



FIRE & EMS NEWS

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Happy Thanksgiving to everyone! I want to wish you a Happy Thanksgiving and hope you are taking time to appreciate and value all of the different things & people you are fortunate to have in your life.

Some of the features of this issue include:

- Numerous firefighter employment opportunities!
- Numerous firefighter training opportunities!
- CPAT testing information!
- Volunteers needed around the Bay Area – various EMS classes and opportunities
- Numerous fire service news stories to learn from – both positive and not-so-positive
- Firefighter safety information

FIREFIGHTER EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION – Oakland (CA) Fire Department:

The Oakland Fire Department will be accepting **the first 1,000 applications** for the position of **Firefighter Trainee**, one day only: December 1, 2007. They will make applications available on November 26 and 27, 2007, and will only accept them on December 1, 2007.

REQUIREMENTS INCLUDE:

- 18 years of age or older
- High school diploma or G.E.D.
- California Driver's License – Class C
- DMV printout (within last 30 days)

NOTE: For the first time in a long time, EMT and CPR certifications are not required at time of application – only at time of entry into the academy. You don't get too many opportunities like this!

For more information, visit their websites below or call 510-238-6465.

For more information about the **City of Oakland**, visit their website at: www.oaklandnet.com

For more information about the **Oakland Fire Department**, visit their website at:
www.oaklandnet.com/oakweb/fire/

For more information about the **Oakland Firefighters Association, I.A.F.F. Local 55**, visit their website at www.iafflocal55.com/

FIRE SERVICE TRAINING OPPORTUNITY:

El Camino College (Torrance, CA) “Main Cafeteria”

Fire Department Interview Workshop

2nd Floor

Dec 8th, 2007 8AM - 4:30PM

Guest Speakers will include Firefighters from all ranks

\$5.00 (includes lunch)

Topics will include:

- Being the Ideal Candidate
- Chiefs Interviews
- Code and Honor
- Interviews
- Diversity
- Education
- Paramedic School
- Physical Fitness
- Preparation for the Job
- Reserve & AO Programs
- Rookie expectations

*** Reservations are Required ***

DO NOT CONTACT THE COLLEGE DIRECTLY

Contact: Christian_Fernandez@longbeach.gov

- Each participant will receive a practice interview given by: Firefighters, Engineers, Captains or Chief Officer

Bring your resume!!!!

FIREFIGHTER EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION – Austin (TX) Fire Department:

The [Austin Fire Department](http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/fire/hiring.htm) will be accepting applications for the position of **Firefighter**, **January 18 through February 4, 2008**. For more information about their 2008 Firefighter hiring process, go to: www.ci.austin.tx.us/fire/hiring.htm

For more information about the **City of Austin**, visit their website at: www.ci.austin.tx.us

For more information about the **Austin Fire Department**, visit their website at: <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/fire/>

FIREFIGHTER GRANT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES:

Application Period to Open: Fiscal Year 2007 Fire Prevention and Safety Grants

The Department of Homeland Security recently posted the FY07 Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) Grants Program Guidance on the Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) Program Website. The application period is scheduled to begin on October 22, 2007, at 8:00 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT). Applications for these grants must be received by November 30, 2007, at 5:00 p.m. (Eastern Time).

FP&S grants support projects that enhance the safety of the public and firefighters from fire and related hazards. The primary goal is to target high-risk populations, firefighter safety and mitigate high incidences of death and injury. Examples of the types of projects supported by FP&S include fire prevention and public safety education campaigns, juvenile fire setter interventions, media campaigns, and arson prevention and awareness programs.

The applicant tutorial is available through the www.firegrantsupport.com Website. The tutorial will provide you with valuable grant information and will walk you through the preparation and submittal of competitive applications. In addition, the applicant tutorial will provide an overview of the funding priorities and evaluation criteria. Applicants who have questions regarding the Fire Prevention and Safety Grants opportunity should contact the help desk as soon as possible at 1-866-274-0960 or at firegrants@dhs.gov. During the

application period, the help desk will operate Monday to Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Eastern Time), but is prepared to revise hours of operation based on volume, demand, holidays and urgency to complete the FP&S Grants application period and processing for FY07.

