tourist destinations despite the fact the same training is offered in Northern Nevada. One Reno firefighter, for example, spent a week this month on a cruise of the Mexican Riviera, submitting \$1,322 in travel and training expenses to the city for reimbursement. According to the paperwork he submitted for the expense, the emergency medical technician training sessions occurred while the ship was at sea, allowing the firefighter to "enjoy all of your port days" in Cabo San Lucas, Mazatlan and Puerto Vallarta:

<http://www.rgj.com/story/news/politics/2014/04/30/reno-firefighter-bills-city-mexican-cruise/8540465/>

With lax financial controls and scant oversight, volunteer fire companies in Pennsylvania operate in an environment that tempts some who preserve property and save lives to pilfer public money and private donations. Criminal charges involving embezzlement of volunteer fire company funds are on the rise nationally. Observers say the way Pennsylvania volunteer fire and emergency medical services have historically been structured allows opaque operations that undermine essential institutions protecting small- and medium-sized towns. Some offenses are small, like the treasurer of the Franklin Hose Company 2 in Edwardsville who pleaded guilty last year to writing \$5,000 in checks to himself. Others can be much higher. The treasurer of the Noxen Volunteer Fire Company was sentenced last month to up to two years in prison after taking \$34,000 from company coffers. The former president of the Greenwood Hose Company in Moosic is serving up to two years in prison after admitting to stealing almost \$400,000 in fire company funds by writing department checks to himself or his business, an ice cream stand. Fraud has the potential to destroy entire departments. Two members of the Rice Township Volunteer Fire Department were charged with stealing more than \$34,400. The executive secretary took out loans to cover her tracks. The department subsequently defaulted on its mortgage and the township severed ties:

<http://citizensvoice.com/news/lax-controls-invite-theft-in-volunteer-fire-departments-1.1676142>

Firehouse drinking a tradition and a danger. Some volunteer firehouses have a bar in the basement. Others have a ban on booze. But regardless of their official stance on alcohol, fire officials across North Jersey say that the practice of drinking at firehouses — once considered vital to the culture of many local departments — is starting to dry up. In part, that is due to several high-profile incidents in the past couple of years that have focused attention on the issue. On April 13 in Elmwood Park, a fire captain whom authorities accused of being intoxicated struck two utility poles with a ladder truck while driving back from a call. The truck sustained \$250,000 in damage and was unavailable the day after the crash, when borough firefighters responded to a four-alarm fire at the Red Carpet Inn on Route 46. Garfield's ladder truck was used that day. In the aftermath, Elmwood Park officials suspended alcohol use at the borough's firehouses and said they would discuss a permanent prohibition — mirroring the reaction that followed a similar incident in River Edge two years ago:

<http://www.northjersey.com/news/firehouse-drinking-a-tradition-and-a-danger-1.1003816>

A search has been conducted tonight in the Elk Grove area for a 55-year-old man, identified as a battalion chief with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, in connection with the death of a woman whose body was found in a south Sacramento County residence this morning. Sheriff's officials said deputies received information about 9 a.m. that a person was deceased at a home in the 9300 block of Fox River Way. Preliminary information indicated that the victim, a 26-year-old woman, was a resident of the home, according to a Sheriff's Department news release. She is believed to be the victim of a homicide. Homicide detectives are seeking Orville Fleming, a resident of the home. He is described as 6 feet 1 inch tall, weighing about 190 pounds with brown hair and brown eyes. Sheriff's officials said Fleming is believed to have left the Sacramento area and may have ties to the Fresno/Clovis area, as well as other parts of California. Daniel Berlant, a CalFire spokesman, said Fleming is an instructor at the agency's academy in Lone and has been with CalFire for 24 years:

<http://www.sacbee.com/2014/05/01/6371756/man-sought-in-connection-with.html>

After a seven-year legal brawl, the first batch of checks from the FDNY discrimination case are finally rolling off the presses – and they aren't even part of the \$98 million settlement earmarked for lost back pay and benefits. The city is quietly cutting \$2,501 checks to members of the Vulcan Society's class action suit who sought separate emotional damage claims over the FDNY's bigoted hiring practices, according to Brooklyn federal court papers. Those funds

are on top of the whopping \$98 million the city agreed to pay out to roughly 1,500 Hispanic and black victims to cover their financial losses. They sued the city in 2007 for using discriminatory entrance exams that lessened their chances of getting hired:

