



# ***FIRE & EMS NEWS***

**April 20, 2010**

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**W**elcome to the latest issue of the Chabot College Fire & EMS News!

**T**his latest issue is jam packed with fire service news stories, training opportunities, training and safety information, volunteer opportunities 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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## **FIRE SERVICE INFORMATION FOR CURRENT & FUTURE FIREFIGHTERS OF ALL RANKS:**

### **Livermore-Pleasanton Firefighters Foundation**

and

**WENTE**  
VINEYARDS



***2<sup>nd</sup> Annual***

## **HOOK AND LADDER RUN**

***Sunday, June 6, 2010***  
***5K RUN/WALK, 10K RUN***  
***AND KIDS ONE-MILE FUN RUN***

**Press Release:**

The Livermore-Pleasanton Firefighters foundation will be Hosting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Hook and Ladder Run this Sunday, June 6, 2010 at Wente Vineyards (5050 Arroyo Rd. Livermore, CA 94550). There will be a 5K run/walk, 10K run and a kids 1 mile fun run. The event benefits

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the Livermore-Pleasanton Firefighters Foundation which is a non-profit 501 (c) 3 that supports: Injured and Fallen Firefighters, the Burn Foundation and Local Charities in the Tri-Valley. Registration is \$35.00 for the 5 or 10K and \$15.00 for the kids 1 mile fun run and will begin at 6:30 a. m. Both the 5 and 10K will start at 8 a. m. The kids 1 mile run will start about 9:30 a. m. The 5K is a run/walk that is 50% paved and 50% dirt road and is stroller friendly. The 10K is 90% dirt road and 10% paved road. Strollers are not allowed in the 10K. Both runs travel through Sycamore Grove Park and are very flat with only one hill on the 10K. The Kid's One-Mile Fun Run (for ages 12 & under) will take place at Wente Vineyards. No dogs. Awards will be given 3 deep in each age group (M & F) 12 and under, 13-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60+. Special prizes for overall top 3 Male and Female race winners 5K and 10K run. Water and refreshments will be provided at the end of the race. Wente Vineyards will have additional food and wine tasting for purchase. No picnicking. Many of the event sponsors will have booths and all participants receive a tee shirt and gift bag. The event is very family oriented and attendance is expected to be 800 to 1000 participants.

Event website: [www.onyourmarkevents.com](http://www.onyourmarkevents.com)

You can also register here online until Thursday.

Thank you,

Matt Thau  
Firefighter and Foundation Director  
Livermore-Pleasanton Firefighter Foundation

The Livermore-Pleasanton Firefighter Foundation is a 501(c) 3 with a tax ID number of: 26-1572487

**Registration Form:**

**Start Time:** 8 a.m. (Registration/check-in: 6:30 a.m.)

**Place:** Wente Vineyards - 5050 Arroyo Rd, Livermore, CA 94550

**Benefits:** The Livermore-Pleasanton Firefighters Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)3 that supports: Injured and Fallen Firefighters, Burn Foundation and Local Charities in the Tri Valley.

**Course:** The 5K is a run/walk that is 50% paved and 50% dirt road and is stroller friendly. The 10K is 90% dirt road and 10% paved road. Strollers are not allowed in the 10K. Both runs travel through Sycamore Grove Park and are very flat with only one hill on the 10K. The Kid's 1 Mile Fun Run (for ages 12 & under) will take place at Wente Vineyards at about 9:30 a.m. No dogs.

**Send to:** "On Your Mark" P.O. Box 1199 Arnold, CA 95223 - Make checks payable to:  
**Livermore-Pleasanton Firefighters Foundation (LPFF)**

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**Bib Pickup:** Those who have sent in registration forms that are POSTMARKED no later than May 26, 2010 (or registered online by May 31, 2010) may pick up their race packet and T-shirt at Fleet Feet Sports, 310 Main Street, Pleasanton Friday June 4<sup>th</sup> till Sat at noon. Final mail-in registration must be postmarked by June 1<sup>st</sup>, final online registration will close at midnight on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. After these dates registration will only be available on race day.

**Awards:** 3 deep in each age group (M & F) 12 and under, 13-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60+ (Special prizes for top 3 Male and Female race winners 5K AND 10K RUN)

Water and refreshments will be provided at the end of the race. Wente Vineyards will have additional food and wine tasting for purchase. No picnicking.

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**T-Shirt:** S - M - L - XL – XXL (Pre-Registered receive shirt prior to start).

**Select Event**

5K RUN/WALK \$30 Pre-Registered prior to June 3<sup>rd</sup> (\$35 thereafter and race day) \_\_\_\_\_  
10K RUN \$30 Pre-Registered prior to June 3<sup>rd</sup> (\$35 thereafter and race day) \_\_\_\_\_  
1-MILE KIDS RUN \$10 Pre-Registered prior to June 3<sup>rd</sup> (\$15 thereafter and race day) \_\_\_\_\_

WAIVERS SIGNED AT PACKET PICKUP OR RACE DAY  
Additional forms or register online at [www.onyourmarkevents.com](http://www.onyourmarkevents.com)

**FIRE SERVICE TRAINING OPPORTUNITY:**

**Firenuggets.com**

PRESENTS

**H**ere are a number of fire service seminars being offered by FireNuggets.com in 2010 – sign up now as they will surely sell out and be very popular! For more information, go to their website at [www.firenuggets.com](http://www.firenuggets.com)

**Seminar #1:**

**Thursday, May 6, 2010** — "The Station Fire: An Incident Commander's Perspective":  
**Presented by Deputy Chief Mike Bryant, Los Angeles County Fire Department**

What started out on August 26, 2009 as a 10-acre brush fire in the Angeles National Forest above the City of La Canada rapidly turned into the largest fire ever recorded in the history of

Los Angeles County and the tenth largest in California history. Deputy Chief Bryant was one of the Unified Incident Commanders on the Station Fire. His presentation will be in two parts. Part one will include an overview of the command challenges and accomplishments throughout the Station Incident. Part two will include an overview of the events leading up to the sad and tragic deaths of two Los Angeles County firefighters while performing fire fighting operations at Fire Camp 16.

For details on this seminar, go to: <http://www.firenuggets.com/seminarbaypro10.htm>

**Seminar #2:**

**Thursday, November 4, 2010** — "Fireground Responsibility" and "Leadership Lessons for the Fire Service": Presented by Battalion Chief John Salka, Fire Department, City of New York

"Fireground Responsibility": This is a program that examines a firefighter line-of-duty death and the investigation and report that followed. Several important contributing factors were uncovered and are common factors in many firefighter fatalities. Chief Salka takes a look at the fire, the strategy and the tactics that were employed at this fire as well as the contributing factors. Each of the items that played a role in the fatality are examined and discussed and suggestions result that may prevent future fatalities on the fireground.

"Leadership Lessons for the Fire Service": This is a dynamic program that illustrates the importance of effective leadership in the fire service. There are many different elements that make leadership a powerful force in any organization and the fire service is no exception. Chief Salka will discuss Integrity, Inspiration, Innovation, Intensity and several other aspects of the effective and successful fire service leader. Whether you are an aspiring company officer or a chief, you will find this to be an inspiring and motivating program

For details on this seminar, go to: <http://www.firenuggets.com/seminarbaypro10.htm>

**NOTE:** All of the above seminars are going to be held at:

**Carr Convention Center** - 4400 Rosewood Drive - Pleasanton, CA 94588

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

**Focus on Fire Safety: Living in the Wildland Environment**

*April 2010*

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More and more people are making their homes in woodland settings, rural areas, or remote mountain sites. There, residents enjoy the beauty of the environment but face the very real danger of wild fire. Wildfires often begin unnoticed. They can be ignited by the careless tossing of a cigarette, an unattended campfire or from natural causes like lightning. They

spread quickly igniting brush, trees, and homes. Each year fire burns millions of acres of woodland across the United States. We can better live with the land by learning about the natural areas we inhabit and what we can do to reduce the risk of loss if wildfire occurs. **Homes that survive almost always do so because their owners had prepared for the eventuality of fire.** In a wildfire, every second counts! [Learn More »](#)

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## **EVERYONE GOES HOME NEWS ALERT:**

Media  
CENTER

# FIREFIGHTER LIFE SAFETY LEARNING

Everyone Goes Home® Learning Media Center E-Alert - March 30, 2010



Expectation that "Situational Awareness" is a requirement on the fire ground.

This Month's Feature  
[Situational Awareness](#)

This segment focuses on a firefighter's ability to perceive and understand what is going on around them - situational awareness. This applies not only to operating safely on the fireground, but also to health and wellness, apparatus operation, and seatbelt use.

» [Click Here to View This Media Clip](#)

» Archive: [More Firefighter Life Safety Learning Media](#)



The *Everyone Goes Home*® Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives Program is made possible through the efforts of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, with funding provided by the Department of Homeland Security, Assistance to Firefighters Grant and the generosity of Fireman's Fund Insurance Company.

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» For More Information Visit: [www.everyonegoeshome.com](http://www.everyonegoeshome.com)

## **TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES AT THE NATIONAL FIRE ACADEMY:**

**Reminder!** The National Fire Academy will begin accepting applications for the first semester FY2011 on April 15. The first semester includes classes that begin October 1, 2010 through March 31, 2011.

**Wondering what classes are being offered and when?** Check out the course schedule online a couple different ways:

- Download the 2010-2011 National Fire Academy Course Schedule in its entirety by accessing: <http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/nfa/catalog/index.shtm>
- Search by curriculum area, delivery type, and/or date range at: <http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/applications/nfacourses/catalog/advanced>

**What's it cost you ask?** There are no tuition fees for NFA courses. All instruction and course materials are provided at no cost. Transportation costs and lodging for students who represent career or volunteer fire departments, rescue squads, or State/local governments attending on-campus courses are currently provided as part of funding under the student stipend reimbursement program.

**Applying is easy!** Follow the How to Apply information provided at: <http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/nfa/about/attend/apply.shtm>. Resident courses require the 2-page FEMA Form 75-5 application which is available for download at this site. While you are on that page be sure to read over the "8 Tips for Completing a Successful NFA Application" for helpful hints!

Application deadline is June 15. Don't wait! Get your application in today!

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## **PROMOTIONAL PREPARATION COURSES:**

**B**y popular demand, I have scheduled more **promotional preparation courses** over the next few months! It's never too early to start preparing for your next promotional exam!

### **Next Scheduled Classes:**

- Tuesday **June 8** and Wednesday **June 9, 2010** – Milpitas, CA
- Monday **October 4** and Tuesday **October 5** and Wednesday **October 6, 2010** – San Ramon, CA

***Class size is limited, so register early!***

# How To Excel At Fire Service Promotional Exams!

- Tired of not getting promoted off of your last fire service promotional examination?
- Preparing for an upcoming promotional process?
- Want to do so well you won't have to take the promotional examination again?
- Then this class is for you!

## TOPICS TO BE COVERED INCLUDE:

- So you want to promote in the fire service? An overview of what to expect & prepare for.
- 11 steps for success in the promotional process.
- Creating a value-added promotional resume!
- What to expect on the written test
- Ace your promotional interview!
- Personnel counseling problems
- In-Baskets / Writing Exercises
- Teaching demonstrations / oral presentations
- How to smoke the emergency simulation portion of the assessment center!
- ICS, Strategy and tactics review
- Preparing for the position, not just the test
- Going from just checking the box to understanding what you're doing
- Managing the incident, from beginning to end
- Simulator practice and critiquing on various types of incidents, including: Structure fires (residential, high-rise, commercial, apartment, etc.), Wildland fires, Mass-Casualty Incidents, & Haz Mat Incidents.

**Instructor:** Steve Prziborowski, Battalion Chief and Master Instructor. Steve was recently named as the 2008 California Fire Instructor of the Year and has coached and mentored numerous personnel to get promoted or hired in the fire service.

**To Register:** Go to [www.code3firetraining.com](http://www.code3firetraining.com) for secure payment with Pay Pal, and most major credit cards. Or, if paying by Cashier's Check, Money Order, or Personal Check, email me at [sprziborowski@aol.com](mailto:sprziborowski@aol.com) for more information.

**More Info:** Contact Steve Prziborowski, 408-205-9006 or [sprziborowski@aol.com](mailto:sprziborowski@aol.com) - Also, visit my websites at [www.chabotfire.com](http://www.chabotfire.com) and [www.code3firetraining.com](http://www.code3firetraining.com) for more information to assist you with your next promotional examination or career development needs!

Class Details:

<b>Milpitas, CA</b>	
<b>Dates:</b>	Tuesday <b>June 8</b> <u>and</u> Wednesday <b>June 9, 2010</b>
<b>Location:</b>	<b>Milpitas Fire Department Headquarters Classroom</b> 777 Main Street Milpitas, CA 95035
<b>Time of class:</b>	0900 to 1700 hours each day
<b>Cost:</b>	\$220.00 for the two-day session

**- AND -**

<b>San Ramon, CA</b>	
<b>Dates:</b>	Monday <b>October 4</b> <u>and</u> Tuesday <b>October 5</b> <u>and</u> Wednesday <b>October 6, 2010</b>
<b>Location:</b>	<b>San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District Administration Classroom</b> 1500 Bollinger Canyon Road San Ramon, CA 94583
<b>Time of class:</b>	0900 to 1700 hours each day
<b>Cost:</b>	\$330.00 for the three-day session

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**FIRE SERVICE TRAINING OPPORTUNITY:**

***CALM THE CHAOS!***  
***MASTERING FIREGROUND COMMAND***

**2-DAY SIMULATION WORKSHOP**

TODAY'S FIREGROUND SHOULD BE A CALM AND ORCHESTRATED EVENT, BUT OFTEN IT IS NOT!

FEWER FIRES, MASS ATTRITION, AND LITTLE OR NO COMMAND TRAINING HAVE CREATED AN ERA IN TODAY'S FIRE SERVICE WHERE THE SIMPLE "BREAD AND BUTTER" HOUSE FIRE IS A SENTINEL EVENT.

**THE NIOSH TOP 5 LINE OF DUTY DEATH CAUSES ON THE FIREGROUND SURROUND SIZE UP, COMMAND, COMMUNICATIONS, ACCOUNTABILITY AND SOP'S.**

PARTICIPATE IN SIMULATIONS FOR HOUSE FIRES, GARDEN/CENTER HALL APARTMENTS, COMMERCIAL, HIGHRISE, WILDLAND, MCI, HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENTS AND REVIEW ACTUAL INCIDENTS TO GET ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS...

- HOW DO I SET CLEAR TACTICAL OBJECTIVES, HAVE CLEAR COMMUNICATIONS AND ESTABLISH COMMAND PRESENCE ON MY FIRES?
- HOW DO I CREATE A PERSONAL SYSTEM THAT BLENDS ALL OF MY CLASSES, CERTIFICATIONS, SOP'S, ICS, AND TACTICAL FUNDAMENTALS INTO A SIMPLE, STREET SMART AND EFFECTIVE WAY?
- WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SIZE UPS AND ARRIVAL REPORTS AND HOW DO I BECOME GREAT AT BOTH?
- WHAT ARE THE TRIGGER POINTS AND SAFETY ISSUES OF OFFENSIVE, DEFENSIVE AND COMBINATION STRATEGIES?
- WHAT ARE THE KEY POINTS TO RESCUE, EXPOSURES, CONFINEMENT, EXTINGUISHMENT, OVERHAUL, VENTILATION AND SALVAGE?
- HOW DO I REALLY USE ICS DAY-TO-DAY AND GET BEYOND "CHECKING THE BOXES"?
- HOW DO WE GET SOP'S/SOG'S WORKING IN MY DEPARTMENT?
- WHEN DO WE CALL AN AUDIBLE ON THE SOP'S?
- WHAT COULD HURT ME OR MY CREW TONIGHT?

THIS INTENSE, HANDS-ON AND INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP HITS THESE ISSUES HEAD ON AND WILL SIMPLIFY THE COMPONENTS OF TACTICS & STRATEGY, SOP'S AND ICS. WE SYNTHESIZE THESE 3 KEY INGREDIENTS TO HELP YOU DRASTICALLY IMPROVE THE WAY YOU COMMAND YOUR NEXT INCIDENT OR HANDLE YOUR UPCOMING ASSESSMENT CENTER! **DON'T BELIEVE THE LIE THAT YOU CANNOT PREPARE FOR THE TEST AND THE JOB AT THE SAME TIME. THE MILITARY, AIRLINES, AND NASA DO IT, AND IT'S ABOUT TIME THE FIRE SERVICE DID!**

**WHO SHOULD ATTEND?**

- ✓ **CURRENT OFFICERS WHO DESIRE TO DRAMATICALLY IMPROVE THEIR FIREGROUND COMMAND ABILITIES**
- ✓ **ASPIRING OFFICERS WHO DESIRE TO DEVELOP A SYSTEM FOR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE FOR THE ASSESSMENT CENTER TEST AND THE JOB**
- ✓ **TRAINING OFFICERS WHO DESIRE THE LATEST IN TACTICAL TRAINING**

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**JUNE 14 AND 15, 2010 – BERKELEY FIRE DEPARTMENT - \$250.00**  
**Go To [www.trainfirefighters.com](http://www.trainfirefighters.com) FOR ONLINE REGISTRATION**

## **FIREFIGHTER SAFETY INFORMATION:**



The banner features a circular logo on the left with a fire helmet and the text "LINE OF DUTY DEATH", "EVERYONE GOES HOME", "FIREFIGHTER", and "LIFE SAFETY INITIATIVES". To the right, the website "www.EveryoneGoesHome.com" is displayed above the main title "EVERYONE GOES HOME®" and "FIREFIGHTER LIFE SAFETY INITIATIVES".

[Safety, Health and Survival Week 2010:  
Fit for Duty](#)

March 22, 2010  
News Alert

The [International Association of Fire Chiefs](#) and the [International Association of Fire Fighters](#) announced the theme for the **2010 Safety, Health and Survival Week: Fit for Duty**.

[Safety, Health and Survival Week \(Safety Week\)](#) is a collaborative program sponsored by the IAFC and the IAFF, coordinated by the [IAFC Safety, Health and Survival Section](#) and the IAFF Division of Occupational Health, Safety and Medicine, in partnership with more than 20 national fire service organizations.

Fire departments are encouraged to suspend all non-emergency activity during Safety Week and instead focus entirely on safety, health and wellness-related training and education until all shifts and personnel have taken part. An entire week is provided to ensure each shift and duty crew can spend one day focusing on these critical issues.

» Read: [The Full Article on EveryoneGoesHome.com](#)



The logo of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, featuring a blue Maltese cross with a red rose in the center, surrounded by the text "NATIONAL FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS FOUNDATION®".

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The logo for the Department of Homeland Security, featuring the eagle emblem and the text "Homeland Security".



The logo for Fireman's Fund Insurance Company, featuring a red fire helmet and the text "Fireman's Fund Insurance Company". Below it, it says "A company of Allianz".

» For More Information Visit: [www.everyonegoeshome.com](http://www.everyonegoeshome.com)

## **FIRE SERVICE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:**

The Woodside Fire Protection District  
Invites Applications for: Firefighter Paramedic

**The Position:**

Under general supervision of a Fire Officer, responds to fire and other emergencies, including the protection of life, property, and environment. Assists in the maintenance of fire apparatus, fire stations, surrounding grounds, and various inspections. Performs other duties as required.

**Salary and Benefits:**

- Salary per month \$7,396.45- \$9,438.00.
- Medical plan including dental and vision coverage for employee, spouse, and dependent children.
- PERS Retirement program 3% @ 50.
- Vacation, holiday, and sick leave benefits.

**Minimum Qualifications:**

- Must be 18 years of age or older and have graduated from high school or equivalent.
- ***Must possess and maintain a California State Paramedic License at time of job offer.***
- Must possess and maintain a valid class "C" State of California Driver's License.
- Must possess a current CPAT card.