The AFG Program is administered by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Grants Program Directorate in coordination with the U.S. Fire Administration.

FY07 Fire Prevention and Safety Grants Program Guidance – visit www.firegrantsupport.com/fps/guidance/

FY07 Fire Prevention and Safety Grants FAQs – visit www.firegrantsupport.com/fps/faq/07/

FIREFIGHTER EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION – Seattle (WA) Fire Department:

The Seattle Fire Department is now accepting applications for the position of **Firefighter**, **October 1 through December 27, 2007**. For more information about their Firefighter hiring process, go to their website at www.seattle.gov/fire/

For more information about the **City of Seattle**, visit their website at: www.seattle.gov

For more information about the **Seattle Fire Department**, visit their website at: www.seattle.gov/fire/

For more information about the **Seattle Firefighters Association, I.A.F.F. Local 27**, visit their website at www.iaff27.org/

EMS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AROUND THE BAY AREA:

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

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

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| Dates / Locations / Times: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thursday January 10, 2008 from 1200 to 1700 hours - Friday January 11, 2008 from 1200 to 1700 hours - Tuesday February 12, 2008 from 1200 to 1700 hours - Wednesday February 13, 2008 from 1200 to 1700 hours - Friday March 7, 2008 from 1200 to 1700 hours - Saturday March 8, 2008 from 1200 to 1700 hours - Thursday April 24, 2008 from 1200 to 1700 hours - Friday April 25, 2008 from 1200 to 1700 hours - Thursday May 8, 2008 from 1200 to 1700 hours - Friday May 9, 2008 from 1200 to 1700 hours - Wednesday June 25, 2008 from 1200 to 1700 hours - Thursday June 26, 2008 from 1200 to 1700 hours <p style="text-align: center;">**Go to their website at www.sfparamedics.org and click on Volunteer Info (under About) to confirm the above dates and times.</p> <p>NOTE: All of the above classes will be held at the Bay Model Visitor Center in Sausalito (2100 Bridgeway, Sausalito)</p> |
| You will receive: | Valuable experience watching paramedic level (or higher) students perform patient assessments. Learn from their plusses and minuses. You will also receive a free San Francisco Paramedic Association t-shirt. |
| Your role: | As a volunteer, you will be moulaged and designated to role-play a victim of a trauma emergency scenario. Please wear loose, old, comfortable clothing, as you may be on the floor for some scenarios. |
| Contact person(s): | Call the San Francisco Paramedic Association for more information or to sign-up at (415) 543-1161 (tell them Steve at Chabot sent you) or email them at director@sfparamedics.org or visit their website section on volunteer opportunities at www.sfparamedics.org/pages/about/volunteer.php |

- Advanced Medical Life Support Classes: Volunteers Needed

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| Dates / Locations / Times: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tuesday January 15, 2008 from 1230 to 1800 hours - Wednesday January 16, 2008 from 1030 to 1630 hours - Saturday April 12,, 2008 from 1230 to 1800 hours - Sunday April 13, 2008 from 1030 to 1630 hours - Thursday June 19, 2008 from 1230 to 1800 hours - Friday June 20, 2008 from 1030 to 1630 hours <p>NOTE: All of the above classes will be held at the San Francisco Paramedic Association – 657 Mission Street, Suite 302, San Francisco, CA 94116</p> <p>*** Go to their website at www.sfparamedics.org and click on Volunteer Info (under About) to confirm the above dates and times.</p> |
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More information regarding volunteering, from the S.F.P.A.:

Dear Volunteer,

Thanks so much for spending your valuable time to help further the education of pre-hospital care providers. Your participation helps to ensure that our students receive a more realistic training exercise that allows them to practice more effectively.

If you are available to volunteer we have the dates set for January – June 2008. To see the available dates, please go to <http://sparamedics.org/pages/about/volunteer.php> and complete the following:

- 1) Select the class type - AMLS, PHTLS or IFUS. A new window will open.
- 2) Select the date you wish to attend. You will see a new window with your selection in a checkout basket, at no cost. Select checkout.
- 3) On the Checkout page, please fill in the asterisked information. This ensures that we send you an accurate confirmation letter. Click the button to review your order, at the bottom of the page.
- 4) A window will appear with our rescheduling policy. Just click yes as it does not pertain to you.
- 5) Review the course name and click submit. You are all set!