<http://nypost.com/2014/05/01/payouts-start-flowing-in-fdny-discrimination-suit/>

A federal appeals court has reinstated an Oakland (CA) firefighter's lawsuit claiming co-workers harassed and ostracized him and other African Americans because of their race, tampered with his food, left a dead bird under his bed and disciplined him when he complained. Ronald Curtis' claim of a hostile work environment was dismissed by U.S. District Judge Susan Illston, who said his allegations, if proven, failed to show severe or pervasive mistreatment that was racially motivated. The Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals disagreed Wednesday and said a jury could conclude that Curtis was racially harassed. After several years in the Fire Department Curtis transferred in 2007 to the downtown fire station at 1605 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, said his lawyer, Pamela Price. She said it was considered a desirable assignment and had seldom been given to African Americans before Curtis arrived, followed soon by three others he had encouraged to apply. The black firefighters were assigned to the same shift and were quickly made to feel unwelcome, Price said. A contaminant was found in their syrup, a co-worker brought them children's-size buns with their hot dogs, they were denied the right to swap shifts, and they were generally shunned by their colleagues, she said: <http://www.sfgate.com/default/article/Black-Oakland-firefighter-s-discrimination-suit-5446903.php>

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<http://www.northjersey.com/news/firehouse-drinking-a-tradition-and-a-danger-1.1003816>

A former north Louisiana fire chief who continued to do contractual work with some area fire districts, including DeSoto Fire District No. 8, has pleaded guilty Monday to federal charges. Curtis Roller, 57, of Jonesboro, pleaded to three counts of wire fraud after illegally obtaining Federal Emergency Management Agency grants and making false statements on workers compensation forms, U.S. Attorney Stephanie A. Finley announced in a news release. Roller submitted false information on grant applications he sent to FEMA so that fire departments in Louisiana and Arkansas were eligible to receive federal funds, which could be used to buy

equipment from his company, Louisiana Firefighting Services. Roller inflated population data, agency coverage areas and numbers of call responses on the applications. And he also overstated the type of calls, underreporting the size of budgets and increasing the scope of their needs: http://www.shreveporttimes.com/article/20140513/NEWS01/305130027/Former-rural-fire-chief-pleads-federal-charges?nclick_check=1

The Cleveland (OH) firefighters union lashed out at the city's Wednesday announcement of the latest fallout from the 2012 shift-trading scandal as retaliation for souring labor relations. In return, the city accused the union of being "political." The Association of Cleveland Firefighters Local 93 president Frank Szabo questioned why the city's decision to fire Calvin Robinson and bring administrative charges against 19 department supervisors did not come until after the firefighters voted down a contract integrating the city's EMS and fire departments and threatened to picket over a safety plan: http://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2014/05/union_city_accuse_each_other_o.html

Search for fugitive Cal Fire battalion chief widens:

<http://www.news10.net/story/news/crime/2014/05/10/murder-chief-fleming-douglas-cal-fire/8933749/>

Houston (TX) firefighter Scott Niles, 36, was in magistrate court Tuesday accused of the unthinkable: threatening to kill the very firefighters he works with every day. Prosecutors have charged Niles with making a terroristic threat after two fellow firefighters claimed Niles said two weeks ago he was going to "shoot everyone" at Station 64, which is just outside Bush Airport on Greens Road. In documents obtained by Local 2, the firefighters say Niles threatened to "start shooting people," and was trying to figure out "who he was going to take out first." <http://www.click2houston.com/news/houston-firefighter-accused-of-threatening-to-shoot-his-coworkers/25962438>

Orange County (CA) Fire Authority officials came under broad criticism today in a much-anticipated management audit that found "accountability lacking at all levels." The independent agency's 25-person board lacked experience, Fire Chief Keith Richter and his executive team are seen as ineffective, morale is poor, and promotions, discipline and staffing critical positions are mishandled, says the 64-page audit by Management Partners Inc. of Costa Mesa, which was released today:

http://www.voiceofoc.org/countywide/county_government/article_b330447c-dc94-11e3-bbf3-001a4bcf887a.html