**Application Process:**

An official Woodside Fire Protection District employment application and resume must be submitted to:

**Woodside Fire Protection District  
Attn: Battalion Chief Kevin Butler  
3111 Woodside Road  
Woodside, CA 94062  
650-423-1126**

- Applications are available at the above address and online at the WFPD website, [www.woodsidefire.org](http://www.woodsidefire.org).
- They are not available for distribution via email, U.S. Mail or fax.
- Based on an initial in-depth screening process, the 100 most qualified applicants will be invited to participate in a written test.
- **Application Deadline – 5pm Friday May 7, 2010**
- **No late applications or certifications will be accepted.**
- **Woodside Fire Protection District is an Equal Opportunity Employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, disability, sex, age, national origin, or sexual orientation.**

**F**or more information about the **City of Woodside**, visit their website at:  
[www.woodsidetown.org](http://www.woodsidetown.org)

**F**or more information about the **Woodside Fire Protection District**, visit their website at:  
[www.woodsidefire.org](http://www.woodsidefire.org)

# **FIRE SERVICE INFO FROM THE NATIONAL FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION:**



## [2010 National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Golf Tournaments](#)

In 2004, the first National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Golf Tournament was held to raise awareness and to help sustain the programs of the [National Fallen Firefighters Foundation](#). The Foundation, was created by the United States Congress to lead a nationwide effort to remember America's fallen firefighters. Since 1992, the nonprofit foundation has developed and expanded programs to honor fallen fire heroes and assist their families and coworkers.

Now in its seventh year, the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Golf Tournament has grown to include over 45 regional golf tournaments held across the country on behalf of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation. These tournaments will help the Foundation continue to support the families and co-workers of fallen firefighters.

In 2009, 32 U.S regional tournaments raised over \$236,000 in support of National Fallen Firefighters Foundation programs!



**We Need Your Help - Support the Families  
of Our Fallen Firefighters.**

View Our 2010 Regional Tournament Sites: [By State](#) | [By Date](#)  
Visit: [golf.firehero.org](http://golf.firehero.org)

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

The Candidate Physical Ability Test (CPAT) is a must have for any person planning on becoming a firefighter. More and more departments are requiring a candidate to possess a CPAT completion card (no older than one year) just to apply for their department. If you do not possess a current CPAT, you do not pass go, you do not collect two hundred dollars, and you miss out on the opportunity to compete for a firefighter position at many departments. The CPAT does not guarantee that you will be a successful firefighter.

Successfully passing the CPAT means that you should be able to enter a firefighter academy at a reasonable level of fitness appropriate to the job. I encourage you to learn more about the CPAT, and also look into having this certificate on your resume. Trust me, this may be an eye-opener for some – many of you will not pass it the first time. Make sure you take advantage of the orientation and practice sessions and learn where your weak spots are so you can focus on those areas.

### **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

To see the **available dates** to take the CPAT at any of the above three locations, visit their website at [www.cpatonline.org](http://www.cpatonline.org)

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## **FIRE SERVICE PROMOTIONAL PREPARATION CLASSES BY ANDONI KASTROS:**



## **MASTERING THE FIRE SERVICE ASSESSMENT CENTER**

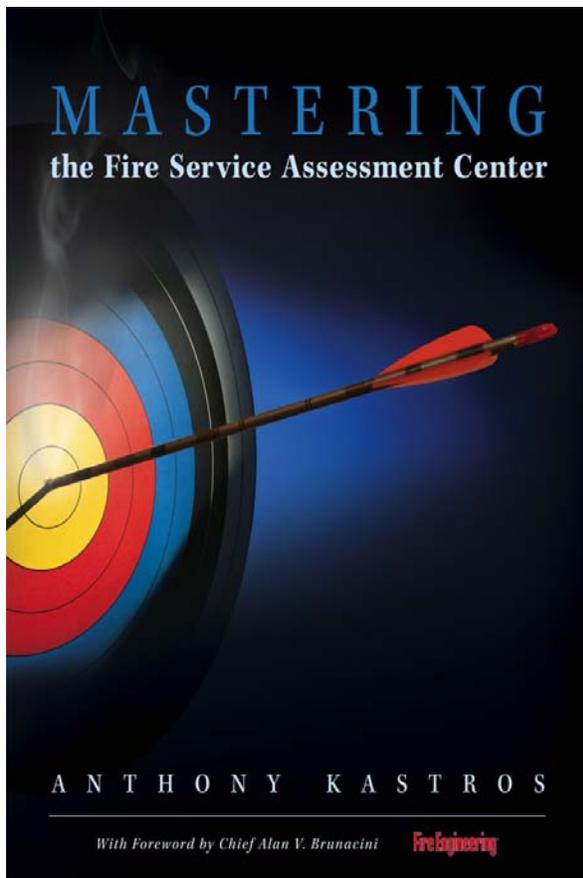
4-DAY WORKSHOP

INSTRUCTOR: ANTHONY KASTROS, AUTHOR OF

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

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- 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*

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**MAY 4 - 7, 2010 - BERKELEY, CA  
MAY 18 - 21, 2010 - ANAHEIM, CA.  
JUNE 7 - 10, 2010 - EL DORADO HILLS, CA  
\$495.00\***

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CLASS SIZE LIMITED TO DUE TO DEPTH OF INSTRUCTION**

# EVERYONE GOES HOME FIREFIGHTER SAFETY NEWSLETTER:



March 2010  
E-Newsletter

## [New! Everyone Goes Home® Video Newsletter](#)

We're excited to introduce this new video component on the Everyone Goes Home® Newsletter. The Everyone Goes Home® Video Newsletter will feature program news and resources that relate to preventing firefighter line-of-duty deaths.

## [Together We Can!](#)

With snow piles lining the perimeter of the beautiful landscape at the National Fire Academy (NFA) in Emmitsburg, Maryland, and the sun high above shining on three beautiful days (March 5-7, 2010), firefighters and fire-related personnel from all over the nation gathered to attend the *Everyone Goes Home®* Safety Summit. This was the second consecutive year that saw an increase in attendance for the Safety Summit.

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## **EMS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AROUND THE BAY AREA:**

The **San Francisco Paramedic Association** is looking for volunteers for the following upcoming EMS related classes:

**- Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support Classes - Volunteers Needed -**

<b>Dates / Locations / Times:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Wednesday <b>April 21, 2010</b> from 1200 to 1700 hours (<a href="#">Berkeley, CA</a>)</li> <li>- Thursday <b>April 22, 2010</b> from 1200 to 1700 hours (<a href="#">Berkeley, CA</a>)</li> <li>- Tuesday <b>May 18, 2010</b> from 1200 to 1700 hours (<a href="#">Berkeley, CA</a>)</li> <li>- Wednesday <b>May 19, 2010</b> from 1200 to 1700 hours (<a href="#">Berkeley, CA</a>)</li> <li>- Tuesday <b>June 15, 2010</b> from 1200 to 1700 hours (<a href="#">Sausalito, CA</a>)</li> <li>- Wednesday <b>June 16, 2010</b> from 1200 to 1700 hours (<a href="#">Sausalito, CA</a>)</li> </ul> <p align="center">**Go to their website at <a href="http://www.sfparamedics.org">www.sfparamedics.org</a> and click on Volunteer Info (under About) to confirm the above dates and times and to register as a volunteer.</p>
<b>You will receive:</b>	Valuable experience watching paramedic level (or higher) students perform patient assessments. Learn from their plusses and minuses. You will also receive a free San Francisco Paramedic Association t-shirt.
<b>Your role:</b>	As a volunteer, you will be moulaged and designated to role-play a victim of a trauma emergency scenario. Please wear loose, old, comfortable clothing, as you may be on the floor for some scenarios.
<b>To register / More information:</b>	Call the San Francisco Paramedic Association for more information at (415) 543-1161 (tell them Steve at Chabot sent you) or visit their website section on volunteer opportunities at <a href="http://www.sfparamedics.org/pages/about/volunteer.php">www.sfparamedics.org/pages/about/volunteer.php</a>

**- Advanced Medical Life Support Classes: Volunteers Needed**

<b>Dates / Locations / Times:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Monday <b>May 10, 2010</b> from 1230 to 1700 hours (San Francisco, CA)</li> <li>- Tuesday <b>May 11, 2010</b> from 1030 to 1700 hours (San Francisco, CA)</li> </ul> <p align="center">**Go to their website at <a href="http://www.sfparamedics.org">www.sfparamedics.org</a> and click on Volunteer Info (under About) to confirm the above dates and times and to register as a volunteer.</p>
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## **FIRE SERVICE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES:**

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

### **Firehouse Expo – Baltimore, MD**

July 20 through 25, 2010

Go to [www.firehouseexpo.com](http://www.firehouseexpo.com) for more information.

### **Fire Rescue International – Chicago, IL**

August 24 through 28, 2010

Go to [www.iafc.org/fri](http://www.iafc.org/fri) for more information.

### **Firehouse Central – Dallas, TX**

September 27 through October 1, 2010

Go to [www.firehousecentral.com](http://www.firehousecentral.com) for more information.

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## **LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRE SERVICE PUBLIC RELATIONS & INFORMATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES:**

Dear Friend of the LAFD,

Please pen these dates in your calendar now - and plan to join us for worthy causes and fun events!

### **Monday through Wednesday, April 19-21**

- Firefighters 'Fill The Boot' for MDA

<http://snurl.com/vktzi>

### **Wednesday, April 21**

- Denim Day in L.A.

<http://denimdayinla.org>

### **Thursday, April 22**

- Take Our Daughters & Sons To Work Day

<http://daughtersandsonstowork.org>

**Thursday, April 22**

- Earth Day 40th Anniversary  
<http://www.epa.gov/earthday>

**Saturday, April 24**

- March of Dimes, March for Babies in L.A.  
<http://marchforbabies.org>

**Sunday, May 2, 6:00 - 8:00 PM**

- LAFD Charity Bowling in Tarzana  
<http://lafra.org/events/lafd-bowling-benefit-corbin-bowl>

**Friday, May 7, 6:00PM - Midnight**

- Firefighter Night at Magic Mountain  
<http://lafra.org/events/magic-mountain-firefighter-private-party>

**Saturday, May 8, 10:00AM - 4:00PM**

- Fire Service Recognition Day - LAFD Citywide Open House  
<http://lafd.org/fsd.htm>

**Saturday, May 8, 9:00AM - 1:00PM**

- Pancake Breakfast at the LAFD Museum in Hollywood  
<http://snurl.com/vkun8>

**-Wednesday, May 12, 8:00AM - 4:00PM**

- Lane Kemper Softball Classic - San Fernando Valley  
<http://lafra.org/events/lane-kemper-softball-classic>

**Saturday, May 22, Time TBA**

- Los Angeles Heat Football vs LAPD Centurions in Los Angeles  
<http://losangelesheat.org/schedule.php>

**Thursday, June 3, 11:30AM - 2:30 PM**

- Hope For Firefighters in Los Angeles  
<http://hopeforfirefighters.org>

**Thursday, June 17, 11:00AM - 3:00PM**

- LAFD Retired Firefighters Luncheon  
<http://snurl.com/vkuyx>

**Monday, June 21, 7:00AM - 5:00PM**

- LAFD Historical Society Memorial Golf Tournament in Porter Ranch  
<http://lafdmuseum.org/2010-memorial-golf-tournament>

**Sunday, July 4**

- Public Fireworks Displays in and near Los Angeles  
<http://lafd.org/july4.htm>

**Saturday, July 24, Time TBA**

- American Heroes Airshow in Lakeview Terrace

<http://heroes-airshow.com/losangeles>

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Respectfully Yours in Safety and Service,

Brian Humphrey  
Firefighter/Specialist  
Public Service Officer  
Los Angeles Fire Department

LAFD Home Page: <http://lafd.org>

LAFD News Blog: <http://lafd.org/blog>

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**FIREFIGHTER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:**

**I**f 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.

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## **FIREFIGHTER FATALITY INFORMATION:**

**The United States Fire Administration (USFA) has received notice of the following firefighter fatalities:**

Name: Jeremy Bolick  
Rank: Firefighter  
Age: 23  
Gender: Male  
Status: Volunteer  
Years of Service: 2

Name: Tommy Wright  
Rank: Firefighter  
Age: 20  
Gender: Male  
Status: Volunteer  
Years of Service: <1

Date of Incident: 03/21/2010  
Time of Incident: Pending  
Date of Death: 03/21/2010  
Fire Department: Blowing Rock Fire Department  
Address: PO Box 570, 189 Park AVE, Blowing Rock, NC 28605  
Fire Department Chief: Dennis Bolick

**Incident Description:** Firefighters Bolick and Wright were returning home from fire department mandated training when the vehicle in which they were traveling was involved in a two vehicle collision. Both Bolick and Wright were killed and the cause of the accident is under investigation by the North Carolina State Police.

**Incident Location:** Pending

**Funeral Arrangements:** Pending

**Memorial Fund Contact and Address:** Pending

**Tribute** is being paid to Firefighter Jeremy Bolick and Firefighter Tommy Wright at <http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/fireservice/fatalities/>

To date, 17 firefighter fatalities have been reported to USFA in 2010; 16 from incidents that occurred in 2010 and 1 from a previous year incident. Year-to-date monthly and annual USFA firefighter fatality reports are posted online @ [http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/fireservice/fatalities/statistics/ff\\_stats.shtm](http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/fireservice/fatalities/statistics/ff_stats.shtm)

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Name: Brian Carey  
Rank: Firefighter  
Age: 28  
Gender: Male  
Status: Career  
Years of Service: <1  
Date of Incident: 03/30/2010  
Time of Incident: 2100hrs  
Date of Death: 03/30/2010  
Fire Department: Homewood Fire Department  
Address: 17950 Dixie HWY, Homewood, IL 60430-1732  
Fire Department Chief: Bob Grabowski

**Incident Description:** Firefighter Carey and one other firefighter were seriously injured while rescuing a husband and wife from a burning residential structure. Firefighter Carey died from his injuries and the second firefighter remains hospitalized with first and second degree burns. In addition, the husband died after being removed from the structure, while the wife was transported to the hospital with serious burn injuries.

**Incident Location:** 17622 Lincoln Ave, Homewood.

**Funeral Arrangements:** Pending

**Memorial Fund Contact and Address:** The Homewood Emergency Medical Fund, 17950 Dixie HWY, Homewood, IL 60430

**Tribute** is being paid to Firefighter Brian Carey at  
<http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/fireservice/fatalities/>

To date, 18 firefighter fatalities have been reported to USFA in 2010; 17 from incidents that occurred in 2010 and 1 from a previous year incident. Year-to-date monthly and annual USFA firefighter fatality reports are posted online @  
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**AND:**

Name: John P. Moore  
Rank: Firefighter/Paramedic  
Age: 56  
Gender: Male  
Status: Career  
Years of Service: 35  
Date of Incident: 03/29/2010  
Time of Incident: 1600hrs  
Date of Death: 03/29/2010  
Fire Department: Columbus Division of Fire  
Address: 3675 Parsons Avenue, Columbus, OH 43207

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Fire Department Chief: Ned Pettus, Jr.  
Fire Department Website: <http://fire.ci.columbus.oh.us/>

**Incident Description:** Firefighter Moore was assigned as a Paramedic Instructor at the Columbus Fire Division Training Academy. He was found unresponsive in his office from an apparent heart attack. Efforts to revive Firefighter Moore were unsuccessful.

**Incident Location:** Columbus Division of Fire Training Academy, 3639/3675 Parsons Ave., Columbus, OH 43207.

**Funeral Arrangements:** Tuesday, April 6, 2010 @ 1100 hrs, Veterans Memorial, 300 West Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43215.

**Memorial Fund Contact and Address:** Pending

**Tribute** is being paid to Firefighter John P. Moore at <http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/fireservice/fatalities/>

To date, 19 firefighter fatalities have been reported to USFA in 2010; 18 from incidents that occurred in 2010 and 1 from a previous year incident. Year-to-date monthly and annual USFA firefighter fatality reports are posted online @ [http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/fireservice/fatalities/statistics/ff\\_stats.shtm](http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/fireservice/fatalities/statistics/ff_stats.shtm)

**AND:**

Name: Edward Teare  
Rank: Lieutenant  
Age: 53  
Gender: Male  
Status: Career  
Years of Service: 30  
Date of Incident: 03/31/2010  
Time of Incident: 1400hrs  
Date of Death: 03/31/2010  
Fire Department: Independence Fire Department  
Address: 6305 Selig DR, Independence, OH 44131-4926  
Fire Department Chief: Peter Nelson  
Fire Department Website: <http://www.independenceohio.org/fire/index.html>

**Incident Description:** Lieutenant Teare complained of not feeling well after a training session, lied down and was found by crew members in cardiac arrest a short time later.

**Incident Location:** 6305 Selig DR, Independence, OH

**Funeral Arrangements:** Pending, updates at <http://www.independenceohio.org/fire/index.html>

**Memorial Fund Contact and Address:** In honor of Lieutenant Edward Teare, c/o Independence Fire Department, 6305 Selig DR, Independence, OH 44131-4926.

**Tribute** is being paid to Lieutenant Edward Teare at <http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/fireservice/fatalities/>

To date, 20 firefighter fatalities have been reported to USFA in 2010; 19 from incidents that occurred in 2010 and 1 from a previous year incident. Year-to-date monthly and annual USFA firefighter fatality reports are posted online @ [http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/fireservice/fatalities/statistics/ff\\_stats.shtm](http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/fireservice/fatalities/statistics/ff_stats.shtm)

**AND:**

Name: Dennis Robinson  
Rank: Captain  
Age: 61  
Gender: Male  
Status: Career  
Years of Service: 26  
Date of Incident: 03/30/2010  
Time of Incident: 1500hrs  
Date of Death: 03/31/2010  
Fire Department: Three Points Fire District  
Address: 11200 S Sierrita Mtn RD, B328, Tucson, AZ 85736-1434  
Fire Department Chief: John Williams  
Fire Department Website: [www.threepointsfire.org](http://www.threepointsfire.org)

**Incident Description:** A few hours after participating in roof ventilation training on the fire department's portable burn trailer, Captain Robinson fell ill at Three Point's Station 92. He was transported to Saint Mary's Hospital, but succumbed to his injury the following day. The nature of the fatal injury is still under investigation.

**Incident Location:** 11777 W Camino Lucido, Tucson, AZ 85735

**Funeral Arrangements:** Visitation Friday, April 2, 2010, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, April 3, 2010, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m., with Services 2:30 p.m. at EVERGREEN MORTUARY & CEMETERY, N. Oracle Rd & W. Miracle Mile, [www.evergreenmortuary-cemetery.com](http://www.evergreenmortuary-cemetery.com).

**Memorial Fund Contact and Address:** Memorials may be made to the Three Points Fire Department, 11200 S. Sierrita Mountain Rd., PMB 328, Tucson, AZ 85736 to the attention of Chief John Williams.

**Tribute** is being paid to Captain Dennis Robinson at <http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/fireservice/fatalities/>

To date, 21 firefighter fatalities have been reported to USFA in 2010; 20 from incidents that occurred in 2010 and 1 from a previous year incident. Year-to-date monthly and annual

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**AND:**

Name: Leo Powell  
Rank: Firefighter  
Age: 74  
Gender: Male  
Status: Volunteer  
Years of Service: 40+  
Date of Incident: 04/03/2010  
Time of Incident: 1200hrs  
Date of Death: 04/03/2010  
Fire Department: Morgan Township Volunteer Fire Department  
Address: 7106 Bear Creek RD, Lucasville, OH 45648-8944  
Fire Department Chief: Tim Phipps

**Incident Description:** At approximately 1200hrs on 04/03/2010, Firefighter Powell responded to a brush fire with the fire department. After clearing the scene, Powell collapsed at his residence at approximately 1500hrs from an apparent heart attack and could not be revived.

**Incident Location:** Pending

**Funeral Arrangements:** A memorial service including a Last Call service will be conducted at 2000hrs Thursday, April 8, 2010, at the Morgan Township Fire Department on Big Bear Creek. The family will receive friends from 1800-2000hrs at the fire department. Arrangements are under the direction of the McKinley Funeral Home in Lucasville.

**Memorial Fund Contact and Address:** Memorial contributions in honor of Firefighter and former Fire Chief Leo Powell may be made to the Morgan Township Volunteer Fire Department, 7106 Big Bear Creek Road, Lucasville, OH 45648.

