

CHABOT COLLEGE
Fire Technology Program



FIRE & EMS NEWS

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Welcome to the latest issue of the Chabot College Fire & EMS News! This latest issue is jam packed with fire service news stories, training opportunities, training and safety information, volunteer opportunities and employment opportunities.

FALL 2009 FIRE TECHNOLOGY SCHEDULE – **CHABOT COLLEGE:**

Registration for the Fall 2009 semester at Chabot College (Hayward, CA) has begun and classes begin Monday August 17!

The following fire-technology related courses are going to be offered this Fall:

COURSE	DAY	TIMES
FT 50 (Fire Protection Organization)	Monday (am)	0800 – 1150 hours
FT 50 (Fire Protection Organization)	Monday (pm)	1800 – 2150 hours
FT 51 (Fire Operations)	Tuesday (pm)	1800 – 2050 hours
FT 52 (Firefighter Safety/Public Education 1)	Tuesday (am)	0900 – 1150 hours
FT 52 (Firefighter Safety/Public Education 1)	Wednesday (pm)	1800 – 2050 hours
FT 53 (Fire Behavior & Combustion)	Tuesday (pm)	1500 – 1750 hours
FT 54 (Fire Prevention Technology)	Thursday (pm)	1900 – 2150 hours
FT 56 (Building Construction for Fire Protection)	Wednesday (pm)	1900 – 2150 hours
FT 89 (Firefighter 1 Academy evaluation) Note: Class only meets on the following dates: - October 14, 16 and 18 (Wed/Fri/Sun) - November 10, 12 and 14 (Tue/Thu/Sat)	Mon & Wed (pm) <u>or</u> Tue & Thurs (pm) Saturday (all day)	1700 – 2050 hours 0800 – 1650 hours
FT 90A (Firefighter 1 Academy) **Must also be registered in FT 90B and 90C**	Tue & Thurs (pm) Saturday (all day)	1700 – 2050 hours 0830 – 1650 hours
FT 90B (Firefighter 1 Academy) **Must also be registered in FT 90A and 90C**	Tue & Thurs (pm) Saturday (all day)	1700 – 2050 hours 0830 – 1650 hours
FT 90C (Firefighter 1 Academy) **Must also be registered in FT 90A and 90B**	Tue & Thurs (pm) Saturday (all day)	1800 – 2150 hours 0830 – 1650 hours
FT 91A (Wildland Interface Firefighting) Note: Class only meets on the following dates: December 1, 3, 5, 6, 8, 10 and 12	Tue & Thurs (pm) Saturday (all day) Sunday (all day)	1700 – 2150 hours 0800 – 1650 hours

COURSE	DAY	TIMES
FT 91B (Haz Mat 1 st Responder-Operations) Note: Class only meets on the following dates: November 17, 19, 21, 22	Tue & Thurs (pm) Saturday (all day) Sunday (all day)	1700 – 2150 hours 0800 – 1750 hours
FT 91C (I-200; Basic ICS) Note: Class only meets on the following dates: November 10, 12, 14 and 15	Tue & Thurs (pm) Saturday (all day) Sunday (all day)	1700 – 2150 hours 0800 – 1750 hours 0800 – 1750 hours
FT 95 (Work Experience) **Must also be registered in FT 96**	TBA	TBA
FT 96 (Work Experience Seminar) **Must also be registered in FT 95** Note: Class only meets on the following dates: August 19, September 2, October 7, November 4 and December 16	Wednesday (pm)	1800 – 2150 hours
Health 61 (First Responder)	Tuesday (mid)	1400 – 1750 hours
Health 61 (First Responder)	Wednesday (pm)	1800 – 2150 hours
Health 61 (First Responder)	Friday (am)	0830 – 1220 hours
Health 81 (EMT) **Must also be registered in Health 83**	Wednesday (all day)	0800 – 1720 hours
Health 83 (Extrication and Triage) **Must also be registered in Health 81**	Saturday (one day only – TBA)	0830 – 1620 hours
Health 85 (EMT Refresher) Note: Class only meets on the following dates: December 1, 3, 5, 8, 10 and 12	Tue & Thurs (pm) Saturday (all day)	1800 – 2200 hours 0800 – 1700 hours
PHED2FSC (Fire Science Conditioning)	Mon & Wed (mid)	1300 – 1415 hours
PHED2FSC (Fire Science Conditioning)	Wednesday (pm)	1800 – 2050 hours

NOTE: The above information is to the best of my knowledge as of the time this went to print.

To register for the above classes, and for the most up-to-date information (including room numbers & registration numbers) regarding Fall 2009 scheduling, check the Chabot College web site at www.chabotcollege.edu

FIREFIGHTER EMPLOYMENT INFO:

- ***FIREHIRE* - APPLICATION PERIOD ENDING SOON!!!!**

The next application cut-off date is October 2, 2009.

Please remember that they **MUST** have your application packet and payment postmarked by the posted application cut-off date. If it is not received by that date, your application will be carried over to the next application period.

Applications are available to download from www.firehire.com/downloads.htm

You can also get an application mailed to you by calling their office at (800) 755-5891

- **OVER 20 DIFFERENT FIRE DEPARTMENTS WILL BE HIRING OFF THIS LIST!!!**

If you don't make this application cut-off date, you'll have to wait for future application filing deadlines:

- May 1, 2010
- October 2, 2010
- May 7, 2011

Benefits of taking this test include:

- You're only taking one test (as opposed to separate tests for each fire department)
- The hiring list will be in effect for one year
- There is a chance other fire departments will hire off of this list

You may be wondering, is any fire department going to be hiring? Of course! While the California budget crisis has impacted a number of their clients, and there are some agencies that do not have or do not anticipate any openings in the next year, there are always going to be some departments that will be hiring.

Why then would a department participate if they were not planning on hiring? Well, number one, things can and do change. Just because a department does not have any openings as of this moment, does not mean that situation cannot change over night. Firefighters retire, firefighters get injured, firefighters quit (usually to go to other departments), many times without any advance notice to the department. Number two, many fire departments are required to keep a current, active hiring list because of their civil service rules or union contract. Even if they do not anticipate hiring, many departments still have to have a current list. Why is that so? Well, just like number one, things can and do change. Additionally, it allows them to get the most current "best-of-the-best" candidates out there. Even though fire departments are facing severe (or potentially severe) budget shortfalls, it does not mean they won't ever hire again. Departments will have to hire at some time in the future to fill vacancies from retirements, permanent injuries, etc. The question is when, and **the bottom line is that if you are not actively testing and on the current hiring list, you do not stand a chance at getting a badge!**

The financial situation in the State is very dynamic and it is just a matter of time when it gets better (when exactly is anyone's guess). If you decide not to test because of the budget problems, that is your choice. Many departments **ONLY** hire candidates from the [Firehire](#) testing process. So, if you don't take the test, you don't stand a chance.

Some of the fire departments might have other requirements (view the Firehire web site at www.firehire.com for more specific information) such as:

- EMT
- Paramedic
- Firefighter – 1 Academy
- Firefighter – 1 Certificate

For application materials or more information, visit their website at www.firehire.com or if you do not have internet access, call them at 1-800-755-5891.

The following fire departments are expected to be participating (based on the information I had available at the time I printed this document) in this recruitment and will be using the list that is established to hire for open positions:

<u>Fire Department</u>	<u>Positions available</u>
• Albany Fire Department –	Firefighter/Paramedic
• American Canyon F.P.D. –	Firefighter/EMT
• Big Bear Lake F.P.D. –	Firefighter/Paramedic
• Central County Fire Department –	Firefighter/EMT & Firefighter/Paramedic
• Cosumnes Community Services F.P.D.	Firefighter/EMT & Firefighter/Paramedic
• El Cerrito Fire Department –	Firefighter/Paramedic
• Kentfield Fire Protection District –	Firefighter/EMT
• Larkspur Fire Protection District –	Firefighter/EMT
• Millbrae Fire Department –	Firefighter/EMT & Firefighter/Paramedic
• Mill Valley Fire Department –	Firefighter/EMT & Firefighter/Paramedic
• Mountain View Fire Department –	Firefighter/EMT & Firefighter/Paramedic
• North County Fire Authority – Brisbane	Firefighter/EMT
• North County Fire Authority – Daly City	Firefighter/EMT
• North County Fire Authority – Pacifica	Firefighter/Paramedic
• Petaluma Fire Department –	Firefighter/EMT & Firefighter/Paramedic
• Piedmont Fire Department –	Firefighter/EMT & Firefighter/Paramedic
• Redwood City Fire Department –	Firefighter/EMT & Firefighter/Paramedic
• Rio Vista Fire Department –	Firefighter/Paramedic
• Ross Valley Fire Authority –	Firefighter/EMT & Firefighter/Paramedic
• San Bruno Fire Department –	Firefighter/EMT
• San Mateo Fire Department –	Firefighter/EMT & Firefighter/Paramedic
• South Lake Tahoe Fire Department –	Firefighter/Paramedic
• Vallejo Fire Department –	Firefighter/Paramedic
• Woodside Fire District –	Firefighter/EMT & Firefighter/Paramedic

CPAT – Physical Ability Test Information

They will only accept a copy of a valid CPAT card/certificate. When you turn in your copy of the CPAT card/certificate, it must be filed with FIREHIRE Inc. on/or before the date of the written examination.

The CPAT card/certificate must be dated LESS THAN ONE YEAR OLD from the date of the written examination that you are participating in.

FIREHIRE Written Examination Study Guide

The written examination material is based solely on the FIREHIRE Inc. Study Guide. The **NEW** Study Guide is available for purchase. **To score well, it is highly recommended that the candidates purchase the study guide.**

WRITTEN EXAMINATION DATES/TIMES

The written examinations will be held at the Barbara Morse Wackford Community Center at 9014 Bruceville Road in Elk Grove, California. The written test is weighted 100%.

Upcoming written test dates include:

- October 13, 2009
- May 17, 2010

ALS ASSESSMENT CENTER EXAMINATION

If you are applying for a paramedic position, you must successfully complete the Advanced Life Support (ALS) assessment center.

Upcoming ALS assessment center dates include:

- October 23 – 24, 2009
- May 29 -30, 2010

HIRING AND THE ECONOMY-PART 2

Yes, the economy is hurting the fire service. There are numerous agencies that are not hiring what they anticipated or not hiring at all. It is unfortunate, but most fire agencies realize that it is cheaper to pay overtime than it is to hire new employees. It's all cyclic and it will turn itself around. **SO DON'T GIVE UP.**

FIRE SERVICE CHARITY EVENT HOSTED BY OUR BROTHERS AT FIRENUGGETS.COM:

Greetings to everyone,

It is that time of the year again and so I extend to all of you an invitation to attend the 8th Annual Andy Fredericks Memorial Golf Tournament. This comes to you with mixed emotion as I have held off sending this, out of respect for the late Chief Bennie Crane, Chicago Fire Department, who passed away July 4. He was a Fire Service icon, legend, friend, mentor, and true class act. Should any of you wish to share your thoughts with the readers of Firenuggets.com or have any photos of Bennie you would like to have us post please feel free to send them my way.

Now to the business at hand. As most of you know, you **DO NOT** need to play golf to attend the golf tournament. It is an outstanding opportunity to meet leaders of our great profession to network and just have a good time, while keeping in mind the theme and purpose of the event, to honor Andy Fredericks and raise money for scholarships in his name. This annual event is attended by firefighters, training officers, and chief officers from all around the country, and representatives from some of the most generous apparatus and equipment manufacturerers in our profession.

The golf tournament is scheduled for Thursday, October 1, 2009 at Greenhorn Creek Resort in Angels Camp, California. (www.greenhorncreek.com) As we have always done in the past, there will be a pizza and beer night the day before the tournament.

THE REGISTRATION FORM FOUND ON THE WEBSITE – www.firenuggets.com SHOULD ANSWER MOST OF YOUR QUESTIONS. PLEASE READ IT THOROUGHLY BEFORE FILLING OUT AND SUBMITTING. YOU WILL PREVENT MUCH GRIEF AND HEARTACHE BY GIVING IT YOUR UNDIVIDED ATTENTION BEFORE SUBMITTING.

If you have questions please feel free to e-mail me at tedcorp@mlode.com or call my cell phone at (209) 743-6205. Please note that I will have very limited access to my computer from July 21 through August 3.

Thank you,
Ted Corporandy
Firenuggets.com (www.firenuggets.com)

FIRE SERVICE TRAINING OPPORTUNITY:

A 3-Step Approach for Effective Thermal Imager Use

Event Date: 08/25/2009 at 2:00 PM Eastern Daylight Time (11:00 AM Pacific Daylight Time)

- **Do you know how to properly use a TIC?**

[Fire Rescue Magazine](#) and [FirefighterNation.com](#) present a webcast, presented by Jake Pelk, Captain with the Central County (CA) Fire Department, and co-founder of the Nobody Gets Left Behind training group.

Standards for the use of thermal imaging cameras (TICs) in various fireground tasks are often lacking. This presentation will provide a three-step approach to thermal imaging use—orientation, interpretation and communication.

You'll learn:

- Key components of effective thermal imaging
- TIC techniques for ordinary and complex searches
- Thermal imaging objectives for primary and secondary searches
- Tips and tricks for setting up effective thermal imaging training

To register, go to:

https://event.on24.com/eventRegistration/EventLobbyServlet?target=registration.jsp&eventid=156435&sessionid=1&key=47A9E0250E889C0BCA20984CBC0968A5&partnerref=eBlast_08.06.09&sourcepage=register

ARE YOU A FIREFIGHTER WHO HAS BEEN LAID OFF?

If so, I want to extend to you a free, 2 hour oral interview private coaching session to help you get back on your feet. Included in this session will be free resume evaluation and critiquing for improvement.

While lay offs used to be unheard of in the fire service, we are starting to see more and more communities being forced to lay off firefighters due to the tough economic times. While some laid off firefighters are fortunate to get picked up rather quickly by other fire departments (our department picked up three laid off firefighters from a neighboring department), many find themselves in a very tough situation, due to a variety of reasons such as the lack of local openings and the fact that they may not be on top of their game when it comes to competing with the thousands of other firefighter candidates.

Just because you are laid off, it doesn't mean you automatically go to the top of the hiring list without having to participate in a testing process. Every fire department and governing body has different rules as to how to hire firefighters, so it is not guaranteed that a laid off firefighter gets a 100% score and ranks #1 on the hiring list, without having participated in a written exam, an oral interview, and the other typical components of a fire department testing process.

One of the challenges of being laid off is that you may have been on the job for a few years and the last thing you have been doing is staying on top of your oral interview skills, not to mention keeping your resume up-to-date.

For more information, please email me at sprziborowski@aol.com and I will provide you with more details, including what is required.

FIRE SERVICE TRAINING OPPORTUNITY:

Registration for the 2009 Fresno Training Officers Symposium is now open!!!

- The Fresno Symposium is being co-sponsored by the Northern California Training Officers Association and the Southern California Training Officers Associations.
- This year's [Fresno Training Officers Symposium](#) will be held **Monday November 16, 2009** through **Friday November 20, 2009** in Fresno, California!

For more information, go to the registration website at <http://register.calchiefs.org> - where you can download the class descriptions and complete online registration.

Classes being offered this year include, but are not limited to:

- Fire Command 1C - *(CSFM certificate class)*
- S-230/231 (Crew/Engine Boss) - *(CSFM certificate class)*
- S-430 (Operations Section Chief – All Risk) - *(CSFM certificate class)*
- Fire Management 2C - *(CSFM certificate class)*
- Rescue Systems 1 - *(CSFM certificate class)*
- Low Angle Rope Rescue -*(CSFM certificate class)*
- Trench Rescue Technician - *(CSFM certificate class)*
- Regional Instructor Orientation - *(CSFM certificate class)*
- Ethical Leadership in the Classroom - *(CSFM certificate class)*
- Auto Extrication - *(CSFM certificate class)*
- Emergency Response to Alternative Fuels Vehicles - *(CSFM certificate class)*
- Fire Control 3A and 3B – Train-the-trainer - *(CSFM certificate class)*
- Truck Academy – Commercial Ventilation Practices
- Truck Academy – RIC Operations
- Truck Academy – Forcible Entry Operations
- Thermal Imaging Camera
- Fireground Search Operations for Big Box, Multi-Story and High-Rise Occupancies
- Read and React: Calling the Mayday
- The Lost Art of the First Line
- The Art of Reading Smoke
- The Fireline Mind
- Improving Safety Officer Effectiveness
- “A Time to Share” – Recent California Near Miss Discussion
- Red Flags for Operational Conditions
- Strategy and Tactics – Situational Awareness
- NIOSH
- Calm the Chaos! Secrets to Mastering Fireground Command
- Mastering the Fire Service Assessment Center
- Fire Officer Survival
- Company & Command Cohesion
- PowerPoint Basics and Advanced
- Building Construction for Today's Fire Service.
- Maximizing the use of your Strike Team
- Preventing Command Dysfunction
- Suicide by Ego...A leadership guide to avoiding incident and career casualties
- 50 Ways to Kill your Brother & The Fire Service Perfect Storm
- Company Officer Development Academy
- Executive Leadership Institute: The Fire Chief
- Conflict Resolution & the Discipline Process.
- Real Leadership is not for Wimps!

