



## ***FIRE & EMS NEWS***

**September 22, 2013**

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**T**his 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.

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### **CHABOT FIRE TECHNOLOGY TWITTER ACCOUNT:**

**I**n an effort to keep those that are interested, more informed (and in more timely manner) about what is going on in the fire service, with the Chabot College Fire Technology Program, with firefighter employment opportunities, with firefighter volunteers opportunities, with firefighter training opportunities and with all things career development related, I have created a Twitter account you may find of value.

If you are interested in following the Chabot Fire Technology Program, just do a search for **@ChabotFire** and follow us. You can also go to [www.twitter.com/ChabotFire](http://www.twitter.com/ChabotFire)

I have found Twitter to be a very valuable resource to stay up-to-date with a number of things, all of which I choose to follow. In today's fast paced world, it is one of the best ways to stay informed.

**Disclaimer:** please bear with me as I attempt to learn as much as I can about the Twitter process. Thank you.

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### **CHABOT COLLEGE 2013 FIRE TECHNOLOGY SCHEDULE:**

**L**ooking for Fire Technology related courses to either 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.

#### **Fall 2013 Semester:**

**R**egistration for the Fall 2013 semester at Chabot College has begun!

- For complete registration information, go to [www.chabotcollege.edu](http://www.chabotcollege.edu)

#### **CLASSES AVAILABLE - FALL SEMESTER 2013**

| COURSE                                                                                                                                                                                | DAY                                                                                       |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>FT 89</b> (Firefighter 1 Academy evaluation)<br><b>Note: Class meets on the following dates:</b><br>- October 9, 11 and 13 (Wed/Fri/Sun)<br>- November 12, 14 and 16 (Tue/Thu/Sat) | Tue & Thurs (pm)<br>Saturday (all day)<br><b>or</b><br>Mon & Wed (pm)<br>Sunday (all day) |
| <b>FT 91A</b> (Wildland Firefighting-1 Basic: Cal Fire 69 hour wildland course)<br><b>Note: Class meets on the following dates:</b><br>- December 3 through 22                        | Tue & Thurs (pm)<br>Saturday (all day)<br>Sunday (all day)                                |
| <b>FT 91B</b> (Haz Mat 1 <sup>st</sup> Responder-Operations)<br><b>Note: Class meets on the following dates:</b><br>- November 19, 21, 23, and 24                                     | Tue (pm)<br>Thurs (pm)<br>Saturday (all day)<br>Sunday (all day)                          |
| <b>FT 91C</b> (I-200; Basic ICS)<br><b>Note: Class only meets the following dates:</b><br>- November 12, 14, 16 and 17                                                                | Tue & Thurs (pm)<br>Saturday (all day)<br>Sunday (all day)                                |
| <b>FT 91D</b> (Firefighter Survival)<br><b>Note: Class only meets the following dates:</b><br>- November 3 through 9                                                                  | Tue & Thurs (pm)<br>Saturday (all day)<br>Sunday (all day)                                |
| <b>Health 85</b> (EMT Refresher)<br><b>Note: Class only meets the following dates:</b><br>- November 26 through December 10                                                           | Tue & Thurs (pm)<br>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 2013 scheduling, check the Chabot College web site at [www.chabotcollege.edu](http://www.chabotcollege.edu)

**M**y 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. Also, if you are registered in the Chabot College system, you are eligible to take classes at Las Positas College in Livermore as well. Just because one class is full (or does not fit your schedule) at Chabot doesn't mean it isn't being offered at Las Positas. When you register for classes on the Chabot College website, you can see both schedules – Chabot and Las Positas.

## 2012 ANNUAL FIREFIGHTER FATALITY REPORT:



### U.S. Fire Administration releases annual report on firefighter fatalities

09/17/2013 01:54 PM EDT

The U.S. Fire Administration announced today the release of the report Firefighter Fatalities in the United States in 2012. There were 81 on-duty firefighter fatalities as a result of incidents that occurred last year. The fatalities occurred in 31 states, one territory, and one overseas military facility. A record low number of firefighter deaths were caused by heart attacks (39) but deaths caused by vehicle crashes were back up with 18 firefighters killed as the result of 14 accidents, six involving POVs, six involving apparatus, and six from two incidents involving aircraft. Visit [www.usfa.fema.gov](http://www.usfa.fema.gov) to download this free report and previous reports back to 1986.

The direct link for the report is:

[http://www.usfa.fema.gov/fireservice/firefighter\\_health\\_safety/firefighter-fatalities/reports/index.shtm](http://www.usfa.fema.gov/fireservice/firefighter_health_safety/firefighter-fatalities/reports/index.shtm)

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## **FIREFIGHTER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:**

**T**he San Jose Fire Department is accepting applications for the position of **Firefighter Recruit!**

- **All testing for this position must be completed by the end of the business day on April 25, 2014.**

For more information about the San Jose Fire Department, visit their website at <http://www.sjfd.org/>

This position requires FireTEAM testing through National Testing Network (NTN) and a valid CPAT at the time of closing.

### **Salary Information:**

Compensation: Full-time with Benefits

- Fire Recruit: \$30.19 hourly, \$62,795.20 annual
- Firefighter, Step I: \$2536.80 bi-weekly base pay; \$65,956.80 annual (upon successful completion of the Academy)
- Anti-terrorism training pay 2% of base
- Holiday-in-lieu pay: 5.623% of base
- EMT Pay: 3% of top step Firefighter (currently \$102.02 bi-weekly)
- Eligible employees would also receive additional premium pay upon successful completion of the Academy:
- Paramedic Pay: 12% of top step Firefighter (currently 408.10 bi-weekly)
- Oral Bilingual Pay: \$29 bi-weekly
- Education & Training Pay (AA/AS - BS, Fire Science, Fire Technology,
- Fire Protection Technology): \$35 bi-weekly.

### **Benefit Information:**

- Competitive Salary
- Paid Vacation and Sick Leave
- Insurance: Medical, Dental, Vision
- Uniform Allowance
- Tuition Reimbursement
- Retirement: [www.sjretirement.com](http://www.sjretirement.com). Retirement benefits for the Firefighter position are subject to change based upon ongoing contract negotiations between the City of San Jose and Local 230, IAFF.

More information available at [www.sanjoseca.gov/index.aspx](http://www.sanjoseca.gov/index.aspx)

**Department Overview:** The San Jose Fire Department is committed to excellence in public safety. We embrace innovative approaches to meet the evolving needs of our diverse city. We work in partnership with the community to achieve a fire and hazard safe environment. The San Jose Fire Department (SJFD) is committed to serving the community by protecting life, property, and the environment through prevention and response.

**City Information:** San Jose was founded in 1777 and is located in the South San Francisco Bay area within Santa Clara County, CA. It is the 10th largest city in the US and the 3rd largest city in California. SJFD serves the city-proper and other Santa Clara County areas with a total population that exceeds 1 million. Responding to approximately 74,000 calls for service each year (from 33 Fire Stations), SJFD is a high-volume, high-performance, full-service fire department. In terms of critical infrastructure, SJFD is the emergency service provider for a number of high-hazard occupancies, including an International Airport; 1 municipal airport; 7 major hospitals (including 3 trauma centers, and 7 emergency departments); the SAP Center, home of the NHL San Jose Sharks, (maximum occupancy 20,000); San Jose State University (the oldest public institution of higher education on the West Coast), student population of 31,906; three super regional malls; and 516 high-rise structures. Population: Approximately 1 Million

**Job Requirements:**

- Age: Eighteen (18) years of age at time of application.
- US Citizen: Can lawfully work in US
- High School Grad/GED
- Valid CALIFORNIA State Driver's License
- Ability to Read/Speak English
- Vision: Please read the following information to ensure that you meet the minimum vision standards.

**Uncorrected Vision:** (If you do not wear glasses or contact lenses, and have not had any vision-related surgery or medical procedures), the vision standard is: 20/100 binocular (both eyes open)

**Corrected Vision:** Your vision, with glasses or soft contacts, must be 20/20 binocular (both eyes open); 20/40 in the worst eye.

**Soft Contacts:** One year of successful use prior to the examination. Eye glasses are to be used as back-up on an emergency basis and must be available at all times. Eyeglasses must be worn when using respirators.

**Necessary Certifications:**

- CPAT certification card which is not more than one-year-old by closing date.
- Proof of EMT Licensure and Certification as demonstrated by:
  - Possession of current active certification as a National Registry Emergency Medical Technician Basic OR; Possession of current active certification as a California State Fire Marshal Emergency Medical Technician I, OR Possession of current active certification as an Emergency Medical Technician I from any County in the State of California.

**Desirable Qualifications:**

- Department of Defense Fire Fighter I Certificate
- California State Fire Marshal Firefighter I

- Military Veteran
- Bilingual (Cantonese, Mandarin, Spanish, Russian, Tagalog, and Vietnamese)
- California Class B Commercial Firefighter Driver's License
- AA/AS/BA/BS in Fire Science or Fire Technology
- Proof of Paramedic Licensure and Certification as demonstrated by:
  - Documentation of successful completion of an approved paramedic training program and successful completion of the National Registry of EMT-P's written and practical examinations by the date of the written examination and actual possession of a current and valid paramedic license issued by the State of California Emergency Medical Services Authority, OR Possession of a valid EMT-P certification from another state, territory, country and registration with the National Registry of EMT-P's by the date of the written examination and actual possession of a current and valid paramedic license issued by the State of California Emergency Medical Services Authority, OR Possession of a current and valid Paramedic license issued by the State of California Emergency Medical Services Authority.

**SJFD Firefighter Recruit Candidate Forum - October 26, 2013:** The San José Fire Department will be hosting a Candidate Forum for those interested in applying for a position as a Firefighter-Recruit on Saturday, October 26, 2013, at the San Jose Convention Center. The Forum will feature a presentation covering the minimum requirements to become a Firefighter-Recruit, the application and testing process, and the San José Fire Academy training experience. A formal presentation will be offered at 10:00 am and at 1:00 pm. Attendees are encouraged to register for the session of their choice via [Event Brite](#). Candidates should arrive a minimum of 15 minutes prior to their scheduled time and present their Event Brite ticket to secure their reserved seating. General Seating will be opened to those without reservations approximately 10 minutes prior to each presentation on a space available basis. Resource tables and SJFD personnel will be on hand to provide information and answer questions from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm.

**To apply and sign up for pre-employment testing (FireTEAM), go to:**

<http://www.nationaltestingnetwork.com> and click on FIREFIGHTER JOBS. Select the department and read over all the requirements and if qualified, select a testing location and a time and date for testing on the website calendar. You will also be required to fill out a PHQ through your candidate account. For questions concerning the testing process, click on the Support link on the NTN website. For updates and new job announcements, "Like" National Testing Network on Facebook.

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***FIREFIGHTER PREPARATION BOOKS COMING SOON!!***

I am very excited to say I am in the process of publishing a couple of different firefighter career preparation books that will be available in paperback format and electronic / digital download format.

**The two books that should be available before the end of the year include:**

- Reach for the Firefighter Badge – How to Master the Fire Department Testing Process; and
- The Future Firefighter's Preparation Guide

As soon as I have more information, I will put it in future newsletters and post it on our website – [www.chabotfire.com](http://www.chabotfire.com)

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## **PARAMEDIC PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY:**

Hi Steve,

I'm passing along something that may be of interest to your newsletter followers, and to the aspiring Paramedics with whom you interact daily.

Some time ago, a friend's son expressed a strong interest in the fire service and EMS field. I encouraged that interest as I had made the transition to the fire service myself.

Tragically, my friend Tim Meadows lost his son, Christopher Meadows, when he gave his life the line of duty on **May 24, 2009**. Christopher's ATV overturned while he responded to an emergency medical call as part of a Search & Rescue team operating at Oceano Dunes near San Luis Obispo.

His family has set up a charity in his honor, the Christopher Meadows Memorial EMS Education Fund, to support others who are pursuing an EMS education. Each year, it gives out at least one \$3,000 scholarship to pay for Paramedic school costs. It is open to applicants from San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, Monterrey and Santa Clara counties.

- The application deadline is **September 30, 2013**.

### **Further information about the fund at:**

<http://www.charitysmith.org/christopher-meadows-ems-education-fund/>

**and** the scholarship application can be found at:

<http://www.charitysmith.org/christopher-meadows-paramedic-scholarship/>.

Fraternally,

Sean Kaldor  
IAFF Local 230

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## **FIREFIGHTER CANDIDATE CAMP:**

**F**or those of you preparing for a career in the fire service, nothing is more important than preparing for the position you aspire to and understanding how to be the best you can be during ALL of the phases of the Firefighter hiring process.