A Tallahassee (FL) Fire Department lieutenant faces fraud charges after providing answers on state fire tests to students, according to court documents. Lt. Matthew Schlossman, 36, turned himself in Friday on 17 counts of fraud for each course he taught from July 2011 to June 2013. He is accused of giving grades to students who never did any course work and conducting classes online rather than in a classroom, court documents say. He is currently on administrative leave with pay for the next 30 days "while we await his current circumstance surrounding the arrest," said interim TFD Chief John Gatlin. Schlossman, who has been on the force for about 10 years has been the subject of a separate internal investigation started in February after Tallahassee fire officials were alerted of potential wrong doing by the State Fire Marshal's Office, Gatlin said. The fire marshal's office oversees the testing:

<http://www.tallahassee.com/story/news/local/2014/05/20/tallahassee-fire-officers-faces-fraud-charges-testing/9313479/>

One of the Rock Hill (SC) Rescue Squad's newest members was jailed last weekend after deputies say he attached emergency lights to his own car so he could deliver pizzas, and then later accused a deputy of trying to hit him with his patrol car. At about 6:40 p.m. Sunday, a man, 18, driving on Adnah Church Road called police, claiming that he saw a green 2000 Honda Accord activate emergency yellow and red lights as it chased another car, turned into Adnah Hills Mobile Park and then turned toward S.C. 161, according to a York County Sheriff's report. The witness was able to give authorities the car's license plate number, which registered to an address under the name of the owner, Thomas Leon Reid III of Rock Hill. Authorities learned Reid was working at Pizza Hut on Herlong Avenue. In the restaurant's parking lot, deputies found the Honda with interior LED lights. Reid denied chasing another car on the road and claimed that he was a member of the Rock Hill Rescue Squad, a nonprofit volunteer organization that assists with various types of water and road collision rescue: <http://www.thestate.com/2014/05/22/3462195/deputies-rescue-squad-member-arrested.html>

Two top San Francisco (CA) Fire Department officials have been suspended for their handling of an incident last year in which an allegedly drunken firefighter struck a motorcyclist and left the scene before being tested for intoxication, sources said Wednesday: <http://www.sfgate.com/bayarea/article/Two-SFFD-officials-suspended-over-alleged-DUI-5511183.php>

The Petaluma (CA) Fire Department's sole female firefighter resigned last week amid allegations of possible sexual harassment by fellow firefighters, according to sources close to the department: <http://www.petaluma360.com/article/20140529/COMMUNITY/140529533?Title=Fire-department-s-only-female-firefighter-resigns>

Police are investigating whether a former Cal Fire chief, along with some other firefighters, had sex with prostitutes while on the job in lone, officials said Wednesday. Ex-battalion chief Orville "Moe" Fleming -- who was missing for weeks after the death of his fiancée, 26-year-old Sarah Douglas -- is now accused of killing her. The allegations regarding firehouse sex with prostitutes came from Fleming's estranged wife, Meagan Fleming. Fleming, 55, was fired from his job after he failed to show up for work during the time he vanished: <http://www.kcra.com/news/chp-investigates-cal-fire-sex-allegations-tied-to-fleming-case/26215918#!St6kK>

General Fire Service Related Items:

New York City Fire Department has suspended four emergency service dispatchers who were on duty in Queens last Saturday night when there was a delay in sending ambulances to a fire that killed two children in the Rockaways. The suspensions come amid an inquiry by the city's Department of Investigation into the circumstances of the delay. So far, investigators have discovered that two members of a six-person team responsible for staffing the Fire Department's operation center that night "were not in their assigned positions just prior to this incident," according to a memorandum from the department's commissioner, Mark G. Peters, and Fire Commissioner Salvatore J. Cassano. The memorandum, sent to City Hall on Friday, said the supervising dispatcher "failed to ensure proper coverage and failed to appropriately supervise" three dispatchers who were handling calls related to the fire: http://www.nytimes.com/2014/04/26/nyregion/city-suspends-dispatchers-over-ambulance-delay-in-fatal-fire.html?_r=2