- First-due: Mission Focused Tactics for First-Due Officers
- Professional Promotional Workshop
- Enhancing AFG Grant Writing Skills / Training Mandates for the Fire Service
- Realistic and Relevant Training that fits your budget: Drill ground props, training evolutions, classroom computer simulations and training DVD production
- And many more - see the website for more details.

FIRE SERVICE EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION:

Las Vegas (NV) Fire & Rescue 2010 Firefighter Recruitment Information

- [The following information was taken from the City of Las Vegas website:](#)

Welcome and thank you for taking the time to consider Las Vegas Fire & Rescue as a career opportunity. We share your enthusiasm for the fire service. Built on tradition and dedicated to public service, our department contributes significantly to the quality of life and safety of our citizens. Given the amount of trust the public places on our profession, we always strive to hire the most suitable individuals as firefighters. We are committed to selecting the most prepared and competent individuals who will bring *pride* to our profession, *strength* to our department, and *quality* service to our community.

In seeking top candidates, Las Vegas Fire & Rescue has developed a specialized and highly competitive recruitment process. We have addressed some of the most frequently asked questions about our recruitment process below.

When will you be accepting firefighter applications?

The Las Vegas Fire & Rescue offers a testing opportunity every two years, from which a list of prospective candidates is created and utilized for a two-year period. We will be accepting applications for firefighter trainee beginning **8:00 a.m. on September 28, 2009**. The filing deadline for Firefighter Trainee applications is **4:30 p.m. on October 16, 2009**.

Where can I pick up an application?

You can pick up an application in person, or you can download an application off of their website - www.lasvegasnevada.gov. Human Resources is located on the 2nd floor of City Hall, 400 Stewart Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada on the corner of Stewart Avenue and Las Vegas Boulevard. **Please note that we only accept applications for Firefighter Trainee during the open recruitment period (see FAQ above).**

How will I send in my application?

If you live in the local area you MUST deliver your application to Human Resources in person. Applicants who live outside of the local area may mail their application to City of Las Vegas, Human Resources, 400 Stewart Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89101. Due to the large number of application received, we do not accept faxed applications for Firefighter Trainee. **Your application must be received and time stamped by Human Resources within the**

application period. We do not use post marked dates in determining whether an application is timely.

What are the minimum qualifications on the date of application?

- High School Diploma or GED
- Current Valid Driver's License
- Must be 18 years old.

Are there any other requirements?

Yes. On the date of conditional job offer a candidate must have an EMT-Basic certification and must meet current physical condition requirements. You do not have to meet these requirements on the date of application.

Does that have to be a Nevada EMT-Basic certification?

No. Your EMT-Basic certification can be from any state. National Registry certification is also acceptable. Please note that any certification must be current and valid at the time of conditional job offer.

What is your testing process?

Those candidates that meet the minimum requirements are scheduled for a Written Examination. Those applicants who score 90% or better on the written examination are scheduled for the Candidate Physical Ability Test – CPAT. This is a pass/fail test. The links below provide more information about this test.

When will you give the written exam for this recruitment?

The written exam will be held on **January 12, 2010** at the Texas Station Convention Center located at:
2101 Texas Star Lane - North Las Vegas, NV 89032 - (702) 631-1000

Can the written examination be taken at another time?

No. All applicants must take the written examination as scheduled or wait until the next recruitment period.

How do I study for the written exam?

You can download the Fire & Police Selection, Inc. (FPSI) study guide on their website - www.lasvegasnevada.gov. This is the only study guide we recommend.

What other information should I know about the written exam?

- There is a fifteen-dollar (\$15) administrative fee required at the time of the written exam (exact amount in CASH only).
- The written exam process is estimated to last approximately three (3) hours.
- You will receive your appointment time for the written exam by mail.
- No adjustments will be made to accommodate candidates exam dates and times.

When will you give the Candidate Physical Ability Test (CPAT)? Spring 2010.

I recently passed the CPAT with another agency. May I use my passing score on the CPAT to avoid taking the CPAT with the City of Las Vegas?

In lieu of taking the Candidate Physical Ability Test with the city of Las Vegas, the city of Las Vegas will accept a "Card of Completion" from the (CFFJAC) CPAT Center dated no earlier than **September 28, 2009**. We do not recognize any other CPAT completion cards or letters.

Is there more testing involved after the written exam and the CPAT?

Yes. Candidates who pass the physical ability examination will move to the second phase of testing which is completed over a 4 – 5 month period. Candidates should note that these events are not pre-scheduled and candidates typically receive approximately 2 weeks, or less, notice of each event. The candidate's personal schedule must be flexible during this phase.

The department will select from the most qualified candidates during this period and make conditional job offers. Those candidates not selected initially, will remain on the list and may be considered for any future openings during the two year period. The testing for this second phase may consist of:

- Oral Interview
- Criminal & Personal Background Check
- Suitability Assessment
- Medical Exam (upon conditional job offer)

I do not live in Las Vegas. May I still apply?

Yes. Please note, however, that the selection process involves many steps. Out-of-state applicants should plan on at least 3 trips to Las Vegas to complete the entire process. All travel is at the applicant's own expense.

I am already a firefighter. Do I have to take the written exam?

Yes. We do not have any lateral positions for firefighter. You will have to complete the entire testing process and complete the academy if selected.

Is there a maximum age limit for applicants?

No, but you do have to be 18 years of age to apply.

Do I have to be a US citizen to apply?

No. However, you must have the legal right to work in the United States.

How many firefighters will you hire in the next recruitment period?

The exact count is unknown. The number of people hired varies from year to year, depending on the number of employees retiring, employee turnover, and the number of new stations opened.

What is the salary for firefighter trainee?

The monthly salary for firefighter trainee while in the academy is approximately \$3,593. The monthly salary for firefighter is approximately \$4,178.

How long is the firefighter trainee academy?

The academy is approximately 16 weeks in length.

EMT-Basic Training

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The city of Las Vegas does not provide Emergency Medical Technician – Basic training, nor do we endorse any training by any specific organization. As a courtesy, we are aware of three community organizations that provide this training and have provided their contact information below. You must contact the organization directly for further information.

American Medical Response
www.ncti-online.com (click on Las Vegas)

College of Southern Nevada
www.ccsn.edu/health (click on Emergency Medical Technician)

EMS Training Center of Southern Nevada
www.emstrainingcenter.com
(702) 651-9111

Community Information Seminars

WEDNESDAY

August 19, 6 pm – 8 pm
West Charleston Library
6301 West Charleston Boulevard, 89146

Who can I contact for adult training assistance?

The Las Vegas Clark County Library District offers Adult Reading Tutoring individually or in a group setting. For more information contact Sebastian Gonzalez, Computer Assisted Literacy in Libraries (C.A.L.L.) Program Coordinator at (702) 507-3532 or visit www.lvcclld.org/cardsservices/call.cfm.

For more information about the City of Las Vegas, the Las Vegas Fire-Rescue Department, and the testing process, go to their website at: <http://www.lasvegasnevada.gov>

ONLINE FIRE SERVICE DEGREE CLASSES
INFORMATION:

**TAKE FIRE TECH CLASSES ON THE INTERNET
REGISTER FOR FALL 2009 CLASSES, NOW!**

Imperial Valley College Kicks Off Its' On-Line Fire Tech Program

Register for the Fall 2009 Semester: The Fall 2009 Semester runs from August 24 – December 12, 2009. The following required core classes will be delivered completely On-line:

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- FT 100 Fire Protection Organization
- FT 103 Building Construction for Fire Protection
- FT 104 Fire Behavior & Combustion
- FT 108 Fire & Emergency Services Safety/ Survival

General Education classes are also offered on the Internet, in a Hybrid fashion and in the Classroom. See IVC Schedule for Information.

After prospective students have applied to the college, they should register for classes as directed in the Fall 2009 Schedule at <http://www.imperial.edu/>. After enrolling as a student and registering for classes, students should contact the Instructor (s) teaching their classes for course specific information.

If you need assistance with enrollment"registration, or if you want additional information on the Fire Technology Program, contact Dan Coffman at dan.coffman@imperial.edu

Sincerely;
Your On-line Fire Technology Faculty

Dan Coffman
David Senior
Dennis Wiskus

For information on additional Fire Tech, CFSTES Fire Officer and other related classes offered online elsewhere contact Dan Coffman at dan.coffman@imperial.edu

**FIRE SERVICE PUBLIC EDUCATION & SAFETY
INFORMATION FROM THE L.A.F.D.:**

Dear Friend of the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD): Periodically, we share a digest of *non-incident* articles from the Los Angeles Fire Department blog. We welcome you to click the links below that interest you - but first, please save these dates:

- August 16, 2009

Downed Officer Support Ride
<http://www.downedofficers.com>

- August 24, 2009

Fallen Firefighter Memorial Golf Tournament
<http://snurl.com/l6bgy>

Here are some recent articles of interest (with video) from the LAFD Blog...

- When Seconds Count...<http://snurl.com/l6bie>
- Girls Meet Firefighters Who Saved Them: <http://snurl.com/l6bj2>
- Not Seen on Television - "LAFD Valley Glen": <http://snurl.com/l6bho>
- Who Will Rescue The Rescuers?: <http://snurl.com/l6bjz>
- No Prom, No Graduation - When Life is Just a Click Away: <http://snurl.com/l6bkq>
- LAFD Recruits - Having What It Takes: <http://snurl.com/l6bl6>

Do you know someone who would like to join (or leave) this e-mail list? Simply have them visit: <http://lafd.org/info.htm>

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>

FIRE SERVICE TRAINING OPPORTUNITY:

SUASI is providing Tuition FREE Incident Management Course in the bay area. If you have any city or district employees who work within your Emergency Operation Centers (EOC), or you have fire employees who have an interest in pursuing single resource overhead assignments, some of the prerequisite courses are being delivered here in the bay area.

CLASSES BEING OFFERED INCLUDE:

- **S-359 (Medical Unit Leader)** August 24 - 26, 2009 in Foster City, CA
- **S-440 (Planning Section Chief)** August 24 - 26, 2009 in Fremont, CA
- **S-460 (Finance/Administration Section Chief)** August 26 - 28, 2009 in Oakland, CA

To view more information and to sign up, go to:

<http://www.citygateassociates.com/IMT-training/>

PROMOTIONAL PREPARATION COURSE:

By popular demand, I have added a 3rd day to my **promotional preparation course** to allow more time for hands-on practice at various promotional related exercises!

Next Scheduled Class:

- Tuesday **October 6** and Wednesday **October 7** and Thursday **October 8**, 2009
- **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 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 for more information.

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

Class Details:

San Ramon, CA	
Dates:	Tuesday October 6, Wednesday October 7 <u>and</u> Thursday October 8, 2009
Location:	San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District Administration Classroom 1500 Bollinger Canyon Road. San Ramon, CA 94583 (Park on Bollinger, <u>not</u> in parking lot)
Time of class:	0900 to 1700 hours each day
Cost:	\$330.00 for the three-day session

Is your fire department interested in hosting one of these classes? If so, feel free to contact me at sprziborowski@aol.com for more information on how easy it is to do so; I will make it as turn-key as possible, and require only the use of a classroom. I will even handle registration!

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- **Class size limited to 10**

Email: "scottgoodwinassoc@ymail.com to reserve your spot in the class and to get pre-workshop information

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

FEMA Administrator Fugate Applauds the Senate's Confirmation of Kelvin Cochran as the Administrator of the U.S. Fire Administration

Release Date: August 7, 2009

Release Number: HQ-09-097

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Administrator Craig Fugate today applauded the Senate's confirmation of Kelvin Cochran as the Administrator of the U.S. Fire Administration.

"As the Chief of the Atlanta Fire Rescue Department as well as the former chief in Shreveport, LA, Chief Cochran brings extensive experience to a critical position within our Agency and the Department of Homeland Security," said Administrator Fugate. "The USFA plays a critical role in our efforts to mitigate, prepare, and respond to disasters and emergencies, and I look forward to working with Chief Cochran as we continue to build our national emergency response team." Cochran has twenty-eight years of experience in the fire service including firefighting, emergency medical services, hazardous materials, public education, research and development, personnel management, and administration, with a specialization in training and strategic planning.

Most recently, Cochran served as Fire Chief for the City of Atlanta Fire Rescue Department, where he coordinated homeland security and emergency preparedness initiatives between the City of Atlanta and the Atlanta Fulton County Emergency Management Agency (AFCEMA) and oversaw 35 fire stations providing fire, rescue and emergency medical services. Previously, he served in the Shreveport, La. fire department as a Firefighter, Assistant Chief Training Officer, and Fire Chief. Cochran also served as President of the

Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association, the 1st Vice President of the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC), and Vice Chairman of Volunteers of America (VOA).

FEMA's mission is to support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain, and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards.

FIRE SERVICE TRAINING & SAFETY INFORMATION:

FIREFIGHTER LIFE SAFETY

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This Month's Feature
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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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PUBLIC EDUCATION INFORMATION FROM THE U.S. FIRE ADMINISTRATION:

A Message from the U.S. Fire Administrator about Novelty and Toylike Lighters

The United States Fire Administration (USFA) joins other national fire organizations in their support to ban the sale and distribution of novelty and toylike lighters. These organizations include the Congressional Fire Services Institute, the National Volunteer Fire Council, the National Association of State Fire Marshals, the International Fire Marshals Association, the International Association of Arson Investigators, and the Prevention Advocacy Resources and Data Exchange (PARADE) network.

Novelty and toylike lighters are linked to incidents of deaths, injuries, and property loss across the Nation. For decades the fire service and caregivers have taught children to avoid lighters and that they are tools, not toys. But children are attracted to novelty lighters because they look like toys such as animals, miniature cars, mobile phones, doll accessories, fishing lures, stacks of coins, markers, and cameras. It is nearly impossible for a child, and oftentimes an adult, to distinguish between what is a toy and what is a lighter. Unfortunately, this contributes to the disturbing statistics related to children and fire:

- Thirty-seven percent of fires were started by juveniles aged 10—17 where age was cited as a factor in a fire's ignition by lighters or matches.
- Children under the age of 5 are more than 8 times as likely to die in a fire caused by playing with a heat source than are people of all ages.
- Fires started by "playing" cause 38% of civilian fire deaths. Nineteen percent of these fire starters were 4 year olds.

USFA is providing assistance to our partners, elected officials, and private citizens across the United States by capturing data at the national level and providing access to information regarding these lighters. The National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) began collecting information in January 2008 specifically about these lighters and fires. The USFA sponsored the 2008 Arson Awareness Week with the theme: ***Toylike Lighters - Playing with Fire***. Additionally, USFA's Web site provides easy access to current information on the novelty and toylike lighter issue at www.usfa.dhs.gov/noveltylighters.

There is growing legislative support to ban the sale and distribution of these lighters. As of June 2009, eight states have passed legislation limiting or prohibiting the sale of novelty lighters; another twelve are considering legislation. Federal legislation has been introduced with House Bill 2050 and Senate Bill 723; both are titled ***Protect Children from Dangerous Lighters Act of 2009***. I encourage every member of the fire service to support the local, state, and Federal initiatives to ban the sale and distribution of novelty and toylike lighters. Please stay vigilant and keep the fire service community informed of developments in your area. Only by working together can we save lives.

Glenn A. Gaines - Acting Assistant Administrator
U.S. Fire Administration

August 14, 2009

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FREE FIRE SERVICE ON LINE TRAINING OPPORTUNITY:

Podcast: The Power of Geographic Information Systems (GIS)

The International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) Technology Council, in partnership with the U.S. Fire Administration, has produced a new podcast, *The Power of GIS*. This 10 minute video offers a quick tutorial for fire chiefs and decision makers interested in using GIS. The video has 3 components: understanding GIS, partnering with the GIS community, and seeing the power of GIS.

[Watch Now](#)

NATIONAL FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS FOUNDATION INFORMATION:

September 27, 2009 - National Fallen Firefighters Foundation Event at Dover International Speedway Continues Full Steam Ahead

Just one year after a successful inaugural event, the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF) event is set to surpass the attendance of the previous event during upcoming September 27, 2009 event at Dover International Speedway.

More than 500 firefighters and their families attended the September 21, 2008 event. Dover International Speedway and event sponsors donated just under \$28,000 to the NFFF.

To date, more than 1,300 firefighters and their families have already reserved their [tickets to the 2009 event](#), and final attendance is expected to exceed 2,000. The September 11, 2009 deadline to purchase the package is fast approaching.

Corporate sponsors that have committed to help the cause for 2009 include: Holmatro, Provident, PBI Performance Products, Fetha Styx, Delmarva Pump Center, Rosenbauer, Spartan Motors, Road Rescue and Wheeled Coach. Their support helps make a sizeable donation to the NFFF possible.