Come join me in San Jose in October as I present one of the modules of the upcoming Firefighter Candidate Camp being hosted by Fire Alumni. I am very humbled and honored to be one of the guest speakers, specifically on October 20. Looking at their schedule and information on the next page, you will see there are a lot of things within this program you should find very beneficial. Numerous fire service professionals and subject matters who have an extreme passion at helping others succeed with their career development goals will be on hand to assist you be the best you can be.

If you want this career bad enough, you need to take the time and energy to learn as much as you can about what you are getting into, in addition to as much as you can about the fire service, the fire departments you are applying to, as well as yourself. See the next page for more details, hope to see you there!



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## **FIRE SERVICE SPEAKING OPPORTUNITY:**

On behalf of the IAFC Fire-Rescue International Program Planning Committee (which I am a member of), we are pleased to announce the opening of the Call for Papers for individuals interested in being a speaker at FRI 2014 in Dallas, TX in August of 2014. Feel free to submit proposals to be considered and share this with others who may benefit.

For more information about the classes being offered at this year's FRI conference in Chicago in August (even if the conference is over, you should still be able to access the different presentations so you can get a feel for what we're looking for).

- The deadline for submissions of all proposals is Friday September 27, 2013.

To access the Call for Papers site, go to:

<http://www.iafc.org/friproposal>

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at my information at the bottom of this newsletter. Thank you, Steve Prziborowski

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## **FIRE SERVICE INFORMATION FROM THE U.S. FIRE ADMINISTRATION:**

### **UL FIREFIGHTER SAFETY RESEARCH INSTITUTE LAUNCHES VERTICAL VENTILATION AND SUPPRESSION FREE ONLINE TRAINING**

August 28, 2013

(Northbrook, IL) UL FSRI is proud to announce the release of "Effectiveness of Fire Service Vertical Ventilation and Suppression Tactics in Single Family Homes" – an online course that serves as a culmination of the work performed under the 2010 Department of Homeland Security Assistance to Firefighter Grant Program. The interactive training walks learners through the research approach, experimental setup, test results, and tactical considerations derived from the test results. This course supplements the project's technical report through fire service commentary on the impact UL research has on firefighting tactics, interactive fire scenarios, video from all 17 full scale residential structure fires, and numerous photos.

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 is more interactive and flexible than ever providing a path through the course for a company drill or for the firefighter or instructors who want to dive into the material and form their own tactical considerations." There are many features to the course. Three separate paths are available (abbreviated, complete, and instructor), ranging in duration from one hour to more than two hours. An overview of modern fire challenges facing the fire service provides a summary of factors impacting fire dynamics – increased fuel loads, large open spaces and lightweight construction. To enhance the educational experience, an introduction to the key concepts of heat release rate, flow paths, and stages of fire development is included. The twelve tactical considerations developed from the research results are illustrated to aid the fire service with integration into their education and fire ground tactics where applicable.



Students have the opportunity to use interactive models to develop an in-depth understanding of the impact of ventilation and water application on fire dynamics. Instructors are provided links to related research material to aid in tailoring the research results to specific fire service operations. The course content is available online at <http://www.ULfirefightersafety.com>. For mobile users, the course is compatible with tablet devices and iPad via the Articulate Media Player application in the App Store.

UL's Firefighter Safety Research Institute is dedicated to increasing firefighter knowledge to reduce injuries and deaths in the fire service and in the communities they serve. For more information on UL FSRI projects, visit our website <http://www.ULfirefightersafety.com> - like us on [Facebook](#) or follow us on [Twitter](#). For questions or more Information contact UL FSRI at [fsri@ul.com](mailto:fsri@ul.com) ###



## **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:

**Fire Shows Reno – Reno, NV - October 22 through 24, 2013**  
Go to [www.fireshowsreno.com](http://www.fireshowsreno.com) for more information.

**California Training Officers Fresno Training Symposium – Fresno, CA - November 18 through 22, 2013 -** Go to <http://register.calchiefs.org/> for more information.

**Firehouse World – San Diego, CA – February 16 through 20, 2014**  
Go to [www.firehouseworld.com](http://www.firehouseworld.com) for more information.

**Fire Department Instructors Conference (FDIC) – Indianapolis, IN – April 8 through 12, 2014.**  
Go to [www.fdic.com](http://www.fdic.com) for more information.

**Firehouse Expo – Baltimore, MD – July 15 through 19, 2014**  
Go to [www.firehouseexpo.com](http://www.firehouseexpo.com) for more information.

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

## FIRE SERVICE PROMOTIONAL PREPARATION CLASSES:



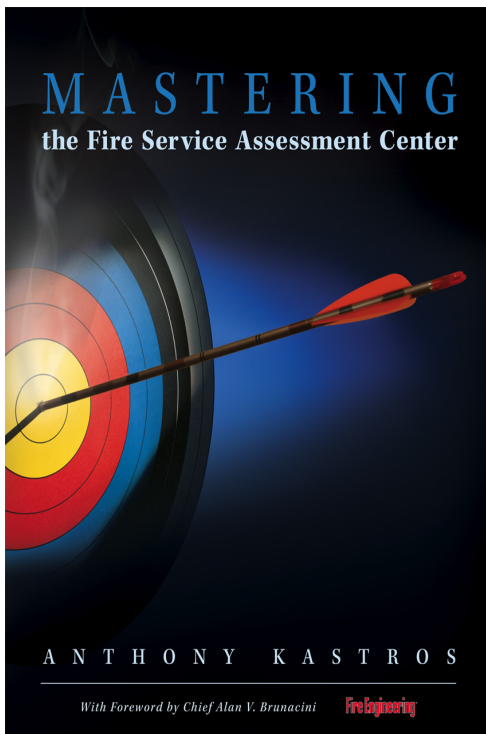
### MASTERING THE FIRE SERVICE ASSESSMENT CENTER

4-DAY WORKSHOP

BASED ON THE TEXT:

**MASTERING THE FIRE SERVICE ASSESSMENT CENTER**  
**BY FIRE ENGINEERING**

- PARTICIPATE IN EMERGENCY SIMULATIONS, ORAL PRESENTATIONS, VISUAL RESUMES, PROMOTIONAL INTERVIEWS, COUNSELING SESSIONS, VIDEO COUNSELING, IN-BASKETS, AND SUPERVISORY EXERCISES.
- DISCOVER THE PROPER MENTALITY FOR THE TEST, INCLUDING HOW TO SHED BAGGAGE AT THE DOOR.
- FOCUS ON BECOMING POSITION ORIENTED VS. TEST ORIENTED.
- LEARN ABOUT THE 27 KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES THAT SPAN THE DIMENSIONS OF LEADERSHIP, MANAGEMENT AND EMERGENCY OPERATIONS.
- ASSESS AND BE ASSESSED USING SCORING CRITERIA UTILIZED IN TODAY'S ASSESSMENT CENTERS.
- PRACTICE EXERCISE-SPECIFIC TOOLS AND AVOID CANDIDATE PITFALLS.
- \* INCLUDES BEST-SELLING BOOK PUBLISHED BY **FIRE ENGINEERING**.



*"I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THE EXCELLENT SEMINAR THAT YOU GAVE IN PREPARATION FOR LA CITY'S FIRST EVER ASSESSMENT CENTER FOR FIRE CAPTAIN. BETWEEN WHAT I HAD BEEN STUDYING IN YOUR BOOK WITH FRIENDS AND WHAT WENT ON AT THE SEMINAR, WE ATTAINED SCORES OF 93.5% AND 100%. I REALLY LIKED THE FACT THAT YOUR INFORMATION ISN'T BASED ON TECHNIQUES OR GIMMICKS RATHER IT TEACHES HOW TO MOST EFFECTIVELY UTILIZE OUR ALREADY ACQUIRED SKILL SETS."*  
CHUCK - LA CITY FD

*"I JUST WANTED TO DROP YOU A LINE AND LET YOU KNOW THAT I PLACED #1 ON OUR CAPTAINS LIST WITH AN OVERALL SCORE OF 95.36% AND I WAS PROMOTED LAST MONTH. THE PLAN THAT I PUT TOGETHER AFTER YOUR ASSESSMENT CENTER CLASS WORKED. YOUR METHODS ARE PROVEN. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP AND YOUR INSPIRATION THAT YOU GAVE ME TO PURSUE MY PROMOTION."*  
BRIAN - ROSEVILLE FD

*"I AM SO, SO HAPPY THAT I TOOK YOUR COURSE. IT WAS ABSOLUTELY THE DIFFERENCE IN ME BEING SUCCESSFUL IN MY PROMOTIONAL PROCESS. I TOOK YOUR COURSE WITH SEVERAL OTHER COLLEAGUES FROM MY DEPARTMENT. I CAME OUT NUMBER 5 OF A LIST OF 47. THERE ARE THREE (3) OF US IN THE TOP 5 FOR CAPTAIN. THERE ARE 5 OF US IN THE TOP 10."*  
REGGIE - SAN JOSE FD

Brett Loomis has 22 years of fire service experience and is currently a battalion chief with the Salinas Fire Department. His seven years of command experience includes two years as the

interim deputy fire chief of operations with the City of Salinas. He is a California Master Instructor and lead instructor for FIRE. He has been an assessor on multiple assessment centers.

Stewart Roth has 34 years of fire service experience and is a division chief with Monterey Fire Department. Stew has been an instructor with the Monterey Peninsula College Fire Science Program for over 30 years and teaches Chief Officer Command and Leadership Programs. In 2005 Stew was chosen as "Training Officer of the Year" by the CSFA. Stew has been an assessor, administrator, and designer of countless assessment centers.

**OCTOBER 7 – 10, 2014 – SEASIDE, CA - \$595.00\***

GO TO [WWW.TRAINFIREFIGHTERS.COM](http://WWW.TRAINFIREFIGHTERS.COM) FOR ONLINE REGISTRATION  
CLASS SIZE LIMITED TO DUE TO DEPTH OF INSTRUCTION

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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>

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## **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](http://www.firerecruit.com)
- [www.firecareers.com](http://www.firecareers.com)

For less than \$100.00 per year (each), those companies (run by firefighters) 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. That is not our job, to replace such companies.

## FIRE SERVICE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES:



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

| <u>COURSE:</u>                                                                                                                             | <u>DATES:</u>                  | <u>COST:</u> |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|
| • <b>Training Instructor 1C</b><br><i>(Instructor 1C will be held at Saratoga Fire Station, 14380 Saratoga Avenue, Saratoga, CA 95070)</i> | September 30 – October 4       | \$295.00     |
| • <b>Fire Command 2A</b>                                                                                                                   | January 13 – 17, <b>2014</b>   | \$295.00     |
| • <b>S-244 (Field Observer)</b>                                                                                                            | January 21 – 23, <b>2014</b>   | \$175.00     |
| • <b>S-245 (Display Processor )</b>                                                                                                        | January 24, <b>2014</b>        | \$75.00      |
| • <b>Training Instructor 1A</b>                                                                                                            | January 27 - 31, <b>2014</b>   | \$295.00     |
| • <b>Training Instructor 1B</b>                                                                                                            | February 10 - 14, <b>2014</b>  | \$295.00     |
| • <b>S-230 (Crew Boss)</b>                                                                                                                 | February 24 – 26, <b>2014</b>  | \$150.00     |
| • <b>S-231 (Engine Boss)</b>                                                                                                               | February 27 - 28, <b>2014</b>  | \$100.00     |
| • <b>Fire Command 2B</b>                                                                                                                   | March 10 – 14, <b>2014</b>     | \$295.00     |
| • <b>Training Instructor 1C</b>                                                                                                            | March 17 - 21, <b>2014</b>     | \$295.00     |
| • <b>S-215 (Fire Ops in Urban Interface)</b>                                                                                               | April 8 – 11, <b>2014</b>      | \$215.00     |
| • <b>Fire Command 2C</b>                                                                                                                   | May 12 – 16, <b>2014</b>       | \$295.00     |
| • <b>Fire Prevention 1</b>                                                                                                                 | May 19 - 22, <b>2014</b>       | \$225.00     |
| • <b>S-336 (Tactical Decision Making in Wildland Fire)</b>                                                                                 | June 10 – 13, <b>2014</b>      | \$480.00     |
| • <b>S-234 (Ignition Operations)</b>                                                                                                       | June 24 – 27, <b>2014</b>      | \$495.00     |
| • <b>Fire Command 2D</b>                                                                                                                   | July 14 – 18, <b>2014</b>      | \$295.00     |
| • <b>Fire Command 2E</b>                                                                                                                   | September 15 – 19, <b>2014</b> | \$295.00     |

**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 (page 14) for registration form.

**More Info:** Contact Steve Prziborowski at [steve.prziborowski@sccfd.org](mailto:steve.prziborowski@sccfd.org) or 408-896-6890.