A confirmation letter will be sent to you with details about the class. You are welcome to sit in for any or all of the class you volunteer for.

Thank you again for your time and we look forward to seeing you at the class!

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FIREFIGHTER TRAINING INFORMATION:

If you are a fire service professional with an interest and passion in training, or it is a part of your job, you should be a subscriber to the free TRADENET service provided by the United States Fire Academy. They produce weekly emails that are invaluable and provide a wealth of information. Below is last week's issue so you can see how jam packed it is with information. To subscribe, follow the instructions within the first part of the email.

Welcome to TRADENET, TRADE's Training Network, a National Fire Academy sponsored activity. The objective of TRADENET is to provide a forum for members of Fire Service organizations to maximize performance through quick and easy information sharing.

The information provided here must be non-commercial and non-copyrighted. None of the material shared should be incorporated into any copyrighted programs.

The TRADENET newsletter is distributed through the USFA/FEMA server. This will allow you to control your subscription easier by allowing you to add new email addresses or delete old ones. There are over 7400 subscribers worldwide to the weekly newsletter. If you know of someone who wishes to subscribe, all they need to do is go to the following site, http://service.govdelivery.com/service/multi_subscribe.html?code=USDHSFA and enter your email address. You will then be taken to a page which will allow you to select your choices of newsletters.

If you have a question or comment for inclusion in the weekly TRADENET newsletter, please send it and your contact information to robertj.bennett@dhs.gov. USFA reserves the right to edit content submitted or reject any material submitted.

Any replies will need to be directed to my email address robertj.bennett@dhs.gov

Are you aware of the FEMA Training Resources page? If not go to <http://www.training.fema.gov/> and you will see several links to training resources. At that page, there is a NETC Virtual Campus which includes 13 self-study course which you can receive a certificate. There is also a link to NFA page that will take you to the off-campus courses that include an additional 13 courses. Both of these links are a method of connecting your personnel to a self-study capability that will allow them to receive credit for the training.

You can access the IS 100, 200, 700, and 800 courses by accessing the Virtual Campus and viewing a list of all available courses at <http://www.training.fema.gov/emiweb/IS/crslist.asp>

Are you familiar with the training program called “Coffee Break Training?” It is on the USFA website and can be found at <http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/nfa/coffee-break/>. Please access this training and provide any feedback to the Division Chief, Robert Neale at Robert.neale@dhs.gov. He will be happy to receive any feedback regarding this program.

Remember the Website for the National Fallen Firefighters program is <http://www.everyonegoeshome.com/>. Also, please visit their Resources page at <http://www.everyonegoeshome.com/resources>. This page contains many PowerPoint presentations and downloadable video clips available for your use.

Bob

The link to the USFA/NFA TRADE Site is: <http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/nfa/trade/>

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

EMMITSBURG, MD. – The U.S. Fire Administration’s National Fire Academy is pleased to announce the launch of a new web-based online training system NFAOnline. NFAOnline provides an easy one-stop website where fire and emergency services personnel, first responders, emergency management personnel, and the general public will find free training and education programs that they can complete at their own pace.

“Now is the time for us to embrace the future and improve our education through distance learning,” said NFA Superintendent, Dr. Denis Onieal. “NFAOnline provides another option to help further the professionalism of the nation’s fire and emergency services and strengthen their ability to combat all hazard emergencies.”

NFAOnline provides a “user-friendly,” state-of-the art training system with technical support and the ability for the student to immediately print a certificate and transcript. The primary effort of NFAOnline is to make available training and materials for the fire service, particularly those unable to attend resident courses in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

There are currently several courses available in the new NFAOnline. Additional courses are in development and will be added as they become available. Course subjects include Community Safety Educators, Fire Service Supervision, ICS 100 and ICS 200, Emergency Response to Terrorism, and Emergency Medical Services.

To enroll in NFAOnline, visit www.nfaonline.dhs.gov and browse the course catalog through the ‘New Students’ option.