The special \$99 offer provides a ticket in a premium grandstand location for the September 27, 2009 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series race, admission to a pre-race NFFF hospitality area with an all-you-can-eat buffet and beverages, including Pepsi and Anheuser-Busch products, industry presentations, and a trackside tour of Dover International Speedway. NASCAR Sprint Cup Series star Kevin Harvick will visit the tent and participate in a question and answer session with guests. The two-time NASCAR Nationwide Series champion has a special connection with the firefighting community through his father Mike, a retired firefighter from Kern County, Calif.

The second-edition version of the popular [Miles the Monster firefighter t-shirt is available for purchase](#). The navy shirt features the NFFF logo on the front breast and Miles the Monster in his firefighter turnout gear on the back.

To organize a trip for your fire company to attend the September 27, 2009 NFFF event at Dover, contact Rob Scholl with Dover International Speedway at (302) 883-6570.

FIRE SERVICE TRAINING OPPORTUNITY:

- Mastering the Fire Service Assessment Center -

4 -day promotional preparation workshop

Monterey, CA – September 15 through 18, 2009

Countless firefighters have been promoted using this curriculum! This workshop is unlike any other you will find. Students will receive their book, ***Mastering the Fire Service Assessment Center***, published by **Fire Engineering**, which helps them identify strengths and weaknesses, utilize mock exercises, and build a plan for success. Their 9-step program includes 1) elimination of barriers, 2) assessment center orientation 3) the mentality, 4) knowledge, skills and abilities to be an excellent officer, 5) exercise-specific tools and key points 6) mock exercises, 7) common pitfalls and additional key points, 8) developing your plan/the self-assessment, 9) interviews.

Due to overwhelming demand from their students, they have expanded to add a day to their three-day workshop. This new four-day workshop deals with assessment centers and interviews for promotion and gives an additional day for hot seat time! Day one is focused on preparing for promotion and developing the requisite knowledge, skills and abilities. In addition, we focus on what assessment centers are, their components, and the best approach (that few people take). Day two, three and four allow students to perform the exercises and grade each other. This class is limited in size, due to the depth of instruction and involvement.

Students will participate in the following assessment center exercises: written essay, in-basket, modified in-basket, oral presentation, supervisory exercise, counseling/role-play, and emergency simulations. Students are evaluated by each other and the instructor. By sitting on both sides of the table, students see effective and poor behavior first hand. The approach to this class is unlike any other, by truly helping the student prepare for both the test and the position. Personal counseling and coaching takes place during the exercises to give the aspiring officers as much potential for success as possible. This is not a canned class! They cater to the dynamic of the group each time.

- Cost - \$495.00 (Includes Fire Engineering book written by the instructor)
- 8 am - 5 pm each day.

For more information, or to register, go to their website at www.trainfirefighters.org

FIRE SERVICE TRAINING & SAFETY INFO FROM THE U.S. FIRE ADMINISTRATION:

USFA Releases Report on the Fire Response to the Northern Illinois University Shooting

Emmitsburg, MD - The United States Fire Administration (USFA) released today a new technical report titled [Northern Illinois University Shooting](#) (PDF, 1.8 Mb). On February 14, 2008, a former Northern Illinois University (NIU) graduate student walked onto the stage of a large lecture hall and began firing on startled students and faculty. The shooter, a 28-year old male, had a history of mental illness. He shot and killed five students and wounded 18, some critically. His suicide at the end of the brief attack brought the number of deaths to six.

The City of DeKalb Fire Department, the NIU Department of Public Safety, the Kishwaukee Community Hospital, and other mutual aid responders were prepared. They had practiced emergency drills together and coordinated their planning. They were familiar with the Incident Command System and had formally incorporated its use in their plans. The fire/EMS, university police, and university events management partners had worked together frequently in planned and unplanned events, so command and control procedures were well practiced. They also had studied official reports on the Virginia Tech shootings and had integrated those lessons learned into the University's and the City of DeKalb's emergency response plans.

"We as firefighters in this nation continue to witness the positive outcomes of emergency preparation, preplanning, practicing plans and executing the plans when an emergency occurs," said Acting U.S. Fire Administrator Glenn A. Gaines. "The Dekalb Fire Department demonstrates the fire service commitment to emergency preparedness for all emergencies through the study of lessons learned, and the application and practice of Incident Command and the National Incident Management System (NIMS)."

From every after-action report this potentially devastating situation was handled with the highest levels of skill and expertise. The multiagency cooperation in response in Dekalb was virtually a textbook application of Unified Command and the NIMS. The key element contributing to the success of operations was NIU had a very well-defined plan that was exercised routinely. University and local first response leadership made a commitment to prepare and train for such an event following the 2007 Virginia Tech shooting.

The USFA develops reports on selected major incidents throughout the country. The incidents usually involve multiple deaths or a large loss of property, but the primary criterion for deciding to write a report is whether it will result in significant lessons learned. Under this project, USFA also develops special reports addressing a variety of issues that affect the fire service such as homeland security and disaster preparedness, new technologies, training, fireground tactics, and firefighter safety and health.

For additional information regarding this report, or other USFA Technical Reports, visit the Publications section of the USFA Web site at www.usfa.dhs.gov.

FIRE SERVICE TRAINING OPPORTUNITY:

[Firehouse Magazine's](#) 2010 Firehouse World Training & Education Conference will occur February 28 through March 4, 2010 in San Diego, CA – registration is now open!

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FIRE SERVICE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:

Here is an opportunity to take one firefighter examination and be eligible to be hired by one of over 10 fire departments in the **Denver, Colorado** area!

The following information was found on their website, which also includes an online application: <http://www.drcog.org/index.cfm?page=FIRE>

The next application filing deadline is Wednesday September 30 at noon, Mountain Standard Time, to be eligible to take the next test on November 2, 2009!

The Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG), on behalf of the member [districts/departments](#), manages the Firefighter Intraregional Recruitment and Employment (FIRE) program. Testing occurs twice a year. Candidates take one written exam and the results then determine an eligibility pool of qualified candidates for our 13 member departments. Files may be reviewed throughout the year as openings occur.

Minimum Employment Requirements

- Be legally entitled to work in the United States and able to obtain a Colorado driver's license.
- Some departments hire candidates 18 years of age or older--others require applicants to be at least 21. There is no maximum age.
- Have a high school diploma or GED; having some college credits is desirable as are EMT/firefighter/paramedic certifications. Departments prefer applicants acquire an EMT certification prior to being hired, although not required to test.
- Some departments will train hires with out-of-state firefighter certification for Colorado certification, but smaller departments require candidates to go through the reciprocity process with the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC)--call (720) 852-6735.

Fire Departments Participating

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Mountain View Fire Protection District | |

Online Application Process

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Completing the application and paying the \$50 non-refundable fee confirms your seat. Candidates will receive special testing instructions via e-mail about a month before the test.

Deferrals

You may request to defer your payment (one-time) to the next test. You must call 303-480-6730 at least three business days prior to your test date to defer. Don't defer unless it's unavoidable because you may miss out on a recruitment process.

What Happens Next

You must score at least 70 percent (overall) to pass, but departments may set a higher score for their recruitments. Departments could contact you for further testing throughout the year so keep your contact information current within your online application.

Written Exam Used

DRCOG administers the New Generation CWH Management Solutions Exam to identify individuals who are most likely to be successful in the fire service. The test assesses skills and abilities that Denver-area firefighters know are essential for their jobs. The exam has 150 questions; applicants have three hours and 15 minutes to complete it. The test measures:

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- **Practical skills (judgment and common sense),**
- **Interpersonal skills, and**
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If you are ready to begin your application, go to [online application](#) and begin!

[Information](#) is available for departments interested in taking part in the FIRE program.

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11/30-12/4	S290 Visalia Tulare/Kings TOs
12/14-17	S290 McClellan, CRFRTA
1/4-8	CSTI Hazmat Industry Technician, Grimmway Farms
01/11-15	S290 Visalia, Tulare/Kings TOs
01/25-29	S290 McClellan, CFRTA
02/1-5	S290 Bakersfield, SQF/KRN
02/8-11	S390 Fremont / Alameda CO TO
02/15-19	Confined Space RX, Grimmway Farms
02/22-25	S390 Hanford, Tulare/Kings TOs
02/22-25	S290 El Cajon, Heartland Fire Training
03/1-5	S290 Elk Grove, Consumes Fire District
03/8-12	S390 Bakersfield, SQF/KRN
03/22-26	S244/245 El Cajon, Heartland Fire Training
04/4-14	S290 Santa Clara Co. (Shift schedule)
04/19-23	S244/245 Bakersfield, SQF/KRN
04/26-29	S390 McClellan, CRFRTA
05/12-16	S290 Kalispell, MT (Vol. Schedule)
05/24-28	S244/245 McClellan, CRFRTA

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FIREFIGHTER HEALTH & SAFETY INFORMATION:

USFA Supports National Firefighter Health Week – August 17-21

Emmitsburg, MD – The United States Fire Administration (USFA) encourages firefighters and fire departments to focus on health and wellness the week of August 17-21 through participation in the Third Annual National Firefighter Health Week. The theme for this year is “It takes a healthy heart, mind, and body to do what you do - Keep It Strong.”

“Heart attack is the leading cause of firefighter on-duty fatalities year after year, making health and wellness essential to reducing firefighter deaths,” said Acting USFA Assistant Administrator Glenn A. Gaines. “We support this outstanding initiative of the National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) with their National Firefighter Health Week and ask firefighters and fire departments to participate in the programs and activities of this week-long effort now and throughout the year.”

National Firefighter Health Week is an initiative to educate the fire and emergency services community about a variety of health and wellness issues that affect first responders. The program encourages first responders to learn their risk factors and commit to making healthy lifestyle changes - not just during Firefighter Health Week - but throughout the year.

"Health and wellness of our nation's first responders is a top priority of the National Volunteer Fire Council," said Heather Schafer, Executive Director of the NVFC. "Heart disease results in more on-duty firefighter deaths than any other cause. First responders also face risks to their health from a number of other factors, from exposure to debris and particle matter, to stress, to poor nutrition and fitness habits, and other concerns. The NVFC created National Firefighter Health Week to encourage first responders to focus on important health and wellness issues and make the changes in their lives to get healthy so they can avoid preventable illness and stay strong for those who depend on them - their families, departments, and communities."

Further information may be obtained from the NVFC National Firefighter Health Week Resource Center's Web site at www.healthy-firefighter.org

For more information on USFA's firefighter health and safety initiatives, please visit www.usfa.dhs.gov/fireservice/research/safety

FIRE SERVICE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES:

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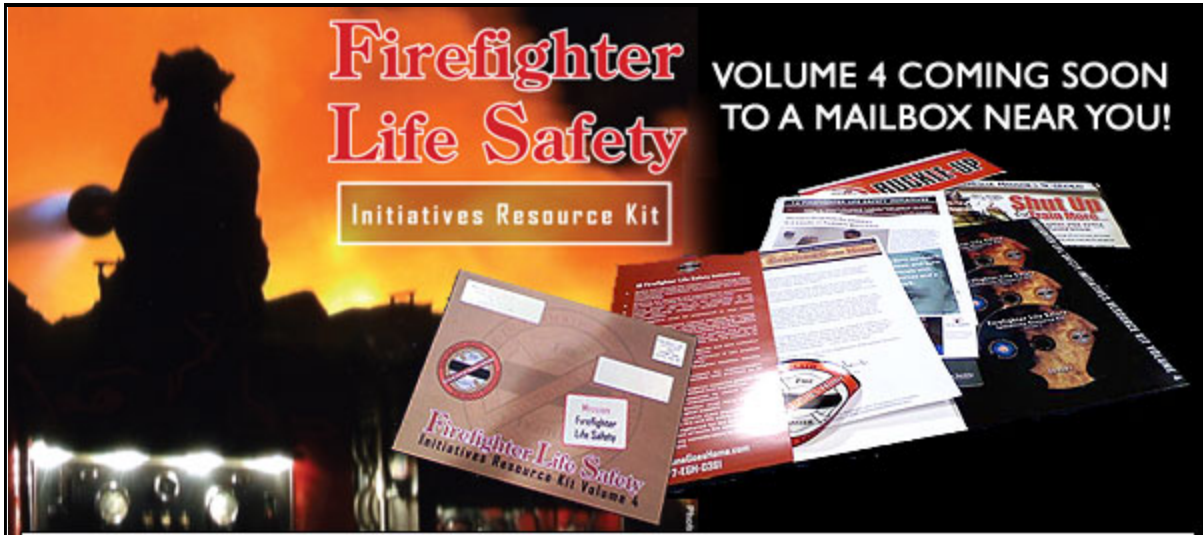
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- Classes located in Brentwood, CA

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ICS 400	PSTG Facility	October 8 – 9
Training Instructor 1C	PSTG Facility	October 19 – 23
Fire Command 1C	PSTG Facility	October 26 – 30
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FIREFIGHTER SAFETY INFORMATION:



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The [National Fallen Firefighters Foundation](http://www.nfffd.org) (NFFF) through the Everyone Goes Home® Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives Program is proud to announce the release the Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives Resource Kit Volume 4 to over 35,000 fire departments nationwide in August 2009.

An initial release of 1,000 Volume 4 kits will take place on Thursday, July 23, 2009 at the opening session of Firehouse Expo in Baltimore, Maryland. These valuable training materials will be presented to attendees following the debut of the FDNY Courage to Be Safe video, which is also contained on volume 4.

Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives Resource Kit Volume 4 is the latest in the Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives Resource Kit series, which began in the summer of 2006. Through this newest kit, the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation continues its mission in developing effective tools that will work as a catalyst in reducing firefighter line-of-duty deaths across the country.

» **Read More:** Full Article and Related Information on EveryoneGoesHome.com - <http://firehero.00b.org/ajtk/servlet/JJ?H=13aul4&R=657208540>

» **Preview:** Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives Resource Kit Volume 4 - <http://firehero.00b.org/ajtk/servlet/JJ?H=13aul5&R=657208540> (.wmv)

» **View & Download Previous Resource Kits:**

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Hotel Reservations: 408-220-1000 Mention “Sunnyvale Auto-Extrication Workshop” for group rate price - Refer questions to Sales Manager Richard Dillon

**This course is sponsored by the Southbay Regional Public Safety Training Consortium which will offer ½ unit of college credit. Course fee includes registration, materials, and State Fire Marshal Certificate and Registration. *This workshop qualifies for 14 hours of Instructor Based Continuing Education for EMT’s and Paramedics issued by the City of Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety California CE Provider #43-2005.*

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: NEW!!
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

JULY 2009 ISSUE – EVERYONE GOES HOME NEWSLETTER:



[Look At Yourself - Then Make a Change](#)

I have worked with hope that I could inject seeds of change into your hearts and minds to prevent line-of-duty deaths to firefighters.

» [Click Here to Read the Full Article](#)

[Everyone Goes Home® - Year 4 Summary](#)

I am compelled to write a few words to summarize and thank. This year has been a great experience for me as I have learned a great deal about the Everyone Goes Home® program and the commitment to reducing line-of-duty deaths (LODD).

» [Click Here to Read the Full Article](#)

[Newsletter Update: Editor's Year 4 Wrap-Up](#)

Year 4 has been a successful year for the Everyone Goes Home® Newsletter. The number of subscribers has continued to increase and feedback has been positive.

» [To Read the Full Article -](#)

<http://firehero.00b.org/ajtk/servlet/JJ?H=13aug8&R=657208540>

More July 2009 Articles:

- [Vulnerability Assessments and the Impact on Firefighter Safety](#)
- [All Fires Go Out Eventually](#)
- [Think About It](#)
- [Why Can't We, As Firefighters, GET IT!!!!!!](#)

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FIRE SERVICE PUBLIC EDUCATION & SAFETY INFO FROM THE U.S. FIRE ADMINISTRATION:



Did you know that 50 percent of child fire deaths affect those under the age of 5? Escaping from a fire can be difficult for very young children because they generally lack the motor skills and mental capabilities needed to quickly escape a burning building.

The U.S. Fire Administration provides fire prevention information to teach children and their caregivers about the dangers of fire.

Protect your kids ... install and maintain smoke alarms and residential sprinklers and practice home fire escape plans to ensure your children will be safe if a fire were to start in your home.

» Learn More - <http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/citizens/focus/>

FIRE SERVICE RELATED EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:

SAFETRAN-CSRS Team Members are active California/Federal Firefighters and Industrial Rescue Specialists

Hazmat-Rescue Part Time Opportunity-Fremont (CA): Active/Retired/Layoff

AFETRAN-CSRS a privately held consulting and emergency response team seeking Hazmat Division Specialist for support to our fire service/industrial clients.