**Prerequisites:** See next page

## CLASS PREREQUISITES

| COURSE                 | PREREQUISITES                                                                                                                                                              |
|------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Training Instructor 1A | None                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Training Instructor 1B | Training Instructor 1A                                                                                                                                                     |
| Training Instructor 1C | Training Instructor 1A and 1B                                                                                                                                              |
| Fire Command 2A        | I-300; Fire Command 1A                                                                                                                                                     |
| Fire Command 2B        | I-300; Fire Command 1B and 2A                                                                                                                                              |
| Fire Command 2C        | I-300; Fire Command 2A                                                                                                                                                     |
| Fire Command 2D        | I-300; Fire Command 2A                                                                                                                                                     |
| Fire Command 2E        | I-300; Fire Command 1C and 2A                                                                                                                                              |
| Fire Prevention 1      | None                                                                                                                                                                       |
| S-215                  | Qualified as a Single Resource Boss or Initial Attack Incident Commander Type 4 (ICT4)                                                                                     |
| S-230                  | S-290 & Qualified as an NWCG FF Type 1                                                                                                                                     |
| S-231                  | S-230 & Qualified as an NWCG FF Type 1                                                                                                                                     |
| S-234                  | S-290 and at the minimum an Engine Boss, Single Resource (ENGB) initiated task book.                                                                                       |
| S-244                  | Qualified as a Single Resource Boss (if using for Fire Effects Monitor Certification); Qualified as a NWCG Fire Fighter Type 2 if using for Field Observer Certification). |
| 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)                                                                                     |

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CLASS REGISTRATION FORM

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| Instructor 1C                           | September 30 – October 4 | \$295.00     | _____            |
| Fire Command 2A                         | January 13 – 17, 2014    | \$295.00     | _____            |
| S-244 (Field Observer)                  | January 21 – 23, 2014    | \$175.00     | _____            |
| S-245 (Display Processor)               | January 24, 2014         | \$75.00      | _____            |
| Instructor 1A                           | January 27 - 31, 2014    | \$295.00     | _____            |
| Instructor 1B                           | February 10 - 14, 2014   | \$295.00     | _____            |
| S-230 (Single Resource/Crew Boss)       | February 24 – 26, 2014   | \$150.00     | _____            |
| S-231 (Engine Boss)                     | February 27 – 28, 2014   | \$100.00     | _____            |
| Fire Command 2B                         | March 10 – 14, 2014      | \$295.00     | _____            |
| Instructor 1C                           | March 17 - 21, 2014      | \$295.00     | _____            |
| S-215 (Fire Ops in the Urban Interface) | April 8 – 11, 2014       | \$215.00     | _____            |
| Fire Command 2C                         | May 12 - 16, 2014        | \$295.00     | _____            |
| Fire Prevention 1                       | May 19 – 22, 2014        | \$225.00     | _____            |
| S-336 (Tactical Decision Making)        | June 10 – 13, 2014       | \$480.00     | _____            |
| S-234 (Ignition Operations)             | June 24 – 27, 2014       | \$495.00     | _____            |
| Fire Command 2D                         | July 14 – 18, 2014       | \$295.00     | _____            |
| Fire Command 2E                         | September 15 – 19, 2014  | \$295.00     | _____            |
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***For these classes, the only form of payment will be checks, money orders or cash.***

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Santa Clara County Fire Department - Attention: Steve Prziborowski  
14700 Winchester Blvd., Los Gatos, CA 95032-1818

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## **CANDIDATE PHYSICAL ABILITY TEST (CPAT) INFORMATION:**

**T**he 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.

**S**uccessfully 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](http://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 and more departments are asking for a CPAT card within six months or one year of the date of their testing process and I've seen many candidates fail the CPAT (and even retests) 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

## **FIRE SERVICE SAFETY, TRAINING & NEWS STORIES TO LEARN FROM, COURTESY OF DEPUTY CHIEF BILLY GOLDFEDER & GORDON GRAHAM – and [www.firefighterclosecalls.com](http://www.firefighterclosecalls.com)**

### **FIREFIGHTER DIES IN THE LINE OF DUTY-APPARATUS CRASH AT WILDLAND FIRE**

We regret to advise you that around 0830 this morning, 19 year old FF Jessie Trade, who was a contractor FF was operating in the area of the big windy complex fire (one of five major forest fires in the region) was killed in the Line of Duty in a truck crash. Initial reports are that he lost control of the tender/tanker vehicle he was driving, down a hill, lost control and went over the edge of a cliff. Rescue medics arrived within minutes but he could not be saved. The southwestern fires were ignited by lightning late last month. They are burning in some of the state's most difficult mountain terrain, fed by vegetation parched by a widespread drought. Our condolences to all-RIP.

### **AZ UPDATE: 19 FIREFIGHTERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY-NOT ALL WILL GET SIMILAR BENEFITS.**

The widow of one of the 19 "hotshot" firefighters who died in an Arizona wildfire in late June is being denied lifetime benefits by the city of Prescott, despite what she describes as her dead husband's full-time commitment to the force, according to media reports. Officials in Prescott, Ariz., claim that Juliann Ashcraft's husband, Andrew, was a seasonal employee and that his family is

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therefore not entitled to the city benefits. But Mrs. Ashcraft says her husband had a full-time weekly workload of 40 hours before his death on June 30. She said she planned to use her husband's lifetime salaries and health package to support her four children. "I said to them, 'My husband was a full-time employee, he went to work full-time for you,'" Mrs. Ashcraft told CBS News. "Their response to me was, 'Perhaps there was a communication issue in your marriage.'" The Ashcrafts are one of 13 hotshot families being denied lifetime benefits by the city, based on the work being seasonal. However, Mr. Ashcraft was the only one to work 40 hours per week throughout the year. CBS news got ahold of paperwork confirming that he received a full-time salary from the city. Even still, the city of Prescott maintains that it has "fully complied with all of the laws and employment policies that direct survivor benefits," according to a statement obtained by CBS. It should be noted that ALL of the families will receive worker's compensation and the federal payment of \$328,000.

**HERE are more details:** <http://tinyurl.com/mpbsmyr>

**HERE is VIDEO:** <http://tinyurl.com/mvco6bu>

**CHICAGO NEXT WEEK:**

IAFC's Fire-Rescue International is hitting Chicago next week! ..and it's not too late to be a part of this year's outstanding event. The FRI Expo is a learning, exploring and networking experience that your entire department can benefit from. This is the place to discover advances in software and technology, check out new equipment and gear, and conduct research for future purchases. From firefighter to fire chief, everyone can benefit from seeing what's new in the marketplace. Send your whole department on either Friday or Saturday, register for FREE expo passes HERE:

<http://registration3.experientevent.com/showFRI131/>

Expo Hours: Friday, August 16: 10:30 AM - 6:30 PM Saturday, August 17: 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM

FULL FRI Details HERE:

<http://www.iafc.org/micrositeFRIconf/About/index.cfm?ItemNumber=6597&navItemNumber=6595>

**Cya In Chicago!**

Take Care-BE CAREFUL. Pass It On.

BillyG

The Secret List 8-6-13 / 1930 Hours

**AND:**

Hey,

Here is some video footage of a Japanese fire truck hurtling through a tunnel before crashing onto its side. The crew was responding to save a drowning woman when the apparatus overturned. Three firefighters were injured in the crash and the drowning woman was rescued by someone nearby. Surveillance video of the accident shows the out-of-control truck swerving and driving on two wheels briefly before toppling over. HERE is the video:

<http://news.ninemsn.com.au/world/2013/08/07/12/15/out-of-control-fire-truck-crash-caught-on-camera>

Final Word: An old pal, Fire Marshal Robert (Bob) Kline who retired from West Side Fire District (Manatee County, FL) in 1992 after 29 years with the district passed away today. Bob was a progressive, fire prevention advocate, instructor and investigator back in the day. He understood the critical importance of his job ...but never ever lost his sense of humor and ability to tell firehouse stories-most of which were far removed from reality or the truth-but that's what was so cool about him. A very cool guy who will certainly be missed. RIP Marshal.

Take Care. Be Careful. Pass It On.

BillyG

The Secret List 8-7-13 / 1915 Hours

**AND:**



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All,

Earlier, I sent out The Secret List and mentioned the passing of an old pal and retired Fire Chief and Marshal Bob Kline from Manatee County, FL. I was not aware of the following 5 minute video about him as a World War II veteran and Firefighter. Do yourself a favor... please watch this short clip-you'll understand why I sent it to you. It's just 5 minutes long. Trust me. <http://youtu.be/Ok5y7h5C4Yk>  
Thanks to LeighH and EddieC for passing on this outstanding video so we can pass it on to you.

Take Care. Be Careful. Pass It On.

BillyG

The Secret List 8-7-13 / 2112 Hours

**AND:**

Hey,

As difficult as it is to talk about, the one area that is hard for so many of us to face, confront or discuss-is issue of alcohol and drugs in our business, fire & EMS. The fact is that somewhere, right now, there are firefighters and medics on duty, responding in conditions they shouldn't be in. Be it addictions, disease or recreational, the fact is that it's out there and has been throughout most of our history.

Most recently, as of [yesterday](#), the media in Texas is reporting that Firefighters who responded in West, heroic Firefighters who died in the Line of Duty....now 3 more Firefighters are found to be not immune from the issue. The autopsy reports show West Firefighting brothers Douglas and Robert Snokhous, of West, had blood-alcohol levels well above the legal limit. Abbott Firefighter Jerry Chapman had cannabis in his system, according to the autopsy report.

The point of this is simple:

1-It's a huge issue and one that we continue to struggle with at every fire department...at the local level.

2-These men did all they could, at the time, as "on call" volunteer firefighters to help in the best way they knew how. Their actions were clearly heroic.

3-Because of what was found in their systems, they very well may be negating the Federal; PSOB benefits that their families are/were entitled to....adding more pain to an already horrific situation.

HERE are the Federal PSOB Rules: [http://fppaco.org/pdfs/pubs\\_handouts/PSOB%205.11.pdf](http://fppaco.org/pdfs/pubs_handouts/PSOB%205.11.pdf)

While there will be so much to learn when all the FACTS of what happened in West come out, this appears to be another lesson that can be shared related to how our actions-controlled or uncontrolled, intentional or unintentional-can directly impact our families, well after we are gone.

Take Care-Be Careful. Pass It On.

BillyG

The Secret List 8-9-13 / 1017 Hours

**AND:**

Hey,

Earlier this afternoon, a **Firefighter in Bradford County, PA** was struck by a vehicle while operating on a call. The Firefighter, reportedly from the Herrickville Fire Company was treated and then taken by Guthrie Air Medevac helicopter to Robert Packard Hospital Trauma in Sayre. The Firefighter suffered numerous lacerations and a leg fracture. We'll post more details as applicable. We wish the FF a quick recovery.

**LODD UPDATE: OREGON TANKER/TENDER CRASH DETAILS:**

There are more details on the Line of Duty Death of 19 year old FF Jesse Trader, who was killed in that crash Tuesday in Southern Oregon. County Fire & Security of Merlin (OR) told his mother the vehicles brakes were smoking and failing as he drove down a steep, twisty logging road as part of a water truck caravan. They told her that Jesse tried to avoid hitting the vehicles in front of him on a hairpin curve, and as he swung wide to avoid them, his truck went off the road and overturned on an embankment. More details will follow.

**REMEMBERING A CHICAGO FIREFIGHTER**

3 years ago CFD FF Christopher Wheatley, 31, of Truck 2, was on a ladder at a restaurant fire on West Randolph, when he fell about 35 feet. He was carrying his equipment when he was making his way up and slipped and fell to the ground. The CFD worked to save his life, but it was too late. FF Wheatley came to the CFD in 2000 as a paramedic and became a firefighter in 2008. RIP. Looking forward to seeing many of you at FRI this week in Chicago.

Take Care-Be Careful. Pass It On.

BillyG

The Secret List 8-10-13 / 1716 Hours

**AND:**

**OREGON WILDLAND FF LODD**

We regret to advise you that a 59-year-old Firefighter has died in the Line of Duty while working on a fire line in eastern Oregon yesterday. This is the 3rd LODD in Oregon recently. Contract Firefighter Kevin Hall, of Ontario, Ore., apparently suffered a medical issue while on on the Grassy Mountain fire 20 miles east of Rome. Hall was found unresponsive in a pickup truck Saturday. Others on scene administered CPR but couldn't revive him. Hall had been supporting a bulldozer crew as it worked to repair an existing fire line. According to a BLM spokesperson, "He drove the low-boy that hauled the dozer in ---- typically, that guy will follow the dozer, in case they need oil or have any kind of mechanical problem." "The crew came by, thought something was wrong, went to the pickup, tapped the window, got no response, opened the door and began life-saving efforts." The fire had been contained, that Hall was working to improve an existing fire line and that smoke inhalation was not an issue. Two other Oregon firefighters have died fighting wildfires this month. **John Hammack**, 58, of Madras, was killed Aug. 1 by a falling tree while removing hazardous trees in the path of a small wildfire in the remote Mount Washington Wilderness Area in the high Cascades. Nineteen-year-old **Jesse Trader** was killed Aug. 6 in a water truck crash while fighting a fire in southern Oregon. RIP.