#1

Chesterfield Fire & EMS is researching computer-based tactical simulators which can be used by multiple users simultaneously. Specifically, the project calls for the development of a commercial (enterprise) system which will permit simulation training for large-scale emergency incidents. If any departments are using such a system or know of one that we could look at we'd appreciate the name and contact information.

Please send responses to:

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Technical Services Unit
Chesterfield Fire & EMS
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halldw@chesterfield.gov

#2

I would welcome any suggestions or programs that aid me in recruiting volunteers for a rural Texas fire and EMS department. We have 5 unincorporated communities in our area. The biggest is basically a gated retirement community, and the rest are basically vacation communities. The rest of the population either are in agriculture or have jobs that are out of the area. Currently the 109 square mile district is served by at maximum 7 firefighters and 2 EMT basics, so you can see that the situation is getting serious. Any suggestions or programs that have worked would be most welcome.

Jack T. Ward Jr, President
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sjward@swbell.net

#3

I am looking for an ICS training program that has the students actually build sandwiches as a part of the curriculum utilizing ICS do make the sandwiches. Has anyone heard of this or know where I can find it?

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#4

We are getting ready to open a new regional training facility in April 2008. Phase one of the facility will include a tactical burn building using propane furnaces. We will also have driving simulators. Since most of our instructors have never used simulators to enhance their instruction, I believe they will have difficulty using the propane props and driving simulators effectively. Does anyone have a "train the trainer" program or has extensive experience in training others in incorporating simulators into education and training? As our facility builds out, we will be purchasing several other simulators - incident command, fire arms simulators etc.

Karen A. Flannery, Ph.D., Dean
Public Safety Training & Special Initiatives

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#5

My department is looking into new options for creating and storing Preplans on Target hazards in our community. We have done these for many years but want to develop a better system that is a bit more user friendly and can be done easily utilizing our fire companies. I am looking for ideas on what others are using, specifically electronic/computerized options. Please provide me with feedback on good and bad experiences and please NO SALESMEN.

Thanks!

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#6

Massachusetts is in the process of beginning a state wide rapid intervention training initiative. At present we plan to include training on saving ourselves, firefighter rescue and managing the rapid intervention crew (from a command perspective); development of a statewide SOG template and associated equipment list; and eventual certification on these skills.

We would love to hear from any other states who have undertaken such an initiative as well as any programs that might be out there. Please feel free to respond electronically to edmund.walker@dfs.state.ma.us or via mail the Edmund Walker, Massachusetts Firefighting Academy, P.O. Box 1025, State Road, Stow, MA 01775.

Thank you for your help with this project.

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#7

There seems to be a growing desire of my department membership to migrate to the 48 hours on and 96 hours off platoon schedule. I have read all the "positive" info, studies, benefits, etc that have been written by firefighters and shift personnel. I am looking for any

input from Fire Chiefs on their experiences, problems, or concerns in administering this type of schedule.

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firechief@bullheadfire.org

#8

I am a Battalion Chief with Lincoln Fire and Rescue. One of the programs I oversee is our personal protective clothing program (PPE), which includes budgets, specifications, purchases, repairs and replacements. Budget constraints are requiring us to explore other methods of repair and replacement of our structural firefighting gear. I am interested in the following information:

1. How many uniformed personnel are in your department?
2. How often do you place structural firefighting gear? (# of years)
3. What is the criteria for replacement, age (# of years), use or other (please explain)?
4. Do you repair your structural firefighting gear? If no, then skip next question.
5. Are repairs completed by a member of the department or someone outside?
6. Do you send structural firefighting clothing back to the manufacturer for repair?
7. If repairs are made by a department member, do they repair items on duty or overtime?
8. If the compensation is not overtime, how is it provided?
9. If you do not repair structural firefighting gear or have it repaired, what do you do with it?

Responses can be sent to: pborer@lincoln.ne.gov

I can be reached by phone at 402-441-8357 or US Mail @
1801 Q Street
Lincoln, NE 68508

If you would like copies of this request for information, please include contact information.

Thank you for your assistance.

Pat Borer, Deputy Chief
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#9

After a number of years of relying on our neighbors for aerial coverage, we will be putting a Quint in service next year. Our engine companies perform many traditionally truck functions—forcible entry, search and rescue, ventilation, etc. The Quint, however, will introduce a new tool—the aerial device—with new responsibilities and new hazards.