SAFETRAN-CSRS Hazmat Division
P.O. Box 1132, Fremont, CA 94538-1132
Contact (510) 386-1241 – Fax (510) 894-0332
For additional information regarding this position contact:
Daniel J. O'Connell, CHMM, CHST, REA
daniel@safetransafety.com

About the Position:

The position of Hazmat Division Specialist requires a dedicated Fire Service Professional who is enthusiastic about working part time in a ground floor opportunity. We are looking for someone with technical skills to assist with the development of our new Hazmat Division. SAFETRAN-CSRS is a leading provider of rescue and safety services to government agencies, heavy industry, and construction. Due to the success of our consulting and outsource rescue operations, we are developing a new hazmat service division solely dedicated to hazardous materials detection and personal protection equipment. The Hazmat Division Specialist will provide technical support to our rescue team, and clients. A typical assignment will involve equipment demonstrations for new acquisitions of hazmat atmospheric detection equipment, including NFPA-CBRN compliant respiratory protection ensembles, thermal imaging cameras, Level A CPE.

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Minimum Qualifications:

Training Background:

Hazmat Tech/Specialist, USAR Team, or Degree in Fire Science, Safety, or Business

Career Background:

Fire-Hazmat, Rescue, Training Department, or Safety Officer

Attributes:

Interfaces well with people, previous rescue team coordination, competent to demonstrate and/or sell technical equipment: Airpacks, SAR, thermal imaging cameras, hazmat detection instruments, and chemical protective ensembles.

FIREFIGHTER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

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

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

- www.firerecruit.com

- www.firecareers.com

For 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.

FIREFIGHTER FATALITY INFORMATION:

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

Name:	Thomas Marovich
Rank:	Firefighter
Age:	20
Gender:	Male
Status:	Wildland Full-Time
Years of Service:	2
Date of Incident:	07/21/2009
Time of Incident:	1010hrs
Date of Death:	07/21/2009
Fire Department:	USDA Forest Service - Modoc National Forest
Address:	800 West 12th Street, Alturas, CA 96101
Fire Department Chief:	Forest Supervisor Stanley G. Sylva

Incident Description: Firefighter Marovich incurred fatal injuries when falling while performing routine rappel proficiency skill training, at the Backbone Helibase in Willow Creek. He was working with the Chester Helitack Crew from the Lassen National Forest that had been assigned to the Backbone Fire in the Trinity Alps Wilderness. Firefighter Marovich was provided advance life support treatment immediately at the scene. The Base medical staff, the Humboldt County Coroner's Office, and the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office were involved in the response. The Forest Service has mobilized an accident investigation team and is working with the National Transportation Safety Board.

Incident Location: Willow Creek

Funeral Arrangements: Pending

Memorial Fund Contact and Address: Pending

Tribute is being paid to Firefighter Thomas Marovich at <http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/fireservice/fatalities/>

To date, 59 firefighter fatalities have been reported to USFA in 2009; 57 from incidents that occurred in 2009 and two from previous year incidents. Year-to-date monthly and annual

USFA firefighter fatality reports are posted online @ http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/fireservice/fatalities/statistics/ff_stats.shtm

AND:

Name: Eric Allan Tinkham
Rank: Captain
Age: 44
Gender: Male
Status: Career
Years of Service: 26
Date of Incident: 08/01/2009
Time of Incident: Unk
Date of Death: 08/01/2009 Fire Department: Queen Creek Fire Department
Address: 22350 S. Ellsworth RD, Queen Creek, AZ 85242
Fire Department Chief: Van Summer
Fire Department POC: Chief Van Summer

Incident Description: On Saturday morning, August 1, 2008, at shift change, firefighters discovered Captain Eric Tinkham in cardiac arrest. He was treated by his crew and transported to the Gilbert Hospital Emergency Room where he was pronounced dead.

Incident Location: 22350 S. Ellsworth RD, Queen Creek, AZ

Funeral Arrangements: Pending

Memorial Fund Contact and Address: Pending

Tribute is being paid to Captain Eric Allan Tinkham at
<http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/fireservice/fatalities/>

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http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/fireservice/fatalities/statistics/ff_stats.shtm

AND:

Name: John P. "Jack" Horton
Rank: Assistant Fire Chief
Age: 68
Gender: Male
Status: Volunteer
Years of Service: 47
Date of Incident: 08/06/2009
Time of Incident: 1430hrs
Date of Death: 08/06/2009
Fire Department: Marlboro Volunteer Fire Company
Address: South Road, Marlboro, VT 05344
Fire Department Chief: David Elliott

Incident Description: Assistant Chief Horton was operating at the scene of a single motor vehicle accident and assisting with the backing of a fire truck so that an ambulance could be moved into position. While outside the truck as the ground guide, and for a cause still under investigation but initially reported by local authorities to be related to a medical emergency causing him to collapse in the path of the vehicle, Horton was struck by the fire apparatus. Assistant Chief Horton was treated on-scene then transported to the Brattleboro Memorial Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

Incident Location: Pending

Funeral Arrangements: Pending

Memorial Fund Contact and Address: Pending

Tribute is being paid to Assistant Fire Chief John P. "Jack" Horton at <http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/fireservice/fatalities/>

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AND:

Name:	Paul Warhola
Rank:	Firefighter
Age:	47
Gender:	Male
Status:	Career
Years of Service:	15
Date of Incident:	08/12/2009
Time of Incident:	1530hrs
Date of Death:	08/14/2009
Fire Department:	Fire Department City of New York
Address:	9 Metro Tech Center, Brooklyn, New York 11201
Fire Department Chief:	Fire Commissioner Nicholas Scoppetta

Incident Description: Firefighter Warhola, who was driving the fire engine, responded with other members of Engine 221 to a fire alarm activation in Brooklyn, New York, on August 12, 2009. Upon arrival, Firefighter Warhola checked for a working fire hydrant outside the structure while other firefighters entered the building to investigate. When the other firefighters returned to the street, Firefighter Warhola was experiencing dizziness and had difficulty breathing. As a result, he was provided medical treatment and was transported back to the firehouse. After examining Firefighter Warhola at the firehouse, paramedics recognized his symptoms as possibly stroke-related and transported him to the hospital. Firefighter Warhola's condition worsened, however, and he passed away at the hospital on August 14, 2009.

Incident Location: 164 Kent Ave. in Williamsburg, Brooklyn

Funeral Arrangements: Pending

Memorial Fund Contact and Address: Pending

Tribute is being paid to Firefighter Paul Warhola at
<http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/fireservice/fatalities/>

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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

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) 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.

FIRE SERVICE SAFETY, TRAINING & NEWS
STORIES TO LEARN FROM, COURTESY OF
DEPUTY CHIEF BILLY GOLDFEDER & GORDON
GRAHAM, HOSTS OF www.firefighterclosecalls.com

Hey-

There was a serious fire at the Texas Citgo East Refinery this morning and we have reports of possibly a Firefighter as the employee being identified as being seriously burned. The fire started at about 0830 Hours in the portion alkylation unit of the east plant. Fire control water cannons covered the unit with a curtain of water to keep the confined fire to one area of the plant, he said. It was unclear what started the fire. We'll keep you advised if a FF injury is confirmed..

REST IN PEACE JIM MONIHAN:

We are sad to inform you that E. James Monihan, an American Fire Service icon died yesterday Saturday July 18, 2009. Jim became ill eight days ago. Jim was well known as Chairman of the old Joint Council of National Fire Service Organizations....when, years ago, such a council existed. Jim was best known as a strong proponent of the volunteer fire service. Jim was a life member of the Lewes VFD and was a fire police officer at the time of his death. Jim served as President of the Delaware Volunteer Firemen's Association in 1978. He was one of the founders of the National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) and served a dozen years as Chairman. After stepping down he was appointed NVFC Legislative Chairman a post he held until his death. He was preparing to attend the NVFC Executive Committee meeting when he was admitted to the hospital. Over the many years of his dedicated service, he testified before Congress on various fire service issues and was a fierce advocate for the volunteer fire service. Rest in Peace Jim.

HOMEBUILDERS ASSOCIATION: NFPA PROVES That They Are Wrong Again.

The results of a new study conducted for the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) concluded that the presence of sprinkler ordinances has no negative impact on the number of homes being built. Of course, that's the opposite of some claims by groups such as the National Association of Homebuilders who seem to want to do just about anything to stop the life and property saving efforts of residential sprinklers. **FOR THE FULL REPORT CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW:**

<http://www.nfpa.org/newsReleaseDetails.asp?categoryId=488&itemId=44250&cookie%255Ftest=1&cookie%5Ftest=1>

TAKE A MOMENT:

-to visit this **Memorial Book** and sign your name to show support for the Canadian and National Fallen Firefighters Foundation. When firefighters, families and friends sign the **Memorial Book** here: <http://www.firehero.org/index1.aspx?BD=29634> a **\$60,000 donation to the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation and the Canadian Fallen Firefighters will be made in the names of the all who sign.**

Take Care-BE CAREFUL. Seeya in Baltimore This Week at Firehouse Expo.

BillyG

The Secret List 7-20-09 / 0700 Hours

AND:

FIREFIGHTER KILLED DURING TRAINING-CALIFORNIA

It is with deep regret that we advise you that a Firefighter was killed today on the Backbone fire in the Shasta Trinity National Forest. It happened during a "routine training exercise" when the Firefighter was involved in an accident this morning. A Helicopter and its crew, who are assigned to the Backbone Fire, was conducting weekly skill proficiency acceptance training and was involved in an accident involving some kind of fall that took the Firefighters life. At 1010 this morning while performing a proficiency skill acceptance training, at the Backbone Helibase in Willow Creek, the Firefighter fell and incurred fatal injuries. The training is required to be conducted weekly to insure the crew's safety and proficiency. Information is limited at this time and all names of individuals involved are being withheld until notifications to families have been made. The Firefighter was provided medical attention

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immediately at the scene. The Backbone Fire has burned 6,324 acres in the Trinity Alps Wilderness. It was started by lightning on July 1 and is 80 percent contained. On Friday, a helicopter assigned to the fire, operated by a contractor, crashed while refilling its water tanks, injuring both pilots. A year ago, nine firefighters died in the crash of a similar helicopter fighting the Buckhorn Fire, also in the Trinity Alps Wilderness. More details to follow. As always, our most sincere condolences to all affected.

Take Care-BE CAREFUL.

BillyG

The Secret List 7-21-09 / 2030 Hours

AND:

As reported last night, **National Forest Service Firefighter Thomas Marovich, 20**, had been taking part in required weekly rappelling training, in which people slide down a rope from a hovering helicopter when he fell about 200 feet to the ground, said Forest Service spokeswoman Robin Cole. FF. Marovich was a second year apprentice firefighter on the Modoc National Forest, she said. He was working with the Chester Helitack Crew from the Lassen National Forest that had been assigned to the Backbone Fire in the Trinity Alps Wilderness. The training was a routine part of the ongoing battle to contain the Backbone Fire, a Forest Service spokesman said. The training is conducted at least every 14 days, he said. The death is being investigated by a Forest Service accident investigation team and the National Transportation Safety Board. Sparked by lightning on July 1, the Backbone Fire has charred 6,324 acres and was 80 percent contained as of today, Cole said. More than 500 firefighters are still working the fire, which is expected to be fully contained Friday. Our sincere condolences to all involved. **NOTE: Thomas was a former Fremont (CA) Fire Department Fire Explorer.**

ODD Firefighter Illness in Nevada

Washoe County health officials said Tuesday they are investigating 24 fire personnel who contracted a gastrointestinal illness while fighting the Red Rock Fire north of Reno. Eighteen firefighters and six contracted staff members became ill, the first being reported Friday, said Judy Davis, public information officer for the Washoe District Health Department. They reported nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. Davis said health officials spoke with the fire incident commander and would have asked those who became ill to discard any shared bedding or other equipment they might have soiled but were told firefighters were not sharing their possessions. "If you bring people together outdoors and they don't have appropriate hand-washing facilities or food preparation and storage, that may spread any illness, but there have been advances in outdoor firefighting that have made (such widespread illness) less frequent," Davis said. The firefighters reported mild to moderate symptoms, she said. If the illness proves to be norovirus, which causes acute gastroenteritis in humans according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Washoe health officials will continue to advise those who are ill to stay home for 72 hours after symptoms go away.

Take Care-BE CAREFUL.

BillyG

The Secret List 7-22-09 / 0730 Hours

AND:

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4 FIREFIGHTERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY-OTHER FF's BURNED-WILDLAND-SPAIN

Four Spanish Firefighters died in the Line of Duty and 2 others were seriously burned while operating at a forest fire in the northern region of Catalonia yesterday. The fire in the Els Ports National Park near Tarragona **was thought to be under control but the direction of the wind changed**, whipping up flames and surrounding the Firefighters. The death toll was the worst since 2005, when 11 Firefighters were killed fighting a wildland fire in a pine forest near the central city of Guadalajara. Our sincere condolences to all affected. Take Care-BE CAREFUL.

BillyG

The Secret List 7-22-09 / 1150 Hours

AND:

Hey-

Lunch at a "Mrs. Winner's Restaurant" was anything but enjoyable yesterday where an **Atlanta (GA) Firefighter** was getting lunch, when a **dirtbag decided to hold up the joint** just after 1300. When the FF observed that the robbery was taking place, he took off from the restaurant in an attempt to seek cover. As the bad guy was fleeing, the other Firefighters who were on the apparatus saw it and they also took cover. In the meantime, the bad guy, who was armed with a gun, took cash from the register and fled the scene, but then the bad guy encountered the Firefighters-and three shots were fired. The FD Lt hit the red button on the radio and reported the robbery. Cops are now trying to determine now whether he was actually firing at the Firefighters or was he just trying to fire in the air. WTF?! How about this: yes-the FF's were in danger and he was absolutely trying to hit them. OK, sorry. Anyway, luckily no one was struck, the search continues for the suspect and the FF's are fine.

PPE WILDLAND VS STRUCTURAL GEAR-A CLOSE CALL:

3 Reno (NV) Firefighters were injured while operating at a barn fire Sunday. The crew was returning from a brush fire when a barn fire was reported with exposures to a dwelling. **Reports from the RFD are that the FF's didn't have time to change into their structural fire gear, so they fought the fire while still wearing brush turn-out gear that provides far less protection.** The Firefighters were treated for smoke inhalation and minor burns to their hands, necks and faces and the home was not damaged.

UPDATE-TEXAS FIREFIGHTER SERIOUSLY BURNED:

Update to the fire yesterday at the Citgo Refinery in Texas. The FF as a facility operator and was on their Emergency Response Team. Reports are that there was a vapor release during the fire and he was operating several fixed monitors (back and forth between them) and there was an explosion that he was engulfed in. **Reports are that 75% of his body is burned and 65% of his lungs are seared.** Obviously, he is not doing well....he is in a burn unit in San Antonio. Our sincere prayers and best wishes in the recovery of Brigade ERT FF Gabe Alvarado.

REMEMBERING A FIREFIGHTER MURDERED-LODD:

On July 21st, 2008, Ryan Hummert, a Maplewood (MO) Firefighter, was shot and killed in the Line of Duty. As you will remember, he was murdered while responding to a car fire deliberately set by the shooter. He died instantly on the scene leaving behind hundreds of mourning friends, family members, and fire fighters. **This could have happened to anyone of us. No warning. Nothing. Not Preventable.** Rest in Peace FF Hummert. **MORE Here:** <http://www.fboryanhummert.com/>

GOOD GUYS-AN OUTSTANDING RESCUE BY OFF DUTY FIREFIGHTERS IN WISCONSIN:

Here is some excellent raw video from the 2 Firefighter brothers from Milwaukee making the rescue of the family in that overturned burning car. Both John and Joel Rechlitz were burned during the rescue. A four year old who was the last to be saved is the most seriously burned.

Here is what **Dave Statter911** has:

<http://www.wusa9.com/news/columnist/blogs/2009/07/must-see-video-off-duty-milwaukee.html>

And **Bills FireGeezer** has the news stories on his site:

<http://www.firegeezer.com/2009/07/20/off-duty-ffs-burned-during-heroic-rescue/>

HERE is local media coverage: <http://www.jsonline.com/news/milwaukee/51212742.html>

Take Care-Be Careful and a very Happy 1st Birthday to our Henry M:-)

BillyG

The Secret List 7-21-09 / 0622 Hours

AND:

5th FIREFIGHTER IN SPAIN KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY

A fifth Firefighter has died in the Line of Duty in Spain as wildfires continue to burn in the north-east of the country. The 50-year-old was driving his fire apparatus in the Aragon region when the vehicle fell into a ravine, taking his life. Other Firefighters remain in the burn unit from injuries earlier this week as wind conditions changed-injuring them and killing 4 Firefighters. As always, our sincere condolences.

Take Care-BE CAREFUL,

BillyG

The Secret List 7-24-09 / 0650 Hours

AND:

6th FIREFIGHTER IN SPAIN KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY

A firefighter who was trapped in a fast-moving forest fire in eastern Spain Tuesday and hospitalized with severe burns, died Friday near Barcelona, the Catalan regional government said. He was the sixth firefighter this week to die from forest fires raging around Spain. The 31-year-old firefighter was with a group of firefighters battling a forest fire in Horta de Sant Joan in eastern Tarragona province Tuesday, when winds suddenly shifted, trapping them. Four firefighters in the group were killed immediately, authorities said, while several others were injured. The 31-year-old firefighter, who worked for the regional Catalan government, had burns on more than 50 percent of his body. As always, our sincere condolences.