Take Care.Be Careful.Pass It On.

BillyG

The Secret List 8-11-13/2245 Hours

**AND:**

**LAFD Captain Collapses, Dies While on Duty**

It's with deep regret that we pass on from the Los Angeles Fire Department that a City of Los Angeles Fire Captain has died while on duty. Early this morning, Los Angeles Firefighters discovered on-duty Fire Captain/Paramedic Matthew G. McKnight unresponsive after his unwitnessed collapse inside the LAFD Metropolitan Fire Communications Center. Captain McKnight, age 51 - and a 31 year veteran of the LAFD, was last seen at 0055 hours near the conclusion of a busy five hour watch, where he directly supervised eleven Firefighter/Dispatchers. Despite an exhaustive effort by colleagues who immediately performed CPR, applied a defibrillator and instituted advanced life support measures,

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Captain McKnight proved beyond medical help and was declared dead Monday morning at the Los Angeles County/USC Medical Center. Captain McKnight, a resident of Thousand Oaks, California is survived by his wife, teenage daughter and pre-teen son, as well as two brothers who are active-duty members of the LAFD. Thanks to LAFD's BrianH for the details. Our condolences to all affected. RIP. Take Care-Be Careful. Pass It On.

BillyG

The Secret List 8-12-13 / 1535 Hours

#### **AND:**

Hey,

If you are heading to Chicago for FRI, [www.IAFC.org](http://www.IAFC.org) here is some information of interest:

#### **==While in Town, You Can Receive Free Text Message Paging To Your Phone of Chicago Working Fires (see below) ==THE 1967 McCORMICK PLACE FIRE - INCREDIBLE RADIO AUDIO RECORDING: ==F.R.I. VISITOR INFO:**

On January 16, 1967, there was a massive fire at McCormick Place, the convention center where FRI is held. The audio of that fire is BELOW (thanks to the 5-11 Club of the CFD) and well worth listening to, and the quality is very clear. BE SURE TO listen for the very classic line from the Chief of the CFD's 9th Battalions aide "SIZE UP": "Battalion 9A to Main (fire alarm office), look, we got this McCormick hall and it's really rolling, I'm going to talk to the chief, I think we'll hit a deuce" That was the 2nd (2-11) alarm, and many, many more alarms followed:

#### **THE AUDIO:**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O95ObcplG0o>

At the time of the fire, the building contained highly flammable exhibits, several area hydrants were shut off, and the sprinklers were inadequate. The fire spread quickly (as you will hear on the above audio) and destructively, taking the life of a security guard. Although many wanted to rebuild the hall on a different site, Chicago Mayor Richard J. Daley decided to rebuild on the foundations of the burned building. So as you walk the halls this week and attend the training sessions, now you'll know a bit of the history.

#### **RELATED Chicago FD PAGES & INFORMATION FOR CONFERENCE ATTENDEES ABOUT THE CFD:**

<http://www.5-11clubchicago.org>

(Everything you need to know about the CFD)

<http://www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/cfd.html> (CFD'S HOME PAGE)

<http://www.iaff-local2.org/index.cfm?section=1>

(CFD'S IAFF LOCAL 2 HOME PAGE)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chicago\\_Fire\\_Department](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chicago_Fire_Department) (CFD Wiki)

#### **TEXT PAGING WHILE IN CHICAGO OF WORKING FIRE INCIDENTS:**

Current Incident Notification Services, Inc. (CINS) again offers FREE INCIDENT NOTIFICATIONS to your mobile device for anyone attending this year's IAFC's Fire Rescue International Conference direct to your mobile phone. This includes Chicago, the suburbs, or both. To get the pages, please fill out the information below and email it to THEM at [information@cins.bz](mailto:information@cins.bz) Name: Email Address: Company/Department Name: Company/Department City: Mobile Phone Number: Mobile Service Provider: Do you want to receive incidents from Chicago (yes/no): Do you want to receive incidents from The Chicagoland Suburbs (yes/no): You will receive a test message when everything is set up.

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Please contact them via email at [information@cins.bz](mailto:information@cins.bz) or via phone at 847-366-9711 with any questions or concerns.

Seeya In Chicago!  
Take Care,  
BillyG  
The Secret List 8-13-13 / 1009 Hours

**AND:**

**TWO MEDICALLY RELATED LINE OF DUTY DEATHS  
VIRGINIA RESCUE SQUAD LODD-MEDICAL  
TEXAS FIREFIGHTER LODD-MEDICAL**

We regret to pass on to you that a member of the Henrico (VA) Volunteer Rescue Squad died after suffering sudden cardiac arrest while on duty last night. Tech Wilbur Fraenzel, an EMT Basic, with the Henrico Volunteer Rescue Squad, died suddenly Monday night as per Henrico County Fire officials. Despite efforts by a team of his fellow rescue squad members, Henrico County Division of Fire personnel and staff at the Memorial Regional Medical Center the 30-year-old was unable to be resuscitated. EMT Fraenzel had been a member at Henrico Volunteer Rescue Squad for 5 years. He served as a Squad Leader and Basic Life Support Trainer for new members. Our condolences to all affected. RIP.

TEXAS: Brownsville (Texas) FD Pump Operator/Engineer Juan Pablo Casanova suffered a heart attack while on duty on July 16. FF Casanova experienced three more heart attacks while in the hospital where he passed away on August 10th. Our condolences to all affected. RIP.

Take Care. Be Careful. Pass It On.

BillyG  
The Secret List 8-13-2013 1541 Hours

**AND:**

Hey,  
It's understandable, as crazy as "life" things are these days, to unintentionally forget those who have been critically injured in the line of duty. We've been following Houston Fire Captain Bill Dowling and his very difficult battle to survive since the fire, 12 weeks ago. The same fire that took the lives of HFD Capt. EMT Matthew Renaud, 35, Firefighter EMT Robert Garner, 29, Engineer Operator EMT Robert Bebee, 41, and Probationary Firefighter Anne Sullivan, 24. RIP.  
Below is an article about Captain Dowling-and some related links. We'll continue to keep him and his family in all our thoughts and prayers.

**HERE is an update:**

Jacki Dowling wears a small necklace, a heart-shaped lock with a small key. It's the necklace her husband Capt. Bill Dowling gave her on Mother's Day. As he gave her the necklace he told her she held the key to his heart. Now, three months after the devastating fire at a hotel on the Southwest Freeway, Mrs. Dowling waits to see how much of her heart she will finally be able to bring home. "I know he knows me. I can see it in his eyes," Dowling said. Her husband was still hospitalized and later this week could finally be transferred to the rehabilitation program at TIRR Memorial Hermann. Dowling was trapped in the fire with his legs pinned by burning debris. He was awake and alert when he was rescued and shouted to his fellow firefighters to let his wife know he would be okay. But after the medical amputation of both of his legs and as he began to awake from several weeks of sedation, it became apparent that brain damage would be among his injuries too.

"When we found out that he had suffered hypoxia, it was a major setback," Dowling said. "There's not really a conversation yet. He can't really talk. There's some eye contact and he will give kisses. So I'll take those any day." "They really won't give us a level of mild, moderate, severe probably because the brain is so hard to understand. So it's just kind of a wait-and-see. It's just a really long wait-and-see kind of thing," Dowling said.

During her wait, which will become 12 weeks on **Friday**, Dowling has been overwhelmed by the support of her firefighting family, complete strangers, and the donations to the 100 Club that have allowed her and her children to move to an apartment near the Texas Medical Center and attend a new school nearby so they can be closer to Capt. Dowling's hospital bed. "The prayers that have come in, the kind words, the support, that's what has made me get through this, is just that, everybody. It's incredible. I wish I could give them all a big hug and have a big party for them. They've been amazing and they didn't have to be. There's been so many I can't even name them all. I don't want to leave anybody out so I just want to say thank you to everybody." Meanwhile the Dowlings and their extended family say they rely on their faith, praying for Bill Dowling's recovery, and believing that some day he will have a remarkable and miraculous survivor's story to tell.

"Oh yes. Why would we go through this otherwise," Dowling said. "God put us here for a reason. I can't imagine that it was for him to not do anything with this. We're going to travel around and tell everybody. We're going to shout it out to the world." With the help of donations from the 100 Club, Houston Firefighters, and a variety of other fundraisers arranged by other organizations, Dowling is able to focus on her husband's recovery, getting her children back into a school routine this week, and putting on a brave face that she admits isn't always easy to find. "You know I want to be strong for him," Dowling said. "He promised that he would fight for us and now it's my turn to fight for him. I want all of him back. We're going to get all of him back. We prayed for all of him back so we're going to get him back." That's why she still wears that heart-shaped necklace: waiting for the day she can bring all of her heart home.

**HOW YOU CAN HELP:**

<https://www.captdowlinghfd.org/>

<http://donatetodowling.blogspot.com/>

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

<https://www.facebook.com/jacki.dowling.9>

<http://www.local341.org/>

**ORIGINAL ARTICLE:** <http://tinyurl.com/mddq5px>

**IT'S ALOT EASIER TO STOP: Nasty Double LODD Lawsuit Update:**

One emotional and blame filled lawsuit remains that is tied to the fire apparatus crash a little more than three years ago that claimed the lives of two volunteer Firefighters in Virginia. As you will read, the "tentacle's" reach far in this "who is to blame" issue...including asking the question:

**Is a Firefighter responsible for their own death - if they fail to use their seatbelt?**

It would have been a lot easier on everyone if the apparatus had stopped at the red light-and if those involved wore their seat belts. Lawyer Brian Brydges represents defendant Teri Anne Valentine, who was driving an SUV on the afternoon of **July 26, 2010**, when she collided with the fire truck at a traffic light. The firefighters were heading east on Virginia 40 in response to the report of a residential house fire in Union Hall with a person possibly trapped inside. After colliding with Valentine's 2007 Ford Escape at the intersection with School Board Road, the fire truck reportedly rolled three times and William "Danny" Altice, 67, and Posey Dillon, 59, were ejected and killed in the Line of Duty.

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The defendants' attorneys had previously argued that because Altice was not wearing a seat belt when the crash occurred that circumstance should be considered "**contributory negligence**" on his part, which would have not allowed the plaintiff to collect damages. During a court hearing **Tuesday**, Brydges asked Judge William Alexander to divide the trial into two phases. As proposed by Brydges, the first phase of the trial would determine whether the jury found one or both or neither of the defendants to be liable for the death of Altice, a passenger in the fire apparatus driven by Dillon. Ann Dillon, as administrator of her husband's estate, is the other defendant.

### **HERE IS THE NIOSH REPORT:**

<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/fire/reports/face201019.html>

### **MEDIA ARTICLE:**

<http://www.roanoke.com/news/2163615-12/judge-declines-to-split-trial-in-2010-fire.html>

Take Care. Be Careful. Stop At The Red Light. Wear Your Seat Belt. Pass It On.

BillyG

The Secret List 8-21-13 / 1757 Hours

### **AND:**

### **FF LINE OF DUTY DEATH-WILDLAND-PORT.**

This LODD is another one, separate from last weeks - but both in Portugal. In yesterdays LODD, the Firefighter who died in the Line of Duty is 2nd Grade FF Ana Rita Abreu Pereira, 24 years old. She was from Alcabideche Volunteer FD and part of a task force - Grupo de Reforço de Incêndios Florestais (GRIF) - deployed to help fighting the wildfires. She left a 4-year-old daughter. The critically injured FF is 25 years old and from Estoril FD. Along with them, nine other FFs were injured, when they were surrounded by the fire. They were evacuated by helicopter. It happened when gusting winds caused the fire to change direction. One report is that the crew ran from the fire and smoke but the firefighter who died (and those burned) fled in the wrong direction. Our condolences to all affected. RIP.