**Tribute** is being paid to Firefighter Leo Powell at  
<http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/fireservice/fatalities/>

To date, 22 firefighter fatalities have been reported to USFA in 2010; 21 from incidents that occurred in 2010 and 1 from a previous year incident. Year-to-date monthly and annual USFA firefighter fatality reports are posted online @  
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**AND:**

Name: Donald E. Schaper  
Rank: Firefighter  
Age: 53  
Gender: Male

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Status: Volunteer  
Years of Service: Pending  
Date of Incident: 04/09/2010  
Time of Incident: Pending  
Date of Death: 04/09/2010  
Fire Department: Timber Knob Volunteer Fire Department  
Address: PO Box 132, Gainsville, MO 65655  
Fire Department Chief: Ruby Winslow

**Incident Description:** Firefighter Schaper responded to an Emergency request for aid for an unknown type of incident. Arriving at the scene in his personal vehicle, Schaper suffered an unknown medical emergency. Life saving efforts were provided by other responders on scene, and Firefighter Schaper was transported to Baxter Regional Hospital in Mountain Home Arkansas where he died.

**Incident Location:** Pending

**Funeral Arrangements:** Pending

**Memorial Fund Contact and Address:** Pending

**Tribute** is being paid to Firefighter Donald E. Schaper at <http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/fireservice/fatalities/>

To date, 23 firefighter fatalities have been reported to USFA in 2010; 22 from incidents that occurred in 2010 and 1 from a previous year incident. Year-to-date monthly and annual USFA firefighter fatality reports are posted online @ [http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/fireservice/fatalities/statistics/ff\\_stats.shtm](http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/fireservice/fatalities/statistics/ff_stats.shtm)

**AND:**

Name: Garrett Loomis  
Rank: Assistant Fire Chief  
Age: 26  
Gender: Male  
Status: Volunteer  
Years of Service: 8  
Date of Incident: 04/11/2010  
Time of Incident: Pending  
Date of Death: 04/11/2010  
Fire Department: Sackets Harbor Fire Department  
Address: PO Box 171, 112 N Broad ST, Sackets Harbor, NY 13685-0171  
Fire Department Chief: Stephen Sullivan

**Incident Description:** Assistant Fire Chief Loomis was among members of his fire department that had arrived on-scene of a reported silo fire. Loomis had climbed the silo to investigate the situation and was returning back down the ladder when the silo exploded.

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Assistant Fire Chief Loomis died from injuries sustained in the explosion. The incident remains under investigation.

**Incident Location:** 14471 County Rte 145, Sackets Harbor, NY 13685.

**Funeral Arrangements:** Pending

**Memorial Fund Contact and Address:** Pending

**Tribute** is being paid to Assistant Fire Chief Garrett Loomis at <http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/fireservice/fatalities/>

To date, 24 firefighter fatalities have been reported to USFA in 2010; 23 from incidents that occurred in 2010 and 1 from a previous year incident. Year-to-date monthly and annual USFA firefighter fatality reports are posted online @ [http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/fireservice/fatalities/statistics/ff\\_stats.shtm](http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/fireservice/fatalities/statistics/ff_stats.shtm)

**AND:**

Name:	Harold Reed, Sr.
Rank:	Captain
Age:	74
Gender:	Male
Status:	Volunteer
Years of Service:	47
Date of Incident:	04/11/2010
Time of Incident:	1555hrs
Date of Death:	04/11/2010
Fire Department:	Peru Fire District #3
Address:	PO Box 70, Peru, KS 67360
Fire Department Chief:	Rick Peel
Fire Department POC:	Rick Peel

**Incident Description:** While assisting at a rural brush fire, Captain Reed was overcome by smoke. He was treated and subsequently transported to the Sedan City Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries.

**Incident Location:** Road 22, South of 166, Peru, Kansas

**Funeral Arrangements:** Pending

**Memorial Fund Contact and Address:** Donations may be sent to the First National Bank, 101 West Main Street, Sedan, Kansas 67361.

**Tribute** is being paid to Captain Reed at <http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/fireservice/fatalities/>

To date, 25 firefighter fatalities have been reported to USFA in 2010; 24 from incidents that occurred in 2010 and 1 from a previous year incident. Year-to-date monthly and annual

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**AND:**

Name: Vincent Iaccino  
Rank: Captain  
Age: 65  
Gender: Male  
Status: Volunteer  
Years of Service: 22  
Date of Incident: 04/12/2010  
Time of Incident: 2030hrs  
Date of Death: 04/12/2010  
Fire Department: Roosevelt Fire District Engine Company #1  
Address: PO Box 394, Hyde Park, NY 12538  
Fire Department Chief: William Steenbergh  
Fire Department POC: William Steenbergh  
Fire Department Website: [www.rooseveltfire.com](http://www.rooseveltfire.com)

**Incident Description:** During a training exercise at the Dutchess County Fire Training Center, Captain Iaccino experienced severe chest pains. While en route, via ambulance, to a local hospital, he went into cardiac arrest and never regained consciousness.

**Incident Location:** Dutchess County Fire Training Center, Creek Road, Poughkeepsie, NY

**Funeral Arrangements:** Pending

**Memorial Fund Contact and Address:** Pending

**Tribute** is being paid to Captain Iaccino at <http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/fireservice/fatalities/>. To date, 26 firefighter fatalities have been reported to USFA in 2010; 25 from incidents that occurred in 2010 and 1 from a previous year incident. Year-to-date monthly and annual USFA firefighter fatality reports are posted online @ [http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/fireservice/fatalities/statistics/ff\\_stats.shtm](http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/fireservice/fatalities/statistics/ff_stats.shtm)

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USFA does not have a Line-of-Duty-Death (LODD) criterion nor does it make LODD determinations. "Please note, running totals of firefighter fatalities used on these initial notices do not necessarily reflect the number of firefighter fatalities used in totals for the (provisional) monthly year-to-date USFA firefighter fatality reports, or year-end (provisional) reports posted online at [www.usfa.dhs.gov/fireservice/fatalities/statistics/ff\\_stats.shtm](http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/fireservice/fatalities/statistics/ff_stats.shtm)

**Firefighter fatalities in USFA reports are summarized by date/year-of-incident. Initial notices posted online at <http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/fireservice/fatalities/> and distributed via USFA listserve do not represent the final on-duty firefighter fatality determination by USFA for such reports, nor LODD determination made by the National Fallen**

Firefighters Foundation ([www.firehero.org](http://www.firehero.org)) for names added each subsequent year to the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, MD, they are the beginning of a research process for each firefighter fatality reported so that such determinations can be made.

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**FIRE SERVICE SAFETY, TRAINING & NEWS**  
**STORIES TO LEARN FROM, COURTESY OF**  
**DEPUTY CHIEF BILLY GOLDFEDER & GORDON**  
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**MOSCOW, RUSSIA FIRE CHIEF KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY-ROOF COLLAPSE AT FIRE**

Moscow's Chief Fire Officer was killed in the Line of Duty Saturday as a serious fire ran through an office building in the area north of the Russian Capitol. The fire broke out in the four-story building at 1700 hours local time (Saturday) causing a partial roof collapse. The Chief of the Moscow Fire Department, Colonel Yevgeny Cheryshov was in the burning building to help coordinate and evacuate people inside, but was a victim of the roof collapse. His body was recovered from the top floor. The fire spread through a square kilometre of the city before fire crews brought it under control around 2200 hours. Around 400 Firefighters and 105 fire apparatus were operating. As always, our sincere condolences.

Take Care-BE CAREFUL.

BillyG

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**AND:**

Two Blowing Rock, NC firefighters died in a two-vehicle traffic collision Sunday afternoon on Hwy 221 in McDowell County. Jeremy and Tommy were two firefighters of the Blowing Rock Fire & Rescue who this weekend attended the McDowell Fire & Rescue College to further their firefighting skills necessary to serve the community here in Watauga County. Jeremy Bolick, 23 a resident of Blowing Rock, joined Blowing Rock Fire & Rescue in October of 2007 and was working on his Firefighter 1 certification. Tommy Wright, 20, of Blowing Rock, joined Blowing Rock fire & Rescue in September of 2009 and also was earning his Firefighter 1 certification. The details regarding the motor vehicle crash are under investigation by the North Carolina Highway Patrol. As always our sincere condolences to all affected. Take Care-BE CAREFUL.

BillyG

The Secret List 3-21-10 / 2125 hours

**AND:**

**LODD - FIREFIGHTER LODD FROM MORTAR ATTACK IN AFGANISTAN**

Firefighter Almir Bikovic at Bagram Air Base in Afaganistan was killed in the Line of Duty from a mortar attack on March 15, 2010. Firefighter Bikovic was a civilian firefighter at the base protecting the US Air Base. This incident brings to light the dangerous conditions the

firefighters serving our country overseas face on a daily basis. Our sincere condolences to all affected.

Take Care-BE CAREFUL

BillyG

The Secret List 3-22-10 / 1105 hours

**AND:**

Hey,

A Los Angeles City Firefighter is in the hospital after getting trapped under the water in a concrete aqueduct during a swift water rescue training session today. The 40-year-old FF was rescued by his colleagues near a filtration plant. The firefighter was conscious and breathing following the close call when as he was airlifted to a hospital and is expected to survive. Brian Humphrey, LAFD's PIO says all of their Firefighters go through the training at the plant to prepare for swift water rescues in the city's hundreds of miles of flood control channels. The Firefighters take turns rescuing each other and the man who was caught under water was one of the trainers running the exercise.

**IAFF AWARDS "FLAT PACK" PROTOTYPE TO MSA.**

**Leading the way build our next generation of SCBA, the IAFF, under contracts with DHS, has selected MSA to build the prototype of the new style "flat pack" self-contained breathing apparatus.**

The IAFF's next-generation SCBA prototype will rely on pressure-vessel technology, which promises to make fire fighting breathing apparatuses smaller, lighter and more efficient than SCBA currently in use. MSA was selected to build the prototype after an extensive solicitation process. "This is one of the most significant health and safety projects the IAFF has ever undertaken because this new SCBA technology will do more to protect the lives of fire fighters," IAFF General President Harold A. Schaitberger said.

The IAFF received more than \$2.7 million from the Department of Homeland Security's Science and Technology Directorate (DHS) to fund research and development of a next-generation SCBA. A fully-functional prototype SCBA that incorporates the new pressure-vessel technology is to be field tested in fire and law enforcement departments later this year.

Development of a prototype SCBA by MSA is expected to demonstrate the superiority of new pressure-vessel technology that would replace the single air cylinder design of conventional fire fighting breathing apparatuses. As part of its development efforts, the IAFF and DHS Science and Technology Directorate worked with Vulcore Industrial LLC to create the new pressure-vessel technology to make SCBA lighter with a greatly reduced profile when compared to current SCBA cylinders. The new technology, referred to as a "flat pack," uses a special high-temperature lining in place of conventional aluminum liners used in current SCBA cylinders. These linings are then braided with Kevlar and wound with pre-impregnated carbon fiber. The entire array is inside a soft, flexible cover, allowing the design to flex horizontally and vertically at the connection points.

"This is certainly an exciting endeavor for all of us at MSA," said William Lambert, MSA

president and CEO. "The IAFF has long been an advocate and leader in the effort to advance fire fighter health and safety, and now MSA has the unique opportunity to help support this mission in a very direct way. Needless to say, the opportunity to be involved in the development of revolutionary new SCBA technology - at a ground level with the IAFF - is a partnership of which we are most proud to be associated."

This first phase of this research and development effort involved extensive testing to support a request for a special permit from the U. S. Department of Transportation to gain clearance to use the technology in SCBA. Approval from the Transportation Department is expected within the next two months, enabling field testing of an SCBA prototype. The timeline for fire service availability is currently under development due to the need for cooperation from the many industry entities instrumental to the commercialization of this revolutionary technology.

**BOSTON APPARATUS CRASH LODD REPORT:**

On January 9, 2009, a 52-year-old Boston Fire Lieutenant Kevin Kelley died in the Line of Duty and three fire fighters were injured, when the ladder truck they were riding in failed to stop while traveling down a hill.

**Key contributing factors identified in this investigation include apparatus braking system deficiencies, deficiencies in the apparatus maintenance program, insufficient training for fire apparatus operators and fleet maintenance personnel, and failure to wear seat belts.**

HERE is the report: <http://www.cdc.gov/Niosh/fire/reports/face200905.html>

**DETROIT APPARATUS STRUCK BY TRAIN - WHAT THE TRAIN ENGINEER SAW:**

<http://firefighterclosecalls.com/fullstory.php?104202>

Take Care-BE CAREFUL.

BillyG

The Secret List 3-23-10 / 1854 Hours

**AND:**

**TENN. MEDICAL HELICOPTER CRASH RESULTS IN TRIPLE EMS LINE OF DUTY DEATH**

It is with regret that we advise you of the EMS Line of Duty Deaths of "Hospital Wing" Pilot Doug Phillips and flight nurses Cindy Parker and Misty Oakley Brogdon. Hospital Wing is a Memphis-based nonprofit air medical transport service. The crew was returning to Hospital Wing's base early yesterday in Brownsville after taking a patient from Parsons to Jackson when the helicopter crashed in the field east of the Haywood Industrial Park. National Transportation Safety Board investigators arrived at the scene late yesterday afternoon, but officials have not determined a cause of the crash. Rain and thunderstorms passed through West Tennessee around the time the helicopter went down only a few miles from its base.

One of the crew members had spoken with a dispatcher but lost contact a little before 0600 - the dispatcher immediately used GPS on the helicopter to locate the crash site and sent Fire and EMS out. At about the same time factory workers several miles from the crash site reported seeing a streak of lightning in the direction of the crash and then saw an orange

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fireball-the helicopter was burning when the first responders arrived. NTSB Vice Chairman Christopher Hart (and TSL member) said the helicopter was traveling 105 mph at the time of the crash and there was no evidence of structural failure. Hart said the crew left Jackson at 5:51 a.m. and the crash happened around 6 a.m.

Eight NTSB personnel arrived at the crash site Thursday afternoon to begin their investigation and held a brief news conference later in the evening. Hart said the board is concerned about a high number of medical helicopter crashes and conducted a 2006 study investigating more than 50 crashes. "We are very concerned about these accidents and are here in force today," Hart said. He said there have been four fatal medical accidents in the last six months.

Hart said it is too early to make a determination on what caused the crash, but investigators had recovered two devices at the crash site that may provide extensive information about what happened immediately before the crash. Personnel from the engine and helicopter manufacturers are expected to arrive today to aid in the investigation, as well as FAA officials. Hart said the goal of their investigation will be to provide guidelines in order to improve safety for medical helicopters. He said the team would likely remain in the area several days, but the final investigation might not be completed for a year. The NTSB has said the pressure crews face to respond quickly during difficult flight conditions, like darkness or bad weather, has led to increased fatal accidents. Last fall, the NTSB urged the government to impose stricter controls on emergency helicopter operators, including requiring the use of autopilots, night-vision systems and flight data recorders. As always, our sincere condolences.

Take Care-BE CAREFUL.

BillyG

The Secret List 3-26-10 / 0928 Hours

**AND:**

Hey,

A Muskogee (OK) Firefighter is recovering after he received an electrical shock while operating at a house fire. FF Bryan Fuller was taken to Muskogee Regional Medical Center, where he was treated and released. No one else was injured in the weekend fire. FF Fuller was in full PPE when the electric jolt traveled through his left hand, causing muscle spasms in his left arm. **Another reminder related to the issues of electricity on scenes.**

**BALTIMORE CITY FD LOOKING AT 160 LAYOFFS:**

Here is the open letter sent to the members of the Baltimore City Fire Department today by Chief Jim Clack. Very tough stuff that will force the reinvention the way that (like many others) FD operates. Simply put, as an example, you can't fight initially operate at a fire requiring 40 Firefighters quickly, when only 20 show up. Time, distance, resources and conditions-all factors. Firefighters should NOT have to ridiculously increase their personal risk because of budget issues and political games by elected officials and city hall dwellers. **Simply put: At ANY FD, service has to reflect the budget-it's basic economics. The problem is that the kids trapped on the 2nd floor are who end up "paying"....and Chief Clack understands that.** HERE is his letter: <http://tinyurl.com/yzpqtqu> via Dave Statter.

**FIRE CHIEF IMPLYING THAT ARSONS ARE DUE TO FIRE FIGHTER LAY-OFF'S ?**

Flint (MI) Firefighters are running numerous fires. 2 FFD Firefighters were injured last night in a couple of separate fires. A total four fires were reported within four hours and fire officials believe all of them were arson. FF Injuries included one Firefighter who was injured when a ceiling fell on him. A second Firefighter suffered a burn on the neck at another fire. Both were taken to the hospital for treatment and were released.

Interestingly, FFD Battalion Fire Chief Theresa Root says all the fires seem to have been set intentionally. All the fires were two story vacant homes with fires on both floors. Root says it also seems very suspicious since the fires are happening the day before firefighter layoffs. Chief Root says: "I think they're trying to make a point and I think they're going about it all the wrong ways. They need to make a point to elected officials regarding layoffs by communicating their ideas. They're using an illegal and dangerous act to try and make a point. They need to act intellectually and professionally with options and compromise."

**Things that make you go hmmm.**

Is she accusing some Flint Firefighters of setting the fires? It sure reads that way. While who knows who is starting those fires, perhaps a better focus right now may just might be to stop committing Firefighters to operating interior at vacant structures. Could there be "someone" in those vacant structures? Sure. While not likely, it is possible - but with the budget cuts, the already existing staffing issues, that's the RISK the City is taking, so something has to give. It continues to BEG the question that Fire Chiefs all over the budget slashing Country are asking: AT what point does the FD change it's operations when City Hall keeps cutting the budget? We simply CANNOT do it all and while FF's are willing to take risks to save someone, at some point, the risk becomes beyond ridiculous when the resources are not there to SUPPORT that risk. And that comes down to operational policies that match the resources to the risk. Unfortunately, it's simple math.

The public see's kids story books with pictures of fire engines filled with firefighters, and in their minds, they "think" that's what will arrive when they have a fire. As budgets continue to get slashed across much of the USA's fire service, the response in some cities will be just that, a fantasy story. The question is, when does the Chief change how the FD operates when the resources cannot support the men and women willing to take the risk? More and more Chiefs are making that point to the politicians and city hall dwellers.

**REMEMBER HAPPY LAND AND TRIANGLE SHIRT WASTE FIRES:**

99 years ago TODAY, on March 25, a NYC factory fire resulted in the deaths of 146 workers in Manhattan's Ashe Building on Washington Square East. Today the Triangle Shirt building is still occupied, but as a Chemical Lab Building on the campus of New York University. Each year the deceased are remembered in a ceremony at the site. Cornell University has done an outstanding job in documenting the fire with a wealth of detailed historic information. You can find it at this link <http://www.ilr.cornell.edu/trianglefire/>

**HERE** is a video about the Triangle Shirt Waste Fire:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gKdMuVu1wi8>

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March 25 is also the date of another New York City fire in 1990. E. Tremont Ave & Southern Blvd, in the Bronx was the site of the **Happyland Social Club** fire where 87 people died in an arson fire. Soon thereafter a "Hammer" team was created by FDNY and NYPD to crack down on these illegal clubs. NIST conducted an excellent technical analysis of the fire that can be found at **HERE:** <http://fire.nist.gov/bfrlpubs/fire92/PDF/f92041.pdf>

**Steve Spak** from FDNY provides an outstanding account of the Happyland Social Club fire HERE: <http://www.stevespak.com/happyland.html>

And HERE is a video montage of the news reports:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1PIoRDbfG7k>

Take Care-BE CAREFUL.

BillyG

The Secret List 3-25-10 / 0955 Hours

**AND:**

Hey,

Some of you may have seen this, but most probably have not.

**Please take some time to watch this video "Brothers on Holy Ground" :**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WPYYr-0SAA>

Please share this video with your members, friends, family-forward this e-mail to all on your email lists.

These days, with so many short sighted budgets cuts being done, it is scary to think that this kind of event absolutely could happen again-anywhere-and the fire/rescue/EMS response capabilities in so many areas may be woefully inadequate.

Also, as you start planning your summer events for 2010, please consider a visit to New York City and specifically, The WTC Tribute Center at Ground Zero. It is an experience that NO Firefighter (not to mention Citizens) and their family and friends should EVER miss. Trust us on that.