Take Care-BE CAREFUL,

BillyG

The Secret List 7-24-09 / 1440 Hours

AND:

Hey-

An EMT from Lebanon (Maine) Rescue escaped serious injury this afternoon, despite being run over by a car. The accident happened during the Go Deep Mud Track in Lebanon. The driver of one of the cars lost control when the throttle got stuck. The car careened toward a crowd of people watching the races. The driver managed to avoid the crowd, but hit a male EMT, who was trackside. The car came to a stop on top of the EMT, but he was able to crawl out from under the car, and was not seriously injured. While not as critical as many Secret Lists we send out, this is well worthy of mention as many FD's and EMS members do work details at race tracks...as well as daily duty on the roadways.

COLLAPSE IN PA AT WORKING STRUCTURE FIRE:

Here is a video clip from a working townhouse fire in Pocono Township/Tannersville (PA) last week with a CLOSE CALL for members operating, When Firefighters arrived, half of the structure was involved and the other half was collapsed. The clip is excellent at showing the importance of being aware of the collapse zone, Because of their positioning, members were not hurt. **HERE** is the clip:

<http://www.poconorecord.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20090722/MULTIMEDIA01/907229987>

Take Care-BE CAREFUL.

BillyG

The Secret List 7-26-09 / 2200 Hours

AND

Hey-

Firefighters in Newark (NJ) had a four-alarm fire at a chemical company last night. A Battalion Fire Chief, operating on a roof exposure, fell through a skylight. Smoke conditions were reportedly very heavy, along with the extreme fire conditions. The Chief fell about 25-30 feet through that skylight and initial reports are that he suffered a fractured pelvis, fractured shoulder, bone breaks in his back and some broken ribs. He fell thru the skylight of the exposure and was wearing full PPE, and his SCBA. The veteran Chief has over 30 years on the Newark FD and is in serious but non-life threatening conditions. We wish him a successful recovery.

Take Care-BE CAREFUL.

BillyG

The Secret List 7-27-09 / 1040 Hours

AND

Hey-

The **IAFC** and **IAFF** who lead the annual safety week initiative (along with several other fire service orgs) have a quick survey asking about your FD and what your department did-or did not do... for last months FIRE/EMS SAFETY, HEALTH AND SURVIVAL WEEK (formerly known as "STAND DOWN")

YOUR HELP NEEDED: Please take a quick 3 minutes and respond to the survey:

<http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/survey-intro.zgi?p=WEB229CN4QZ2BG>

Take Care-BE CAREFUL,
BillyG
The Secret List 7-28-09 / 1013 hours

AND

Hey-

We just received this information from the Chiefs Office of the Hampton Township Fire Department in Sussex County, N.J. They were conducting a training exercise on 7-27-09 that involved 3 tankers and 2 pumpers. It was to be a water shuttle exercise. Their engine Eng 48-62 was set up as the pumper at the draft site to fill the water tankers. There was 100' of 5" LDH from 48-62 to the portable hydrant, (The portable hydrant was a SnapTite water Thief/Manifold, with 5" LDH intake and 4 2-1/2" discharges). We were using two (2) of the 4 discharges with 100' of 2 1/2" hose from each discharge. The flow rate was 125psi. The order was given for the Hydrant to be shut down as the tanker was full.

A Firefighter who was controlling the hydrant began the process of a slow shut down and the pump operator on Engine 48-62 began to reduce his pressure. As the Hampton Twp FF was leaning over the control valves shutting down, for undetermined reasons, the portable hydrant exploded. **The force of the explosion threw the FF into the air, her boots were found approximately 50' from where she landed and 25' apart from each other, her helmet landed next to one of her boots.** Hampton Twp EMS, which was **on scene for the drill**, started EMS procedures and the FF was air lifted to a trauma center. She is recovering and has been released. The **NJ Division of Fire Safety** has the appliance and is conducting the investigation. The appliance was stored in a rear compartment but not secured.

QUESTION: While we are aware of the other recent event in Lambertville (NJ) **IF YOU are aware** of any other similar events, please send the details **HERE:**

<http://firefighterclosecalls.com/submit.php>

HERE is some previous information related to the Lambertville NJ incident that we put together in cooperation with DaveStatter911 and the IAFC Safety, Health and Survival Section www.IAFCSafety.org :

SNAP TITE REPORT ON LAMBERTVILLE NJ INCIDENT:

<http://www.wusa9.com/news/columnist/blogs/TESTREPORTA1034Lambertville%5B1%5D.pdf>

PREVIOUS COVERAGE:

<http://www.wusa9.com/news/columnist/blogs/2009/07/another-close-call-with-manifold-in-new.html>

<http://www.firefighterclosecalls.com/fullstory.php?84238>

REMINDER: While we are aware of the other recent event in Lambertville (NJ) **IF YOU are aware** of any other similar events, please send the details **HERE:**

<http://firefighterclosecalls.com/submit.php>

When we find any more information on this including a response from SnapTite, we will send it out. We do have calls into SnapTite, who has been very cooperative in the past.

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Take Care-BE CAREFUL. ANYTHING under pressure is dangerous.

BillyG

The Secret List 7-29-09 / 1325 Hours

AND:

Hey-

Here is how the Firefighters in Columbus (Ohio) are helping educate their public as a major vote approaches. Perhaps this video can help other FD's in similar situations. In Columbus, if the measure is not passed, 200+ Firefighter/EMT-Medics may lose their jobs. A major loss is service. Note that the CFD FF's and Fire Officers are focusing on the reality of it = **SERVICE TO THEIR PUBLIC**. While they clearly understand and tell the public that they don't want to lose jobs-the bigger issue pushed by the street smart CFD FF's is that **THE PUBLIC WILL ABSOLUTELY AND MEASURABLY LOSE**.

Service will dramatically be reduced. Lives will absolutely be lost. No nonsense.

This video below explains it-in as dramatic but REALISTIC terms as possible.

COLUMBUS FIREFIGHTERS VIDEO FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION ON FIRE & EMS RESPONSE: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KrtK6FFxxLM>

WEBSITE ON THE ISSUE: <http://www.protectourfirefighters.org/>

LOCAL 67's WEBSITE: <http://www.local67.com/>

FIREFIGHTER BUDGET CUTS WEB PAGE: <http://firefighterclosecalls.com/staffing.php>

Take Care-BE CAREFUL.

BillyG

The Secret List 7-30-09 / 1005 Hours

AND:

Hey-

This afternoon, the IAFF (www.IAFF.org) and the Metro Fire Chiefs (IAFC/NFPA: www.nfpa.org/metro) today issued a joint statement regarding the safety of Firefighter's and Paramedics and the public during the ongoing economic crisis.

Despite Financial Crisis, Safety of Fire Fighters and the Public Must Remain Top Priority.

The statement acknowledges the severe economic crisis facing many municipalities, but calls on jurisdictions to consider safety first when making budgetary decisions concerning their fire departments. "Too many times, tough decisions about fire department resources are being made without consideration for the safety and well-being of our members or the public, and this must be pointed out and challenged," said IAFF General President Harold Schaitberger. "We hope this message reaches the entire fire service and goes up the chain of command to decision-makers in every jurisdiction because this is truly a life safety issue during this economic crisis."

"During economic times like these, requests for response to all types of emergencies
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increase, so a decrease in staffing while that call volume increases has a compounding negative effect on the safety of fire fighters and the public at large," said Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association President and Miami, Florida Fire Chief Shorty Bryson. **The joint statement reads in part:**

"We acknowledge the current economic reality. The value of the assets used to generate local government revenue has plummeted. Local governments across North America are contemplating or proposing decreases in size and/or reductions in the span and depth of their services. The fire service is often caught up in that contraction. We must weather this storm by having a realistic strategy grounded in the safety and security of fire fighters, paramedics and the public at large.

"We must keep all-hazard emergency response personnel as safe as possible. A fire company should be able to function as an independent unit at the scene of a fire in order to permit the Incident Commander to employ the proper tactics and strategies to safeguard the occupants of the building, as well as the operating force, and to protect the property of the public. Whenever understaffing necessitates the combination of two companies to accomplish a specific task at the scene of a fire -- which normally could be completed by one effective unit -- the standard operating procedures are dramatically and adversely affected.

"Adequate staffing is imperative at the individual fire company level. In order to permit the effective operation of fire companies at the scene of a structure fire, the minimum number of personnel on both engine and ladder companies must be four members per unit for low hazard environments and five or six members per unit for medium and high hazard (high risk) environments. "All resource decisions must be viewed in light of these fundamental requirements. Accordingly, if a decision is made to reduce departmental resources, it must never be accomplished by reducing company crew size on apparatus."

The full statement can be viewed HERE: www.iaff.org/09News/PDFs/JointStatement.pdf

Take Care-BE CAREFUL.

BillyG

The Secret List 7-30-09 / 1430 Hours

AND:

Hey-

A Firefighter from Warren County (N.J.) was struck and seriously injured by a drunk driver early this morning. Last evening, FF Charles Christine, 86, of the Belvidere VFD Fire Police, was assisting traffic in an area with wires down. Around midnight, FF Christine was leaning against a pickup truck parked perpendicular to the roadway with the emergency warning lights on, when a car driven by Daniel Tigie crashed into the pickup truck. FF Christine was knocked to the ground during the accident and suffered serious head and arm injuries. He was transferred to Saint Luke's Hospital in Bethlehem, Pa., where he was listed in fair condition today. DUI Tigie was arrested and charged with aggravated assault and driving while intoxicated and was transferred to the Warren County Jail and held on bail. We wish FF Christine a rapid recovery.

Take Care-BE CAREFUL and **EXPECT THEM TO NOT SEE US ON THE ROADWAYS....especially when drivers are trashed.**

For more information go to www.ResponderSafety.com

BillyG

The Secret List 8-1-09 / 1400 Hours

AND

MICHIGAN FIRE OFFICER LINE OF DUTY DEATH-FALL FROM APPARATUS & STRUCK BY VEHICLE & ARIZONA FIRE OFFICER LINE OF DUTY DEATH-CARDIAC ARREST AT FIRE STATION

It is with deep regret that we advise you that **Harold Curtis, a Lieutenant with Lawrence Township (Mich.) Fire Department**/Emergency Services, died in the Line of Duty Saturday (this evening) at Borgess Medical Center in Kalamazoo. The 36-year-old Firefighter was seriously injured Friday night while working with the safety crew at Hartford Motor Speedway in Hartford, Michigan. **Preliminary information is indicating Lt. Curtis fell from the back of a fire apparatus and was then struck by a vehicle.** Lt. Curtis, a Lawrence resident, was initially taken to Watervliet Community Hospital and then transferred to Borgess where he succumbed to his injuries. More details to follow. As always, our most sincere condolences to all affected and especially the family of Lt. Curtis.

IT IS WITH FURTHER REGRET that we advise you that Saturday morning at shift change, Queen Creek (Arizona) Fire Station 412 Firefighters discovered their 24-year veteran **Captain Eric Tinkham** in cardiac arrest. He was treated by his crew and transported to Gilbert ER where he was pronounced dead. He was 44 years old and is survived by his wife and three daughters. Captain Tinkham was one of Queen Creek's inaugural firefighters who started the Town's Fire Department on Jan. 1, 2008. Prior to joining Queen Creek, he served with Rural/Metro Fire Department in east Maricopa and Pinal counties. He was a member of IAFF Local 3878. As always, our most sincere condolences to all affected-especially the members of the Queen Creek FD, and the Tinkham family.

UPDATE: BATTALION CHIEF KEVIN KILLEEN-NEWARK NJFD SURVIVES SKYLIGHT FALL:

Chief Killeen has had 2 major surgeries since this weeks 4 alarm fire where he fell. Of the surgeries, 1 was to repair his back and 1 to repair his shoulder. The Chief is awake and even smiled today. He will be moved to a step down unit hopefully on Monday and will not be able to stand for 6 weeks. After that he will need to move to a rehab unit for an extended time. Those who were with him today wrote and advised that naturally it was great to see him smile and while he is seriously injured..he will live to tell his story. Outstanding.

Take Care-BE CAREFUL.

BillyG

The Secret List 8-2-09 / 0650 Hours

AND:

Hey...

As we posted last night, **Harold Curtis, a Lieutenant with Lawrence Township (Mich.) Fire Department**, died in the Line of Duty Saturday following an accident at a race track fire crew. The 36-year-old Firefighter was seriously injured Friday night while working as a member of the fire safety crew at Hartford Motor Speedway in Hartford, Michigan. **Additional information is indicating that Curtis fell from the back of the race track fire apparatus**

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BUT HE WAS NOT struck by another vehicle. In speaking with local and track officials, the fact is now that he fell from that apparatus and suffered what turned out to be a fatal and tragic injury. Local media provided the "struck by" information incorrectly. Curtis, a Lawrence resident, was initially taken to Watervliet Community Hospital and then transferred to Borgess where he succumbed to his injuries. **More details will follow.** As always, our most sincere condolences to all affected and especially the family of Lt. Curtis.

Take Care-BE CAREFUL.

BillyG

The Secret List 8-2-09 / 1315 Hours

AND:

Hey...

Anthony R. McKenna, a member of **New Jersey's Greenwich Township Rescue Squad**, was seriously injured after his Honda Civic collided head-on with a pickup truck on Route 173 while responding to a run on Sunday. He was in serious condition this morning at St. Luke's Hospital. Squad Member McKenna, 22, was driving at 11:40 a.m. in a 2004 Honda Civic. He was on his way to an emergency call when his car crossed into the eastbound lane and he hit a 2002 Ford pickup driven by Robert J. Prochaska II, 24. McKenna's car hydroplaned on the wet road. **EMT McKenna was trapped behind the steering wheel, had to be extricated and was taken to St. Luke's Hospital where he is listed in serious condition this morning.** Prochaska and his passenger, Jillian F. Burns, 25, who lives at his same address, were taken to Warren Hospital for minor injuries. Prochaska had an injury to his nose, and Burns had an injured right knee and right hand. All three were wearing seat belts.

MISSISSIPPI FIREFIGHTER KILLED AT WAR WHILE SERVING AS A SOLDIER

Army Staff. Sgt. Johnny Roosevelt Polk, 39, who grew up in North Gulfport (MS) and was a member of their Fire Department, died July 25 from injuries he suffered when his vehicle was struck by an anti-tank grenade on July 23 in Kirkuk, Iraq. He was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 82nd Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, at Fort Hood, Texas, and died supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom. He was a highly decorated soldier and among Polk's survivors are a daughter, Mary, and a son, Antoine, who family said also serves in the military. We honor Staff Sgt Polk in his service to our Country with our condolences to his family, friends, the members of the NGFD. Our sincere thanks to ALL who are serving in our armed forces and related services.

Take Care-BE CAREFUL.

BillyG

The Secret List 8-4-09 / 1225 Hours

AND:

Hey...

A **Raymore (KS) Firefighter** survived a lightning strike this morning while out on a fire call. FF Brett Palmer, of the South Metropolitan FD, was struck by a bolt of lightning just after 0700. The understandably shook up FF Palmer was taken to a nearby hospital, where he was treated and released. FF Palmer and his two partners were checking an automatic fire alarm at a dwelling when lightning hit. Like many of our areas this time of year, an intense thunderstorm had just moved through the area. FF Palmer said he was reaching for a fire ax

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at the moment the lightning struck. Even though his hand was on the wooden handle of the ax, the back of his hand was also in contact with the metal wall of the fire engine door, which was energized by the strike. **The force of the lightning strike also blew out a tire on the fire apparatus and damaged its electronics.**

APPARATUS ROLLS IN TEXAS:

A responding apparatus in Springs rolled today in a crash with a civilian vehicle. Both FF's were reported to be belted in and 1 suffered a hand injury. **HERE is more with pictures:**
<http://firefighterclosecalls.com/fullstory.php?90759>

FF SERIOUSLY BURNED IN CALIFORNIA:

Two Glendale firefighters were injured, one seriously, while battling a late last night. Burbank and Glendale fire companies responded to the house with fire showing from the second-floor of a two-story house. 1 Firefighter suffered third-degree burns, the other smoke inhalation. The firefighter who was burned was taken to the Grossman Burn Center in Sherman Oaks. The other was taken to Glendale Adventist Medical Center and was released. We will keep you advised and wish the FF a rapid recovery.

I-JOISTS, NAIEVTY, AND YOU:

Both FireGeezer Bills and we were sent this from veteran Fire Instructor John S. The below document is entitled: **Wood I-Joists and Firefighter Safety**. You can find it below and it attempts to place a positive spin about wood chips and glue construction. Look, to us it has been and is simple: today's wood/glue and related type construction, when "on fire" is a significant hazard to Firefighters amongst many hazards.