### **HERE are some links of interest:**

Official FD site:

[http://www.ahbva.pt/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=179&catid=1&Itemid=8](http://www.ahbva.pt/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=179&catid=1&Itemid=8) News:

[http://www.dn.pt/inicio/portugal/interior.aspx?content\\_id=3383230](http://www.dn.pt/inicio/portugal/interior.aspx?content_id=3383230) Pictures in:

<http://g1.globo.com/mundo/noticia/2013/08/bombeira-morre-em-combate-incendio-florestal-em-portugal.html>

### **FIREFIGHTER REMOVED IN CRITICAL CONDITION FROM COMMERCIAL BUILDING FIRE**

**(VIDEO)** The below video shows a Firefighter being pulled from a burning building by four of his colleagues at a large fire in a Petone (NZ) commercial building this afternoon. The FF's body was limp and he was rescued by other FF's. He appeared to have burns on his arms and was taken to Hutt Hospital in a critical condition. HERE are photos and video:

<http://tvnz.co.nz/national-news/large-petone-blaze-contained-firefighter-injured-5542292>

<http://www.3news.co.nz/Fireman-pulled-from-burning-building/tabid/423/articleID/310331/Default.aspx#ixzz2coLpPOsx>

### **DC FIRE CHIEF AND CT FIRE CAPTAIN ACCUSED**

The FEMS chief of our nations capital continues to make headlines. DaveS is all over whatever latest DC FEMS issue you choose to follow. It's an unhealthy "all you can take" buffet of fire service news that continues to tarnish the reputation of those on the streets, attempting to do their jobs...while giving perspective to anyone who DOESN'T work there about how well things are going at your own department. HERE is more from DaveS: <http://tinyurl.com/mprv2bz> & <http://tinyurl.com/mkdm6g5>

**AND IN CONNECTICUT:**

A New Haven Fire Captain is accused of pulling a hand gun during an on duty firehouse argument. Here is the media account of the incident:

<http://tinyurl.com/l3w7r2c>

Take Care. Be Careful. Pass It On.

BillyG

The Secret List 8-23-13 / 1307 Hours

**AND:**

**MI FIRE LIEUTENANT LODD: MEDICAL EMERGENCY**

Friends and family are remembering the life of Fire Lieutenant Jim Fellows, the Clearwater Township firefighter who died in the line of duty last Tuesday. Lt. Fellows, 45, leave behind his wife Teresa, and his three children Allison, Katie, and Hunter. He suffered a medical emergency following a department detail. The funeral was today, Saturday, August 24 in Sheperd, MI. NOTE: A Memorial Service for family, friends, and firefighters to honor to Lieutenant Fellows will be Sunday, August 25 at the Clearwater Township Hall at 2pm. A memorial fund has been established. Checks can be made to Clearwater Township Fire Department's Fallen Firefighter Lieutenant Jim Fellows Memorial Fund at Alden State Bank. PO Box 39, 10564 Coy St, Alden, MI 49612. Our condolences to all affected. RIP.

Take Care. Be Careful. Pass It On.

BillyG

The Secret List 8-24-13 1418 hours

**AND:**

All,

This is a repeat Secret List, requested for those who may not have the downloaded document from a few weeks ago.

In most cases. fortunately, most Firefighters do not personally know a Firefighter who has died in the line of duty. Unfortunately, however, in most cases, nearly every Firefighter knows a Firefighter that has-or has had cancer. It's in every firehouse and/or department. 1 in 3 Firefighters will be diagnosed with some form of cancer. It's a big deal. The FCSN white paper "Taking Action Against Cancer in the Fire Service" was released a few weeks ago. You are going to hear a lot about this document-take a moment to download it and read it.. If nothing else, check out PAGE 15 of the document.

Here's the document link:

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

The intention of the paper is to discuss what we currently know regarding firefighting cancer, and it pinpoints the various items that we need to learn more about. Below is a video well worth checking out-notice the video is not a bunch of old Firefighters...it's young and middle aged ones. That in itself is sobering.

**CHECK OUT THIS VIDEO:** <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vUqm9DMdISI>

Previous Video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iftbui2dpL4>

FD Video: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X7\\_nJDErpPg](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X7_nJDErpPg) (Palm Beach County FF's)

FD Video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RKmhIB2IO3o> (Toronto FF's)

FD Video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r9T0ouDF728> (Houston FF's)

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FD Video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-1Is5EUZ2FE> (Long Island FF's)

FIREFIGHTER CANCER SUPPORT LINK: [www.FireFighterCancerSupport.com](http://www.FireFighterCancerSupport.com)

Take Care-Be Careful. Pass It On.

BillyG

The Secret List 8-26-13 / 1204 hours

**AND:**

**2nd FIREFIGHTER DIES IN THE LINE OF DUTY-WILDLAND FIRE-PORTUGAL**

FF Bernardo Figueiredo, who operated at the same fire that killed FF Rita Pereira last week in the mountains of central Portugal has died at the hospital from his injuries. The 23-year-old's death brings the number of Firefighters killed in Portugal's August fires to four. Our condolences to all affected. RIP.

**MORE DETAILS:**

<http://www.thejournal.ie/wildfires-spain-firefighter-death-1056245-Aug2013/> [http://www.jn.pt/PaginaInicial/Sociedade/Interior.aspx?content\\_id=3389092](http://www.jn.pt/PaginaInicial/Sociedade/Interior.aspx?content_id=3389092)

**WORKING MULTI-FAMILY DWELLING FIRE VIDEOS:** Some good study/training footage of yesterdays MFD fire in Raleigh, NC:

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jqd2YnAGvnA&feature=player\\_embedded](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jqd2YnAGvnA&feature=player_embedded)

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player\\_embedded&v=W3vamnMb\\_YU](http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=W3vamnMb_YU)

**CITY CHANGES:** Interesting changes in a few cities. In Omaha, the Fire Chief resigns/retires with a nice pension along with the agreement that NO Firefighters will lose their jobs this year.

<http://www.omaha.com/article/20130826/NEWS/130829133>

And in our Nation's capital, the Beat Goes On as new ambulances arrive-but is it too little too late in the world of DC FEMS? <http://tinyurl.com/lddbx59>

**A SUDDEN AND SAD LOSS IN CAMBRIDGE, MA.**

We are sad to advise you of the sudden death of Fire Fighter on Probation Kevin J. O'Boyle; Engine Co. 5 CFD. He was formerly a member of the Salem FD and served actively in the Army and the Massachusetts National Guard. RIP.

DETAILS about Kevin HERE: <http://ccbfuneral.com/?p=1336>

FUNERAL DETAILS HERE: <http://www.cambridgelocal30.org/> Take Care. Be Careful. Pass It On.

BillyG

The Secret List 8-27-13 / 1133 Hours

**AND:**

Hey,

UL FSRI has announced the release of "Effectiveness of Fire Service Vertical Ventilation and Suppression Tactics in Single Family Homes" - an online course that serves as a culmination of the work performed under the 2010 Department of Homeland Security Assistance to Firefighter Grant Program. The outstanding interactive training walks learners through the research approach, experimental setup, test results, and tactical considerations derived from the test results. This excellent course supplements the project's technical report through fire service commentary on the impact UL research has on firefighting tactics, interactive fire scenarios, video from all 17 full scale residential structure fires, and numerous photos.



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UL FSRI Director (and former Deputy Fire Chief) 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 is more interactive and flexible than ever providing a path through the course for a company drill or for the firefighter or instructors who want to dive into the material and form their own tactical considerations."

There are many features to the course. Three separate paths are available (abbreviated, complete, and instructor), ranging in duration from one hour to more than two hours. An overview of modern fire challenges facing the fire service provides a summary of factors impacting fire dynamics - increased fuel loads, large open spaces and lightweight construction. To enhance the educational experience, an introduction to the key concepts of heat release rate, flow paths, and stages of fire development is included. The twelve tactical considerations developed from the research results are illustrated to aid the fire service with integration into their education and fire ground tactics where applicable.

YOU have the opportunity to use interactive models to develop an in-depth understanding of the impact of ventilation and water application on fire dynamics. Instructors are provided links to related research material to aid in tailoring the research results to specific fire service operations. **Access the course by clicking below.**

[http://ulfirefightersafety.com/projects\\_blog/ul-firefighter-safety-research-institute-launches-vertical-ventilation-and-suppression-online-training/](http://ulfirefightersafety.com/projects_blog/ul-firefighter-safety-research-institute-launches-vertical-ventilation-and-suppression-online-training/)

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BillyG  
The Secret List 8-28-13 / 1053 hours

#### **AND:**

#### **CALIFORNIA FIREFIGHTER DIES IN THE LINE OF DUTY: MEDICAL**

The Secret List [www.FireFighterCloseCalls.com](http://www.FireFighterCloseCalls.com)

We regret to pass on that White City (Calif) Firefighter Oscar Montano-Garcia, 50, operating as a contract Firefighter at Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest died in the Line of Duty. He went down during operations on the Nabob fire in Northern California, on Sunday 8-25. Personnel began EMS treatment but Firefighter Montano-Garcia succumbed to the medical condition. Our condolences to all affected. RIP.

#### **MORE DETAILS:**

<http://www.kdrv.com/local-firefighter-dies-in-siskiyou-co/>

**YARNELL HILL 19 FIRE UPDATE:** "The Granite Mountain Hotshots Never Should've Been Deployed, Mounting Evidence Shows"

Here is an interesting piece from a few days ago that we wanted to pass on to you:

[http://blogs.phoenixnewtimes.com/valleyfever/2013/08/the\\_granite\\_mountain\\_hotshots.php?print=true](http://blogs.phoenixnewtimes.com/valleyfever/2013/08/the_granite_mountain_hotshots.php?print=true)

#### **REMEMBERING A NY FALLEN FIREFIGHTER**

On August 27, 1994, Firefighter Paul MacMurray of the Hudson Falls (NY) Volunteer Fire Department responded as part of an engine company to a fire on the first floor of in a three story hotel. Assigned to search for occupants on the second floor, MacMurray and another firefighter successfully evacuated several victims while attempts to extinguish the fire were initiated below them. Upon their return to continue the search, conditions quickly changed from a light haze of smoke to black smoke with high heat. conditions. MacMurray and his partner became separated in their attempt to locate the stairwell and get out of the building. The other firefighter made several efforts to locate MacMurray,

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but was forced to retreat due to untenable conditions. Several rescue efforts were made but heavy fire conditions eventually forced the evacuation of all fire personnel to defensive positions as the entire structure burned. MacMurray's body was recovered the following day. The fire was incendiary in nature. RIP.

HERE is more: <http://www.fdhf.net/page5.html>

Take Care-Be Careful. Pass It On.

BillyG

The Secret List 8-28-13 / 2100 Hours

**AND:**

All,

On August 28, 2006, FDNY Lieutenant Howard Carpluk, a 20-year veteran, died in the Line of Duty. He was rescued and removed from a building fire in cardiac arrest...but unfortunately, his condition was too severe. He was the 2nd member of FDNY to die in the line of duty from that fire. Carpluk, 43, was a married father of two (11 year old daughter and a 13 year old son-in 2006) from Yaphank, L.I., and had won at least two awards for bravery during his 20 years in the FDNY, was assigned to Engine Co. 42 in the Bronx. His heroics continued at the fire that eventually took his life-in his extreme attempts to save FF Reilly.

THE FIRE: Lt Carpluk was filling in at Engine 75. Rookie firefighter Michael Reilly, 25, died the day before at the same fire. Reilly was a former Marine who had served a tour of duty in Iraq. He'd been a member of FDNY for just four months. 3 other firefighters were injured after being trapped when the floor collapsed as they were fighting the blaze. Battalion Chief Thomas Auer of Battalion 17, Lieutenant John Grasso of Engine 92, and Firefighter Wayne Walters of Engine 75 were injured.

HERE is an excellent piece about the fire and Lt. Carpluk:

[http://www.nytimes.com/2006/08/29/nyregion/29profile.html?\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2006/08/29/nyregion/29profile.html?_r=0)

HERE is the NIOSH report:

<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/fire/reports/face200627.html>

Take Care-BE CAREFUL. PASS IT ON.

BillyG

The Secret List 8-28-13 / 2233 hours

**AND:**

**ANOTHER FIREFIGHTER DIES IN THE LINE OF DUTY-PORTUGAL**

Yet another Firefighter LODD has occurred in Portugal as FF Cátia Pereira Dias, 21 years old, died yesterday morning while she was operating at Portugal's wildfires in the region of São Marcos/Muna, in the council of Tondela. FF Cátia's team was caught by the fire whirl and could not escape. She was a FF with the Carregal do Sal VFD. 4 other FFs were injured (two injured critically), along with three members of a National Guard's special group operating in the same fire. Our condolences to all affected. RIP. HERE is a related link:

[http://www.dn.pt/inicio/portugal/interior.aspx?content\\_id=3395548](http://www.dn.pt/inicio/portugal/interior.aspx?content_id=3395548)

Take Care. Be Careful. Pass It On.