PLEASE plan a trip HERE: [www.tributewtc.org](http://www.tributewtc.org)

Take Care,

BillyG

The Secret List 3-28-10 / 1947 Hours

**AND:**

**VETERAN COLUMBUS FIREFIGHTER DIES IN THE LINE OF DUTY AT THE TRAINING ACADEMY**

Firefighter John Moore, a 34-year veteran, passed away in the Line of Duty while on duty at the Columbus Division of Fire training complex on Monday. Firefighter Moore was discovered by a co-worker on Monday afternoon. **FF Moore had been selected to receive the highly coveted Columbus Fire Box 15 Haverman Award next month.** FF Moore was widely respected as one of the finest fire-medics anywhere and was assigned to the training academy where he loved to share his knowledge. As one Columbus Fire Officer wrote us last

night "Indeed, John was a very loved individual and known as the "nicest guy" in CFD". Such a sad loss. As always, our sincere condolences to all affected.

**CFSI FREE FIRE TRAINING WEBINAR TOMORROW:  
FIREFIGHTER / FIRE OFFICERS: MAKING THE RIGHT DECISIONS**

<http://tinyurl.com/y8bjbw1>

WEDNESDAY, March 31, 2010

TIME: 2:00 - 2:45 PM Eastern

**SEE YOU AT THE CFSI SEMINARS AND DINNER?** [http://www.cfsi.org/dinner\\_about.asp](http://www.cfsi.org/dinner_about.asp)

**STOLEN EMS TRUCK RESULTS IN A CIVILIAN FATALITY**

A paramedic vehicle was stolen from a Gloucester County (NJ) firehouse this morning and later crashed into a car, killing a person in the car. The white 2000 Dodge Durango paramedic truck was stolen from the Franklinville Fire Company in Franklin Township around 0830. More than an hour later, the SUV crashed into a car in Vineland, N.J. A person in the car died from the collision. The driver of the stolen paramedic vehicle is in police custody. It is unknown whether or not the vehicle was running or had the keys inside of it at the time of the theft, but we'll followup.

Take Care-BE CAREFUL.

BillyG

The Secret List 3-30-10 / 1343 Hours

**AND**

**ILLINOIS FIREFIGHTER KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY, 2ND FF CRITICALLY BURNED**

It is with deep regret that we advise you that a Homewood (IL) Firefighter was killed in the Line of Duty last night (Tuesday) and that another Firefighter is in critical condition, with severe burns. The Homewood Firefighter/Paramedic lost his life in the working house fire-reported around 2100-that had a civilian trapped. Reports are that the FF's made the rescue but the disabled civilian victim succumbed to the injuries. Another civilian did make it out. Early reports are that several O2 tanks in the home and/or a flashover may have contributed to the tragic outcome. It has also been reported that FF/Paramedic who lost his life, was just recently sworn in to the Homewood FD in February, having served in other area FD's & EMS previously. We have posted some photos of the working fire on our home page. More details to follow. As always-our most sincere condolences to all affected.

Take Care-BE CAREFUL.

BillyG

The Secret List 3-31-10 / 0400 Hours

**AND**

Hey,

The following is directly from the Homewood (IL) Fire Department related to the Line of Duty Death of Firefighter/Paramedic Brian Carey and the injuries to Firefighter/Paramedic Karra Koppas. that occurred last evening, Tuesday, March 30, 2010 before 2100 Hours. As you know, the Homewood Fire Department was dispatched to a report of a structure fire at a

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single-family residence at 17622 Lincoln Avenue in Homewood. First arriving fire crews found a house with visible smoke and flames, and were advised that at least one occupant remained inside the structure. Firefighters initiated rescue and extinguishment operations, and, upon entering the structure, encountered heavy heat and fire conditions. Because of the extreme heat and the amount of fire burning inside the house, the sole occupant, 87-year old Wendell H. Elias, could not be reached and his body was located after entry could be made. The other occupant of the house, 89-year old Bertha A. Elias, had escaped and was transported to South Suburban Hospital with non-fire related injuries. She is in stable condition at this time.

During the rescue attempt, Homewood Firefighter Paramedics, Brian Carey (28 years old) and Karra Kopas (21-year old) were injured. They were taken by ambulance to South Suburban Hospital in Hazel Crest (IL) where they were treated. Firefighter Carey succumbed to his injuries and passed away in the Line of Duty while at the hospital. Firefighter Kopas suffered first and second degree burns and is in stable condition at the University of Chicago Burn Center. Firefighter/Paramedic Carey joined the Homewood Fire Department as a part-time firefighter/paramedic on August 20, 2008, and was hired as a full-time firefighter/paramedic on December 13, 2009. Firefighter/Paramedic Kopas joined the Homewood Fire Department as a part-time firefighter/paramedic on June 23, 2005.

At today's press conference at Homewood Village Hall, Homewood Fire Chief Grabowski stated that the fire is currently under investigation by the Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, and local MABAS (Mutual Aid Box Alarm System) Division 24 Fire Investigators, and no information is available at this time regarding the cause or origin of the fire. The Homewood Fire Department was assisted by 24 additional fire departments, as well as by the Homewood Police Department and five neighboring police agencies. Chief Grabowski concluded, "This is the first casualty the Homewood Fire Department has ever experienced. We know that everyone is anxious to get answers about this situation, but, in the short term we may not have those answers. In the days ahead, we will give you information as we get it and confirm it as well. Please continue to be patient." More details to follow.

Take Care-BE CAREFUL.

BillyG

The Secret List 3-31-10 / 1317 Hours

**AND**

**OHIO FIRE LIEUTENANT DIES IN THE LINE OF DUTY-IN QUARTERS**

It is with deep regret that we advise you of the Line of Duty Death of Independence (Ohio) Fire Lt. Edward Teare, 53 years old. Lt Teare complained of not feeling well after a training session, lied down and was found by crew members in cardiac arrest a short time later. Lt. Teare leaves behind a wife and children. Details to follow. As always our most sincere condolences.

Take Care-BE CAREFUL,

BillyG

The Secret List 3-31-10 / 1635 Hours

**AND:**

## **CALIFORNIA EMT STRUCK AND KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY**

It is with deep regret that we advise you that at 0659 hrs this morning, a San Diego (CA) Medical Services BLS unit happened upon a single vehicle traffic accident on Rt 163. After assessing the patients and initiating a response, the crew began to lay out a flare pattern to warn oncoming traffic. During this process, one of the EMT's, Paramedic Estaban Behena, 24, was struck by a vehicle traveling at freeway speed. San Diego Fire Rescue 4, returning from a vehicle rescue, came upon the incident and immediately began to render aid. PM Behena was transported to Mercy Hospital where he was subsequently pronounced. A blood technician was sent by the CHP to UCSD to take a sample from the driver, who may face drunken driving charges. PM Behana was a paramedic employed by San Diego Medical Services, a private company that is hired by the City of San Diego to respond with San Diego Fire and provide ambulance services. Behena worked for San Diego Medical Services since August 2008. We'll post updates. As always, our most sincere condolences.

Take Care-BE CAREFUL.

BillyG

The Secret List 4-1-10 / 1356 Hours

### **AND:**

Hey,

To wind up your April Fools Day, we want to call your attention to our home page, News/Updates-check it out HERE: [www.FireFighterCloseCalls.com](http://www.FireFighterCloseCalls.com)

Yep-it's real--THAT BILLBOARD IS REAL--**no April Fools joke**--sort of like it's no joke when civilians lose their homes and/or get hurt, or firefighters get hurt or lose their lives--in single family dwelling fires.

2 things struck us when we saw this:

1-South Carolina is very aware of what the tragic loss of Firefighters can result in. But the SC Homebuilders simply do not care about death from fire. On their website, they even state: "The (South Carolina) Home Builders Association has long been a strong advocate for increased home safety". That's kind of like Tiger Woods stating on his website that "I have long been a strong advocate for....."

Well-you know.

2-The South Carolina Homebuilders spent some serious bucks in their campaign--to fight against something that will save more lives, like highway speed limits. Given the choice, for example, most folks would rather NOT have speed limits--but once in a while, to protect people from themselves--and to protect others from allowing individual "freedoms" to hurt others (such as kids sleeping over for the night at a friends house - and the house catches fire, or firefighters operating at a house fire), some laws and regulations protect the greater good. Protecting people who cannot protect themselves. Laws in our Country do that everyday.

Some ask what their motivation is? Why do they support detectors, but not sprinklers? In our opinion, it's strictly money (although they can make a profit installing sprinklers)--but we also feel another motivation is that residential sprinklers will all but eliminate the business of re-

building burned homes-reported to be a billion dollar business annually. Smoke detectors often get people out-but leave an entire "business opportunity" when the house burns. Smoke detectors and sprinklers save the people and the house-and the stuff that's important to people-including the house that homebuilders built for them.

This continues to be our FAVORITE Fire Sprinkler Video:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qqlE5lnsGrw>

Thanks to Randy B and the FFD.

Take Care-BE CAREFUL.

BillyG

The Secret List 4-1-10 / 2014 Hours

**AND:**

**AZ FIRE CAPTAIN DIES IN THE LINE OF DUTY- MEDICAL EMERGENCY**

Three Points Fire Captain Dennis Robinson died Tuesday night in an area hospital. The Captain was working his normal shift Tuesday when he said he didn't feel well-he was transported to the hospital where he eventually passed away. Sadly, Captain Robinson was just about to retire. A funeral for the captain has been tentatively set Saturday at 2 p.m. at Evergreen Cemetery. Firefighters with the Three Points department are now standing vigil for the captain, taking turns watching over his body. As always, our sincere condolences.

**HOMEWOOD (IL) FIREFIGHTER FUNERAL DETAILS**

Visitation for Homewood Firefighter Brian Carey who died in the Line of Duty this week. will be from 2 to 9 p.m. Monday at Blake-Lamb Funeral Home, 4727 W. 103rd St., Oak Lawn. A funeral Mass will begin at 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. Bernadette Catholic Church, 9343 S. Francisco Ave., Evergreen Park. Burial will follow at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, 6601 W. 111th St., Alsip.

Take Care-BE CAREFUL,

BillyG

The Secret List 4-2-10 / 1240 Hours

**AND:**

Hey,

6 Firefighters were hurt after an oil tank explosion in Rooks County, KS. The fire happened last night at the Berexco Company in Codell. Lightening started the fire in a tank battery holding two loads of crude oil. Fire fighters from multiple departments operated at the fire through this morning. During operations, 6 Firefighters were hurt. 5 were released from the Rooks County Health Center, the 6th, **Firefighter Ryan Cellmer was transported to a Wichita hospital and is listed in fair condition with second and third degree burns on his hands and neck.** The fire also destroyed a City of Plainville FD brush truck and a City of Stockton pick up truck. Fire crews are still on the scene this evening because the fire is not completely out and it is a mess with crude oil everywhere.

**WI FIREFIGHTERS INJURED:**

3 Firefighters were taken to hospitals after they were injured at a grass fire in Pierce County, WI. The most seriously injured Firefighter was flown by helicopter to Regions Hospital in St.

Paul (MN) where he was listed in good condition. Elmwood fire officials say the two other firefighters were taken to River Falls Area Hospital, treated and released following last night's fire.

**FUNERAL/MEMORIAL DETAILS FOR COLUMBUS (OH) FF/PM JOHN MOORE LODD:**  
<http://www.local67.com/>

**JUST WHEN YOU THOUGHT STUPIDITY WAS DEFINED, ALONG COMES THIS COLORADO SHERIFF:**

Leadville city officials are blasting deputies who briefly jailed and cited a fire captain trying to aid a woman with a broken neck at the Lake County Sheriff's Office. Underlying the dispute, fire union officials say, is a campaign by Lake County Sheriff Edward Holte and Emergency Manager Jeff Foley to combine operations of the sheriff's department and Leadville Fire Department.

And-because of this dispute, the Leadville Police Department is now going to accompany the LFD to provide security on all of its calls so the Sheriff's Deputies don't interfere.

Leadville Mayor Bud Elliott called it "a giant power grab" by The Sheriff. He and Fire Chief Bob Harvey said they're concerned the jurisdictional clash is jeopardizing the public's safety. The dispute ignited March 27 when Leadville Fire Capt. Daniel Dailey, an EMT, responded with 2 Firefighters to the sheriff's office after deputies called a hospital ambulance for the woman injured during a domestic violence incident. **There are conflicting accounts about what happened next. But guess who runs the FIRE dispatch center? The Sheriff. And guess who is telling his dispatchers what to send when people dial 9-1-1? The Sheriff.** Dave Statter has been stomaching the details of this story **HERE:** <http://tinyurl.com/ybdmb67>

**EMS OFFICER CHARGED AFTER TRYING TO HELP THE COPS IN VIRGINIA:**

A Petersburg EMS driver has been charged with reckless driving for pulling his ambulance into the path of a suspect who led police on a 10-minute chase through the Petersburg area yesterday afternoon. The ambulance driver, Lt. Mark Talbott, with the Southside Emergency Crew was charged with reckless driving after the fleeing suspect crashed into the back of his ambulance at 1630 hours. The EMS Lieutenant intentionally pulled in front of the sedan that cops were chasing, in an attempt to help officers end the pursuit. The car ran into the bumper of the Southside Emergency ambulance and one adult male suspect was taken into custody. Hmm-in some areas the EMS crew would be thanked. In some. We're just say'n.

Take Care-BE CAREFUL.

BillyG

The Secret List 4-2-10 / 2005 Hours

**AND:**

Hey,

It's Spring-and along with better weather and related "Spring Stuff", most of us gauge Spring with FDIC-the "homecoming" of the most gung-ho and active Firefighters and Fire Officers in North America. Not registered yet? WHAT? Well hurry up and go **HERE:** [www.FDIC.com](http://www.FDIC.com)

Look forward to seeing you at FDIC in just a few weeks.. **Never been to FDIC? Trust us-do not miss FDIC.** Our first one was in 1977 and haven't missed one since. It is absolutely worth your time and money. **Guaranteed.**

**ATTENDING FDIC: DO NOT FORGET "THE" 2 SOCIAL GATHERINGS/FUND RASERS OF FDIC:**

**NFFF's STOP, DROP, ROCK & ROLL! (Thursday Evening)**

**THE FOOLS BASH! (Wednesday Evening)** <http://www.stopdroprocknroll.com/about/>

Over the past nine years, Stop, Drop, Rock 'n' Roll has played an important part in helping us honor America's fallen firefighters. The evening includes music, fun, food and refreshments, and the highlight of the event - the Live Auction. Firefighters from around the country bid on a variety of outstanding items. This year, Stop, Drop, Rock 'n' Roll will be held during FDIC on Thursday, April 22, 2010 at the historic Indiana Roof Ballroom. Your \$15 donation includes all of the music, fun, food (Buffet from 7 - 9 p.m.) and refreshments\* that Stop, Drop, Rock 'n' Roll has to offer-to help the NFFF. Click the above link for more.

**THE FOOLS BASH!**

Do not miss this outstanding outdoor gathering each year at FDIC - Wednesday Evening, April 21, 1700 hours @ Meridian & Jackson Streets in Indy, Featuring The Don Stuck Band and Bagpipes & Drums. \$5 donation at the gate,. Any FOOLS chapters wishing to bring their own merchandise need to contact Chris Wilson, 317-418-7489 or [rookcmwilson@att.net](mailto:rookcmwilson@att.net) by April 15, 2010.

**AND NOW, MOTORCYCLES.**

(and **NOT** this kind: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FRuZUGnSb2k> )

Speaking of Spring-I know I like to get out on my bike this time of year and ride. Yeah-my bicycle. However, many of you like to "ride" - referring to motorcycles so this is for YOU:

**SUPPORT THE NAT'L FALLEN FF FOUNDATION AND WIN A "FAT BOY" CUSTOM HARLEY:**

Pierce Manufacturing Inc., is offering a matching gift donation to benefit the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF) through the NFFF Full Throttle Support II initiative up to a maximum of \$10,000!! As per Wilson Jones (Secret List member, naturally), Oshkosh Corporation's executive vice president and President of Pierce: "As year 2 of the NFFF Full Throttle Support initiative reaches its conclusion, we urge all to step forward and make a gift that we will gladly match up to a total of \$10,000." Pierce Manufacturing and Harley-Davidson teamed up to support NFFF Full Throttle Support II. **The campaign features the awarding of a custom, one-of-a-kind Harley-Davidson Fat Boy Firefighter Special Edition motorcycle at the Fire Department Instructor's Conference (FDIC) on April 22, 2010.** Individuals and groups can donate to the NFFF and be automatically entered into a sweepstakes to win the motorcycle. GO TO: <http://NFFF.FullThrottleSupport.com>

**SPRINGTIME FOR FIREFIGHTING GOLFERS:**

This year there will be over 45 regional National Fallen Firefighter golf tournaments. We invite you to attend the tournaments in your area. Click the below link for dates and locations

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of each of the tournaments-to find the one near you. Some of the later tournaments have not scheduled dates at this time.

**FIREFIIGHTERS GOLF DETAILS HERE:** <http://golf.firehero.org>

**FIND LOCATIONS HERE:** <http://golf.firehero.org/regional.html>

Take Care,

BillyG

The Secret List 4-3-10 / 0900 Hours

**AND:**

Hey,

2 years ago today, April 4, 2008, Firefighters from Colerain Township (Hamilton Co, OH) responded initially to what was a reported automatic alarm. While responding, the dispatcher upgraded the run, indicating the occupants were reporting a working house fire. Not long after that **Fire Captain Robin Broxterman**, 37-years-old, a 17-year veteran career firefighter and paramedic, and **Firefighter Brian Schira**, 29-years-old, a 6 month probationary, part-time Firefighter and EMT with Colerain Township (Ohio) Fire & EMS both **died in the Line of Duty after the floor they were on collapsed into the burning basement at that dwelling fire.**

Following that tragic loss, the Colerain Township Fire/EMS Department issued a preliminary report (**link below**) with initial and valuable details on what happened based upon the information available at the time. Critical details such as the importance of size-up, 360 walk around and other information is of great value to any Firefighter and Officer. A more in-depth final report is being developed and is expected to be released very soon. The NIOSH report has been issued and is also linked below.

As Colerain Fire Captain Steve Conn stated "There was not one major mistake that caused the death of our 2 Firefighters. There was a perfect storm, a combination several little things that hit all at the wrong time."

Stated in the preliminary report "the department will never forget the ultimate sacrifice made by Captain Robin Broxterman and Firefighter Brain Schira in their service to the community. **By sharing the knowledge gained** from this very tragic and painful incident, the Department will ensure their sacrifice was not in vain and hope that other fire departments can avoid a similar tragedy"....

The preliminary report has mattered in several cases already, including the City of Defiance, Ohio, where FF's studied the report and following that-applied the lessons at a fire they responded to-and their scene operations were positively altered due to what they learned from Colerain.

**HERE is that preliminary report:** <http://www.firefighterclosecalls.com/fullstory.php?83822>

**HERE is the NIOSH Report:** <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/fire/reports/face200809.html>

Take Care-BE CAREFUL. READ & SHARE THE REPORTS.

BillyG

The Secret List 4-4-10 / 0921 Hours

**AND:**

**OHIO FIREFIGHTER DIES IN THE LINE OF DUTY-MEDICAL EMERGENCY**

It is with deep regret that we advise you that on 04/03/2010 former Chief/Active FF Leo Powell, 74, of the Morgan Township (OH-near Lucasville) FD died in the Line of Duty. At approximately 1200 hours on 04/03/2010, FF Leo Powell responded to a brush fire with the fire department, and he collapsed at approximately 1500 hours from an apparent heart attack and was unable to be revived. As always, our sincere condolences to all affected.

**OHIO FIREFIGHTER SHOCKED/BURNED BY ELECTRICAL POWER LINE AT BRUSH FIRE**

A Fairfield County Firefighter remains hospitalized today with severe burns after he stepped on a downed power line while fighting a grass fire last night. Berne Union Township Firefighter Donnie L. Thimmes, 65, is stable and showing good vital signs at Ohio State University Medical Center. FF Thimmes was burned on his lower body, chest, arms and hands when he walked into the downed power line after a tree had knocked down the power line, causing the grass fire.