Wood burns...glue burns...and if that's all that's holding a house together, it is a problem-and very often predictable. What's the answer? While codes and related factors can help, (in some areas, you can forget it due to the politicians being "under the influence") the real answer is to KNOW your response area, KNOW the construction types as an EXPERT by TRAINING on them and then, when responding to a fire in those structures SIZE-UP, UNDERSTAND & PREDICT what will-or may have already happened-as you start and continue your fire operations.

UNDERSTAND THAT builders are in the business of selling homes at a profit-the less cost-the more profit. That is what matters. Pure business. Nuth'n personal, gang.

FIREFIGHTERS HAVE TO BE in the business of knowing the enemy (RIP Frank Brannigan) and the building IS our enemy. STUDY and TRAIN on the enemy so that when operating at a fire of this type-or ANY type construction, we have the greatest chances of getting the people out and getting water on the fire without taking ridiculous and unnecessarily predictable risk. Sometimes we absolutely must take great risk. Many times we don't. When it comes to the way some of these structures are built-the LAST thing the builders had in mind was your safety. To believe anything else is ridiculous and naive.

HERE is more information and a LINK to the PDF of the WOOD I-JOIST document:

<http://www.firegeezzer.com/2009/08/04/morning-lineup-august-4-3/>
http://www.woodaware.info/PDFs/I-Joists_FirefighterSafety_0509.pdf

Looking forward to seeing you at FASNY as well as F.R.I./IAFC in a few weeks.

FASNY: <http://www.fasny.com/events.aspx>

F.R.I./IAFC: <http://fri.iafc.org/>

REMINDER: Join Us For The IAFC Safety, Health and Survival Section Meeting: Friday, August 28, at 1300 Hours in room A115-117 of the Dallas CC.

Take Care-BE CAREFUL.

BillyG

The Secret List 8-5-09 / 2022 Hours

AND:

Hey...

(NOTE: As a followup to yesterdays "construction" posting, check out this link at FireEngineering.com. Its loaded with outstanding info from (and by) long time TSL'r Philly Deputy Chief Bill Shouldis, Ret)

http://www.fireengineering.com/display_article/365020/25/none/none/BRNIS/Front-Line-Decision-Making:-The-Importance-of-Building-Construction-Characteristics-

(For more excellent FF/construction info, "search" Fire Engineering's site for SHOULDIS)

NO SIREN/RED LIGHT USE WHEN RESPONDING TO WILDLAND/FOREST FIRES:

It looks like the SW Region of the **US Forest Service** will be **stopping the use of red light/siren** response to wildland and forest related fires. They will no longer authorize training of their folks on/or the use of existing light/siren equipment for this purpose on any of the forests within their region. They established a committee of employees and they recommended it be stopped due to un-needed liability. The committee did recommend the need for hi-vis amber lighting and related equipment to maintain the highest possible level of equipment visibility for their personnel. When their current fleet is up for replacement, they will then begin to equip their vehicles with amber lighting packages only, to meet the needs of maintaining the visibility for their personnel, and no longer include red lights or siren equipment. Makes sense. **We worked for a great chief years ago who did the same thing-all lights were changed to amber-no siren responses to wildland/brush fires-BUT-he left the sirens on the rigs to be used for an "evacuation/watch out" warning to FF's who may not be aware of changing conditions while operating.**

CRIMINAL ANTI-FIRE SAFETY ACTIONS BY PA. POLITICOS? Say It Isn't So.

Despite warnings that the Bellefonte Borough would face too much risk, their clueless council last night voted 5-2 to allow a popular local jewelry store to open a new boutique nearby without first completing mandated building improvements to safeguard against fire. **HERE is more:** <http://firefighterclosecalls.com/fullstory.php?90795>

PHOENIX AND FORT LAUDERDALE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES:

The 19th Annual **PFD** Incident Management Symposium will focus on fireground management and features: General Sessions, Workshops and Pre-Conference workshops scheduled for Tuesday, September 1, 2009

More HERE: <http://phoenix.gov/pfdims>

Fort Lauderdale Fire Expo - October 15-16th 2009. Both excellent classroom lecture and hands on training will be featured. The event is being hosted by the Fort Lauderdale

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Firefighters Benevolent with all proceeds from the event going to the Ft. Laud Firefighters Sick & Injured Fund. **More HERE:** <http://www.fortlauderdalefireexpo.com>

COLUMBUS OHIO FIREFIGHTERS: CONGRATS

CONGRATS to the Firefighters in COLUMBUS, OHIO in their winning the support of their voters to maintain the positions and avoid layoffs. They "hit the streets" and won the support of those they serve. **HERE** is the video they used as a part of their efforts:

<http://www.local67.com>

Take Care-BE CAREFUL.

BillyG

The Secret List 8-6-09 / 1119 Hours

AND

**MARLBORO, VERMONT ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY
STRUCK BY BACKING FIRE APPARATUS AT INITIAL CRASH SCENE**

It is with deep regret that we advise you on the Line of Duty Death of Assistant Chief John Horton of Marlboro, Vermont. The MFD along with Vermont State Police and EMS/Rescue, responded to a single car crash on a local road at about 1430 Hours. When the ambulance arrived, Marlboro Fire Department Assistant Chief John Horton and the fire apparatus driver, Firefighter Anthony Gordon, went to move the fire apparatus out of the way. FF Gordon saw Chief Horton in his rear view mirror and backed up but he reportedly didn't see Chief Horton again, and pulled the truck forward. When FF Gordon got out of the apparatus, that's when he saw Chief Horton down on the ground with obvious critical trauma. Chief Horton, who was from Marlboro, was worked on by EMS members immediately and then transported to Brattleboro Memorial Hospital, where he was pronounced dead. More info to follow.

As always, our most sincere condolences and while all the facts of this tragic Line of Duty Death are not out yet-it is a shocking reminder to all apparatus and emergency drivers to stop to absolute moment you do not see your backer. Backers, make sure you are visible at all times to your driver-and the drivers of the cars on the road you are on. Our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Chief Horton, the members of the MFD and the SW NH Mutual Aid System members. www.FireMutualAid.com

Take Care-BE CAREFUL.

BillyG

The Secret List 8-7-09 / 1111 Hours

AND

Hey,

The Senate confirmed Chief Kelvin J. Cochran, President Obama's nominee to head the U.S. Fire Administration, by voice vote Friday which is **EXCELLENT** news for the American and international fire service. The confirmation puts Cochran, who had been serving as Atlanta's fire chief since 2008 and was chief in Shreveport (LA) before that, in charge of the the USFA, the primary federal agency addressing the fire, rescue and EMS needs of the nation's Firefighters and citizens.

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Throughout Cochran's nomination process, bipartisan leaders of the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee along with all major fire service organizations, called him an impressive candidate for the job. Chief Cochran said his priorities include reassessing the use of firefighter grants to make sure they are being employed effectively and building a closer relationship between the federal government and local fire departments.

Cochran also told the Senate committee that the Fire Administration needed to take a targeted, focused approach on the areas where the needs are greatest, taking a more assertive outreach role in places where resources are scarce and departments rely mostly or completely on volunteers.

Congrats to Chief Kelvin Cochran, United States Fire Administrator.

Take Care-Be Careful,

Billy G

The Secret List 8-7-09 / 1600 hours

AND

Hey,

Marlboro (VT) Assistant Fire Chief John "Jack" Horton, 57, who died in the Line of Duty Thursday, according to local media: probably suffered some sort of medical problem that caused him to collapse behind Engine No. 2 as it was backing up. "All of the evidence in the state police investigation, in conjunction with the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, suggest that the assistant chief was down in the roadway before receiving any of the traumatic injuries he received," said Vermont State Police Sgt. Michael Sorensen. "At this time, it looks as though it was a tragic accident." Chief Horton was run over by the inside rear wheel of the fire truck, according to the state police report, but there is no evidence he was actually knocked down by the vehicle.

The medical examiner listed the cause of death as blunt force trauma and coronary artery disease. The medical examiner could not say for certain if Chief Horton would have survived the medical event, but according to Sorensen, what she could say was, "Anyone who received the trauma that he received would not have survived." Chief Horton spent 47 years of his life working as a Firefighter, 30 of those years in the MFD. As you know, Chief Horton was run over by the fire apparatus at 1430 hours on Thursday during a response to a one-car rollover. Chief Horton was standing behind Marlboro's Engine No. 2 as the vehicle was being backed up by FF Anthony Gordon, 57.

When an ambulance arrived on the accident scene to assist with a rollover, Horton and Gordon decided to move the fire apparatus so it wouldn't interfere with emergency medical technicians. FF Gordon saw Horton in the rear view mirror of the fire truck, stated the press release, and began backing up. Gordon did not see Horton in his mirrors again, but after moving the truck forward and getting out of the vehicle, he saw Horton lying in the gravel roadway. Emergency personnel immediately began life-saving efforts, even though he showed no signs of life. Chief Horton was transported to Brattleboro Memorial Hospital by Rescue Inc. and was pronounced dead at 1532 hours. Again, our most sincere condolences to all affected.

COLERAIN, OH DOUBLE LODD REPORT RELEASED

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On April 04, 2008, 37-year-old **Colerain Township Fire Captain Robin Broxterman and 29-year-old Fire Fighter were killed in The Line of Duty** when a section of floor collapsed and trapped them in the basement during a fire at a residential structure. At 0611 hours, an automatic alarm dispatched the fire department. Dispatch upgraded the alarm to a working structure fire 9 minutes later. At 0623 hours, the victims' engine was the first to arrive on scene. The homeowner met the engine crew and stated that the fire was in the basement and everyone was out. With moderate smoke showing, the captain and the fire fighter donned their self-contained breathing apparatus and entered the residence through the opened front door with a 1¾" hoseline. A second fire fighter joined the captain and fire fighter at the basement stairs doorway. After the captain called for water several times, the line was charged and both fire fighters took the hoseline to the bottom of the stairs but needed additional hoseline to advance. The second fire fighter went back up the stairs to pull more hose at the front door. As he returned to the basement stairway, he saw the captain at the top of the stairs, trying to use her radio and telling him to get out.

A captain from the second arriving engine noticed the smoke getting black, heavy, and pushing out the front door and requested the incident commander (IC) to evacuate the interior crew. The second fire fighter exited the structure alone. The IC made several attempts to contact the interior crew with no response. At 0637 hours, the IC sent out a "Mayday." A rapid intervention team was activated and followed the hoseline through the front door and down to the basement. Returning to the first floor, they noticed a collapsed section of floor and went to investigate the debris in that area of the basement. At 0708 hours, the captain was found near a corner of the basement. At 0729 hours, after removing debris from around the captain, the other fire fighter was located underneath her and some additional debris. Both victims were pronounced dead at the scene. The report provides details that all Fire Officers and Fire Fighters can learn from including several

Key contributing factors identified in this investigation including that the initial 360-degree size-up was incomplete, likely disorientation of victims effecting key survival skills, radio communication problems, well-involved basement fire before the department's arrival, and potential fire growth from natural gas utilities.

HERE is a link to that report: <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/fire/reports/face200809.html>

Take Care-BE CAREFUL,
BillyG
The Secret List 8-8-09 / 0745 hours

AND:

Hey,
Early this morning, **San Diego (CA) FD Engine Company 44 was blocking traffic** on I-15 for a crash when another civilian vehicle crashed into the engine company at a high rate of speed. The Firefighter/Engineer was reportedly setting up more cones and was hit (read on) and was thrown into the air. While injured he never loss consciousness, he was treated and then transported in stable condition. The vehicle that hit E44 was occupied by a family of 3, including a child and the Father is critical with the others injured in unknown conditions at this time. Initial reports are that the engine was blocking and protecting the scene and the speeding vehicle came through cones and hit the fire apparatus, actually moving it several

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feet. **The injured Firefighter/Engineer was paying attention and was able to see the high speed car coming and ran behind corner of the apparatus.** When the apparatus was struck, the apparatus hit the Firefighter/Engineer and flipped him in the air ten feet. We wish the FF a rapid recovery from this close call.

NORTH CAROLINA FIRE APPARATUS ROLLS AND STRIKES HOUSE/OCCUPANT FIREFIGHTER CITED FOR APPARATUS TIRES NOT BEING CHOCKED

Yesterday evening, Mount Holly Fire and Rescue was dispatched to a home on Lanier Ave. for severe respiratory distress around 1745 Hours. The Firefighters started treating the patient when they realized they needed to get the person to the hospital quickly and a Firefighter stepped out to advise the arriving paramedics. When the FF came out, a lady came up screaming that a fire truck ran into a house down the street. The fire apparatus had apparently rolled several hundred feet into a home on Lanier Avenue as well. The occupant was sleeping on the couch in his home when the apparatus stopped in his living room. The house has shifted off the foundation and the back part of the living room ripped away from the house itself. The occupant was treated and transported for minor injuries.

The driver of the apparatus and the crew were inside the home when the truck rolled down the hill. Cops don't yet know if the parking brake failed but the rig was running when the crew of 3 went into the house for the emergency call. The apparatus rolled down the hill, also struck a parked car and struck the home.

The Firefighter driving the apparatus was cited for leaving the fire apparatus without chocking the wheels, as required, according to the investigating trooper, by OSHA.

Take Care-BE CAREFUL.

BillyG

The Secret List 8-9-09 / 0830 Hours

AND:

Hey,

As per information from the **Newburg Volunteer Rescue Squad and Fire Department, Inc. (Maryland)** they were conducting a live fire training exercise yesterday, August 8, 2009 at Banks "O" Dee Road in Newburg, Charles County when three Volunteer Firefighters were injured. The Firefighters received injuries from a master stream deluge gun that became dislodged from its staged location and struck them.

The department sponsored a training exercise with neighboring fire stations at a donated acquired structure. At the conclusion of the successful live fire training evolution, Firefighters were wrapping up operations by dousing hot spots at training site. While water was flowing from the deluge gun, it began to slide out of position and whipped into the path of three nearby Firefighters before it could be shut down.

One neighboring Volunteer Firefighter was transported to a local hospital, where he was treated and released. Two volunteer Firefighters were flown to Prince George's Hospital Center. One of them is being held overnight for observation, with minor injuries. The last victim was Newburg's Volunteer Fire Chief, Steve Shifflett, who remains in stable condition with what is described as non-life threatening injuries.

We wish all a rapid recovery.
Take Care-BE CAREFUL,
BillyG
The Secret List 8-9-09 / 1917 Hours

AND

FDNY FIREFIGHTER SUCCUMBS TO CANCER FOLLOWING 9/11 WTC OPERATIONS

FDNY FF John McNamara assigned to Engine Company 234 passed away yesterday, Sunday August 9, 2009. **FDNY has determined that his loss will be classified as an Administrative Line of Duty Death.** FF McNamara, a 10 year veteran of FDNY, was diagnosed with Cancer in 2006 only 5 years after working at the **World Trade Center**. Since being diagnosed, John had made several trips to Washington to fight for the sick from 9/11/01. He is one of the charter members of the FDNY FIREFIGHTER Brotherhood foundation, a not for profit organization founded to support and promote the needs of those first responders who are sick following work at the World Trade Center. <http://www.nycfirefighterfoundation.org/>

McNamara spent about 500 hours looking for his fallen brethren at the site where the World Trade Center once stood, and his plight was part of a documentary called "Save the Brave," which chronicled the lives of ailing rescue workers. McNamara, who was assigned to Ladder 123 in Crown Heights, Brooklyn, also joined the FDNY's rescue mission to New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina. He became ill in June 2006 and the cancer spread to his liver and stomach. Though gravely ill, he spent his remaining years fighting for better testing and health benefits for firefighters who worked at Ground Zero. McNamara is survived by his wife, Jennifer, and 2-year-old son, Jack. Our most sincere condolences to the family, friends and Brothers/Sisters of FF McNamara.

RELATED: 9/11 RESPONDERS CANCER:

Researchers specifically studying responders specifically say a small number of young law enforcement officers who participated in the World Trade Center rescue and cleanup operation have developed an immune system cancer. **No doubt-the findings will mirror the issues known within the FDNY and FDNY EMS community.**

The numbers are tiny, and experts don't know 100% that there is a confirmed link between the illnesses and toxins released during the disaster, **but numerous signs point in that direction.** The doctors who coordinated the study, published today in the Journal of Occupational and Environmental Medicine, said people who worked at the site should continue to have their health monitored. "What we are trying to get out there is: Be alert," said Dr. Jacqueline M. Moline, director of the World Trade Center Medical Monitoring and Treatment Program at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine. The researchers looked at 28,252 emergency responders who spent time amid ground zero dust and found eight cases of multiple myeloma.

Those findings were no surprise. Multiple myeloma is the second most common hematological cancer in the U.S. after non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. Normally, researchers would expect to find about seven cases in a group as large as the one examined in the study.

However, four of the people who fell ill were under age 45, and multiple myeloma is thought to be more rare among people of that age. Under normal circumstances, researchers would have expected to find only one case of the disease in that age group. Those four young multiple myeloma patients included one officer who was caught in the dust cloud on 9/11 and then spent months working long hours at the site. Another spent 111 days at the Staten Island landfill where the rubble was sifted. Two others had less exposure, working 12 and 14 days each in the pit and rubble pile.