North Las Vegas (NV) leaders will look to ratify a proposed settlement with city bargaining groups Wednesday, a week after offering union employees an ultimatum: Make a deal or brace for layoffs. Payments to around 500 rank-and-file public safety employees take up the bulk of a tentative \$7.7 million agreement, with dollars set aside for city firefighters totaling around half of police officers' \$4.2 million settlement offer. Roughly 600 members of Teamsters Local 14, the city's largest employee union, would divvy up around \$1.2 million under the deal, with the city's few dozen police supervisors set to split \$143,000. Every one of those dollars remains contingent on "certain concessions" from each bargaining group. City officials did not return requests for comment on what those concessions might be or to which groups they would apply. The settlement offer up for City Council approval next week is worth about 30 cents on the dollar to union leaders, winners of a two-year, multimillion-dollar legal battle over pay raises and benefits suspended under a city-declared "fiscal emergency" in June 2012. The offer is worth around 76 cents on the dollar to Mike Yarter's nearly 300 Police Officers Association members, who have rejected two settlement deals drawn up by city officials this month: <http://www.reviewjournal.com/news/north-las-vegas-council-considers-making-77-million-settlement-offer-next-week>

The moment came several minutes into Wednesday's raging fire, after the radio transmissions from two trapped Boston (MA) firefighters — Lieutenant Edward J. Walsh and Firefighter Michael R. Kennedy — went silent. Boston firefighters had pulled Kennedy's severely injured body from the basement of 298 Beacon St. But they could not immediately get to Walsh. As fiery embers rained and a fierce wind blew, Deputy Chief Joe Finn had to decide whether to risk the men's lives to save a fallen colleague, or to stand down. "It was agonizing," said Fire Commissioner John Hasson. Finn, an unflappable presence under pressure, ordered the evacuation of the building even though Walsh was still not accounted for. "Honestly, it's one of the toughest decisions that a chief has to make," said James Greene, a district fire chief in the Boston Fire Department who was not at the scene of the deadly blaze. Finn was not available for comment on Saturday, but one day after the fire he told the hosts of WGBH's "Boston Public Radio" that his experience and training helped him make the tough call. He said he consulted with another deputy chief who was in charge of the rear of the building. It quickly became clear that the fire could not be easily put out, and that there was no way to save Walsh. "At that point I made the decision that we are going to get everybody out and we are not going to sacrifice any further firefighters in the operation," Finn said. Rich Paris, president of Boston Firefighters Local 718, hailed Finn as a 30-year-veteran, a former Marine, and a capable and dedicated fire official. Fire officials said heavy winds helped fan the flames as the nine-alarm blaze gutted the building on Beacon Street. "I think Chief Finn did an excellent job," Paris said. "We normally go into the building to save lives. We take an oath to die for strangers." Firefighters are trained to rush into burning buildings — not away from them. But sometimes, command leaders are forced to make harrowing calls. Besides the two men who died in Wednesday's fire, 13 were injured. But officials said there could have been more lives lost: <http://www.bostonglobe.com/metro/2014/03/29/incident-commander-deadly-boston-blaze-was-faced-with-agonizing-decision/lrzBTxR22wbQ0JwcUuMHEK/story.html>

Editorial: Somebody call 911. The escalating feud between the Las Vegas (NV) Fire Department and private ambulance business American Medical Response over patient transports has become so bogged down by accusations and counter-claims that the overriding issue in this dispute has practically been forgotten. Yes, Fire Chief Willie McDonald broke open a barrel of worms when he decided to blow up the city's dual-response system for emergency calls, relegate AMR to back-bench status and have firefighters take more patients to hospitals. AMR has produced compelling numbers to back up its assertion that the company's response times — and viability — have been hurt by Fire Department cherry-picking of transports. McDonald,

the department and its union have, predictably, attacked the messenger. But how about backing up to the most basic question of all: Why is a city that spends more than it takes in providing a service that is capably handled by the private sector? Instead of debating whether McDonald or AMR officials are liars, and which set of numbers is more accurate, let's discuss why the Fire Department has paramedic units in the first place. Let's ask why Las Vegas simultaneously provides emergency medical response service at enormous public expense — with firefighters who are paid two to four times what private-sector paramedics earn, in ambulances that cost three times as much as AMR's modified vans — while collecting hundreds of thousands of dollars in fees from AMR each year for a city franchise. Instead of making McDonald justify his unilateral assault on AMR, in a government-sanctioned crackdown on a taxpaying business with taxpaying employees, make him explain why the Fire Department should transport any patients to hospitals at all.