**NATIONAL ASSOC OF HOME BUILDERS VS FIREFIGHTERS-And The Beat Goes On.**

Check out Paul Comb's Outstanding Editorial Cartoon:

<http://community.fireengineering.com/profiles/blog/list?user=1jl3xsybabl7l>

**FDIC NOTICE: Third Annual FDIC Courage and Valor Fun Run**

Thursday, April 22, 2010, 1800 hours, White River State Park . The third annual FDIC Courage and Valor Fun Run will take place at the White River State Park located just a short walk from the Indianapolis Convention Center. The scenic, flat, fast course winds around the canal and provides runners with an absolutely safe (no traffic crossings) opportunity to enjoy a brisk fun run with their fellow firefighters. Timing and management of the run is going to be handled by Tuxedo Brothers for the more serious runners. It's a chance for everyone to get out and show a commitment to good health and well-being. All proceeds go to help sponsor the Ray Downey Courage and Valor Medal and Award presented each year at FDIC. The run will conclude with a short walk over to "Stop, Drop, Rock 'n' Roll," where the awards will be given out. All are welcome to participate. Registration is \$20.00. To register, go to <https://www.signmeup.com/site/reg/register.aspx?fid=P12V2K7> .

All preregistered participants will receive T-shirts.

**NOTED FIRE SERVICE CONDOLENCES:**

It is with deep regret that we announce the passing of Dr. Donald Cannon, noted fire historian. He leaves behind his wife, Delia, and 18 year old son, Peter. Don was a history professor at Saint Peter's College in New Jersey and an adjunct fire science professor at John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York City. At John Jay, he taught a course entitled "Fire in New York," which traced the history of fire and firefighting in New York City. He joined Yonkers (N.Y.) Fire Department Auxiliary in 1962, became chief in 1975, served with the Rockaway Point Fire Department in Queens, N.Y., was a 1960s Bronx FDNY Auxiliary, and was with the Midway (S.C.) Fire Department. At the time of his death, he was a volunteer EMT-B with the Glen Ridge (N.J.) Ambulance Squad. Don is perhaps best known for his classic book, Heritage of Flames, published in 1977. It traced the history firefighting in America from the 17th century through the beginning of the 19th century. He most recently

authored the chapter on fire service history in the recently released Fire Engineering's Handbook for Firefighter I and II. That's to Chief Glenn Corbet/Fire Engineering for the heads up on this sad loss.

Oil Well Firefighter Edward M. 'Coots' Matthews, co-founder of Boots & Coots, Inc. passed away peacefully yesterday, March 31. He was 86 years old. Edward Coots Matthews and Asger Boots Hansen founded Boots & Coots in 1978 after nearly 20 years of working for Red Adair. Both were involved with the industry's most notorious blowouts, such as the "Devil's Cigarette Lighter" in Gassi Touil, Algeria in 1961, Lake Maracaibo in 1991 and the Kuwait oil fires in 1991. Coots Matthews retired in 1994.

Take Care-BE CAREFUL.

BillyG

The Secret List 4-6-10 / 1535 Hours

**AND:**

**2 Firefighters Killed - UK LODD - (The Secret List) [www.FirefighterCloseCalls.com](http://www.FirefighterCloseCalls.com)**

2 United Kingdom Firefighters from the Hampshire Fire & Rescue Service were killed while battling a high rise fire in a 15 story high rise fire yesterday in Southampton. James Shears, 35, and Alan Bannon, 38, died at the 15-storey Shirley Towers in Church Street where fire broke out just after 2000 BST on Tuesday. Both men were full-time firefighters and members of Red Watch at St Mary's fire station in Southampton. FF Shears had been with the service just under seven years; FF Bannon for eight-and-a-half years. Our sincere condolences to all affected. For more information please visit:

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk\\_news/england/hampshire/8606781.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/england/hampshire/8606781.stm)

Take Care-BE CAREFUL.

BillyG

The Secret List 4-7-10 / 1005 Hours

**AND:**

Hey,

A 77-year-old Boulder City (CO) woman underwent surgery on her legs today and is in serious condition after she was struck by backing fire apparatus at a mobile home park. The lady was outside her home Sunday night as Firefighters were responding to a power outage. Witnesses claim she was stuck between a Boulder City FD apparatus and a barricade and couldn't get out of the way when the apparatus backed up and ran over her legs. The Firefighters were given drug tests after the accident, but the results haven't been released due to the ongoing investigation. Another Tragic Reminder: **USE EXTREME CAUTION WHEN BACKING.**

**GERMAN FIREFIGHTER LODD INITIAL REPORT CLEARS INCIDENT COMMANDER:**

Fire Results In Numerous Related Tragedies As The Commander Had Committed Suicide After that silo fire at Global Malt, the accusation against the fire service, and the IC is off the table-for now. The death of the Firefighter in Rheindürkheim on November 30th, 2008 along with 8 other Firefighters who had serious injuries was not due to negligence of the fire brigade or the incident commander. The Chief Prosecutor based this conclusion on two reports and his own investigations. The charge that the now deceased incident commander

Peter Jung (who had committed suicide-see below) had caused the explosion by a fateful mistake, is "definitely off the table," said the prosecutor.

The dramatic events are considered "legal" in Germany- but not yet completed. The investigator evaluates this assessment as "interim". "We are waiting now on a final statement of the company Global Malt. Then we have to decide whether further investigation are required, new advice must be obtained or are to be supplemented in parts or if we complete the investigation for good. "All these investigations are related to the question whether it had been somewhere at fault or negligence . The communication between Global Malt and the Fire Brigade is under investigation too.

Hans-Joachim Kosubek, responsible for the fire department at the city of Worms, was found relieved at the explanation of the prosecution." In the past months some rumors came up that the explosion was caused by a mistake of our fire brigade. This uncertainty was very stressful for the fire fighters, I am therefore very pleased that these doubts are now cleared up."

The latest report in German can be found at Worms Newspaper, here a link to it: <http://www.wormser-zeitung.de/region/worms/meldungen/8724207.htm>

#### **INCIDENT COMMANDER TOOK HIS OWN LIFE:**

The Incident Commander of the above fire had committed suicide following the incident and the above related issues. Here is a link to the report in the newspaper:

<http://www.wiesbadener-tagblatt.de/nachrichten/polizei/8532594.htm>

Fire Officer Peter Jung, who had been Incident-Commander at the fire in November 2008 in the Rheindürkheimer silos, has taken his own life. The fire and results took 2 Firefighters lives-including Jung.

As you may remember, the fire broke out in the processor loading dock of silos, directly at the river Rhine. A 24-year old Fire Fighter from Rheindürkheim was killed in the Line of Duty by falling concrete debris. Fire Officer Peter Jung was one of the seriously injured FFs. He has been a paraplegic and reliant on a wheelchair since the fire. A total of 7 Firefighters had been injured, 4 of them had been seriously injured. There were 200 firefighters operating at that fire. It was the first time in the history of Worms Fire Brigade that a Fire Fighter died in the line of duty. More information about the complete incident can be found on the German Firefighters Forum: <http://www.feuerwehr-forum.de/f.php?m=612448#612448>

#### **REMEMBER FIREFIGHTER/FOREMAN KEVIN APPUZZIO**

**Along With 2 Fire Service Legends, Chiefs Tom Brennan and Ed McCormack-April, 2006.**

This Sunday April 11th will be the 4th anniversary of the clearly heroic Line of Duty Death of East Franklin (N.J.) Firefighter/Foreman Kevin Apuzzio, age 21. **Sometimes....not everyone goes home.**

At approx. 0600 hours, April 11th, 2006, companies were dispatched to a dwelling fire with reported entrapment. PD on the scene confirmed it. 1st due Firefighters arrived with heavy

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smoke, made the decision to go immediately in after the victim, (as the husband had made it out and he confirmed where she was) and they entered with a handline, TIC, tools and attempted to locate that trapped victim.

The victim was found. Firefighters continued to attempt the rescue and made it with her about 3' from the front door when, at that time, the floor opened up and several Firefighters along with Foreman Kevin Apuzzio fell into the fire-and subsequently died of his injuries following valiant attempts by those Firefighters to get him out. Here is the LODD FIRE REPORT: <http://www.nj.gov/dca/dfs/eastfranklin.pdf>

We remember Kevin Apuzzio as an outstanding firefighter who gave his life heroically on April 11, 2006.

We also take time to remember two other world known fire service greats, especially with FDIC (coming up in a few days) as the place many got to know them both, both old friends of ours and both original members of TSL:

Chief Tommy Brennan (Fire Engineering/FDIC)  
<http://www.pennwellbooks.com/tombrennan.html> and Chief Ed "Big Ed" McCormack (ISFSI/FDIC former Exec Director) <http://www.rfi411.org/Losing.pdf> .

Their being gone continues to be felt regularly in a fire service that they greatly and very positively impacted.

Take Care-BE CAREFUL.

BillyG

The Secret List 4-8-10 / 2223 Hours

**AND:**

Hey,

A 77-year-old Boulder City (NV - correction from last night's story) woman underwent surgery on her legs today and is in serious condition after she was struck by backing fire apparatus at a mobile home park. The lady was outside her home Sunday night as Firefighters were responding to a power outage. Witnesses claim she was stuck between a Boulder City FD, NV apparatus and a barricade and couldn't get out of the way when the apparatus backed up and ran over her legs. The Firefighters were given drug tests after the accident, but the results haven't been released due to the ongoing investigation. Another Tragic Reminder:

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Take Care-BE CAREFUL.

BillyG

The Secret List 4-9-10 / 0801 Hours

**AND:**

Hey,

Yesterday evening (Wednesday) Baltimore City Firefighters responded to a fire in an occupied 3 story garden apartment building next to the quarters of Squad 40 (rescue-pumper) and Truck 12. Squad 40 was on an emergency medical run, so Truck 12 was first in.

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While operating, conditions got real bad and a Firefighter from Truck 12 jumped from a third floor window. He now is stable but in serious condition at Baltimore Shock Trauma with burns and several other trauma related injuries. Several civilians were injured as well with one transported to the burn unit. Command staff reports that the members did an outstanding job under very difficult conditions, and that the fire appears to be arson. Updates to follow.

Take Care-BE CAREFUL

Billy G

The Secret List 4-7-10 / 2323 hours

**AND:**

**MISSOURI FF LODD-MEDICAL EMERGENCY AT SCENE**

It is with deep regret that we advise you that FF Donald E. Schaper, 53, with the Timber Knob (Missouri) Volunteer Fire Department has died in the Line of Duty. FF Schaper responded to an emergency request for aid for an unknown problem / stranded motorist, in his personal vehicle as per policy. On arrival Firefighter Schaper was approached by the Assistant Chief who was going to provide update as to the circumstances of the run. Asst. Chief Whisnant observed Firefighter Schaper take a deep breath and go unconscious. CPR was started, Firefighter Schaper was transported to Baxter Regional Hospital in Mountain Home, Arkansas (closest hospital) where he was pronounced deceased. As always our most sincere condolences.

**MASSACHUSETTS FIRE APPARATUS CRASH**

4 Framingham firefighters were injured early this morning as their apparatus rolled over and crashed on the lawn of house while returning to quarters. We have photos on our home page. Engine 7 was returning from a call around 0730 hours when the apparatus rolled over 360 degrees and landed on its wheels after taking out a utility pole. The cause of the rollover has yet to be undetermined, but there have been numerous accidents in that area. The injured Firefighters were transported to Framingham Union Hospital, and the conditions are expected to be non-life threatening.

Take Care-BE CAREFUL.

BillyG

The Secret List 4-10-10 / 1749 Hours

**AND:**

**NEW YORK FIREFIGHTER KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY-SILO EXPLOSION**

It is with deep regret that we advise you that Garrett Loomis, Assistant Fire Chief (promoted last week) of the Sackets Harbor, New York, Fire Department died in the Line of Duty when a silo exploded this morning. The explosion happened a little before 1000 hours Sunday with the run coming in around 0915 Hours. Smithville and Sackets Harbor Fire Departments were called to the scene. This mornings fire was reported at the same farm that had barn destroyed on Thursday in another fire.

Reports are that while silo the was burning this morning, tragically, it exploded while Assistant Fire Chief Loomis was up on top of or near it. Chief Loomis, 26, suffered severe injuries and was pronounced dead at the hospital. Chief Loomis is survived by his parents and a brother.

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Chief Loomis was just promoted to assistant chief this past week. Chief Loomis was also a career Firefighter with the Fort Drum Fire Department. More details to follow.

As always-our most sincere condolences

**HERE is a recent NIOSH report related to LODD at silo fires:**

<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/fire/reports/face200332.html>

**OTHER Silo fire LODD related details:**

<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/86-118.html>

<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/fire/pdfs/face8549.pdf>

<http://firefighterclosecalls.com/fullstory.php?105360>

<http://www.firefighterclosecalls.com/fullstory.php?83041>

Take Care-BE CAREFUL.

BillyG

The Secret List 4-11-10 / 1500 Hours

**AND:**

**KANSAS FIREFIGHTER DIES IN THE LINE OF DUTY-OVERCOME BY SMOKE AT BRUSH FIRE**

It is with deep regret that we advise you that yesterday (Sunday) afternoon, Peru (KS) Firefighter Harold D. Reed Sr, 74 years of age, was overcome by smoke on a rural brush fire west of Peru and has died in the Line of Duty. Firefighter Reed was treated and transported to Sedan City Hospital where efforts to revive him were unsuccessful. Firefighter Reed was a life time resident of Peru, Ks and a long time member of the Peru Fire District # 3 Fire Department and current Board Member. As always-our sincere condolences.

Take Care-BE CAREFUL.

BillyG

The Secret List 11-12-10 / 1830 Hours

**AND:**

**CANADIAN FIREFIGHTER, SERVING AS A SOLDIER DIES IN THE LINE OF DUTY**

Private Tyler William Todd, 26, with 1st Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry was killed in the Line of Duty by a roadside bomb while serving in Afghanistan on Sunday while out on foot patrol near the community of Belanday. Private Todd was due home from his first tour of duty in just a few weeks. He was also a Volunteer Firefighter with the Township of Blandford - Blenheim (Ontario, Canada) working out of the Bright Fire Station. Our sincere condolences to his family and friends. Please keep ALL soldiers and civilians serving in our armed forces in your thoughts and prayers-especially those serving overseas in war zones. **HERE** is more: <http://www.cbc.ca/cp/national/100412/n041227A.html>

**MEMORIAL SERVICE PLANNED FOR NY ASST CHIEF WHO DIED IN THE LINE OF DUTY YESTERDAY**

A memorial service will be held at 1300 hours this Thursday for Assistant Fire Chief Garrett W. Loomis who was killed in the Line of Duty Sunday when that burning silo exploded. The service will be conducted at Sackets Harbor Central School, from which he graduated in 2001.

**NOTE:** There will be no calling hours or any procession of fire apparatus - visiting fire departments are asked to not bring apparatus with them, as per the Jefferson County Fire Coordinators Office and the Sackets Harbor Fire Company. HOWEVER-uniformed Firefighters planning to attend the service should RSVP at (315) 772-6338 or check HERE: <http://www.co.jefferson.ny.us/>

Loomis, elected Assistant Chief last week, on April 6, was the only Firefighter injured during the fire. Besides serving Sackets Harbor, Loomis was also a career Firefighter with the Fort Drum Fire Department. He is survived by his parents, Gary and Amy Loomis, of Sackets Harbor, and his two brothers.

Take Care-BE CAREFUL.

BillyG

The Secret List 4-12-10 / 2126 Hours

**AND:**

**NEW YORK FIRE CAPTAIN DIES IN THE LINE OF DUTY-DURING TRAINING-MEDICAL EMERGENCY**

It is with deep regret that we advise you that Captain Vince Iaccino of the Roosevelt (Dutchess County, NY) Fire District has died in the Line of Duty. While training at the Dutchess County Fire Training Center last evening, Captain Iaccino developed severe chest pains. He was transported, ALS, aboard Roosevelt's ambulance to a local hospital. While en route to the hospital, Captain Iaccino went into Cardiac Arrest. CPR and ALS interventions were administered, however the Captain tragically never regained a pulse. We have also been advised that Captain Iaccino has 2 sons who are also members of Roosevelt FD. One son was at drill and accompanied his Father to hospital. The Roosevelt Fire District is located in the town of Hyde Park, NY, County of Dutchess and is located approximately half way between New York City and Albany NY on the east side of The Hudson River. Captain Iaccino was the Captain of the RFD's Emergency Service Squad.

**CALIFORNIA FIREFIGHTERS HURT - EXPLODING PAINT CANS AT FIRE SCENE**

2 Oakland Firefighters were sprayed in the face and eyes with paint from spray cans that exploded during a fire overhaul and a third crew member suffered a back injury after an apartment fire yesterday. There were about three dozen spray paint cans in the apartment because the occupant works for a paint distributor and had older products and samples stored there. Some of the cans exploded during the fire, but it was during the fire mop-up that the two firefighters were without protective eye gear and were injured. They were taken to a hospital, treated and released. The third firefighter, who suffered the back injury fleeing from the exploding cans, was treated at a hospital and sent home, according to BC William Towner.

**MASS. FIRE APPARATUS CRASH UPDATE:**

The fire apparatus that was involved in a roll over crash in Framingham Saturday morning was the same model that was part of a recall in 2001 because of the steering system. Four FFD Firefighters were hurt when the apparatus suddenly rolled over. Engineers that built the apparatus are working with Massachusetts State Police investigators to figure out what

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went wrong. The truck was returning from a call when the driver lost control. It flipped, hit a pole, landed on its wheels and ended up in a front yard. The injured Firefighters were treated for minor injuries. Fire Chief Gary Daugherty the driver has had a clean record for 25 years. Chief Daugherty said there are two similar trucks in their fleet, and on Saturday he said they have not been taken out of service. More Details Here:

<http://wbztv.com/local/fire.truck.recalled.2.1628653.html>

Take Care-BE CAREFUL.

BillyG

The Secret List 4-13-10 / 0650 Hours

**AND:**

Hey,

Around 1230 hours today, Baltimore City Engine 14 and Engine 36 crashed into each other while responding to a working fire (as a part of the 1st alarm) that ended up being a 2nd alarm. Initial reports are that they struck each other at the (major) intersection of Fulton and Edmondson Avenues in West Baltimore, with traffic control devices that are reported to have been functioning properly.

4 members were transported to Shock Trauma by ALS Medic (everyone in the front seats). The other 4 members were brought into the regular ER as a precaution-and all Firefighters are going to be ok. Both engines sustained severe damage-additional updates to follow on our home page.

**REMINDER:** While this incident has not yet been fully investigated, and not all the facts are out as of yet-it is a reminder to all of us at any **FD TO USE EXTREME CAUTION WHILE RESPONDING-STOP AT RED TRAFFIC SIGNALS, STOP SIGNS ETC TO INSURE THE RIGHT OF WAY.**

**SCBA: YOUR INPUT NEEDED REGARDING SCBA BY NFPA COMMITTEE:**

The NFPA Technical Committee on Respiratory Protection Equipment has developed the below survey to better understand the use of Emergency Breathing Safety Systems (more commonly referred to as the "buddy-breathing system") on Self-Contained-Breathing Apparatus. The results of this survey will be used in an attempt to upgrade the current regulatory standards regarding Emergency Breathing Safety Systems. All identities will be kept in strict confidence and will not be released in any way. In an effort to ensure a complete and timely response, it is requested you return this survey no later than April 30, 2010. All responses will be confidential

FireFighterCloseCalls.com / The Secret List will post a synopsis of the answers when the details are made available from the EBSS Task Group-NFPA Technical Committee on Respiratory Protection Equipment

Please click on the link below to fill out a short survey about Emergency Breathing Safety Systems for Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus:

<https://spreadsheets.google.com/viewform?formkey=dGtoSEJhNjJTbVlpUy14WTY0TXZJcEE6MA>

## **OHIO FIRE CHIEF SERIOUSLY INJURED BY ROCKET GRENADE WHILE SERVING OVERSEAS**

Doug Reed, the Fire Chief of the Jackson Fire Department, and member of the National Guard, was seriously injured by a rocket grenade while serving in Afghanistan. Initial reports said that Reed's injuries appeared to have affected his head and chest area, and were so severe that Reed could not be moved to Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany until his condition was stabilized. Reed has served as the Fire Chief for Jackson since 2006 when he, Jana and their children relocated to Jackson from Gallipolis. Since he shipped off to Afghanistan, Reed has been part of the OMLT 9.3 team in Camp Kelegai, north of Kabul. Because it is not an American post and is two hours away from the nearest post, Jana had started a campaign to ship supplies over to the group so they could start their own supply room.