I'm looking for help to safely place the apparatus in service, including identifying pitfalls, developing new SOP's, and providing the right training.

I would love to hear about any experiences--good or bad--with Quints and other aerial devices.

I would appreciate any help folks can give.

Nick Bleckley
nbleckley@hotmail.com

#10

I am looking for SOG's / SOP's addressing Firefighter Health and Wellness in volunteer departments

Thanks

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#11

Does anyone track in their CAD patient contact time in addition to the arrival time of EMS units (first responder/non-transport units or transport units)? If you do this, do you use hardware to do so or does someone at the communication center enter it based on a voice transmission?

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#12

NATIONAL FIRE ACADEMY open application period to begin

The next open application period for National Fire Academy Courses began on November 1st through December 31st. This application period is for courses which will be delivered during April 2008 through September 2008.

When you apply, be sure and complete ALL the boxes on the standard 75.5 long form application.

PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THE BLOCK 16. THIS IS A MANDATORY BOX.

If you fail to complete it or do not complete it adequately, you will not be accepted into the course.

THIS CANNOT BE ANSWERED WITH THREE OR FOUR WORDS. You MUST provide an adequate explanation for review.

TRADE's Virtual TRADEing Post is available online. This site allows you to see an index of each of the CD's, then access and download any specific lesson plan or program you see and use it as you need in your Department. When you find a file you wish to download, just open it and then "SAVE AS" to your computer. Then you can modify it as you wish. Remember, please do not take any program and use it in a copyrighted program. The intent of TRADE is to "share" information that will allow the Fire Service not to reinvent the wheel each and every time they need something. The site is <http://feti.lsu.edu/municipal/NFA/TRADE/>. Please provide us feedback regarding your thoughts and ideas about this page.

Also, if you find the Virtual TRADEing Post useful, please send an email to Nashid Hasan mhasan1@lsu.edu. Nash is the mastermind behind the structure of the Virtual TRADEing Post. So, please let Nash know how much you appreciate the availability of this material and how useful you find it.

Several people have experienced difficulty accessing the TRADE's Virtual TRADEing Post through the address published and have contacted me for suggestions. If you have experienced difficulty accessing TRADE's Virtual TRADEing Post, try the following. Go to Louisiana State University Fire and Emergency Training Institute's Homepage: <http://www.feti.lsu.edu> and try accessing it from there. At the bottom of the right-hand column of LSU-FETI's Homepage the NFA is listed. Below this is the TRADE Repository. You can "click" on this and it should take you to TRADE's Virtual TRADEing Post.

-----INFORMATIONAL ITEMS-----

2007 U.S. Line of Duty Deaths 103 LODD's

The Secret List is an independent newsletter produced since 1998 by Chief Billy Goldfeder in an effort to bring forward the issues involving injuries and death to us, often issues that are ignored, quickly forgotten, or just not talked about. The Secret List is emailed at no charge and produced as time allows. With the attitude that in order for us to survive the dangers of the job, they must learn how we have had "Close Calls" and even been injured or killed, TSL brings forward issues in an effort to enforce that philosophy and get us to refocus on "What's important".

FirefighterCloseCalls.com was an idea born from The Secret List, an independent newsletter produced since 1998 in an effort to bring forward the issues involving injury and death to firefighters... often issues that are ignored, quickly forgotten or just not talked about. Originally started as an e-mail group amongst some close friends in the fire service, it is currently received by thousands of fire service members. For more information on the Secret List, go to: <http://firefighterclosecalls.com/secret.php>

With the attitude that in order for firefighters to survive the dangers of the job, we must learn how other firefighters have had "Close Calls" and even been injured or killed, this site and TSL will continue the "No BS" history of bringing forward issues in an effort to enforce that philosophy-and get firefighters to refocus on "what's important." The intent is not to "Monday Morning Quarterback" or purposely embarrass anyone, but to provide as factual information as possible as provided by our visitors-with commentary to allow the reader to THINK and decide if, or what they want to do in order to prevent the bad stuff from occurring again. We always welcome corrections or updated information. For more information on Close Calls, go to: <http://firefighterclosecalls.com/closecalls.php>