BillyG

The Secret List 8-30-13 / 1252 hours

**AND:**

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All,

**2 Firefighters from the Whitley City FD (McCreary County, KY-south of Lexington near I-75) were burned last night-1 very critically.** The Firefighters were driving along a roadway last night when they discovered a house fire. It was described as a small fire that appeared to be in the living room. They knew the families that lived there including a 6 y/o girl. Initial reports are that the 2 Firefighters immediately went in to search and rescue the occupants - when things went ugly very quickly. There was a flashover or some kind of explosion, a door was slammed shut and they couldn't get out. 1 FF sustained extremely critical burns, the other minor burns and both are at the University of Cincinnati Burn Unit now. The Firefighters are Brother-in-Laws, married to twin sisters. We'll keep you up to date. Keep'm in your thoughts and prayers.

**UPDATE: Fire Chief Deal Crumbles:**

We passed on to you the other day that the story about the Omaha Fire Chief who agreed to retire, and, as a part of that, had made a deal with the Mayor that no FF's would lose their jobs due to budget issues-at least for a year. Well-scratch that-the deal has fallen apart and now the mayor is conducting an investigation on the Chief-who she has placed on leave. Hmm.

HERE is more: <http://www.omaha.com/article/20130830/NEWS/130839863>

Take Care. Be Careful. Pass it On.

BillyG

The Secret List 8-31-13 / 1958 Hours

**AND:**

Hey,

Here is the latest update. Whitley City (KY) Fire Lt's Adam Stephens and Arlie "Pooh" Hill (brothers in law) saw a fire from the porch of their home, went by car to investigate. When they got to the house, they knew it was normally occupied, saw some fire in a room. Pooh went in first, conditions seemed survivable, neither had gear available but knew the family - and a 2 year old baby, were normally in that house. While searching something went horribly wrong, it flashed or an explosion related event occurred, Adam ended up pulling Pooh out with Pooh suffering very critical burns. Adam has minor burns and is at the hospital with the family. Lt. Hill is now in the University of Cincinnati Burn Unit with major burn injuries. His family and friends are being taken care of at the hospital by a rotation of personnel from the Ohio Fire Chiefs Association, the Kentucky Fire Commission, the Ohio and Kentucky LAST teams, Supporting Heroes, Hamilton County Fire Chiefs, Clermont Chiefs and numerous Cincinnati and greater Cincinnati area FF's. We'll keep you updated. Keep'm in your prayers.

Take Care. Be Careful. Pass It On.

BillyG

The Secret List 9-1-13/1518 Hours

**AND:**

All,

KY Fire Lt Arlen "Pooh" Hill remains in very critical condition following his becoming trapped and burned while searching a house for a child Friday evening. Dr's are planning some very significant procedures tomorrow, so keep them in your prayers. Lt. Hill, a Whitley City (KY) Firefighter has burns over 90% of his body. He and his brother-in-law and fellow Fire Lt., Adam Stephens, (they are married to twin sisters) went into the house Friday night after discovering the fire. They had several indications that the people, including the 2 year old child, were in there...they were not. Lt. Stephens was treated for burns to his arms and face, but Lt "Pooh" Hill was flown to the University of Cincinnati burn unit-

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where he remains in very critical condition. Lt Stephens, dozens of family members and KY and Ohio Firefighters are maintaining a vigil at UC Hospital.

**HERE** is a TV interview from this afternoon with his Brother and his Brother in law/Fire Lt. Adam Stephens-who pulled him out:

<http://www.wkyt.com/wymt/home/headlines/Off-duty-firefighter-critically-injured-in-house-fire--222025361.html>

<http://www.wkyt.com/home/headlines/Off-duty-firefighter-critically-injured-in-house-fire--222025361.html?device=phone#.UiUUbGaK0JQ.facebook>

**PLEASE NOTE:**

Cards, balloons etc (no flowers or food) can be sent to his family to show fire and EMS support during this tough time.

**It has been requested they be sent to:**

**Fire Lt. "Pooh" Hill & Family  
c/o University of Cincinnati Medical Center  
Burn Unit  
5th Floor Waiting Area  
234 Goodman. Street  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45219**

**FIREFIGHTER MISSING.**

There is a search ongoing for Forest Service Firefighter Token Adams, 41, who vanished in the Santa Fe National Forest in northern New Mexico on Friday while sizing up a wildfire's perimeter on an ATV. He failed to return to a pre-arranged meeting point Friday afternoon with two other firefighters who were also riding ATVs around the 25-acre wildfire southeast of Fenton Lake. The lightning-started wildfire was fully contained late Friday. The search area initially covered about 25 square miles but has since been expanded to about 30 square miles. Searchers include State Police, firefighters and volunteer search and rescue crews. Tracking dogs, air patrols and teams on horseback were also looking for Adams, as was a State Police helicopter equipped with an infrared camera. Firefighters said they never heard a call for help from Adams, who lives in the area, and so far neither he nor his ATV has been spotted. Adams and his wife reportedly spoke by phone early Friday afternoon and that he didn't seem to be in trouble at the time.

Take Care. Be Careful. Pass It On.

BillyG

The Secret List 9-2-13 / 2035 Hours

**AND:**

**6th FF LODD AT WILDLAND FIRES-PORTUGAL**

We regret to advise you of the 6th Firefighter LODD in Portugal. Their Prime Minister says fire officials are tightening safety procedures after this 18-year-old Firefighter became the sixth fallen firefighter during their summer wildfires. Volunteer FF 3rd grade Bernardo Manoel dos Santos Cardoso, 18, from Carregal do Sal VFD, who had 55% of his body burnt in the same operation that killed FF Cátia Dias, 21, last week. Another firefighter hurt in that Firefighter remains critical in the hospital. 233,000 acres have burned so far. Our condolences to all affected. RIP.

**YOUR ASSISTANCE IS NEEDED:**

If you are able to assist with a card, shirt, cap, coin etc from your Department, Association, Company or Firefighters ...or a cash donation, this family is in critical need to supplement between what

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insurance and workers comp will not cover. No amount is too small-and the get well cards and FD items mean a great deal. (Patient update below)

Please send cards, FD shirts (L), challenge coins etc to:

**Fire Lt. Arlie "Pooh" Hill - Burn Unit: UC Medical Center 234 Goodman Street Cincinnati, OH 45219.**

**DONATIONS:**

The Whitley City Fire Department has set up an account for Hill's benefit at the Bank of McCreary County (P.O. Box 160, Whitley City, KY 42653)

OR

a donation can be made at any Fifth Third Bank for the

**Arlie "Pooh" Hill Memorial Account**

(The term "memorial" is used by the bank to ID the special use account). Both accounts are approved by his wife with her having direct and exclusive access.

**WHAT HAPPENED:**

Arlie "Pooh" Hill III, 37, was at the home of his neighbor and brother-in-law, Adam Stephens, around 10:30 p.m. when they noticed a fire down the road. Both men serve as lieutenants with the Whitley City Volunteer Fire Department. They called it in and went to investigate.

The fire was located at the former residence of Allen Ball. As the Ball family was still in the process of moving, Hill and Stephens feared that there might be someone in the home-and knew they had a baby. As they attempted to enter the house, a "flashover" trapped Lt. Hill in the living room and blew Lt. Stephens to the porch floor. Lt. Stephens was able to grab Hill and get clear of the structure. While suffering burns to his face and arms, Lt. Stephens did not require immediate medical transport. Lt. Hill, however, has 2nd and 3rd degree burns covering at least 90 percent of his body. He was airlifted first to the University of Kentucky Medical Center, then to the University of Cincinnati Medical Center, where he is critical.

**PATIENT UPDATE:**

Yesterday, he endured significant skin debriding. Dr's started cadaver skin grafting today and he is now recuperating prior to more procedures. A vigil of Kentucky and Ohio Firefighters and related support teams have been at the Univ of Cincinnati Burn Unit 24 hours a day since Saturday.

See more at:

<http://mccrearyrecord.com/local/x31538103/Firefighter-critically-burned#sthash.1lbqxBI4.dpuf>

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BillyG  
The Secret List 9-4-13 / 1544 Hours

**AND:**

Hey,

A Fresno FF was accidentally shot this morning. A "shots fired" call by Firefighters went out just before 0400 today (Thursday) at a home in Fresno. A Fresno Firefighter was shot and wounded in the leg. It appears that the homeowner mistook him for a burglar. He was grazed and taken to the

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hospital as a precaution. He's expected to be fine. The firefighter had responded to the home for medical emergency. But that appears to have been a false alarm. Could that happen to ANY FF or EMT? No doubt.

Take Care. Be Careful. Pass It On.

BillyG

The Secret List 9-5-13 / 1143 Hours

**AND:**

**7th FIREFIGHTER DIES IN THE LINE OF DUTY-Portugal**

We regret to advise you that Volunteer FF Fernando Reis, 50 years old, died in the Line of Duty today at Coimbra Hospital. The 26-year veteran was part of Valença VFD and suffered severe injuries while operating in a wildfire. Initial reports are that he was trying to move fire apparatus away from the approaching fire conditions, when the wind shifted direction and he was caught by the fire. It is the seventh Firefighter LODD in a month. Our condolences to all affected. RIP.

**FACEBOOK & KY FIRE OFFICER:**

There is a FB page set up from critically burned KY Fire Lt "Pooh" Hill.

HERE is the link:

[https://www.facebook.com/Prayersforpooh?directed\\_target\\_id=0](https://www.facebook.com/Prayersforpooh?directed_target_id=0)

**REMINDER:**

You and your departments help is still very much needed.

FD shirts (L), patches, challenge coins, caps, stickers and get well cards can be sent directly to the hospital burn unit:

**Fire Lt. Arlie "Pooh" Hill**

**Burn Unit: UC Medical Center**

**234 Goodman Street**

**Cincinnati, OH 45219.**

DONATIONS:

For any who are able and interested in donating to support of the families of Pooh and Adam, the Whitley City FD has started an account at the Bank of McCreary County. Please send your much needed and greatly appreciated donation to:

**Bank of McCreary**

**Whitley City FD Benefit: Fire Lt. Arlie 'Pooh' Hill III"**

**PO Box 160 Whitley City KY, 42653**

Take Care. Be Careful. Pass It On.

BillyG

The Secret List 9-5-13 / 1417 Hours

**AND:**

**MISSOURI ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF DIES IN THE LINE OF DUTY**

We regret to advise you that Chillicothe (MO) Assistant Chief/EMT Joe Darr, 62, has died in the Line of Duty. Chief Darr was doing work in the firehouse 2 weeks ago and was found unresponsive. He subsequently experienced additional setbacks and sadly passed away yesterday, Wednesday, September 4th, 2013. Chief Darr has 34 years of service to the community as well as other related

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groups such as being the Region H HazMat team Branch Coordinator. Our condolences to all affected. RIP. For additional updates, please go to: <http://www.mofirefuneral.org>

**FIREFIGHTERS EXPOSED. Your Opinion As a Firefighter Needed.**

This will literally take you ONE minute.

**TAKE ADVANTAGE** to offer your opinion as a Firefighter.

Researchers working with NFPA are trying to find a way to improve how turnout clothing prevents liquid exposure to firefighters. This also includes the inward penetration of water, that can carry contaminants to the clothing interior onto your skin. The current testing process is believed to be unreliable and not necessarily relevant to the way you encounter liquids. To help the researchers understand what YOU do, a ONE MINUTE survey is below to gain a better understanding of the frequencies in which firefighters get wet and how often they encounter different types of liquid hazards.

**TAKE 5 MINUTES AND TELL THEM WHAT YOU THINK:**

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FirefighterLiquidExposures>

**INCREDIBLE.**

**DIRTBAGS STRIKE AGAIN.**

The family of a fallen DCFD Firefighter came home from his funeral to find that their home had been broken into, and nearly all of their valuables stolen. DCFD FF Terrence Boston was riding his motorcycle in Maryland last week. A car heading in the opposite direction turned and did not yield and the 10-year veteran of the DCFD was killed. Boston had left behind his wife, who is a **Fairfax County Firefighter**, and three young children. While they attended his funeral Wednesday, their home in Prince George's County was burglarized. The family believes they were targeted by the thieves, who may have known that they would be out of the home Wednesday. DCFD members are raising money to establish a college fund for the youngest three of Boston's six children.

**PLEASE HELP THEM HERE:** <http://tinyurl.com/m39jjxg>

Take Care. Be Careful. Pass It On.

BillyG

The Secret List 9-5-13 / 1742 Hours

**AND:**

**NM FIREFIGHTER FOUND-LODD**

The Firefighter missing for a week in a very rugged New Mexico forest has been found dead. Authorities said this afternoon said that 41-year-old Fire Captain Token Adams was killed in an apparent crash of his ATV on a mesa. The 41-year-old engine company captain disappeared Aug. 30 while checking on a report of smoke. Hundreds of volunteers, firefighters, search and rescue teams and the Civil Air Patrol have spent the past week combing some 50 square miles of mesa tops and steep canyons east of Jemez Springs for Adams. Despite the rugged terrain, searchers had remained hopeful of finding him alive because Adams, who grew up on the edge of the Sierra National Forest in California, was an experienced outdoorsman with extensive survival skills. Our condolences to all affected.