The group was scheduled to be there until late July or early August. Chief Reed's wife confirmed that Doug's injuries had occurred on Sunday, April 11, while he was out on patrol and was struck by a Rocket Propelled Grenade. He was the only casualty. Jana explained that Doug had arrived at Bagram Air Base in Afghanistan where he was taken to an operating room to be stabilized. She had received an update on her husband at 4 p.m. on Monday which said he had lost a finger on his right hand, had facial fractures, had received a tracheotomy and had cranial bleeding. While his condition was still very serious, the update said he was stable and they hoped to be able to transfer him to Germany as soon as possible.

Keep'm in your thoughts and prayers.

Take Care-BE CAREFUL.

BillyG

The Secret List 4-13-10 / 1400 hours

### **AND:**

Hey,

A Volunteer Firefighter with glowing character references was sentenced Friday to 6 months of house arrest for killing a bystander while responding to a crash scene in Canada. The Judge considered giving Firefighter Justin Szusz only probation for dangerous driving causing death in connection with the Sept. 2, 2007, fatality. But the Judge said Szusz, 25, severely undermined his remorse by speeding again while awaiting trial for killing a 53 year old man who was walking to the scene to help.

The Firefighter will only be allowed out of his parents' home during his conditional sentence to go to work, church, counseling and other appointments, and for four hours on Saturdays to attend to personal business. He was also banned from driving for a year, placed on probation for three years and ordered to perform 300 hours of community service. For two years of the probation term, his driving will be restricted. FF Szusz crested a hill and saw fire trucks parked on each side of the road just ahead, leaving only a narrow space where firefighters were walking. Unable to stop, Szusz slammed on his brakes, swerved toward the ditch and hit the civilian, tragically killing him.

## **LT RICHARD HAMILTON-FDNY (Ret) FDNY-RIP**

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Lieutenant Dick Hamilton (F.F. L-17, R-3, R-4 & Lt. R-2) has passed away with his family by his side. Lt Hamilton was the most decorated FF in the F.D.N.Y. when he retired. He was the author of the absolutely outstanding book "20,000 Alarms"-now out of print and much in demand. He was also a WW 2 Naval Veteran. RIP.

**RE: FDNY MULTI-LODD**

A few weeks ago (April 4) was the 54th anniversary of the 3rd Ave. Bronx parapet wall collapse.

Killed in the Line of Duty were:

- Lt. Jack Molloy, Engine 48 FDNY (Grandfather of Kevin Reilly - Ridgewood NJFD)
- FF. Edward Carroll, Engine 48 - FDNY
- Fredrick Hellauer, Engine 48 - FDNY
- Arthur Hanson, Ladder 44 - FDNY
- William Hoolan, Ladder 44 - FDNY
- Charles Infosino, Assist. Chiefs Aide, Engine 18, FDNY

They will never be forgotten...nor should the lessons learned from parapet wall collapse. More important info and pictures **HERE:** [http://nyfd.com/3rd\\_ave\\_4-4-56.html](http://nyfd.com/3rd_ave_4-4-56.html)

**FIREFIGHTING PIPES AND DRUMS:**

The OUTSTANDING 2010 Keeping Tradition Alive Pipes, Drums and Honor Guard Symposium is set for May 13-14, 2010. This is a NOT to miss program if you are involved in any aspect of Pipes & Drums. Check it out **HERE:** <http://fdpipesanddrums.com/>

**FIREFIGHTER WITH CANCER NEEDS OUR HELP:**

Portsmouth (NH) Firefighter Sara Fox is very sick with terminal cancer. The Portsmouth Firefighters have established a charitable trust for the family and are selling helmet stickers and window stickers to help offset some of her bills - and help the family out. The cost of the stickers is \$5 for a helmet sticker and \$10 for a window sticker, and all proceeds to go to her family. Your purchasing a sticker WILL matter - go **HERE:**

[http://www.pffnh.org/index.cfm?zone=/unionactive/view\\_article.cfm&homeID=160421](http://www.pffnh.org/index.cfm?zone=/unionactive/view_article.cfm&homeID=160421)

**OTTAWA F.I.R.E. 2010 Symposium** hosted in Ottawa at Carleton University & the National Fire Research Laboratory on May 17th to the 21st. This is a partnership developed by the Ottawa Professional Fire Fighters Association, Ottawa Fire Services, Carleton University and the National Research Council of Canada. The IAFF has been very generous in their support of this **FIREFIGHTER SAFETY** symposium as has the National Fire Protection Association, The Institution of Fire Engineers - Canada Branch, Society of Fire Protection Engineers, Fire Engineering Magazine and Underwriters Laboratories. More **HERE:**

<http://www.ottawafirefighters.org/ottawafire2010/index1.html>

Take Care-BE CAREFUL. See You THIS WEEK AT FDIC.

BillyG

The Secret List 4-18-10 / 2201 Hours

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

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### **Budget Related Items:**

- ***To really get a pulse on how some of our taxpayers (the ones we work for) feel about the fire service, please take the time to not only read the articles below, but also the reader comments that follow many of the news stories. Some of those comments are very negative, and if we are not careful, we really run the risk of losing credibility and respect with the public (not to mention funding), which could have serious long-term effects on the stability and perception of our American Fire Service. While it is true everyone (including taxpayers) are allowed to have their opinion, we would be naïve to turn away, get emotional, not acknowledge, or even discount the comments made. Knowledge can be power, and if used properly, can attempt to turn negative attitudes into positive attitudes, which can and will pay dividends in the long run.***

With the back and forth on the [salaries, benefits and sick leave](#) of Clark County (NV) firefighters as a backdrop, the Fire Department is seeking the support of the Clark County Commission to raise inspection fees:

<http://www.lasvegassun.com/news/2010/mar/21/inspection-fees-are-countys-agenda-re-cials/>

And for some that oppose the inspection fee raises: Operators of the Las Vegas (NV) Strip's largest convention centers are upset about the heftier fire inspection fees that Clark County has proposed, saying they could stifle their ability to lure much-needed events in dire economic times. Conventions are on a long list of proposed fee increases for county fire inspections: <http://www.lvrj.com/news/convention-centers-protest-plan-to-raise-fire-inspection-fees-88880957.html>

More than 600 Baltimore (MD) city workers - including 120 police officers and 90 firefighters - would lose their jobs under a stark budget scenario presented Wednesday by Mayor Stephanie C. Rawlings-Blake's administration. Seven fire companies would close, 90 firefighters would be let go and more than half of the city's recreation centers would be shuttered under the preliminary plan, which would cut key services to close a \$121 million shortfall in the city's \$2.2 billion budget:

<http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/maryland/baltimore-city/bal-md.ci.budget25mar25%2C0%2C3056371.story>

Labor negotiations between the Rialto (CA) firefighters union and the city have broken off amid efforts by officials to close a budget shortfall:

[http://www.pasadenastarnews.com/california/ci\\_14840084](http://www.pasadenastarnews.com/california/ci_14840084)

**Eighteen Evans (CO) town employees — including the fire marshal, one police officer and five parks employees — were laid off Tuesday to save \$1 million in city costs, according to City Manager Aden Hogan:**

<http://www.greeleytribune.com/article/20100324/NEWS/100329847/1002&parentprofile%3D1001>

**Palo Alto's (CA) firefighters have already used up more than 150 percent of their overtime budget for fiscal year 2009-2010 -- a number that's expected to continue climbing in the last three months of the year, which ends June 30:**

[http://www.paloaltoonline.com/news/show\\_story.php?id=16218](http://www.paloaltoonline.com/news/show_story.php?id=16218)

**Ahwatukee (Phoenix, AZ Fire Department) is losing firefighters, but that might not be the end of cuts needed to help balance the City of Phoenix budget. "We are facing some very serious financial challenges at this time," said Captain Tony Mure with the Phoenix Fire Department. It's no secret about the state of finances in Phoenix, but now it's affecting services like the fire department. To help, the Phoenix Fire Department is cutting. "They are going to be downsizing our battalion 7 which is located out in Ahwatukee," Mure said. There are nine battalions in Phoenix, so one of those other battalion chiefs will have to cover Ahwatukee. "We've made the work load a little more difficult for other positions," said Mure. But the cuts might not end there. At station 38 in Ahwatukee, Phoenix Fire officials may be getting rid of an ambulance:**

[http://www.abc15.com/content/news/phoenixmetro/ahwatukee/story/Will-Phoenix-budget-cuts-affect-fire-department/eogUJGfGFEewX\\_vLHCz1XA.csp](http://www.abc15.com/content/news/phoenixmetro/ahwatukee/story/Will-Phoenix-budget-cuts-affect-fire-department/eogUJGfGFEewX_vLHCz1XA.csp)

**Unless employee unions agree to substantial pay reductions, San Jose (CA) city management said Monday, residents should brace for unprecedented cuts. The city would see reduced police patrols and widespread closures of public pools, community centers and branch libraries. The upcoming budget already called for cutting 78 jobs that were funded temporarily in last year's budget, including the mounted police unit. On top of that, the latest figures indicate 800 more jobs will have to be eliminated to balance the books. That would include 160 of the city's 1,377 police officers; 86 of the city's 744 firefighters; 117 of the city's 707 parks and recreation workers; 110 of the city's 365 library staffers; and 40 of the city's 453 transportation employees. Five fire engine companies would be eliminated. City officials say that would keep all the stations open while maintaining the goal of 8-minute response 80 percent of the time. But they acknowledge there would be an increase in response times in some areas:**

[http://www.orovillemr.com/news/ci\\_14779270](http://www.orovillemr.com/news/ci_14779270)

**The leaders of Riverside County's (CA) public safety agencies -- including the sheriff, district attorney and fire chief -- appealed to supervisors Tuesday to lessen the pain of budget cuts. Steep reductions would result in fewer deputy sheriffs patrolling unincorporated areas, a delay in a major jail expansion and the closure of fire stations, they said:**

[http://www.pe.com/localnews/politics/stories/PE\\_News\\_Local\\_W\\_budget31.44260ba.html](http://www.pe.com/localnews/politics/stories/PE_News_Local_W_budget31.44260ba.html)

**The City of North Las Vegas (NV) will cut 204 jobs in order to help balance the budget. That decision came out of a City Council meeting Thursday night. North Las Vegas needs to cut \$33.4 million in order to balance the budget. The reduction plan includes firefighter layoffs:** <http://www.ktnv.com/Global/story.asp?S=12245624>

Burton's (MI) fire chief says his department will not come into the city of Flint to assist with fires. It's the continued fallout from Flint's public safety layoffs. The decision not to help out the city comes after the layoffs of 23 Flint (MI) firefighters and a rash of arson fires. Several departments in our area have been taking a second look at their agreements to come in and help Flint fire if needed. Halstead told the city of Flint last week that if a fire call goes out and additional man power is needed, his firefighters will not be there to respond: <http://abclocal.go.com/wjrt/story?section=news/local&id=7363268>

Up to half of the Blackfoot (ID) Fire Department will soon be laid off, according to Brandon Wall, Vice President of the Blackfoot Firefighters Union. Firefighters received notice of the layoffs Friday morning. "We've been told we have 60 days before our work force is cut in half, which means at least eleven employees," said Wall: <http://www.localnews8.com/Global/story.asp?S=12250333>

Debts engulf the Lemmon Fire District (AZ), and the Fire Chief quits when questions are raised: [http://azstarnet.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/article\\_96b20ac9-0781-59b7-8977-546d32069c9b.html](http://azstarnet.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/article_96b20ac9-0781-59b7-8977-546d32069c9b.html)

California's public pension funds are underfunded by as much as \$500 billion, according to a Stanford University study that was commissioned by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and released Monday: <http://www.sacbee.com/2010/04/05/2657361/study-calif-pensions-underfunded.html>

The City of North Las Vegas could cut 16 firefighter jobs this week. The firefighter's union says those layoffs will put public safety in danger. Station 52 stands to lose a full engine company -- 12 firefighters gone. A few miles away, another fire truck would be taken out of service. All told, 16 firefighter jobs are on the chopping block: <http://www.8newsnow.com/Global/story.asp?S=12267776>

Ahwatukee Foothills may lose one of two ambulances that serve the community because of Phoenix (AZ) Fire Department budget cuts. Todd Harms, an assistant fire chief in charge of operations, said the decision to cut two of the city's 23 ambulances will be made by April 15: <http://www.azcentral.com/news/articles/2010/04/08/20100408ahwatukee-ambulance-cuts.html>

Mesa's (AZ) new police chief says his department is cutting \$6.4 million from its operating budget for the coming fiscal year. That's a 5 percent cut, on top of more than \$13 million that was slashed from the department this year. Mesa Fire Chief Harry Beck also told the City Council that he will slash his department's budget by \$2.7 million, also a 5 percent cut. The city is struggling to close a \$19.6 million general-fund shortfall for the fiscal year that begins July 1: <http://www.azfamily.com/news/local/Mesa-police-fire-departments-planning-budget-cuts-90347344.html>

With more than \$6.7 million dollars in federal cash heading to Flint (MI), the city will reopen two fire stations and rehire 39 firefighters. And — to keep the money — the city cannot cut fire staffing levels for the next two years: [http://www.mlive.com/news/flint/index.ssf/2010/04/67m\\_grant\\_will\\_take\\_a\\_burden\\_o.html](http://www.mlive.com/news/flint/index.ssf/2010/04/67m_grant_will_take_a_burden_o.html)

San Jose (CA) firefighters facing layoffs and demands for pay cuts blasted city management Wednesday for spending more than \$6 million in recent years on what they called unnecessary contracts for things like consultants and new hybrid cars:

[http://www.mercurynews.com/ci\\_14884968?source=most\\_email&nclick\\_check=1](http://www.mercurynews.com/ci_14884968?source=most_email&nclick_check=1)

Three Palo Alto (CA) council members are calling on their colleagues to take a stand against a proposed ballot initiative backed by the city's firefighters union. In a memo released Wednesday, council members Karen Holman, Larry Klein and Greg Scharff called the measure "bad government" and "a waste of money." On Monday, the full nine-member council will consider formally urging voters not to sign a petition to put the initiative on the November ballot. The firefighters union began gathering signatures last month for a measure that would amend the city's charter to permanently prohibit the city council from laying off firefighters or closing fire stations. Any such move would require voter approval in addition to a negotiated agreement with the union. The bid comes as the city is trying to close an \$8.3 million budget deficit. If successful, it would insulate the fire department from the widespread cuts: [http://www.mercurynews.com/ci\\_14886829](http://www.mercurynews.com/ci_14886829)

With the laying off of nine firefighters next month, Reno (NV) Fire Chief Michael Hernandez has designated six fire stations for temporary closure based on daily staffing. To cut \$4.5 million more from his 2009-10 budget, Hernandez said nine firefighters would be laid off, after 12 firefighters were cut in January. He also said vacancies would not be filled, and those retiring would not be replaced:

<http://www.rgj.com/article/20100414/NEWS/4140439/1017/news11>

Clark County and Las Vegas (NV) Firefighters fight an uphill battle explaining wage concessions:

<http://www.lvrj.com/news/firefighters-fight-uphill-battle-explaining-wage-concessions-90817764.html>

Clark County (NV) commissioners said that the firefighters union is opposing efforts that would reduce the department's ballooning overtime costs. The union has long argued that [Fire Department overtime](#) which totaled \$14.1 million last year — is the direct result of the county's refusal to hire more firefighters. But commissioners said recent messages from the union's chief to county staff undercut that claim. E-mails sent in early April, and obtained by the Las Vegas Sun, show firefighters union President Ryan Beaman threatening to file a legal grievance if the county offers exams this year for rank-and-file firefighters pursuing a promotion to fire engineer:

[www.lasvegassun.com/news/2010/apr/16/fire-union-resists-move-increase-its-ranks/](http://www.lasvegassun.com/news/2010/apr/16/fire-union-resists-move-increase-its-ranks/)

North Las Vegas (NV) began laying off firefighters Wednesday, the same day the city's firefighters union ran a full-page Review-Journal ad touting the union's willingness to negotiate with the city to save jobs. Eight firefighters received layoff notices that are effective June 18, city officials said. An additional eight firefighters are expected to receive such notices in coming days:

[www.lvrj.com/news/eight-firefighters-laid-off-90902859.html](http://www.lvrj.com/news/eight-firefighters-laid-off-90902859.html)

Tempe (AZ) firefighters and police officers have offered to take a 2 percent cut in wages and benefits to ease budget cuts to the city's public-safety services:

<http://www.azcentral.com/community/mesa/articles/2010/04/13/20100413tempe-police-pay-cuts.html>

Desperate to patch their fraying budgets, governments throughout Santa Clara County and across California are rethinking the steep costs of their most fundamental service — public safety. Morgan Hill police hoping to escape budget cuts are urging the city to close their department and contract with the sheriff's office. Another proposal would consolidate all fire services in South County, which would shutter the Gilroy fire department. In Milpitas, city leaders eager to save more than \$2 million a year want San Jose to manage their emergency dispatch calls. And just this week, county officials began pushing a once-unthinkable plan: combining the department that supervises the jails with the sheriff's office from which county supervisors wrested the jails in the late 1980s: [http://www.santacruzsentinel.com/nationalbreaking/ci\\_14893963](http://www.santacruzsentinel.com/nationalbreaking/ci_14893963)

The Brea (CA) City Council will hold a special public meeting at 2 p.m. Wednesday to begin evaluating options for fire and paramedic services. As a cost-saving measure for a projected \$2.7-million shortfall, the council is considering contracting fire services with an outside agency or consolidating services with another city:

<http://www.ocregister.com/news/million-244679-fire-brea.html>

Phoenix (AZ) Fire Department reduces it's fleet due to budget reductions, causing some residents to worry since two ambulances are now shut down:

<http://www.azfamily.com/news/local/Phoenix-Fire-reduces-fleet-due-to-budget-causing-some-residents-to-worry-91568094.html>

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

Chancellor (VA) Volunteer Fire and Rescue did not follow standard operating procedures requiring within three days a detailed follow-up report on a Feb. 5 fatal house fire. Spotsylvania County Fire and Rescue Chief Chris Eudailey said yesterday this was an oversight by the volunteers and that a report will be completed. The report is supposed to be written by the incident commander in charge of the 45 volunteers who responded to the house fire on Spotswood Furnace Road. It is important because it could answer some questions raised about the fire-fighting and rescue tactics used:

<http://fredericksburg.com/News/FLS/2010/032010/03202010/535640>

The Pierce County (WA) Fire District 16 Board of Commissioners know that Key Peninsula voters have lost confidence in their management of the department. Now they're trying to right the ship with disciplinary force against one of their own:

<http://www.gateline.com/2010/03/23/6542/fd-16-board-actively-trying-to.html>

Four Pittsburgh (PA) EMS workers are suspended for their response (or lack thereof) during a recent snowstorm:

<http://www.postgazette.com/pg/10083/1045170-53.stm>

A St. Lucie County (FL) firefighter charged with spying on a 19-year-old paramedic intern as she was taking a shower has been fired. Carlos Alberto Marti, 36, was placed on administrative leave without pay Friday after being charged with misdemeanor voyeurism following the alleged incident: <http://www.firerescue1.com/fire-news/774417-fla-firefighter-accused-of-spying-on-medic-in-shower-fired/>

A Mount Pleasant (SC) Fire Department captain was arrested on charges of driving under the influence early Sunday after he allegedly crashed a town-owned fire vehicle into a disabled car on Interstate 526:  
<http://www.firerescue1.com/vehicle-safety/articles/773732-SC-fire-captain-charged-with-DUI-in-fire-vehicle-crash/>

Albuquerque (NM) Firefighters arrested on suspicion of first-offense DWI will no longer be immune from losing their jobs. Effective immediately, city officials will stop honoring an agreement with the local firefighter's union that kept those firefighters on the job. Instead of termination, they faced demotion and lost \$1 of hourly pay but were eligible to have it reinstated after a year. They also had to complete a counseling program. That deal was struck during the administration of former Mayor Martin Chávez and now has been rejected by the Berry administration. "It's clear that this pilot project was a miserable failure because it has not stopped the number of DWIs," Public Safety Director Darren White said Tuesday. "We want to protect the public's trust," said Fire Chief James Breen. "That's why we're taking this stand."  
<http://www.firerescue1.com/fire-news/774267-firefighter-jobs-no-longer-protected-from-dwi-in-nm-city/>