<http://www.reviewjournal.com/columns-blogs/glenn-cook/ambulance-feud-begs-bigger-question>

13 ways fire chiefs can kill their careers:

<http://www.firechief.com/2014/04/08/13-ways-fire-chiefs-can-kill-careers/>

The same federal agency that blamed poor Boston (MA) Fire Department policies for the deaths of two firefighters in a 2007 restaurant blaze is considering a probe into the Back Bay fire that killed Lt. Edward J. Walsh Jr. and firefighter Michael R. Kennedy, the Herald has learned. A spokeswoman for the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health said the agency is “currently reviewing the incident and in communication with the Boston Fire Department, and will make a final decision on whether we will investigate.” The NIOSH spokeswoman declined to say when the agency — an arm of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention — will make its decision. Boston Fire spokesman Steve MacDonald said the department is “in the preliminary stages of having NIOSH come in to investigate the fatal fire.” A 2009 NIOSH report said poor training and incident management in the 2007 Tai Ho Restaurant fire contributed to the line-of-duty deaths of firefighters Warren Payne and Paul Cahill. The report singled out “an insufficient occupational safety and health program, ineffective incident management system at the incident, insufficient incident management training and requirements, insufficient tactics and training, (and) ineffective communications.” The agency, citing media reports of substance abuse by both firefighters, said it was unable to obtain toxicology reports and made no comment on that aspect of the investigation:

http://bostonherald.com/news_opinion/local_coverage/2014/04/fed_safety_agency_eyes_own_probe_of_fatal_beacon_street_fire

Despite criticism that a consultant failed to meet with rank-and-file firefighters, two city panels Friday urged that steps be taken toward reforms of the Los Angeles Fire Department that would streamline operations and respond to the increasing priority of emergency medical care. A special meeting of the City Council's Public Safety and Budget and Finance committees said a working group of city officials should be formed to review a report from PA Consulting on suggested changes for the department even as it undergoes an additional review of its hiring practices. Councilman Mitch Englander, chairman of the Public Safety Committee, said he wants the entire City Council to weigh PA Consulting's recommendations, particularly as they relate to response times and emergency dispatch. “This is one of the most important things we have to deal with,” Englander said. “We need to have a full City Council discussion before the public on what we will do.” In the meantime, he and the two committees said they wanted feedback on the creation of a working group that would come up with solid proposals based on the consultant's recommendations:

<http://www.dailynews.com/government-and-politics/20140411/los-angeles-moves-to-begin-lafd-reforms>

After 15 years and over 200,000 miles on the road, most ambulances would call it a career. That's especially true for one with a crack in the frame above a front wheel well — the result of both age and hard driving over possibly the toughest topography of any American city. But in San Francisco, that ambulance will keep rolling. After a brief pit stop to weld the crack at the Fire Department's Fleet Management Shop on **Jerrold Avenue** in the **Bayview** district, that 1999 ambulance is back on the road — and could be the one making the siren noises you hear every day. A series of lean city budget years and a preference for spending on personnel over gear means that the SFFD's collection of engines, trucks and ambulances are on the road well past their normal service lives, according to Fire Department records:

<http://www.sfexaminer.com/sanfrancisco/sf-fire-department-needs-281-million-to-replace-aging-vehicles/Content?oid=2768254>

Washington DC Mayor Vincent C. Gray vowed Wednesday to move forward with a deeply controversial proposal to change the way firefighters' work shifts are arranged, over the objections of at least one of his possible successors. Last week, the city's **Public Employee Relations Board** ruled that the fire department is free to move to a new work schedule of shorter but more frequent shifts — upending the long-standing 24 hours on, 72 hours off schedule that has allowed many firefighters to live hundreds of miles from the city. "We're happy with the PERB decision, and we intend to move forward with the implementation of the PERB decision," Gray (D) said at a Wednesday news conference. Gray's top public safety deputy, Paul Quander, said it is crucial that the department move to bring its personnel closer to home to improve readiness for a major disaster. "Our concern all along is that the District of Columbia is unique in that we are a high-target area, so we always have to be prepared for the worst case scenario," he said. "Having firefighters closer, more readily available will allow us to be better prepared in the event we have to deal with a threat. ... The bottom line is, this needs to be done, and we're going to move aggressively to make sure that we are properly staffed." <http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/mike-debonis/wp/2014/04/23/full-steam-ahead-on-firefighter-shift-changes-vincent-gray-says/>