Take Care. Be Careful. Pass It On. BillyG

The Secret List 9-6-13 / 1928 hours

**AND:**

Hey,

Today is 9/11/13 and if your department doesn't have some plan to host a memorial service, or

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participate in one, that's sad. And you know the reasons why. Time should not dissipate what Firefighters do in and for our communities on 9/11. It is especially important for those who were NOT Firefighters on 9/11/01 to take the lead. The ball is in your court - especially if there are no plans in your town.

However---as we all reflect back on 9/11 and we think about not only those who were murdered, but those who continue to suffer due to the losses in both mental and physical ways-I thought the below information would help remind us all that the deaths related to 9/11 continue to grow each day.

**1,140 WTC 9/11 responders currently have cancer** - and doctors say that number will grow. 'Sadly enough, I am here just two months, and I have identified a dozen new cancer cases, and I have another 25 patients whose diagnostic test results are pending,' says Tina Engel, an oncology nurse at North Shore Hospital's World Trade Center clinic in Queens, NY. The "C" word has been every World Trade Center responder's nightmare - and for good reason. Cancer has become a reality for more than 1,000 men and women who sacrificed their health at Ground Zero - and the number is expected to grow. "You get a lump in your throat when you first have to tell your wife," said NYPD Detective Amadeo Pulley, 47, who was diagnosed with kidney cancer in May. "But I told my family and two kids I'm gonna be fine. We will get through this."

As of August, 1,140 responders and people who worked, lived or studied in lower Manhattan have been certified by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health to have a WTC-related cancer. **Experts believe that is just the tip of the iceberg.** Our thoughts and prayers go out to the survivors of 9/11, those that lost family and friends and to those who continue to suffer as a result of the attacks on the USA on 9/11/01. God Bless. RIP.

**RELATED:** One way to HONOR and RESPECT those who are battling this and related Firefighting cancers is to educate ourselves and others about **FIREFIGHTING CANCERS**. Download the "[Taking Action Against Cancer in the Fire Service](#)" document and pass it on:  
<http://www.firefighterclosecalls.com/news/fullstory/newsid/193617>

Take Care. Be Careful. Pass it On.  
BillyG & The Entire FFCC Crew  
**The Secret List 9/11 2013 / 0001 Hours R.I.P.**

**AND:**

**All,**  
**I just received this email to share with you - it is from retired FDNY R-2 FF Lee Ielpi:**

Yet another year has passed since September 11, 2001. Thank you to all of you, our brothers and sisters who stood with us in the aftermath and who continue to remember our darkest day. Tomorrow, as we pause to remember, please also include in your hearts and remembrance those who have made the ultimate sacrifice since 9/11 from WTC related illnesses.

September 11th is a difficult day for not only myself and the 9/11 community, but for the world. It brings back so many painful memories from twelve years ago. However, I firmly believe that we must channel our pain to do something positive and educate people about the events of 9/11. If a new member of your department was not on the job that day, take the time to make sure they understand why we said we would **"NEVER FORGET"**.

As Billy always reminds us, "Take care. Be Careful. Pass it on." Take time in your department to plan



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ahead. How would you respond to a terrorist attack? The #1 finding of the 9/11 Commission was that we never imagined it would happen. Take the time to be prepared. If you are in NYC, I welcome you to come to the 9/11 Tribute Center [www.tributewtc.org](http://www.tributewtc.org). Located right next to FDNY 10/10 firehouse, on the south side of the WTC site, it is a special place where families, survivors, first responders and residents of the WTC are able to share their stories with students and visitors from around the world.

My thoughts and prayers are with the families and friends of those who perished in the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 - here in New York, at the Pentagon and in Shanksville, PA and with all who have become ill since the attacks. You paid the ultimate price for your commitment to serve others. In loving memory of my son, Jonathan Ielpi, FDNY Squad 288, and all of our brothers.

Take Care. Be Careful. Pass It On.

Lee Ielpi

The Secret List 9-10-13 / 1725 hours

### **AND:**

#### **EIGHTH FIREFIGHTER DIES FROM BURNS IN THE LINE OF DUTY**

We regret to advise you that yet another Firefighter has died in the Line of Duty in Portugal. Volunteer FF Daniel Falcão, 25 years old, is the 8th LODD this year in Portugal wildfires. The member of Miranda do Douro VFD suffered more than 70% critical burns while operating near the Spanish border and was in the hospital for more than a month. He died yesterday. Our condolences to all affected. RIP.

#### **FIRE DEPARTMENT STAFFING DEBATE...Ahhhgain**

Hopefully you've had a chance to read this piece from the Boston Globe-that is getting nationwide re-publication (so be ready when your Council members Duck, Dodge and Hyde start asking you about this).

**BOTTOM LINE:** Fire department fire and EMS response staffing, station locations, apparatus and all the "stuff" that makes up a fire and EMS department ...is like your personal homeowners insurance-it depends on what you want protected, how well and what you can afford (see the below videos). Sure, it's a little more complicated than that-but essentially, it's all about coverage that the community:

-needs.

-wants.

-can afford/is willing to pay for (either in fiscal prioritization, taxes or time they are willing to volunteer their time-in the case of VFD's)

Look...if you reduce your personal home insurance-and suffer no losses requiring a claim, life is good and you have saved money. Of course, it's a false sense of security...but it feels good ...as long as nothing happens. Then-one day-you suffer a predictable loss (we all do at some point....just like their will be a fire....at some point in the town) and call your insurance company pleading for more coverage than you paid for-or were willing to pay for? You lose.

***But you knew that.***

#### **HERE is the article:**

[http://www.bostonglobe.com/ideas/2013/09/07/plenty-firefighters-but-where-are-fires/isCPriPauX078UKHdixu0K/story.html?s\\_campaign=sm\\_tw](http://www.bostonglobe.com/ideas/2013/09/07/plenty-firefighters-but-where-are-fires/isCPriPauX078UKHdixu0K/story.html?s_campaign=sm_tw)

**HERE is a MUST SEE** video that demonstrates staffing needs at dwelling fires:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sc0vTozIX1w>

**HERE is a MUST SEE** video that demonstrates staffing needs at hi and mid rise fires:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=leg7IWYz1UI>

**HI RISE FIRE DEBATE:**

San Francisco, amid intense lobbying, is poised to drop a requirement that skyscrapers have refill stations so firefighters can recharge their air tanks during a fire. For nearly 10 years, the city has required that new high-rises have the air refill systems, a move made after Los Angeles firefighters spent more than two hours lugging 600 air cylinders up 10 flights of stairs in a 1988 high-rise fire, and three Philadelphia firefighters died from smoke inhalation after running out of air in a 1991 blaze in a 38-story building. But the air tank refilling systems, now in 20 San Francisco buildings, have never been used during a fire here, and some firefighters don't trust them, despite praise from national experts.

**HERE IS MORE:**

<http://www.sfgate.com/bayarea/article/S-F-high-rise-air-refill-mandate-for-fires-may-4797543.php>

**FINAL WORD: YOUR HELP.**

**THANK YOU** for the excellent response in helping Kentucky FF Arlen "Pooh" Hill who remains in critical condition at the U of Cincinnati Burn Unit. IF your fire department, company, association or you can assist by sending a t-shirt (L), patches, coins and of course donation-the need is still very much there. Our "Greater Cincinnati/Northern KY" local area FF's have maintained a vigil for 24/7 since he was flown in and as they have seen, your support matters and continues to be absolutely needed.

**SEND CARDS, LETTERS AND RELATED FIRE "STUFF" TO:**

Fire Lt. Arlie "Pooh" Hill Burn Unit: UC Medical Center 234 Goodman Street Cincinnati, OH 45219. **DONATIONS:** For any who are able and interested in donating to support of the families of Pooh and Adam, the Whitley City FD has started an account at the Bank of McCreary County. Please send your much needed and greatly appreciated donation to: The Bank of McCreary Whitley City FD Benefit: Fire Lt. Arlie 'Pooh' Hill III" PO Box 160 Whitley City KY, 42653

Take Care. Be Careful. Pass It On.

BillyG

The Secret List 9-10-13/0724 hours

**AND:**

Hey,

According to the below NFPA article, fire departments should pre-plan and coordinate with police and EMS in response to events that include an armed gunman, whether the threat is known, as it was in the Newtown, Connecticut, school shooting or unknown, as in the ambush in Webster, New York, in which two Firefighters were killed in the Line of Duty. In their recent article "[Strength in Numbers](#)," Russ Sanders and Ben Klaene report on an April meeting at which more than 40 leaders from the fire service, law enforcement, emergency medical services, and government agencies discussed ways to better integrate, coordinate, and improve responses to mass-casualty shootings.

HERE is the link:

<http://www.nfpa.org/newsandpublications/nfpa-journal/2013/september-october-2013/features/strength-in-numbers>

**NEW JERSEY BOARDWALK FIRE:**

Here is a link to the recorded fire radio traffic, starting with the initial dispatch from yesterday in Seaside Heights, Ocean County, NJ: <http://youtu.be/G0ZfRMnzQIs>

Take Care. Be Careful. Pass It On.

BillyG  
The Secret List 9-13-13/0632 hours

**AND:**

Hey,  
Fire and rescue crews have reportedly rescued that Firefighter who became trapped in a tree in Left Hand Canyon, Colo. as heavy rains continued to hammer northern Colorado this morning, causing flash flooding that has left three people dead. The "wall of water" was described as 15'-20' high. A crew of Firefighters were working their way up Left Hand Canyon and assessing the situation when a "wall of water" came down the canyon. A Firefighter who was in a truck was able to scamper up a tree into a hill and was up in a tree. He has since been rescued with no injuries. Follow the weather channel for more details on what's going on in Colorado.

Take Care. Be careful. Pass It On.

BillyG  
The Secret List 9-12-13 / 1219 Hours

**AND:**

Hey,  
The United States Fire Administration announced today the release of their report "Firefighter Fatalities in the United States in 2012." There were 81 on-duty Firefighter fatalities as a result of incidents that happened last year. The Firefighter fatalities occurred in 31 states, one territory, and one overseas military facility. A record low number of Firefighter deaths were caused by heart attacks (39) but deaths caused by vehicle crashes were back up with 18 firefighters killed as the result of 14 accidents - six involving POVs, six involving apparatus, and six from two incidents involving aircraft. Go to [www.usfa.fema.gov](http://www.usfa.fema.gov) to download this latest report and their previous reports back to 1986.

Take Care. Be Careful. Pass It On.

BillyG.  
The Secret List 9-17-13 / 2200 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.