As a friend of ours once said, no matter how the firefighting changes, as long as we commit to interior searches for trapped people and interior fire attacks to suppress fires-this job will remain a dirty "hands-on" occupation requiring aggressive, daily training to be of the same "scene" aggressiveness with a strong focus on our safety. Hopefully, TSL and FirefighterCloseCalls.Com helps set that tone by also "putting our \$\$ where our mouth is", that is, by providing this site as well as SOLUTIONS to help make the job that much safer, such as with our Weekly Drill section (<http://firefighterclosecalls.com/weeklydrills.php>) as well as our SOP/SOGs section (<http://firefighterclosecalls.com/sopsog.php>)

To subscribe to The Secret List go to <http://firefighterclosecalls.com/index.php>

HSGP and National Strategy for Pan Flu pages launched on *LLIS.gov*

LLIS.gov has also recently launched a resource page for the National Strategy for Pandemic Influenza. The National Strategy for Pandemic Influenza page (<https://www.llis.dhs.gov/member/secure/dynamicpage.cfm?pagetitle=piimplementation>) serves as a repository of pandemic influenza plans and policies from all levels of government and is intended to help jurisdictions prepare for, respond to, and recover from an influenza pandemic or other public health emergency. The resource page also includes the most up-to-date information on the White House's Implementation Plan Status, as well as links to the World Health Organization's Epidemic and Pandemic Alert and Response Web site and

LLIS.gov's Pandemic Influenza page at
<https://www.llis.dhs.gov/member/secure/dynamicpage.cfm?pagetitle=pandemicinfluenza>

For more information, please contact me offline or visit www.llis.gov.

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LLIS.gov is a partnership between the Department of Homeland Security and the Memorial Institute for the Prevention of Terrorism (MIPT) and is supported by DeticaDFI and the Henry L. Stimson Center.

Training Manager
ARAB Fire Safety & Security Academy
Jeddah K S A

The Training Manager is the principle source of emergency services training the incumbent provides training services directly and indirectly to ensure that fire/rescue providers meet standards of competence. The incumbent: conducts training sessions for fire fighters throughout a region, contributes to the development of comprehensive fire service training curriculum to meet the current and evolving community needs and certifications standards, coaches and mentors other fire service leaders; develops the strategic, tactical, and technical skills of fire/rescue service members and trainers; oversees the management of training services including supervising staff, volunteers, marketing the program, evaluating trainers and trainees and performing other duties as necessary to ensure that fire and rescue programs are successful. This position requires travel throughout KSA, and handling and operating a variety of demonstration and educational equipment. The individual in this position will be required to obtain a Driver's License.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Fire & Rescue related Bachelor's degree or a degree in Public Administration, Business Administration, and Education.
- Ability to develop productive relationships with customers and organizations.
- Capable of performing all the skills required for Fire Fighter and Fire Officer
- Experience with diverse fire service organizations
- Knowledge of the national professional qualifications standards for the fire service
- Knowledge of curriculum development, and a variety of teaching methodologies, including simulation and performance-based training and testing
- Ability to conduct needs assessments
- Experience preparing written technical materials and applying technical documents to educational situations

- Skill in the use of computers, including word processing and database skills
- Demonstrated success in the emergency service

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Experience as a fire officer in career and volunteer departments
- Experience with performance based training systems and coaching
- Experience in fire investigation, code enforcement, emergency medical, hazardous materials and wildfires
- Certification as an EMT or Paramedic

The successful candidate will be innovative, creative and have high energy; be able to communicate effectively, both verbally and in writing; be able to establish and maintain rapport with diverse constituencies and facilitate group processes and gain consensus; and network with appropriate individuals in the fire service.

SALARY: Salary assigned according to the qualifications.

CONDITIONS AND BENEFITS:-

- Free Accommodation
- Free Medication Except. Dental.
- Free Medicine for all needs
- Full insurance of any injury & accident
- Local Transportation New car.
- Paid Vacation 21 days per year
- End of Service All ounce 1/2 Salary /Per year.
- Economy class trip ticket at vacation time once every year.

TAXES :

No Taxes from salary all Government dues paid by the employer.