Already heavily fined for consistently showing up late to 911 medical calls, the San Jose (CA) Fire Department said Wednesday that its response times for other types of emergencies are also too slow -- and that the problem is getting worse. Interim fire Chief Ruben Torres says the department for the year ending in June responded on time to about 72 percent of all emergencies -- from structure and vehicle fires to heart attacks and creek rescues. The city's goal is 80 percent. What's more, from July to March, the on-time response rate dropped to 65 percent. The figures mean the department is sending out engines with flashing lights and sirens and arriving to the scene late -- taking more than 8 minutes from the initial call -- two to three times each hour, on average: http://www.mercurynews.com/cj_25624061/san-jose-fire-911-response-times-getting-worse

Fire extinguished?: After a decisive rejection, the Five Cities (CA) Fire Authority searches for a way forward. As the final tally was announced on the afternoon of April 18, faces around the room were uniformly crestfallen. For Five Cities Fire Authority Chief Mike Hubert, the three FCFA board members, and the handful of off-duty firefighters in attendance, this was the worst possible outcome: an emphatic rejection of the \$1 million-per-year benefit assessment district fundraising effort they'd championed for months. The results were grim. Of the 11,690 ballots sent to property owners in Arroyo Grande, Grover Beach, and Oceano, only 4,594 came back (a 39.3 percent turnout). A whopping 59.6 percent of those ballots opposed the assessment district, with only 40.4 in support. FCFA Board Chair Bill Nicolls briefly expressed his

disappointment with the outcome before adjourning the meeting. As the firefighters shuffled out, a stone-faced, resigned Hubert briefly answered questions from the media. "I thought it might be a little closer than that, but I think things are probably still tough out there," Hubert said. "I'm disappointed." <http://www.newtimeslo.com/news/10874/fire-extinguished-after-a-decisive-rejection-the-five-cities-fire-authority-searches-for-a-way-forward/>

Q+A: North Las Vegas (NV) fire union president on the city's financial crisis and his role in solving it. North Las Vegas firefighters vote this week on a city settlement that would pay them pennies on the dollar for lost wages. Firefighter union President Jeff Hurley is confident his members will approve the deal. The firefighters' settlement is one of four agreements hammered out between city leaders and its unions during marathon negotiations hosted by Gov. Brian Sandoval this month. The deals helped North Las Vegas balance its 2014-15 budget and avert a state takeover. If workers approve the settlement, firefighters and other employees will give up \$10 million in concessions. That includes forgoing millions the city owed to public safety employees after a Clark County District Court ruled the city illegally suspended pay raises during a 2012 financial emergency. More concessions could be in store for firefighters when talks start again on the next contract that begins July 1, 2015. One sticking point could be a requirement that North Las Vegas firefighters live within the city's limits. A 2012 analysis by the Sun found 92 percent of fire employees lived outside the city. The Sun sat down with Hurley to discuss the settlement, future negotiations and the state of North Las Vegas' fire department:

<http://www.lasvegassun.com/news/2014/apr/29/q-north-las-vegas-fire-union-president-citys-finan/>

More than 52,000 people — former teachers, firefighters, mechanics, football coaches, engineers, police officers and janitors among them — rely on Nevada's Public Employees' Retirement System for some or all of their retirement income. Another 100,000 or so people are in the pipeline to become beneficiaries of PERS. But the financial stability of the system central to the livelihood of so many is becoming increasingly expensive for governments to maintain — largely because of the growing cost of funding benefits for existing employees as well as playing catch-up for inadequate funding in the past:

<http://www.rgj.com/story/news/politics/2014/04/27/growing-cost-pers-raises-worries/8214213/>

The Charlotte (NC) fire chief said a ladder truck was going too fast when it flipped over and caught fire on Ardrey Kell Road. The report said the truck was going almost double the speed limit and the driver claimed the brakes failed. The report said the truck was going 44 mph in a 25 mph zone, responding to a man who was injured when he fell off a ladder. The estimated damage to the truck is \$800,000. Charlotte Fire Chief Jon Hannan said his department is taking the accident very seriously. "I'm not going to have fire trucks become a threat to people in this city," Hannan said. Staker has driven fire trucks for nine years but is suspended from driving for now and could face disciplinary action, Hannan said. Fire trucks are allowed to break the speed limit but "as soon as the operator is above that speed limit it's all on them," the chief said. "They have to do it with due regard. They are responsible for any outcomes that are caused by that." <http://www.wsocvtv.com/news/news/local/officials-auxiliary-brake-failure-causes-fire-truc/nfwBB/>