**Not-So-Positive Public Relations Items:**

A black San Francisco (CA) firefighter who accused the fire department of making him endure months of racially motivated abuse during his training -being referred to as a "house boy," and made to scrub toilets and floors with a toothbrush - will be paid \$175,000 in a tentative legal settlement. In his suit, Larry Jacobs, now 48, accused top fire officials of a racially motivated humiliation campaign starting in 2005, in which he was kept apart and told not to eat with or speak to firefighters. He also said he was relegated to hard labor in lieu of training for nearly a year. The goal, his suit said, was to humiliate him into dropping out of the department. The city and department officials defended the menial labor as being not unusual for injured rookies. They denied race had anything to do with it:

<http://www.sfgate.com/bayarea/article/Tentative-settlement-in-black-SF-firefighter-s-4795725.php>

Rob Brown on Tuesday resigned as Fresno's (CA) fire chief, just over a year into the job and nearly two months after he was arrested in a domestic violence incident that has him facing criminal charges. Brown's fate had been hanging over the heads of top city officials since he was arrested by Fresno County sheriff's deputies on June 12. He had been on paid administrative leave since June 13. Brown leaves city employment after barely a year on the job with a tepid farewell from City Manager Bruce Rudd. Brown is charged with five felonies as well as a misdemeanor count of obstructing law enforcement. He has pleaded not guilty and is free on \$50,000 bail. Brown took over as chief in May 2012, arriving in Fresno just as his department began to face severe money issues. Mayor Ashley Swearengin said the city faced another budget gap, even after four years of Great Recession-caused cuts. She wanted to outsource the city's home trash service for millions in annual private-hauler fees. She said public safety, including the fire department, faced slashed budgets without outsourcing:

<http://www.fresnobee.com/2013/08/06/3427105/fresno-fire-chief-rob-brown-resigns.html>

The former Fresno (CA) Fire Chief, Rob Brown, has agreed to a plea deal that would keep him out of jail. In the deal, Brown agreed to two misdemeanor charges of domestic battery and criminal threats, and will take a year-long batterers treatment class. The judge set Brown's probation at 3-years and ordered him to take a parenting class:

<http://abclocal.go.com/kfsn/story?section=news/local&id=9204235>

Chicago (IL) will spend nearly \$2 million — and up to \$1.7 million more in legal fees — to compensate dozens of women denied firefighter jobs because of a discriminatory test of physical abilities that measured upper-body strength but had nothing to do with the job. In all, 183 women were discriminated against after passing a 2006 written exam but failing a 2010 test of physical skills that the city has now scrapped. Marni Willenson, an attorney for the plaintiffs, said individual cash awards are likely to range from \$8,000 to \$18,000. The more women who get jobs as Chicago firefighters, the more money there will be to distribute among those who don't. "The face of the force matters a lot. When the public sees first responders, you want it to reflect the city. That's a tremendous role model for young girls — to see that women can do that job. If women can be on the front lines [in combat], clearly women can hold fire hoses. And 90 percent of the runs are now medical calls. The job has really changed. Last year, Chicago borrowed the \$78.4 million needed to compensate nearly 6,000 African-American would-be firefighters bypassed by the city's discriminatory handling of a 1995 entrance exam. The borrowing compounded the cost of a settlement that was twice as high as anticipated. The city had already agreed to hire 111 bypassed black firefighters. The cash damages went to about 5,900 others who never got that chance:

<http://www.suntimes.com/22377972-761/women-to-share-198-million-after-discriminatory-firefighter-test.html>

The city of Cincinnati (OH) created a hostile work environment and retaliated against a longtime firefighter, but he wasn't targeted for his race, a jury concluded on Wednesday. The verdict came after four days of deliberations and a week-long trial in Cincinnati fire Lt. Mark Broach's discrimination lawsuit against the city. The jury awarded Broach \$224,000 in back pay for time that he was off during his troubles with the department and other damages. "This is a real wake-up call to the city," Broach's attorney, Al Gerhardstein, told The Associated Press shortly after the verdict. "When an employee comes to you and says, 'I believe there's discrimination,' you need to check it out. You don't need to retaliate against him. I hope they never do it again." <http://news.cincinnati.com/viewart/20130904/NEWS01/309040155/Jury-awards-firefighter-224K-discrimination-suit>

Five Shreveport (LA) firefighters charged with the routine abuse of two mentally challenged men are taking the rap for abuse that occurred at the station over a period of time, according to one of their lawyers. Court reports indicate the abuse dates back as far as 2011 but came to light last month when a female firefighter filed a complaint with the FBI alleging the firefighters paid a woman to come to the station to have sex with one of the victims. Shreveport police found the woman, and she told them Fire Capt. Derrick Harris contacted her and said he wanted to introduce one of the men to sex. On June 14, firefighters at the station pitched in and paid her \$70 to have intercourse with the 48-year-old victim, according to court records. They later asked her to do the same for the other victim, but she reportedly turned down the offer. Harris pleaded not guilty to the charges last week, and Fire Capt. Randy Chandler's initial court appearance is pending. Court records show that each firefighter admitted, to some degree, to mistreating the men, including feeding one dog food, locking one in a closet, stranding one on the fire station's roof and making one beg for beer on his knees:

[http://www.shreveporttimes.com/article/20130905/NEWS03/309050012/Culture-of-abuse-at-station?nclick\\_check=1](http://www.shreveporttimes.com/article/20130905/NEWS03/309050012/Culture-of-abuse-at-station?nclick_check=1)

A motorcyclist struck by a San Francisco (CA) fire truck driven by an allegedly drunken firefighter has filed a claim for damages, saying he ran up nearly half a million dollars in medical bills while being hospitalized for more than a month. Jack Frazier, 49, suffered a collapsed lung, neck and back injuries, and fractured ribs and other broken bones when the ladder truck driven by firefighter Michael Quinn went through a red light at Fifth and Howard streets late June 29 and hit his motorcycle. Frazier was hurled into a fire hydrant. He was hospitalized for more than a month at a cost of more than \$461,000, according to the claim his lawyer lodged with the city this week. Quinn and other firefighters from Station 1 on Howard Street were responding to what turned out to be a false alarm. Fire Department officials say the ladder truck's siren and red lights were on, but department rules require even rigs responding to emergencies to wait until an intersection is clear before driving through them. Quinn allegedly left the crash scene and did not turn up at Station 1 for several hours. He was arrested on suspicion of drunken driving and hit-and-run, but has yet to be charged. Police investigating the case obtained security-camera footage that shows Quinn guzzling water at the Chieftain Irish Pub at Fifth and Howard early June 30 before returning to the station, according to sources with knowledge of the case. At least one firefighter spoke to Quinn in the bar, sources say. After he showed up at Station 1, Quinn's blood alcohol level was measured at 0.13 percent, above the legal limit for driving of 0.08 percent, said the sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the police investigation is continuing. The SFFD has a zero-tolerance policy for drinking on duty. Quinn, a 23-year veteran of the department, is on unpaid leave. SFFD supervisors have accused him of 13 counts of misconduct, including unsafe operation of a vehicle, disobeying an order, drunkenness and entering a bar on duty:

<http://www.sfgate.com/crime/article/Man-badly-hurt-by-SF-fire-truck-files-claim-4813523.php>

On Thanksgiving in 2008, a 16-year-old Leland High School girl took a "cookie pie" to San Jose (CA Fire Station 28 to thank the firefighters for their service. During that visit, she met a 35-year-old firefighter, Grant Seibert. Thus began one of the thorniest of the city's personnel cases. Seibert took the girl's photo and started exchanging emails with her. He insisted that he thought she was 18. On Dec. 15, 2008, after she complained about a hurt elbow, he sent her an overtly sexual email, describing a paramedic fantasy of how he would examine and probe her. When the girl's father discovered the email, he was enraged and went to the firehouse. City officials decided Seibert had crossed the line and fired him. He took his case to court, enlisting another firefighter who said the girl had claimed to be 18 -- as well as a captain who said the girl and her friends appeared to be in their late teens or early 20s:

[http://www.mercurynews.com/ci\\_24100084/fired-over-sexual-email-teen-san-jose-firefighter](http://www.mercurynews.com/ci_24100084/fired-over-sexual-email-teen-san-jose-firefighter)

Three Toronto (ON) firefighters have become the latest fire service cyber-casualties, terminated over tweets their fire chief said violated city policy. Matt Bowman, Lawaun Edwards, and a third firefighter whose identify has not been released were terminated today over posts that were made on Twitter last August. Bowman and Edwards had been suspended with pay while the department investigation proceeded. According to news reports the offending tweets included: "Reject a woman and she will never let it go. One of the many defects of their kind. Also weak arms." "Would swat her in the back of the head been considered abuse or a way to reset the brain?" Toronto Fire Chief Jim Sales referred to the comments as "not in any way acceptable for city employees and will not be condoned by Toronto Fire Services or the City of Toronto:

<http://firelawblog.com/2013/09/toronto-fire-terminates-three-for-reposting-south-park-comments/>

FROM NEW YORK'S HUDSON RIVER VALLEY comes word that Coldenham Fire Chief Michael Yannantuono has been arrested and charged with forcibly touching the female president of the fire company. The *Times Herald-Record* tells us: The misdemeanor charge was filed Aug. 27, after the chief allegedly groped the woman earlier in the month during a wake at DiDonato Funeral Home that was attended by a number of Coldenham fire company members. Colleen Stratton-Space, the Coldenham president, said that while the chief was behind her in the receiving line, "he groped the back of my leg up to my buttocks. I left immediately," Stratton-Space said. "I was mortified." In the months prior to that incident, she said the chief had "been acting a little funny" toward her, including making sexually suggestive comments. She said she had complained about those to Coldenham's board of fire commissioners and someone had spoken to Yannantuono and told him to stop:

<http://firegeezzer.com/2013/09/12/promotional-opportunities-115/>

THE FORMER FIRE CHIEF OF Webster, New Hampshire, has been charged with six counts of unlawful wiretapping and another six counts of photographing unsuspecting nude persons. Colin Colby, 52, was arrested after a female employee at his place of business found a video camera designed to look like a pen in the women's bathroom aimed at a toilet:

<http://firegeezzer.com/2013/09/09/promotional-opportunities-114/>

A BUNCOMBE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, fire chief has been dismissed from his job following a DUI charge against him on August 28. Tim Rayburn, 57, had served as fire chief for the Enka-Chandler Fire and Rescue Department since 2010 after being hired in 2008. Previously he had been fire chief of Black Mountain Fire Department where he had worked for 30 years before retiring. Rayburn was also currently serving as Vice Mayor and Alderman for the Black Mountain city council, however he voluntarily resigned both positions shortly after his arrest: <http://firegeezzer.com/2013/09/08/promotional-opportunities-113/>

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**General Fire Service Related Items:**

What's it like to be a firefighter? When you're the fire chief in a city the size of Phoenix (AZ), you have a lot of responsibilities and hundreds of firefighters that look to you for leadership. But this time, the Chief goes back to his days as just one of the guys on a truck so that he can answer the question, "What's it like to pull a dead child out of a swimming pool?"

<http://www.ktar.com/59/1655138/Whats-it-like-to-be-a-firefighter-VIDEO>

After 62 years of service, Mariposa's (CA) volunteer fire department is on the brink of being extinguished — for lack of volunteers. Just six people remain to provide fire protection to this tiny, historic town. One of them — Fire Chief James Dulcich — wants to step down, although

he plans to remain with the department. Spokesman Dennis Buck said the problem is primarily a lack of personnel, not funding. The department has several well-equipped fire trucks. And because it's a volunteer department, costs are relatively low compared with fire protection agencies with full-time, paid staff. There are alternatives, he said, such as contracting for fire protection service with outside agencies, but that would be far more costly for residents. "One way or another," he said, "people will pay more for it."

<http://www.fresnobee.com/2013/08/10/3434662/with-few-volunteers-mariposas.html>

More than 1,600 applications were turned in this week from job seekers hoping to be selected to fill 15 new Glendale (CA) firefighter positions. The city began accepting online submissions on Monday and has accumulated a mass of applicants from California as well as other states, according to Aymee Martin, human resources administrator. Job hopefuls still have until Aug. 16 to apply. The Los Angeles City Fire Department received more than 13,000 applications last year to fill 350 firefighter positions over the next two years. Nine firefighters were recently hired by the Burbank Fire Department, but 3,500 job seekers applied in October 2010 to take a written exam, according to Fire Chief Tom Lenahan. The fire department is looking for recruits who are willing to provide community service and have exemplary ethics. After applying, job seekers must take a written exam, which will likely be given in September. The application process includes a background investigation, credit check and polygraph test, as well as written, oral and performance exams: [http://articles.glendalenewspress.com/2013-08-09/news/tn-gnp-glendale-firefighter-applications-pour-in-20130809\\_1\\_firefighter-positions-application-process](http://articles.glendalenewspress.com/2013-08-09/news/tn-gnp-glendale-firefighter-applications-pour-in-20130809_1_firefighter-positions-application-process)

Tucson (AZ) Fire Department began a new program to help alleviate the emergency call load in its busiest part of town. The new Rescue 8 response truck is a pickup truck staffed by an EMT and a paramedic, said Rob Rodriguez, TFD deputy chief of operations. "They handle the less acute emergency medical calls, though they can and do respond to the higher-acuity calls, such as difficulty breathing, chest pain, overdoses and so forth." Rescue 8 is housed at the TFD's station eight, located near Prince Road and Oracle Road. "The response model is a bit complicated, but basically we send Rescue 8 if they're closer than other advanced life support units, known as paramedic ambulances," Rodriguez said. "For those calls requiring ALS skills, the rescue truck is not sent in lieu of the medic ambulance but in addition to it. The underlying response concept is to send the closest appropriate unit for the emergency at hand." On average the Rescue 8 truck responds to ten calls a day: <https://news.azpm.org/p/arizona-news/2013/9/11/26734-tucson-fires-new-rescue-unite-saves-resources/>

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***Please make every day a learning opportunity and train like your life depends on it – because it does!***

Also, thanks to everyone for your continued support over the years. You may not agree with all of the information contained within these newsletters, but remember why the information is being included: to better prepare you for a career in the fire service, to prepare you for promoting in the fire service, and to just keep you up-to-date with what is going on in your fire service. Even more important than that, this information will hopefully keep you safe and may just save your life or the life of a brother or sister firefighter! Take care and don't just stay safe – make it safe!

***Steve Prziborowski***, Editor / Publisher – Chabot College Fire & EMS News

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