A Farmington (NM) Fire Department training chief will be sentenced in May after he pleaded no contest to drunken driving and resigned from the department:  
<http://www.firehouse.com/topics/politics-and-law/nm-ff-convicted-dwi-resigns>

An arbitrator has upheld the termination of an Omaha (NE) fire captain nearly a year to the day after he was fired in connection with his arrest in a sex sting. Darren Bates will not be allowed to return to his \$82,467-a-year job, the City Attorney's Office confirmed Wednesday. The arbitrator ruled that Bates "failed to perform satisfactory work because his off-duty misconduct interfered with the employer's ability to efficiently operate its business." <http://omaha.com/article/20100325/NEWS01/703259796/0>

Three more firefighters have been arrested by police investigating a fatal blaze in Atherstone-on-Stour (United Kingdom):  
<http://www.firehouse.com/news/top-headlines/three-more-arrested-uk-ff-tragedy>

Four days after filing a claim against the city of Tracy (CA) insisting he was wrongfully placed on administrative leave and had his civil rights violated, Chris Bosch was terminated as Tracy's fire chief with only a month remaining before he qualified for retirement. His attorney called the firing a "retaliation" after Bosch came forward in the investigation of another department head:  
[http://www.recordnet.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20100329/A\\_NEWS/3290307/1/A\\_NEWS](http://www.recordnet.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20100329/A_NEWS/3290307/1/A_NEWS)

An Ann Arbor (MI) firefighter is facing termination after he continued to operate a fire truck engine while failing to report that his driver's license had been suspended, authorities said. Terry Jones, a 19-year veteran of the department, has been suspended for 30 days without pay while an investigation is under way. Ann Arbor Fire Department Chief Dominik Lanza said a routine driver's license check conducted by the city for insurance purposes recently revealed Jones' latest suspension. According to state records, his license was suspended for nine days in February until he paid a fine. Jones is accused of not telling anyone in the fire department and continuing to drive a fire truck engine:

<http://www.firehouse.com/topics/emergency-vehicles-and-operation/mich-ff-drives-engine-after-license-suspension-faces-termination>

The former fire chief of Fillmore (CA) has been ordered to stand trial after being accused of using city funds to pay for an abortion for a city employee and items for his home. Pete Egedi, who served as fire chief from 2005 to 2009, has pleaded not guilty to charges of embezzlement and grand theft. According to the Ventura County Star, Egedi used city funds to purchase items for his wife as well as a big-screen television and other items for his home. Egerdi is also accused of using public funds to help a colleague get an abortion at Planned Parenthood in Sherman Oaks, according to the paper: <http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/lanow/2010/03/exfire-chief-used-city-funds-to-pay-for-abortion-bigscreen-tv-prosecutors-allege.html>

The man who was mistakenly determined to be dead by paramedics on Friday in Prince George's County (MD) has died, his daughter told The Washington Post. Family notified for 2nd time in two days that man died. Victim of erroneous DOA determination in Prince George's County dies a day later at the hospital. The Prince George's County Fire/EMS Department is limiting the duties of two career paramedics pending an investigation into how they walked away from the unconscious Waters at about noon on Friday after saying he was dead:

<http://statter911.com/2010/03/28/family-notified-for-2nd-time-in-two-days-that-man-died-victim-of-erroneous-doa-determination-in-prince-georges-county-dies-a-day-later-at-the-hospital/>

The daughter of a Prince George's County (MD) man who was mistakenly left for dead by paramedics Friday said she and her mother had already notified relatives when she learned from a medical examiner that he was, in fact, alive:

<http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/maryland/bal-md.notdead29mar29%2C0%2C7586262.story>

Jackson Township (OH) trustees agreed unanimously late last night to fire one firefighter and suspend two others, for spreading details about a police call in February that involved the fire chief and his wife at their Grove City home:

<http://www.lvrj.com/news/firefighters-fight-uphill-battle-explaining-wage-concessions-90817764.html>

Memphis (TN) Fire Fighters Association President Larry Anthony says 46 year old Samuel Locastro Junior meant no malice when he placed Mayor Wharton's picture

near the faces of dictators known to kill. The pictures were in a public area at Fire Station 16 on Lamar. Following an investigation and hearing Fox 13 has learned Locastro Junior has now been demoted from lieutenant to driver. 2 others have also been reprimanded for their roles in the incident. 49 year old Battalion Chief Michael Till was given 72 hours suspension while another lieutenant, 41 year old Russell Dallas, got a written reprimand:

[http://www.myfoxmemphis.com/dpp/news/local/032910\\_firefighter-demoted-for-offensive-picture](http://www.myfoxmemphis.com/dpp/news/local/032910_firefighter-demoted-for-offensive-picture)

**Australia's Rat Pack: What may be the pinnacle of firefighter bad behavior. The five firefighters were known as the Rat Pack. The report indicates they threatened to burn down homes, ran naked down streets, drove the rigs while they were drunk and intimidated a whistleblower. According to the Sunday Telegraph, the group was found to be responsible for a campaign of harassment and intimidation. But despite that, two of the Rat Pack were promoted to leadership roles:**

<http://statter911.com/2010/03/27/australias-rat-pack-what-may-be-the-pinnacle-of-firefighter-bad-behavior/>

**Volunteer firefighter/county commissioner & family accused of interfering as their business burns. Confrontation sheds light on training issues at Michigan's Grand Traverse Rural Fire Department:**

<http://statter911.com/2010/03/21/volunteer-firefightercounty-commissioner-family-accused-of-interfering-as-their-business-burns-confrontation-sheds-light-on-training-issues-at-michigans-grand-traverse-rural-fire-department/>

**An FDNY firefighter featured in a well-known film about the 9/11 World Trade Center attacks is about to lose his job after being arrested buying cocaine — but a judge has recommended that he be allowed to retire to preserve a pension worth more than \$1 million. The recommendation is now before FDNY Commissioner Sal Cassano, who will, for the first time since his appointment in December, have to decide if there's any leeway in the department's zero-tolerance drug policy. In an apparent act of mercy, Administrative Law Judge Faye Lewis ruled on March 18 that Patrick Zoda should be allowed to submit his retirement papers even though he was caught buying cocaine on Oct. 23, 2008, and has a long-term substance-abuse problem:**

<http://www.firerescue1.com/fire-department-management/articles/781073-FDNY-commissioner-tested-by-9-11-hero-drug-case/>

**Dozens of call takers at Chicago's (IL) 911 emergency center made more than \$20,000 in overtime last year — with one earning a whopping \$90,000 — proof that chronic understaffing remains a problem. As far back as 2003, the center was under fire for delays in dispatching calls because of understaffing. That year, Kevin Gavin — a 17-year-old honor student and varsity football player at Morgan Park High School — was beaten in the head with an aluminum bat. The city allegedly took four minutes to call an ambulance, which took an additional 11 minutes to reach him. Gavin died five days later, and his family sued: <http://www.firerescue1.com/fire-news/781066-overtime-costs-highlight-chicago-911-troubles/>**

State police have arrested three Schuylkill County (PA) men on charges they set a series of fires that caused more than \$2 million damage while they were volunteers with the Friedensburg Fire Company:

<http://www.firehouse.com/news/top-headlines/3-pa-firefighters-charged-arsons>

Tualatin (OR) Mayor Lou Ogden blasts Tualatin Valley Fire Rescue District officials in an e-mail rant over urban renewal plan. In a bluntly worded e-mail sent at 2:25 a.m. March 5, Ogden blasted two Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue officials who hours earlier offered their own analysis of Tualatin's urban renewal at a crowded school board meeting. The fire district opposes Tualatin's efforts:

[http://www.oregonlive.com/tualatin/index.ssf/2010/03/say\\_it\\_aint\\_true\\_lou\\_tualatin\\_mayor\\_blasts\\_fire\\_district\\_officials\\_in\\_e-mail\\_rant.html](http://www.oregonlive.com/tualatin/index.ssf/2010/03/say_it_aint_true_lou_tualatin_mayor_blasts_fire_district_officials_in_e-mail_rant.html)

A Banks (OR) volunteer firefighter has been arrested following accusations he inappropriately touched several high school girls in a community west of Portland:

<http://www.kptv.com/gooddayoregon/23030159/detail.html>

A Banks (OR) man resigned as volunteer firefighter during sex-abuse investigation:

[http://www.oregonlive.com/north-of-26/index.ssf/2010/04/banks\\_man\\_resigned\\_as\\_volunteer\\_firefighter\\_during\\_sex-abuse\\_investigation.html](http://www.oregonlive.com/north-of-26/index.ssf/2010/04/banks_man_resigned_as_volunteer_firefighter_during_sex-abuse_investigation.html)

He never battled a blaze -- but the Fire Department New York's (FDNY) heart doctor is in line for a lucrative disability pension meant for firefighters with job-related heart ailments. Dr. Neil Coplan, a 20-year veteran of the department, was approved for the estimated \$95,000-a-year pension under a state law that automatically awards cushy benefits to FDNY members whose heart illnesses could have resulted from years of inhaling toxic fire fumes. His \$127,497-a-year job isn't fighting blazes but treating firefighters injured by them. Only occasionally did the 55-year-old heart doctor visit major fire scenes:

[http://www.nypost.com/p/news/local/fdny\\_doc\\_who\\_never\\_fought\\_fires\\_hFDSWsiJOIWSZeYZLx7XEM](http://www.nypost.com/p/news/local/fdny_doc_who_never_fought_fires_hFDSWsiJOIWSZeYZLx7XEM)

About three dozen firefighters carried signs and marched in front of the Lake County (CO) Courthouse in Leadville this afternoon to protest the possible criminal charges against Capt. Dan Dailey, an emergency medical technician with the Leadville Fire Department. Dailey was detained for more than an hour on March 27 after he and two other firefighters heard a dispatch call and responded to the Lake County Jail after a woman with a neck injury had arrived there to file a domestic abuse report. Deputies told the firefighters to leave. When Dailey refused, he was arrested. For the past two years Lake County Sheriff Ed Holte and the fire department have argued over how emergency services should be handled, with Holte preferring that his deputies act as first-responders in medical cases: [http://www.denverpost.com/ci\\_14825045](http://www.denverpost.com/ci_14825045)

A fire chief has racked up \$26,000 in fines after mistakenly believing his toll road trips in Orange County would be free while driving his department SUV:

<http://www.sacbee.com/2010/04/05/2657361/study-calif-pensions-underfunded.html>

The St. Paul (MN) City Council is set to approve today a \$175,000 settlement with the family of a woman killed when an ambulance ran over her. The ambulance backed up and hit Kuehn, who possibly had gone into the alley to see what was going on. The ambulance driver, Thomas Murakami, was not charged with a crime. But an attorney for Kuehn's family, Patrick O'Neill, said in a written claim to the city on July 23 that Murakami "willfully disregarded St. Paul Fire Department written standard operating procedure by driving in reverse without hand guidance by one of his crew members or a police officer." <http://www.firehouse.com/topics/emergency-vehicles-and-operation/st-paul-pay-after-ambulance-death>

A Spokane (WA) firefighter exonerated on child pornography charges two years ago is on paid leave again after an apparently violent confrontation with state troopers during a drunken driving arrest. Lt. Todd Chism was jolted with a stun gun several times after troopers found him trying to drive his truck out of a ditch along Highway 291 about 2:45 a.m. Tuesday, said Bob Calkins, a Washington State Patrol spokesman. Troopers performed field sobriety tests, but Chism "began to more actively resist," which led troopers to use the Taser, Calkins said. But the high-voltage jolts had "surprisingly minimal effect," Calkins said. The city of Spokane announced Thursday afternoon that Chism has been placed on paid administrative leave until a charging decision is made in Stevens County. Calkins said the investigation is ongoing:

<http://www.thenewtribune.com/2010/04/09/1141395/spokane-firefighter-on-leave-after.html>

Three New York city workers -- including a firefighter who made collections using a marked FDNY vehicle -- were among 38 people indicted for running nationwide Internet sports-betting rings that raked in \$178 million over the past three years, authorities said yesterday. Two separate rings used Web sites to take bets and keep records but paid off customers in cash to avoid violating federal law, Queens DA Richard Brown said. Firefighter Matthew Fopeano, who works in the department's Medical Division, and highway-repair worker Michael Labetti were "agents" who collected gambling losses, paid out winnings and solicited new business, Brown said:

[http://www.nypost.com/p/news/local/bettor\\_not\\_5YvdtU51sWBA6YfHvsWmGL](http://www.nypost.com/p/news/local/bettor_not_5YvdtU51sWBA6YfHvsWmGL)

Add two more people (former firefighters) to the list of arson suspects in Schuylkill County who set fires because they were bored. Four men who police say when they were firefighters are charged with going on an arson spree in Schuylkill County. Now another firefighter is charged. Charles Ferguson of the Friedensburg Fire Department Tuesday turned himself into state police. He was joined by Devon Smith of Auburn, who is not a firefighter. He is also accused of being part of group that state police call serial arsonists: <http://www.firefighternation.com/forum/topics/more-arrests-made-in>

Las Vegas (NV) officials are investigating whether a city firefighter wrote on a public Web site that she wanted to shoot a Clark County commissioner:

<http://www.lasvegassun.com/news/2010/apr/08/sisolak-named-threat-web/>

A Bridgeport (CT) fire captain whose e-mail ignited a racially charged furor in the department in December is back on the job following a recent two-week suspension. After a joint investigation of the incident by the city's labor relations and fire

departments, "a due process hearing was held and Capt. Baker was suspended for two weeks without pay and was ordered to attend management sensitivity training offered through the Employee Assistance Program," said Fire Chief Brian Rooney in a statement issued last week through Mayor Bill Finch's spokeswoman, Elaine Ficarra. "Since the suspension, he has returned to work.":

<http://www.firehouse.com/topics/leadership-and-command/conn-capt-punished-racially-charged-e-mail>

Clark County (NV) administrators requested that a Metro Police officer be posted at Tuesday's County Commission meeting, saying they sought additional security after a commissioner reported receiving threatening phone calls related to his criticism of firefighters' compensation. Sisolak said after the meeting that he has received threatening calls for months from callers claiming to be firefighters. They have grown more frequent and intense in recent weeks, as county administrators and the firefighters union are in closed-door negotiations on a new contract, he said:

<http://www.lasvegassun.com/news/2010/apr/07/hope-your-house-doesnt-catch-fire/>

A Las Vegas (NV) firefighter's Facebook-posted declaration about wanting to shoot Clark County Commissioner Steve Sisolak prompted Mayor Oscar Goodman Thursday to vow for "justice." Goodman, however, didn't say what penalty the city might mete out against firefighter Joy Sager, who described wanting "to shoot Sisolak in the (groin)" on a Web page that bashes local newspaper coverage of firefighters. She later apologized to Sisolak: [www.lvrj.com/news/firefighter-faces-heat-for-post-90336559.html](http://www.lvrj.com/news/firefighter-faces-heat-for-post-90336559.html)

A former Martin County (FL) firefighter and his twin brother were arrested Wednesday morning in connection with the theft of medical equipment stolen from an ambulance:

<http://www.firehouse.com/news/top-headlines/ex-fla-ff-arrested-ambo-thefts>

Missouri Firefighters miss a victim in a bathtub at the scene of a house fire – the victim died:

<http://www.stltoday.com/stltoday/news/stories.nsf/stlouiscitycounty/story/49466CA27E518AE862576FE001056A7?OpenDocument>

More from the story above where the firefighters missed the victim in the bathroom. A reporter takes on firefighters in Missouri after they failed to find woman's body: Calling what happened to Gloria Banks in Northwoods, Missouri an "undignified way to go", KMOV-TV reporter Mark Schnyder has some pointed comments for the Northeast Ambulance and Fire Protection District. In his blog Schnyder writes, "What an embarrassment for the fire department... but what bothers me more is that someone's loved one was left inside a burned out building and no one seemed to care enough to find out she was there... in her tub... covered in debris." From Statter 911:

<http://www.kmov.com/community/blogs/reporters-blog/What-an-undignified-way-to-go-90096392.html>

Gilroy's (CA) City Council took the first step Monday to allow residents to vote on whether to repeal binding arbitration for Gilroy firefighters:

<http://www.gilroydispatch.com/news/264664-binding-arbitration-repeal-to-the-ballot-for-firefighters-only>

A mural of the grim reaper will no longer decorate a Vancouver (BC) fire hall after the B.C. Civil Liberties Association complained it sends an inappropriate message about the Downtown Eastside. The mural hangs on the interior back wall of the fire hall at Main and Powell streets. It depicts the grim reaper holding a scythe with the words "The Skids" emblazoned on it. The tip of the weapon is a needle dripping with blood. The bottom of the painting is inscribed with the words, "It's not the end of the world but we can see it from here:

[http://www.vancouversun.com/entertainment/Vancouver+fire+hall+mural+removed+after+complaint/2766278/story.html?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3a+canwest%2fF259+\(Vancouver+Sun+-+News+%2f+Vancouver\)](http://www.vancouversun.com/entertainment/Vancouver+fire+hall+mural+removed+after+complaint/2766278/story.html?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3a+canwest%2fF259+(Vancouver+Sun+-+News+%2f+Vancouver))

Government officials in twin polygamous communities along the Utah-Arizona border were served Tuesday with search warrants seeking evidence on suspected misuse of public funds, authorities said. The warrants allege City Manager David Darger and Fire Chief Jake Barlow in Colorado City, Ariz., personally benefited or took money for their own use from the fire department "by false pretenses and/or without authority of law," sometime between Aug. 1, 2004 and Feb. 1, 2010. "There's an investigation being conducted by the county attorney's office at this time for a possible misuse of public funds and fraudulent schemes at the Fire Department and possibly the city government," Mohave County Sheriff Tom Sheahan told The Associated Press: [http://www.kswt.com/Global/story.asp?S=12264692&nav=menu613\\_2\\_6](http://www.kswt.com/Global/story.asp?S=12264692&nav=menu613_2_6)

Mayor Annise Parker, frustrated with the way an investigation into last year's graffiti incident targeting two female firefighters at Houston (TX) Fire Station 54 was conducted, on Wednesday called for a "complete house cleaning" at the Bush Intercontinental Airport firehouse. "We're going to break up the culture at that station," Parker said Wednesday morning. "And we're going to move on." <http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/metropolitan/6948981.html>

The family of an East Garfield Park man has filed a wrongful death lawsuit against the Chicago (IL) Fire Department after firefighters failed to find him as they were searching his home during a blaze a year ago today. Family members found Lipscomb's body two days after the fire after kicking in the door to the home, the Tribune has reported. His body was discovered on the floor near his bed with his arm reaching up. A picture frame covered his face: <http://www.chicagobreakingnews.com/2010/04/chicago-fire-department-hit-with-wrongful-death-suit.html>

An editorial on how firefighters have it so well from a business person in a community (American Canyon) where the firefighters are participating in their contract negotiations. Even though it came from California, it is something everyone can learn from. "I thought I was doing well in the wine business. Had I had any real brains I would have become a firefighter. What a racket they have," is how the individual begins his editorial:

[http://www.sthelenastar.com/articles/2010/04/08/opinion/letters\\_to\\_the\\_editor/doc4bbd1d023d0cb671236585.txt](http://www.sthelenastar.com/articles/2010/04/08/opinion/letters_to_the_editor/doc4bbd1d023d0cb671236585.txt)

**Former Fire Chief Pete Egedi has filed a wrongful termination lawsuit against the city of Fillmore, which fired him in 2008 over allegations he misappropriated thousands of dollars when he was chief of the Fire Department:**

<http://www.vcstar.com/news/2010/apr/09/former-fire-chief-sues-fillmore-for-wrongful/>

**F.D.N.Y. Fire Commissioner Sal Cassano has fired veteran firefighter Patrick Zoda, who admitted using cocaine, despite a judge's recommendation that he be allowed to leave the job on his own in order to preserve a \$33,000-a-year pension:**

<http://www.firehouse.com/news/top-headlines/fdny-ff-terminated-illegal-drug-use>

**A female Houston firefighter who was the subject of sexist and racist graffiti is suing the city of Houston for sexual harassment, KPRC Local 2 reported Tuesday:**