A former San Francisco (CA) firefighter pleaded not guilty Thursday morning to DUI charges that came down from a grand jury indictment for a 2013 crash between his fire truck and a motorcycle. Michael Quinn, 43, entered not guilty pleas to three felony charges of DUI, including DUI causing injury and driving a commercial motor vehicle with a blood alcohol content of .04 percent or higher:

<http://www.ktvu.com/news/news/crime-law/former-san-francisco-firefighter-pleads-not-guilty/nfrgt/>

The new commissioner of the New York Fire Department vowed on Friday to put an end to an era of lawsuits and court orders over the department's persistent lack of diversity and to lead an effort to attract more minorities. The commissioner, Daniel A. Nigro, a 33-year veteran of the department who retired a year after the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, was officially appointed in a ceremony at the department's training academy on Randalls Island. Flanked by diverse members of the newest class of recruits, Mr. Nigro, 65, described expanding diversity in the department, whose members are still about 87 percent white, as "a great challenge," but one he would actively pursue. "We must no longer wait for a judge's ruling to tell us what fairness means," he said. "We must get out front. We must point the way to change." Years of legal wrangling over the racial makeup of the department have led to a series of reforms in recent years, including a court-appointed monitor, a new entrance exam and an influx of recruiters into black and Hispanic neighborhoods. In March, that legal battle came to an end, when the city agreed to settle a lawsuit brought by the Vulcan Society, an African-American firefighters' group, and pay \$100 million in back wages and benefits to minorities thwarted from joining the department by what courts have ruled to be institutional biases:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2014/05/10/nyregion/citys-new-fire-commissioner-vows-a-push-for-more-minorities-in-the-department.html?ref=nyregion&r=1>

Pasadena (CA) Fire Chief Calvin E. Wells presided Thursday over the newest graduating class of 10 firefighter recruits for the department at the Ambassador Auditorium in West Pasadena. The graduating class of new firefighters includes nine men and one woman: Kevin Adair, Jeffrey Grogan, Erik Hernandez, Roderick Hutchinson, Heywot Kollee, Russell Kraus, Benjamin Sullivan, Kevin Ross, Edward Ruffalo and Shana Welch. As part of the ceremony, the new firefighters were pinned with their badges by a family member, friend or person of their choice. Collectively, the firefighters ran more than 150 miles, did 33,700 push-ups, completed 480 rounds of Crossfit training and finished more than 600 hours of education during their 16-week academy. The last new recruit academy was in 2009 although through attrition, there was an immediate need to hire new recruits which included a very extensive extensive written, psychological and physical testing, plus extensive background and tiered interview processes. The academy also consisted of training in live fires; hose and ladder deployments; emergency medical response and a field trip to the Museum of Tolerance. The last new firefighter recruit academy was in 2009: <http://www.pasadenanow.com/main/pasadena-fire-graduates-10-recruits-from-4000-applicants>

Top administrators for Modesto (CA) and Stanislaus County are recommending a new model for the regional fire authority. Under the recommendations, participating agencies in the Modesto Regional Fire Authority – or perhaps some entity that will replace it – essentially would drop their boundaries and have automatic mutual-aid agreements. Each agency would retain its autonomy, set its own budget and have its own personnel. But the participants would operate as one fire department when responding to emergencies. Sean Slamon, acting chief for MRFA, said the less formal model is used in San Mateo and Sacramento counties. In Sacramento, it's common to see the city and county fire departments and another agency at the same fire, he said: <http://www.modbee.com/2014/05/06/3327849/modesto-regional-fire-authority.html?sp=/99/1623/>

The veteran D.C. fire lieutenant who retired after being accused of failing to help a dying man outside her station in January said Thursday that help had arrived by the time she first knew someone was in distress. The sequence contradicts a timeline provided by the fire department that indicates Kellene Davis did not react quickly when a colleague told her that a man had fallen across the street from the station on Rhode Island Avenue in Northeast Washington's Brookland neighborhood. Davis, 51, retired in April after the start of a closed disciplinary

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hearing in connection with the incident but before a decision was announced. She said she wanted to counter the perception that she was a callous firefighter who allowed a man to die and then escaped punishment with a \$70,000-a-year pension. But in many instances, her explanations only complicated the understanding of what happened that afternoon:

http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/crime/retired-dc-fire-lieutenant-defends-her-actions-in-death-of-man-outside-fire-station/2014/05/08/20385e80-d6a8-11e3-8a78-8fe50322a72c_story.html

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