The study said it is possible the monitoring program was simply more effective at finding the illness among people who wouldn't ordinarily be subjected to intense medical tracking. Nevertheless, Moline said, **"You shouldn't be seeing so many cases of myeloma in younger folks."** The median age of diagnosis for that cancer in the general public is 71. Several groups are studying New Yorkers exposed to toxic dust when the skyscrapers collapsed. To date, no study, including the one published Monday, has established a 100% link between that dust and cancer, said Lorna Thorpe, a deputy commissioner and epidemiologist at New York City's health department, **but it doesn't that a "researcher" to figure out where this will probably lead.**

The timing of the four cases examined by the team at Mount Sinai also raised questions about whether they are related to their work at ground zero. Most research on multiple myeloma indicates that it usually takes 10 to 20 years for someone to develop that cancer after an environmental exposure to a carcinogen. In these cases, the cancers were diagnosed in as little as three to four years after the attacks, suggesting that something else might have caused the disease. **Or, could it be the heavy concentration in a very limited period of exposure to some of the worst possible carcinogens out there? Time will tell. And hopefully sooner than later so that ALL who responded and operated at the WTC on 9/11 will be properly diagnosed and treated. Right now, for many who know-and many more who do not know, it is a race against time.**

HERE IS A LINK TO THE REPORT:

http://journals.lww.com/joem/Abstract/2009/08000/Multiple_Myeloma_in_World_Trade_Center_Responders_7.aspx

Take Care-BE CAREFUL,

BillyG

The Secret List 8-10-09 / 1545 Hours

AND:

Hey...

Last night, a Phoenix (AZ) Fire Department Fire Officer and others were injured as they were responding on a run, when there was a crash. The PFD Captain is in critical condition after she was reportedly ejected from that fire apparatus that was responding to the emergency call. Around 1800 hours, the engine was passing through an intersection when a sedan crashed into the side of the engine. **Witnesses said the engine did have its lights and sirens activated and the civilian car blew through a red traffic signal.** 8 vehicles were eventually involved and about a dozen people were hurt, including the Captain who was ejected and the apparatus driver. The civilian driver of a passenger car didn't stop for the fire company that was on its way to the run with lights and sirens on. The engine and the car

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collided, sending the engine into several cars waiting at the light and witnesses said the woman who caused the accident was driving very fast and she ran a red light. The Fire Captain suffered numerous injuries, including a head injury who is a 21-year veteran of the department who splits her time between recruiting new firefighters and commanding crews on the trucks. More details later.

Take Care-BE CAREFUL.

BillyG

The Secret List 8-11-09 / 0706 Hours

AND:

Hey...

A quick reminder that 9-11-09 is just a few weeks away and for Fire Departments, EMS Agencies, Police Departments and related groups planning community or departmental ceremonies (which should be all), this link is of great help:

9/11 CEREMONY PLANNING LINK: [http://www.fire-police-ems.com/misc/\\$9-11.shtml](http://www.fire-police-ems.com/misc/$9-11.shtml)

Please take time to immediately start planning a community ceremony no matter how small or large it may be. It should be obvious to us that **if the FIRE SERVICE** and related emergency services organizations don't plan to remember those murdered on 9/11/01, few others will.

9/11 REMINDER LINKS:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IlpLLYadyeo> (**Video of FDNY operating seconds prior to the attack**)

<http://www.fdnylodd.com/9-11-Never-Forget/Memorials/Blood-Of-Heroes.html> (**Video-FDNY Blood/Heroes**)

<http://www.firefighterclosecalls.com/maillist/archive.php?id=SecretList&issueID=46> (**9/11 Amnesia**)

<http://www.tributewtc.org/index.php> (**Tribute WTC NYC**)

And lastly, don't forget those who operated at the scenes that morning in PA, VA and NYC- and especially those in NYC who are now suffering due to the carcinogens they operated within and those who have since given their lives in the Line of Duty.

Take Care,

BillyG

The Secret List 8-12-09 / 1000 Hours

AND:

Hey,

This is an update regarding the crash involving a **Phoenix FD** engine company last evening. PFD's Engine 910 was dispatched to a house fire at 17:59 and was responding Eastbound on Dunlap and was traveling through the intersection at I-17. The engine had responded over the bridge and entered the intersection of Dunlap and the access road. At approximately 18:04, a sedan traveling Northbound struck Engine 910, impacting the apparatus near the Captain's door. The apparatus was propelled to the left by the force of the collision and ended up over the median into the Westbound lanes of Dunlap. A total of 11 vehicles were

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involved in the original and secondary collisions. Ten civilians were treated. The driver of the sedan was transported as an immediate. All other civilian injuries were minor/delayed.

PFD Captain Crystal Rezzonico (photo on our home page) was transported to the nearest trauma center as an immediate. The rest of the crew were treated, either at the scene or at the hospital, and released. She underwent surgery last night and is in critical but stable condition. About Captain Rezzonico:

- * Began her career with the Phoenix Fire Department as a recruit on 3/4/91.
- * Was hired as a Phoenix Fire Department firefighter on 6/24/91.
- * She has three years on as a Captain -- promoted on 8/14/06.
- * Her last assignment was as a Captain on Engine 910 at Battalion 8, Station 60.

Her family reports that her doctors have given her a good prognosis for recovery. We have more info and photos posted on our home page.

ANOTHER DRUNK STRIKES RESPONDING FIRE APPARATUS:

Last night in Tigard (OR) a Ford Bronco struck a responding Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue apparatus. The crash occurred moments after the fire apparatus left the fire station responding to an emergency call. A 46-year-female passenger in the SUV was transported by ambulance to an area hospital for non-life threatening injuries. **The driver of the SUV, 69 year old Edward L Reid was uninjured and was arrested for DUII, Reckless Driving and Assault IV. Reid had a blood alcohol level of 0.14, nearly twice the legal limit in Oregon.** The 3 TVF&R Firefighters aboard the rescue apparatus were secure and uninjured. The majority of the damage to the heavy rescue occurred on the driver's side affecting compartments as well as the frame of the vehicle. The impact from the crash actually moved the 40,000+ pound rescue vehicle several feet.

CANADIAN FIRE APPARATUS STRIKE WOMAN WHO WALKED ONTO THE STREET:

A woman suffered serious head injuries after she was struck by a responding fire apparatus Lower Sackville, Nova Scotia this afternoon. The RCMP said the fire apparatus was heading east on when the woman walked onto the street from the north shoulder of the road. **The apparatus lights and sirens were on but the woman, in her 20s, was taken to hospital with serious head injuries.**

Take Care-BE CAREFUL.

BillyG

The Secret List 8-11-09 / 1815 Hours

AND:

TEXAS PARAMEDIC LODD-MEDICAL

We regret to advise you that at about 0200 this morning, Larry Wayne Faegin 49 from Aransas Pass, a Paramedic newly hired with Gemini EMS in Falfurrias, died in the Line of Duty. While working a code he collapsed and went into cardiac arrest himself. As always our condolences go out to those affected.

Take Care-BE CAREFUL, BillyG

8/13/09 1545hrs

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AND

LODD - FDNY FIREFIGHTER DIES AFTER STROKE ON-DUTY

A FDNY died Friday morning while hospitalized for a stroke he suffered while responding to a fire. FF Paul Warhola, 47, of Engine 221 in [Brooklyn](#), responded to a fire Wednesday around 1530 hours. He became ill and was taken to Bellevue Hospital Center, where his condition worsened. He was a 16-year veteran. Mayor [Michael Bloomberg](#) said Warhola is married and has a daughter. As always our condolences go out to those affected.

Take Care-BE CAREFUL.

BillyG

The Secret List 8-15-09 / 1410 Hours

AND

UPDATE: FDNY LODD

Firefighter Warhola, who was driving the fire apparatus responded with other members of Engine Company 221 to a fire alarm activation in Brooklyn, New York, on August 12, 2009. Upon arrival, Firefighter Warhola checked for a working fire hydrant outside the structure while other firefighters entered the building to investigate. When the other firefighters returned to the street, Firefighter Warhola was experiencing dizziness and had difficulty breathing. As a result, he was provided medical treatment and was transported back to the firehouse. After examining Firefighter Warhola at the firehouse, paramedics recognized his symptoms as possibly stroke-related and transported him to the hospital. Firefighter Warhola's condition worsened, however, and he passed away at the hospital, today, August 14, 2009. As always our most sincere condolences to his family and all affected on the loss of FF Warhola.

Take Care-BE CAREFUL,

Billy G

The Secret List 8-14-09 / 1510 hours

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The budget woes continue, in various forms and fashions:

The word "close" is apparently a dirty word in Prince George's County (MD) government. County officials, including the fire chief, say that removing paid, career firefighters from a station, or leaving that station without staffing for its fire engines and ambulances, does not close the firehouse. Still, Chief Eugene Jones admits that

starting next Sunday fire engines and ambulances will no longer be responding out of the Calverton station at 3939 Powder Mill Road. There will also be no fire engines running from the Chillum firehouse at 6330 Riggs Road:

<http://www.wusa9.com/news/local/story.aspx?storyid=89021&catid=189>

Thurston County (WA) Fire Chiefs Promote Merger - Grand Mound, Rochester and Littlerock Fire agencies - the vote would add efficiency for no extra Cost, supporters say: <http://www.chronline.com/articles/2009/08/05/news/doc4a79cf54396ee049445691.txt>

The Clark County (NV) Fire Department union leader told Clark County commissioners Tuesday about a proposed contract change that firefighters approved in a three-day vote last week. The firefighters union has been criticized for not reducing pay raises the way other unions have to aid the county in its budget crunch:

<http://www.lvrj.com/news/51386327.html>

After four months of tough negotiations, the union representing Las Vegas (NV) firefighters has finally reached a tentative accord with the city on a two-year contract calling for no cost-of-living raises, sources confirm:

<http://www.lasvegassun.com/news/2009/jul/24/tentative-deal-reached-fire-union/>

The economy is forcing people to make some tough decisions. Firefighters in Burlingame (CA) and Hillsborough (CA) are saying they will take a pay cut rather than see a station shutdown:

<http://abclocal.go.com/kgo/story?section=news/local/peninsula&id=6926601>

Unable to win concessions from the Los Angeles (CA) firefighters union, Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa today approved a plan to reduce the Fire Department's projected \$39 million budget deficit by not staffing several fire companies and ambulances on a rotating basis starting Aug. 6: http://www.dailybreeze.com/latestnews/ci_12890118

In a sign of desperate economic times, Lawrence (MA) Fire Chief Peter Takvorian said he was forced to shut down firehouses on Tower Hill and Prospect Hill this morning after yesterday's layoffs of 10 firefighters. "I don't have an alternative to be fiscally responsible," Takvorian told city councilors last night at an emergency session called by council President Patrick Blanchette: [http://cms.firehouse.com/web/online/News/Mass-Town-Closes-Two-Firehouses-Lays-off-10-/46\\$64950](http://cms.firehouse.com/web/online/News/Mass-Town-Closes-Two-Firehouses-Lays-off-10-/46$64950)

46 Orlando (FL) firefighter jobs still on the line as union, city talks hit a wall:

<http://www.orlandosentinel.com/news/politics/orl-dyer-firefighters-fight-081309%2C0%2C4363560.story>

Visalia (CA) Fire Department Battalion Chief Kevin Gildea will retire, and fellow Battalion Chief Brian Adney will move into a captain's position as part of staff reductions approved July 13 by the Visalia City Council, Visalia Fire Chief Mark Nelson reported Thursday:

<http://www.visaliatimesdelta.com/article/20090724/NEWS01/907240309/Visalia+Fire+Department+cuts+staff++services>

A recent reduction in the City of Escondido (CA) ambulance coverage is being harshly criticized by the city's firefighters union, but fire Chief Mike Lowry said he is "cautiously optimistic" that problems caused by the cuts will be infrequent. The change helped the city shave \$445,000 from a roughly \$7 million deficit projected for the fiscal year that began July 1. Most of the savings was achieved by laying off 10 emergency medical technicians, which required the city to take one of its five ambulances out of service:

<http://www.nctimes.com/articles/2009/07/23/news/inland/escondido/zd816e940ef605f0f882575fc005e1e4c.txt>

Five years after Fort Lauderdale (FL) residents agreed to tax themselves to raise \$40 million to build 10 fire stations, only two have been built. Now, three of them might not be. City officials said that, due to increased construction costs by year-end, only about \$13 million will be left to complete the project, and it simply isn't enough:

<http://www.firerescue1.com/legislation-funding/articles/509811-Fla-city-may-cancel-construction-of-new-fire-stations/>

Reno (NV) firefighters have voted to give up two raises of 2.1 percent each to avoid the layoffs of 17 firefighters and two inspectors and a fire station closure. "We have come to the table in an effort to save the city money, save our firefighters' jobs and protect public services," said Brad Jensen, president of Reno International Fire Fighters Association Local 731, which represents 350 firefighters and inspectors:

<http://www.rgj.com/article/20090725/NEWS/907250337/1321>

The \$12 million in wage concessions that Denver (CO) Mayor John Hickenlooper is seeking from police, sheriff's deputies and firefighters next year is only a portion of the \$66 million in cuts the mayor has asked the city's safety agencies to prepare for his consideration. A cut that big likely would mean layoffs of safety personnel, although the mayor could end up shifting the burden to other agencies. "There is no scenario I can come up with to get to that \$66 million that does not affect staffing," Mel Thompson, deputy manager of safety, told City Council members Wednesday:

http://www.denverpost.com/ci_13011647

Three dozen police officers and 22 firefighters have been told they will lose their jobs if Colorado Springs (CO) officials hold firm on plans to cut department budgets next year to cover a projected \$23 million shortfall. Julie Stone, spokeswoman for the Colorado Springs Fire Department, said in a message that Fire Chief Steven W. Cox met with the 22 firefighters today to tell them about their possible fate if the fire department's budget is slashed by \$3.2 million: <http://www.gazette.com/news/firefighters-60045-told-department.html>

California's local fire officials are scrambling after the state borrowed millions of dollars in property taxes to help close the state's \$26 billion deficit:

http://www.kesq.com/Global/story.asp?S=10833107&nav=menu191_2

The city of Los Angeles (CA) is facing a tough deadline. Unless the city comes up with the money it needs, in about a week, the L.A. Fire Department will enact rotating closures of fire stations and pull several ambulances out of rotation. One week from

Thursday, the Los Angeles Fire Department will pull 15 fire companies and nine ambulances out of stations every day. The fire chief has determined that rotating closures is the only way to save \$39 million to meet the budget deficit: http://abclocal.go.com/kabc/story?section=news/local/los_angeles&id=6939474

Salinas (CA) Fire Department could lose 11 firefighters, paramedic if a proposed tax measure fails:

<http://www.thecalifornian.com/article/20090723/NEWS01/907230313/Salinas+could+lose+11+firefighters++paramedic+if+tax+measure+fails>

High-ranking San Francisco (CA) firefighters were raking in as much as \$2,400 per day in overtime at the same time the Fire Department was threatening to close stations due to budget cuts. Assistant chiefs and battalion chiefs, the ranking firefighters who command the scene of a blaze, logged thousands of overtime hours at a rate hovering close to \$100 an hour in the 2008-09 fiscal year: <http://www.sfexaminer.com/local/High-ranking-fire-officials-burn-through-overtime-53009617.html>

The Los Angeles (CA) Fire Department has begun shutting down rescue units and eliminating paramedic field supervisors as part a controversial cost-cutting plan that officials say will increase response times during life-threatening emergencies. The plan goes into full effect Wednesday, when 15 fire trucks and six ambulances are pulled out of service daily on a rotating basis citywide. Firefighters assigned to those units will be used to staff vacancies, which for years have been filled by calling in other employees on overtime: <http://www.kabc.com/rssItem.asp?feedid=59&itemid=29511576>

Las Vegas (NV) firefighters have ratified a contract that would ax a cost-of-living raise in the current budget year in exchange for the city contributing more to employees' retirement and medical benefits. "There is an increase in the compensation," City Manager Betsy Fretwell said Wednesday, adding that it's not as much of one as there would be with a cost-of-living raise: <http://www.lvrj.com/news/52062502.html>

Having been swamped with angry e-mails and phone calls from firefighters, Commissioner Steve Sisolak took an unusual step during the Clark County (NV) Commission meeting Tuesday afternoon. Just before the commission was to go into closed session to discuss what Sisolak believes are "non-concessions" offered by the firefighter's union, he asked to hold the meeting in public:

<http://www.lasvegassun.com/news/2009/aug/04/union-concessions-split-county-commission-firefigh/>

San Bernardino (CA) City Council members have approved a reorganization of the Fire Department's executive ranks to save a quarter-million dollars or more annually. Council members voted Monday, to eliminate a battalion chief and a training captain position: www.pe.com/localnews/inland/stories/PE_News_Local_N_nfire05.4550af5.html