<http://www.firehouse.com/topics/politics-and-law/texas-female-ff-files-harassment-lawsuit>

**Hamilton (OH) Deputy Fire Chief Daniel Parsons has been placed on paid administrative leave and a disciplinary hearing has been scheduled after questions were raised about the collection and distribution of money raised during a charity boot drive, according to Wicked Local Hamilton. Team 5 Investigates discovered that Hamilton firefighters collected money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association's boot drive on Labor Day 2009. The money was turned over to Parsons, according to a police investigation. But it took months before the MDA saw any of the money that had been collected:**

<http://www.firehouse.com/topics/politics-and-law/mass-chief-leave-amid-fundraising-probe>

**A Memphis (TN) Firefighter received a written reprimand for bringing an assault rifle to his fire station last week:**

<http://www.firehouse.com/topics/politics-and-law/mass-chief-leave-amid-fundraising-probe>

**Despite repeated vows to reform the way it handles costly discrimination and misconduct complaints, the Los Angeles (CA) Fire Department relies on a disciplinary system plagued by poor documentation, uneven punishment and a lack of clear guidelines, according to a new city audit:**

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-fire-audit16-2010apr16%2C0%2C893370.story>

**An apartment fire that killed six people in Minneapolis (MN) this month is prompting new scrutiny of the city's decision to transfer inspection duties of large rental properties to the Fire Department. City officials had not checked the upstairs units for fire-code violations in at least 16 years, and tenants have described serious violations including exposed wiring and missing smoke detectors. The Minneapolis City Council approved the move in 2004, after the Fire Department said that doing so would save the jobs of 15 firefighters:** <http://www.startribune.com/local/90996774.html>

**Five career paid officers and one volunteer firefighter at the Windsor-Severance (CO) Fire Protection District are being investigated on suspicion of inappropriate conduct during a leadership team meeting they took part in last month:**

<http://www.greeleytribune.com/article/20100418/NEWS/100419641/1002&parentprofile%3D1001>

A volunteer firefighter in Canada with glowing character references was sentenced Friday to six months of house arrest for killing a bystander while speeding to an accident scene: <http://news.therecord.com/article/698747>

The state of Virginia is investigating several Suffolk firefighters after receiving complaints that they lied about their qualifications during a training program to become paramedics:

<http://www.firerescue1.com/fire-ems/articles/808319-Va-firefighters-paramedic-training-investigated/>

They're writing prescriptions for financial disaster -- but the doctors who sign off on sky-high pensions for firefighters insist it's not their fault. The three FDNY physicians who have been approving lucrative tax-free disability pensions say they're hamstrung by laws that force them to approve the generous payouts -- even if there's no evidence linking the firefighters' conditions to their jobs:

[http://www.nypost.com/p/news/local/pension\\_system\\_sick\\_96IM5ohin3waPMIYC1HLpM](http://www.nypost.com/p/news/local/pension_system_sick_96IM5ohin3waPMIYC1HLpM)

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**Positive Public Relations Items:**

Sandy (UT) firefighters go beyond the call of duty to help a disabled veteran:

<http://www.deseretnews.com/article/700018076/Firefighters-go-beyond-call-for-vet.html>

A Greensboro (NC) woman credits a firefighter with coming to her assistance after she was mugged while walking home from work Tuesday evening:

<http://www.firehouse.com/news/top-headlines/nc-ff-helps-mugged-woman>

Sparks (NV) Firefighters are honored for various reasons:

[http://dailysparktribune.com/view/full\\_story/6905156/article-Firefighters-honored-for-service?instance=home\\_news\\_right](http://dailysparktribune.com/view/full_story/6905156/article-Firefighters-honored-for-service?instance=home_news_right)

Vacaville (CA) Firefighter Matt Moreno could have asked Fire Capt. Geoff Jeppson or Fire Engineer Loren Drowne to show him how to connect a hose from the engine to a hydrant. The rookie Vacaville firefighter could have walked through the drill before attempting it at full speed. Moreno figured the best way to learn would be to give it a try without asking questions or first going through the motions. As he turned a wrench to release water from the hydrant, however, the hose broke loose from a valve on the engine. Moreno's attitude is one reason why his job and those held by four other firefighters who recently completed 18 months of probation were viewed as worth saving. Preserving their jobs prompted Fire Chief Brian Preciado to go part time and Battalion Chief Rob Glankler, a 30-year veteran, to retire to trim the department's payroll. The firefighters association and fire management union also agreed to 3 percent salary cuts. The moves saved \$900,000. For Moreno, those "selfless" decisions prevented him from losing a job before he even had one:

[http://www.thereporter.com/ci\\_14806917](http://www.thereporter.com/ci_14806917)

No sirens were heard. There were no injured people, laws broken or fires to put out. But members of the Maricopa Public Safety Department were out in full force at Pacana Park this weekend. The second annual Guns and Hoses tournament was held on Saturday, March 27. The event raised more than \$1,000 for scholarships to benefit two Maricopa High School seniors interested in pursuing a career in public service as a firefighter, police officer or paramedic. Two fire department teams, one police team and one civilian team competed in the all-day round-robin-style softball tournament: <http://www.inmaricopa.com/NEWS/NewsArticleDetails.aspx?mid1=390&&ArticleID=7960>

Families in North Las Vegas (NV) weren't laughing Thursday when they saw firefighters going door to door stressing the importance of pool safety. In an effort to lower the number of drowning deaths and near-drownings in North Las Vegas, firefighters declared Thursday "April Pools Day." <http://www.fox5vegas.com/news/23027567/detail.html>

A small flock of ducklings was rescued by Central (Santa Cruz County, CA) firefighters Monday morning, after they fell through a storm grate on Soquel Drive near Porter Gulch Road. A mother duck walking her baby ducklings became frantic when they fell through the storm grate around 8 a.m. Passersby heard the loud quacking of the mother duck on top of the grate, and the "cheeps" of the ducklings below. Central firefighters climbed down the grate and used a milk crate to bring the ducklings back to the road: [http://www.contracostatimes.com/california/ci\\_14916190?nclink\\_check=1](http://www.contracostatimes.com/california/ci_14916190?nclink_check=1)

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**Training & Safety Related Items:**

Read the internal review of the October, 2007 fire that injured four Washington DC firefighters, as well as watch a video tour of the rowhouse where the crew was trapped: <http://statter911.com/2010/03/19/read-the-internal-review-of-the-october-2007-fire-that-injured-four-dc-firefighters-video-tour-of-rowhouse-where-crew-was-trapped/>

The 'c-word' and firefighter safety - How to empower firefighters to stop unsafe practices: <http://www.firerescue1.com/firefighter-safety/articles/773509-The-c-word-and-firefighter-safety/>

NIOSH is calling for fire departments to adopt comprehensive fire apparatus maintenance and safety measures after investigators found deficiencies led to the death of a Boston (MA) firefighter. Lt. Kevin Kelley was killed in January last year and three other firefighters were injured when the ladder truck they were riding slammed into a building after the brakes failed. Aside from braking system deficiencies, NIOSH investigators also found flaws in the maintenance program, insufficient training and failure to wear seat belts all contributed to the incident, according to a report released Tuesday: <http://www.firerescue1.com/firefighter-safety/articles/773821-niosh-fatal-fire-truck-crash-shows-need-for-air-brake-training/>

The next evolution for SCBA apparatus is one step closer to being in the firehouse. The International Association of Fire Fighters and the Department of Homeland Security have selected MSA to begin work on a prototype of new SCBA built on pressure-vessel technology. It is designed to eliminate much of the weight of current breathing apparatus, thereby reducing the impacts of working in high stress and heat conditions: <http://www.firerescue1.com/firefighter-safety/articles/774401-scba-flat-pack-prototype-expected-in-september/>

Ignoring rules when rushing into a blaze at Union Square's Tiffany & Co. high-rise building in October resulted in 10 San Francisco (CA) Fire Department firefighters being injured, according to a new report. The report from the Fire Department faults its firefighters for not wearing their breathing units and fragmenting into several confused groups. The original engine on the scene actually went to the wrong building, and when firefighters entered, they failed to check the lowest floor for flames — standard practice in a high-rise fire: <http://www.sfexaminer.com/local/Firefighter-gaffes-blamed-for-injuries-89664987.html>

NIOSH: Crew integrity highlighted by NY basement LODDs - Firefighters acting without their full crew and accountability problems contributed to the deaths of two Buffalo firefighters, a report found. The importance of maintaining crew integrity all times on the fireground has been highlighted in a NIOSH report into the deaths of two Buffalo, N.Y., firefighters. Lt. Charles "Chip" McCarthy and firefighter Jonathan Croom died in August last year after they fell through the first floor of a deli, into a burning basement: <http://www.firerescue1.com/firefighter-safety/articles/781444-niosh-crew-integrity-highlighted-by-ny-basement-lodds/>

Berne Township (OH) firefighter Donnie L. Thimmes, a 30-year veteran, was in critical condition late Tuesday in a Columbus hospital, a day after walking into downed power lines at the scene of a fire: <http://www.lancastereagle.com/article/20100407/NEWS01/4070305>

A small house fire caused by a solar panel in San Diego (CA) last week exposed a potentially dangerous flaw in the building codes of many cities across California, which is pushing for tens of thousands of homeowners to install the generating systems on their rooftops. Experts say that in most cities, installers are not required to place a switch on the roof to cut power from panels in an emergency --- leaving firefighters unable to put out certain fires and helpless to stop dangerous amounts of electricity from flowing along wires as long as the sun is shining: [http://www.nctimes.com/business/article\\_8a32fb03-9e3f-58ca-b860-9c7fe1e28c7e.html](http://www.nctimes.com/business/article_8a32fb03-9e3f-58ca-b860-9c7fe1e28c7e.html)

Over the past couple of weeks Boca Raton Fire Rescue Services (FL) Chief Tom Wood has been giving STATter911.com a fire chief's view of dealing with the challenges of regeneration in front-line fire trucks and ambulances equipped with diesel particulate filters. The Regeneration Gap: A fire chief wrestles with front-line apparatus time-outs due to EPA Diesel Emission Regulations: <http://statter911.com/2010/04/18/the-regeneration-gap-a-fire-chief-wrestles-with-front-line-apparatus-time-outs-due-to-epa-diesel-emission-regulations/>

A great article from Firehouse.com for current and future Fire Officers – something everyone can learn something from, titled “the 25 most common mistakes made by Fire Officers:” <http://www.firehouse.com/topics/careers/25-common-mistakes-made-new-fire-officers>

A Houston (TX) Fire Department vehicle has been involved in an accident in northwest Houston. The fire truck was from Station 13 and is called 'Lucky Number 13.' That was definitely the case Monday as the three firefighters injured were taken to the hospital with non life threatening injuries:  
<http://abclocal.go.com/ktrk/story?section=news/local&id=7393706>

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**General Fire Service Related Items:**

After nearly seven years of often bitter negotiations, Mayor David N. Cicilline and the city firefighters union have reached a tentative contract, potentially ending one of the longest public labor disputes in the state’s recent history. The agreement, which still requires approval from the union’s 450 members and the City Council, proposes to give firefighters two years worth of retroactive pay raises but imposes a wage freeze for the current fiscal year and the next. It also would mark the first time that firefighters, who have been without a contract since 2001, agreed to pay part of their health insurance, bringing them in line with other city unions:  
[http://www.projo.com/news/content/FIREFIGHTERS\\_TENTATIVE\\_CONTRACT\\_03-23-10\\_N5HS\\_v39.3b31209.html](http://www.projo.com/news/content/FIREFIGHTERS_TENTATIVE_CONTRACT_03-23-10_N5HS_v39.3b31209.html)

Practice of on-duty firefighters raising money for charity questioned:  
<http://www.lasvegassun.com/news/2010/mar/31/duty-raising-money-charity/>

A labor arbitration panel has ruled that Boston (MA) firefighters must submit to random drug and alcohol testing in exchange for a 19 percent raise over four years, a significant bump that will dwarf the pay increases for other city unions:  
[http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2010/04/20/panel\\_oks\\_firefighter\\_drug\\_tests\\_19\\_raise/](http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2010/04/20/panel_oks_firefighter_drug_tests_19_raise/)

Foster City (CA) Fire Chief Tom Reaves has told the city he plans to retire, giving city officials an opportunity to explore sharing management personnel with fire departments in nearby communities. The City Council authorized City Manager Jim Hardy last week during a closed meeting to explore a variety of shared service models with the cities of Burlingame, Hillsborough and San Mateo, Assistant City Manager Kristi Chappelle said Tuesday. San Mateo has its own fire department, and Hillsborough and Burlingame are both served by the Central County Fire Department. Reaves will retire at the end of June, Chappelle said. The city will look into sharing a fire chief with the San Mateo and Central County departments along with other positions such as fire marshal, battalion chief, management assistant and administrative secretary:  
[http://www.mercurynews.com/search/ci\\_14789640?IADID=Search-www.mercurynews.com-www.mercurynews.com](http://www.mercurynews.com/search/ci_14789640?IADID=Search-www.mercurynews.com-www.mercurynews.com)

John Winn wasn't much of a drinker before nine of his fellow Charleston (SC) firefighters died in the Sofa Super Store fire in June 2007. But after the blaze, he leaned hard on the bottle to chase away grief, pain and brutal images that clung to him from that night. Winn, a battalion chief with 33 years on the job, spent his days off in a blurry haze as he drowned his anguish in liter after liter of Crown Royal. He was on a downward spiral when he finally sought help from the Charleston Firefighter Support Team, which got Winn into alcohol treatment and counseled him about the issues driving his drinking. Now sober for three months, Winn does peer outreach for the team, helping others get help to cope with the fire's fallout and other stresses. So far, he's referred 20 people to the program:

<http://www.postandcourier.com/news/2010/apr/10/firefighter-lifeline/>

A man suspected of stealing from firefighters across the Front Range has been arrested by Westminster police. Robert John Burns Jr., 48, is suspected of burglarizing multiple fire stations between October and February, police said:

[http://www.denverpost.com/ci\\_14789467](http://www.denverpost.com/ci_14789467)

To hear the city of Austin's (TX) lawyer tell it, the "harassment" that firefighter Nona Allen says she suffered as a probationary officer with the Austin Fire Department was (take your pick): 1) simple miscommunication; 2) griping by a woman who simply isn't interested in being a real firefighter; or 3) nothing more than "hazing" – and, as far as the city is concerned, a completely appropriate way to treat new AFD employees:

<http://www.austinchronicle.com/gyrobase/Issue/story?oid=oid%3A988295>

An ongoing squabble between the Lake County (CO) sheriff and Leadville firefighters reached a particularly nasty point when two deputies handcuffed a fire department captain who was trying to treat a woman with a broken neck. Fire Capt. Dan Dailey spent a little over an hour handcuffed in a jail cell in uniform before Leadville Police Chief Mike Leak released him. District Attorney Mark Hurlbert said his office is investigating the incident and will decide early next week whether to file charges. It was the latest incident in a two-year tussle between Lake County Sheriff Ed Holte and the fire department over how emergency services should be handled in the mountain and mining county: [http://www.denverpost.com/ci\\_14805279](http://www.denverpost.com/ci_14805279)

A Maryland Firefighter is threatened with being arrested by law enforcement officials while attempting to fight a fire at his parent's house:

<http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/maryland/anne-arundel/bs-md-ar-firefighter-philadelphia-save-20100414%2C0%2C6071362.story>

The district attorney for Lake County (CO) has charged a sheriff's deputy with three crimes relating to the incident last month, in which he arrested and jailed a Leadville fire captain who was responding to a medical emergency call to treat a woman with a neck injury. Prosecutor Mark Hurlbert said he has charged Deputy Steven James with first-degree official misconduct, obstructing a medical person and trespassing on public property, which is defined as keeping a public official from doing their duty:

[http://www.denverpost.com/ci\\_14886097](http://www.denverpost.com/ci_14886097)

Reno (NV) and Washoe County officials are nearing key decisions about a formula for splitting fire contract costs, extending the contract a year and creating a new fire district: <http://www.rgj.com/article/20100404/NEWS/100404032/-1/CARSON/Reno-Washoe-officials-at-odds-over-new-fire-service-plan>

There is a new fire academy that will put out a few new firefighters in Tucson and Southern Arizona. Of more than 1000 applicants, it's down to 22 recruits. There is a former Olympic swimmer, a professional skateboarder and an Iraqi War veteran among the group. They will go to Northwest Fire, Golder Ranch and Casa Grand Fire: <http://www.kold.com/Global/story.asp?S=12259226>

**Now Is the Time to Sustain Our Cause for Residential Sprinklers - Residential fire sprinklers drastically reduce the time necessary for our suppression forces to be on a fire scene to control and extinguish a fire, allowing our emergency resources to respond quickly to other life-threatening situation in our communities. Modern construction techniques and an ever-changing fuel load decrease the time for flashover and increases the intensity of the fires we are called to suppress. This results in firefighters being tasked to enter structures that may have significantly been weakened during the first few minutes after flashover. In addition, many communities have fiscal challenges which are reducing the initial number of available personnel to mitigate the incident and increasing response times through closing of fire stations. All of these factors combined clearly indicate why one of the 16 Fire Fighter Life Safety Initiatives is *Advocacy must be strengthened for the enforcement of codes and the installation of home fire sprinklers*:**

<http://www.fireengineering.com/index/articles/display/2704859712/articles/fire-engineering/prevention-protection/codes/2010/04/lacey-valentine-sprinklers.html>

Radios, flashlights and a map book, all valued between \$15,000 and \$20,000, were stolen from an Edmond (OK) fire truck while it was in Oklahoma City being repaired, an Edmond Fire Department official said Wednesday. Firefighters Wednesday were notifying people in gated neighborhoods in Edmond that their gate codes may have been compromised: <http://newsok.com/thieves-target-edmond-fire-truck/article/3452190>

The Billings (MT) City Council Monday night heard hours of testimony on a Fire Department plan to buy small firetrucks. Most of the speakers were against the plan, and most were city firefighters. Fire Chief Paul Dextras said the city will benefit from using the QRVs because they are smaller and safer than regular firetrucks and they will save the city money over time. In a memo to the City Council, Dextras criticized the firefighter's union for opposing the plan and hinted that it was part of the union's plan to fight city administration. "I personally find it very disturbing that members of such a prestigious occupation would inform the Council as well as private citizens that their lives and property would be in jeopardy if the department were to embrace the QRV concept," Dextras wrote:

[http://billingsgazette.com/news/local/government-and-politics/article\\_e9bb1a9a-46b0-11df-b8a9-001cc4c002e0.html](http://billingsgazette.com/news/local/government-and-politics/article_e9bb1a9a-46b0-11df-b8a9-001cc4c002e0.html)

A legal battle over raises has backfired for Buffalo (NY) firefighters and now they owe money to City Hall. Tuesday night, Buffalo firefighters do what they do best: handle emergency calls. Now, the city's nearly 700 firefighters are faced with a different kind

of challenge. Acting City Corporation Counsel David Rodriguez said, "The firefighters will be looking at that 5.5 percent wage decrease probably in the next couple of weeks: <http://www.firerescue1.com/labor-issues/articles/807029-Court-tells-NY-firefighters-to-pay-back-raises/>

With a deadline looming, the Reno (NV) City Council agreed Wednesday to continue to review conditions that must be met before it can delay for a year deciding whether to continue to provide fire service to parts of unincorporated Washoe County. The fire contract has saved Reno about \$25.5 million over the last 10 years and Truckee Meadows \$12 million by eliminating 10 management positions and realigning fire stations, said Mary Walker, Truckee Meadows financial consultant: <http://www.rgj.com/article/20100414/NEWS/100414053/-1/DOUGLAS07/Reno-council-agrees-to-look-at-Washoe-fire-service-demands>

The Chambersburg (PA) Borough Council approved two ordinances that put bilingualism stipulations into fire department hiring policies. In an emergency, being able to clearly communicate with those who need help can sometimes mean the difference between life and death. For Chambersburg firefighters and police, that often means being able to speak Spanish. To better meet that need, Chambersburg Borough Council approved two ordinances Monday that put bilingualism stipulations into the police and fire department hiring policies: <http://www.firerescue1.com/labor-issues/articles/808339-Pa-fire-department-hiring-policies-to-include-bilingualism/>

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