The Hellsgate (AZ) Fire Department may have to lay off firefighters and shift back to one-man trucks as a result of Payson's surprise move to build a third fire station:

http://www.paysonroundup.com/news/2009/aug/04/third_payson_fire_station_spells_trouble_hellsgate/

Escalating the dispute over the Los Angeles (CA) Fire Department budget, Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa on Thursday called the firefighters' union leadership "irresponsible" for trying to scare the public into thinking their lives are in danger because of rotating service cuts: http://www.dailybreeze.com/news/ci_13055348

Las Vegas (NV) firefighters got a new, two-year contract Wednesday. It was the last piece of an effort by city officials to slow the growth of personnel costs as they face millions of dollars in projected budget shortfalls over the next five years: <http://www.lvrj.com/news/52572077.html>

Public Relations Nightmare Stories:

Firefighter case could cost Orlando (FL) \$1 million or more; Florida appeals court says Orlando must pay legal fees in suit by firefighter Bob Family but city doesn't have to pay hepatitis claim: <http://www.orlandosentinel.com/news/local/breakingnews/orl-city-loses-firefighter-case-071709%2C0%2C72523.story>

Boulevard Heights VFD (MD) Assistant Chief Antwan Jordan tells STATter911.com he received papers today from the Emergency Operations Command of the Prince George's County Fire/EMS Department saying he was "operationally suspended" until further notice. Chief Jordan says the papers indicate the suspension is being done as part of an investigation into an incident Monday morning where a fire engine caught fire inside the firehouse (Station 817): <http://www.firerescue1.com/fire-products/fire-department-management/articles/532255-Md-chief-suspended-during-investigation-of-fire-inside-station/>

The social networking site Facebook took center stage in a Bronx (NY) courtroom Friday with the unsealing of gushing e-mails from a juror to a firefighter who was a witness in the case of the deadly Black Sunday blaze. Bronx State Supreme Court Justice Margaret Clancy said she will subpoena the juror, Karen Krell, a teacher, and order her to produce copies of all electronic communication she had regarding the trial, which ended in February. Two firefighters, one from Long Island, died in the 2005 apartment fire:

<http://www.newsday.com/news/local/nassau/ny-nybrnx1812980499jul17%2C0%2C2688228.story>

Former Rodeo-Hercules (CA) Fire Chief Gary Boyles broke a long silence this week, saying he can no longer ignore negative comments about him by members of the firefighters union that engineered his ouster:

http://www.contracostatimes.com/contracostacounty/ci_12872155?nclick_check=1

A female Houston (TX) firefighter submitted handwriting samples Wednesday morning as part of an investigation into sexist and racist graffiti found on her locker, as well as that of another female firefighter, KPRC Local 2 reported:

http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/32301408/ns/local_news-houston_tx/

San Francisco (CA) F.D. Arson Investigators target their colleagues: with at least a dozen cars mysteriously set ablaze in San Francisco in recent days, you might be interested to know that short-handed city arson investigators have been quite preoccupied — spying on their fellow arson investigators with hidden office cameras. This not-so-funny Keystone comedy started with what one source calls "a cat fight" between two groups in the arson investigation unit: <http://www.firerescue1.com/fire-products/fire-department-management/articles/531519-San-Francisco-arson-investigators-target-colleagues/>

The Denver (CO) Fire Department turned in thousands of hours of faulty and fraudulent records to an insurance rating agency that helps set insurance prices for homeowners and businesses, a CALL7 investigation found. More than 13,000 hours of training records for 85 firefighters show them doing the same training, on the same date for the same number of hours. That is virtually impossible since the firefighters were at different houses on different shifts, said Kevin Klein, the state's director of the Division of Fire Safety:

<http://www.thedenverchannel.com/call7investigators/20328520/detail.html>

The fight between the city of Thousand Oaks (CA) and the Ventura County Fire Department isn't over, as the county on Tuesday rejected the Thousand Oaks City Council's claims that its residents don't get what they pay for in fire protection. A consultant hired in 2007 by the city concluded that Thousand Oaks residents pay from \$5 million to \$6 million more in property taxes to the Fire Department than the department spends protecting Thousand Oaks:

<http://www.venturacountystar.com/news/2009/aug/11/chief-defends-firefighting-cost-for-thousand/>

A new report finds sprinkler ordinances don't hurt housing construction or prices:

<http://www.nfpa.org/newsReleaseDetails.asp?categoryId=488&itemId=44250&cookie%5Ftest=1>

Oklahoma Highway Patrol officials said trooper Daniel Martin, whose May 24 scuffle with paramedic Maurice White Jr. was caught on tape, will be suspended for five days without pay: http://newsok.com/a-httpnewsok.comarticle3387251ohp-suspends-trooper-involved-in-scuffle/article/3387251?custom_click=breaking_news

Whatever the ultimate resolution of recent harassment complaints lodged by two female Houston firefighters, a larger issue looms in the background — one that speaks to the commitment of fire departments across the country to be employers of equal opportunity and provide workplaces free of hostility. At the same time that U.S. military branches and law enforcement agencies were successfully bringing women into their ranks, the great majority of fire departments — including HFD — failed to follow suit. The result is a percentage of female firefighters well below that of most occupations and much smaller than what anyone might have expected a generation ago when lawsuits and affirmative action put an end to the firehouse as an exclusively white male domain: <http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/metropolitan/6537201.html>

Houston (TX) Fire Capt. Keith Smith publicly apologized Monday for keeping a rope tied in a noose like knot in his firehouse locker but insisted he was unaware the object might be loaded with racial symbolism:

[http://cms.firehouse.com/web/online/News/Houston-Captain-Sorry-for-Noose-Like-Knot/46\\$64699](http://cms.firehouse.com/web/online/News/Houston-Captain-Sorry-for-Noose-Like-Knot/46$64699)

The Houston (TX) Fire Department is in a battle to win back the trust of the public, something very difficult to do, especially in these tough economic times. Concerns about racism and sexism in the Houston Fire Department have produced an unwelcome and potentially dangerous atmosphere of distrust between residents and first responders, several firefighters told the City Council Tuesday: <http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/metropolitan/6560854.html>

Next week fire and municipal officials across the country will shed awareness on firefighters' health during National Firefighter Health Week. But in Passaic (NJ), city officials apparently are cracking down on access — during working hours — to two firehouse gyms that firefighters outfitted with their own money. The policy directive, outlined in a memo from Fire Director Robert Hare, prohibits firefighters from working out while on duty. It is a result of a \$60,000 workers' compensation claim and insurance settlement one fire captain filed against the city after he injured his shoulder during a bench press: http://www.northjersey.com/news/passaic_morris/passaic_safety/On-duty_firefighters_barred_from_gyms_.html

A Cincinnati (OH) firefighter accused of stealing from his own firehouse was sentenced to six months in jail Wednesday. Eric Bacon pleaded guilty to giving his girlfriend, Angela Smith, \$75,000 worth of department equipment. Prosecutors allege he stole the equipment so Smith could sell it online:

[http://cms.firehouse.com/web/online/News/Ex-Ohio-Firefighter-Jailed-for-Firehouse-Theft/46\\$64931](http://cms.firehouse.com/web/online/News/Ex-Ohio-Firefighter-Jailed-for-Firehouse-Theft/46$64931)

The Los Angeles (CA) City Council has voted unanimously to pay \$8.1 million to two firefighters who won separate discrimination and retaliation lawsuits against the fire department in 2007:

[http://cms.firehouse.com/web/online/News/LA-to-Pay-Two-Firefighters-81M-in-Suits/46\\$64930](http://cms.firehouse.com/web/online/News/LA-to-Pay-Two-Firefighters-81M-in-Suits/46$64930)

Three days before the chief of the Moraga-Orinda (CA) Fire District announced his retirement, the Board of Directors approved benefit changes to his contract that had the effect of spiking his pension by as much as 20 percent, increasing his annual retirement pay by about \$40,000 to \$241,000 a year:

http://www.contracostatimes.com/ci_13008390?source=most_emailed

A year-plus dispute over salary increases for firefighters in the Menlo Park (CA) Fire Protection District has boiled over, with the district board declaring negotiations to be at an "impasse," and the union filing a complaint with state officials. "In the face of pay cuts, rising job losses and property foreclosures in our district, the union demands to be paid at the higher end of firefighters on the Peninsula, which is an 11 percent salary increase this year and additional increases thereafter," the statement says. "The union

also demands \$1,322 per month for medical insurance benefits, a 55 percent increase, whether or not the firefighter is single or has a family." Firefighters in the district earn an average of \$125,900 in salary and benefits, with 69 making more than \$100,000 last year, the statement said:

http://www.santacruzsentinel.com/nationalbreaking/ci_12934793

Tulsa (OK) Firefighters seek immunity for answers. The fire chief says the training records might not have been accurate but that the classes were taken:

http://www.tulsaworld.com/news/article.aspx?subjectid=11&articleid=20090722_11_A9_Cityco291578

A Los Angeles (CA) Fire Department inspector is set to be arraigned tomorrow on charges of soliciting and accepting bribes from operators of nursing care facilities run out of private homes in the San Fernando Valley. Dennis Martin Archie, who has been suspended without pay from the department, was charged Tuesday with four felony counts each of accepting a bribe and soliciting a bribe:

http://www.insidebayarea.com/california/ci_12892422

FDNY written exams excluded hundreds of black and Hispanic firefighters, federal judge rules:

http://www.nydailynews.com/ny_local/2009/07/22/2009-07-22_nyfd_written_exams_excluded_hundreds_of_black_and_hispanic_firefighters_federal_.html

Last week a federal judge ruled that from 1999 to 2007, the New York City Fire Department used recruitment exams that discriminated against African-American and Hispanic applicants. At a Chiefs Panel held this past Saturday at Firehouse Expo in Baltimore, FDNY Chief Salvatore Cassano addressed the issue. "It wasn't so much the test, but the results of it," he said. "We had few minorities being hired."

<http://cms.firehouse.com/content/article/article.jsp?sectionId=46&id=64689>

A run by a Detroit (MI) fire crew on the city's southwest side took a turn for the worse Tuesday evening. As a Ladder 13 fire truck, with the sirens blaring, turned from Lawndale Road onto West Vernor Street, and crashed into two vehicles, a surveillance camera from a nearby party store rolled. Investigators said the surveillance camera from Dollar Max Plus shows the driver of the rig takes the right turn at a high speed and misses his lane: <http://www.clickondetroit.com/news/20141536/detail.html>

Two top San Bernardino County (CA) fire officials, accused of improperly using a county trailer to move personal belongings, were no longer on vacation Wednesday, a county official said. But that does not necessarily mean the two have returned to active duty, county spokesman David Wert said. He declined to clarify their status:

http://www.pe.com/localnews/politics/stories/PE_News_Local_S_sbfire13.429b0a8.html

The city of Houston (TX) Office of Inspector General is investigating allegations that a Houston Fire Department engine truck was taken out of service last week while four firefighters were taken to their union hall to sign affidavits distancing themselves from Councilwoman Jolanda Jones. The controversy swirled last week over a letter Jones

released with the names of nearly 70 firefighters who said they supported her efforts to call attention to discrimination problems at HFD. Four firefighters later signed statements saying they never authorized their names to be used on the letter and asking for an investigation into who “intentionally misrepresented” them in the letter sent to Jones: <http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/hotstories/6569895.html>

As the web of deception involving EMT training unravels, one of the more disturbing threads is how close it all came to remaining secret. Were it not for one Hamilton (MA) police officer — disgruntled over a completely unrelated matter — the public might never have learned the depth of the problem. An investigation begun last summer by the state agency that oversees licensing for emergency medical technicians and ambulances will culminate Thursday morning with the arraignment of three former police officers, including the Hamilton chief, and an EMT trainer on criminal charges: <http://www.firerescue1.com/fire-products/education/articles/533402-Former-fire-chief-charged-in-Mass-EMT-training-scandal/>

Almost all Belle Rive (IL) Fire Protection District volunteers have allegedly resigned as a result of the feud between Mayor Donnie Wilkey and fire chief Lance Thackrey, leaving the village fire and emergency medical service protection in jeopardy: http://www.register-news.com/local/local_story_201201641.html

General Fire Service Related Stories:

The Belleair Bluffs (FL) fire chief has been fired. Fire Chief Patrick Competelli was fired Wednesday night by city commissioners after the issue of a memo he sent to the city's mayor escalated: <http://www.baynews9.com/content/36/2009/8/6/505403.html?title=Memo+seals+fate+for+Belleair+Bluffs+fire+chief>

12 great new ways to train as firefighters, an excellent resource to sharpen your skills as a firefighter: <http://www.firerescue1.com/fire-products/tools/hoses/articles/533421-12-Great-New-Ways-to-Train/>

A new study shows that firefighters are at high risk for developing cancer, San Diego 10News reported: <http://www.10news.com/news/20269334/detail.html>

Eugene (OR) Fire Chief Randy Groves and Springfield (OR) Fire and Life Safety Chief Dennis Murphy have joined forces to ask that their cities combine departments, a move they say will save money, eliminate redundant positions and maintain the same level of service to residents: <http://www.registerguard.com/csp/cms/sites/web/updates/17758659-55/story.csp>

A fatal ambush that left one firefighter dead and two police officers injured, still haunts Maplewood (MO) firefighters: <http://www.stltoday.com/stltoday/news/stories.nsf/stlouiscitycounty/story/C02C2D9F7FEBFA4C862575FA001232F6?OpenDocument>

Three California communities, Arroyo Grande, Grover Beach and the Oceano Community Services District are finalizing a deal that would combine their fire and emergency services within the next year. The creation of a "joint powers authority" would merge the two cities' and the unincorporated town's emergency services but allow each community to keep its own department:

<http://www.sanluisobispo.com/news/local/story/800625.html>

J. Gorden Routley knows a lot about firefighter fatality investigations and is trying to do his part to limit the need for them by making firefighters aware of themselves. Routley is the former chief of Shreveport, Louisiana and is currently a division chief with the City of Montreal, Quebec - Canada. He's been involved in numerous firefighter fatality investigations; most notably as head of the probe into the Charleston (SC) Super Store Fire (2007) that claimed the lives of nine bravest. "Situational awareness is a common thread in a lot of the incidents I and others have investigated," he said:

[http://cms.firehouse.com/web/online/News/Routley-Stresses-Situational-Awareness-at-Expo/46\\$64646](http://cms.firehouse.com/web/online/News/Routley-Stresses-Situational-Awareness-at-Expo/46$64646)

Picture Rocks (AZ) and Northwest (AZ) fire districts are beginning the second phase of deciding whether the two departments should join, Picture Rocks Fire Chief Kathy Duff-Stewart told more than 60 people packed into the Picture Rocks Community Center last week: <http://www.azstarnet.com/sn/northwest/302680>

You don't have to tell firefighters that sprinkler systems are their best life- and property-saving allies. That's why so many have worked so hard for their mandatory installation, with the current battle centered on new residential construction. Unfortunately, what still is a very uphill fight in the State of Carolina that will increase in intensity, beginning next month:

http://www.postandcourier.com/news/2009/jul/27/expect_sprinkler_battle_heat_up_on_two_f90519/

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health has released its report on the deaths of two Colerain Township (OH) firefighters. The report says, "Key contributing factors identified in this investigation included that the initial 360-degree size-up was incomplete, likely disorientation of victims effecting key survival skills, radio communication problems, well-involved basement fire before the department's arrival, and potential fire growth from natural gas utilities."

<http://www.wcpo.com/news/local/story/Recommendations-Follow-Firefighters-Deaths/TkvrY5a57kuauaryC4Ni1Q.csp>

Two fire districts in Sonoma County (CA) - City of Sonoma and Valley of the Moon Fire Districts, are eyeing a merger of some sorts, to help increase efficiency and provide a better level of service to both internal and external customers:

<http://www.sonomanews.com/articles/2009/07/27/news/doc4a6e4ba733003724739167.txt>

Firefighters are heroes, and now more people are willing to take on the challenge and serve the community. It was almost standing room only at a firefighter trainee

recruitment seminar. Everyone who packed this room wants to wear the uniform for Las Vegas (NV) Fire and Rescue: <http://www.klas-tv.com/Global/story.asp?S=10782356>

East Pierce (WA) Fire and Rescue and Pierce County Fire District 8 (Edgewood Fire Department) took the first step in merging both agencies after signing a 10-year interlocal agreement for administrative services:
<http://www.pnwlocalnews.com/pierce/bch/news/51840967.html>

Both Sacramento (CA) Fire and Sacramento Metro Fire Departments failed in 2008 to meet a widely accepted national standard for fire response times, KCRA 3 Investigates has learned. The standard, known as National Fire Protection Association 1710, was passed in 2001. It states that fire crews should arrive at the scene of a fire or medical emergency within five minutes, 90 percent of the time (note – very few departments are able to meet this standard; to do so would require much more apparatus, fire stations and personnel, all of which are hard to come by given the current budget situations):
<http://www.kcra.com/news/20145294/detail.html>

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

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