GENERAL INFORMATION: This position is administratively responsible to the Director of the Academy. For further specific information regarding the position responsibilities, please contact:

R. SAQR, AFSSAC's President.

Phone: +966555547016
 E-mail: rsaqr@arsisc.com.sa
<http://www.arsisc.com.sa>

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: Applicants must submit (may be submitted electronically): a) a letter of application that addresses each qualification listed above, b) resume, c), names, addresses and phone numbers of three professional references, and d) a completed supplemental questionnaire (attached) to:

Phone: +96626080531
 FAX: +96626370356
 e-mail: info@arsisc.com.sa
<http://www.arsisc.com.sa>

Local contact:

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MU FRTI Announces Specialist Position Opening

MU FRTI Director, David Hedrick, announces the opening of a Specialist position at MU Fire and Rescue Training Institute. Since his arrival in January, Director Hedrick has been evaluating the program and making organizational changes to better serve Missouri's Emergency Services. "We are now ready to fill a program manager vacancy with the responsibility for our Hazardous Materials and Technical Rescue programs. MU FRTI will be involved in a nationwide search for the best candidate," Hedrick indicated. For more information on this position and the process for application, please go to <http://www.mufrti.org/> and click on the link for Technical Rescue and Hazardous Materials Specialist Position Announcement.

Lessons Learned Information Sharing, www.LLIS.gov, has launched two new topic-specific pages that may be of interest.

First, the Radiological Dispersal Devices (RED) page provides emergency response planners with radiological incident response-related documents, plans, and studies to combat terrorist organizations' interest in developing and using "dirty bombs."

Additionally, the School Emergency Planning page houses Airs, documents, plans, news links, and other resources related to school safety. As this issue is one we can't seem to get away from these days, this page is a particularly relevant resource.

LLIS.gov is a free and secure network funded by DHS and the Memorial Institute for the Prevention of Terrorism (MIPT) and is open only to emergency response providers and homeland security officials. For more information and to register, visit www.LLIS.gov or contact me.

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LLIS Colleagues,

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I would like to bring to your attention two new enhancements to the Lessons Learned Information Sharing system. The first, LLIS Dispatch, keeps you abreast of the most recent plans, guidelines, and documents in your specific areas of interest added to the LLIS.gov system. The second highlights a new LLIS.gov partner and provides additional resources for response professionals. Both greatly improve LLIS.gov's information sharing capabilities, and I hope you find them useful tools in the important work you perform each day.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at feedback@llis.dhs.gov.

Thanks,
John L. Rabin
LLIS.gov Program Director

LLIS.gov has partnered with the Emergency Management and Response – Information Sharing and Analysis Center (EMR-ISAC) to provide *LLIS.gov* members access to the EMR-ISAC's free, critical infrastructure protection (CIP) information. Located at the National Emergency Training Center in Emmitsburg, MD, the EMR-ISAC was developed to collect, analyze, and disseminate timely, consequential information to assist in the practice of critical infrastructure protection by the leaders, owners, and operators of the nation's Emergency Services Sector.

The EMR-ISAC, a no-cost information sharing program within the Department of Homeland Security, specifically provides information necessary to protect local internal critical infrastructures (i.e., personnel, physical assets, and communication/cyber systems that must be intact and operational 24 x 7) against all hazards, from natural disasters to terrorist activities. The program's main focus is ensuring that emergency response leadership, their organizations, and local policy leaders have both the internal and external support and resources to aid in disaster protection, prevention, and response to enhance survivability, continuity of operations, and mission success.

The EMR-ISAC can be contacted at emr-isac@dhs.gov or 301-447-1325. To subscribe for free CIP information, follow the directions at <https://disasterhelp.gov> (EMR-ISAC Registration Information seen at the right bar under Quick Links).

**Fire Officer Professional Development Coordinator
Program Coordinator**

The Massachusetts Firefighting Academy (MFA), the Training Division of the Massachusetts Department of Fire Services (DFS), seeks qualified applicants for the position of Fire Officer Professional Development Coordinator. This position reports directly to the Academy Director and provides direction, expertise, and technical support to the Department of Fire Services in the development and delivery of programs for fire officer professional development. Duties include, but are not limited to: Represent DFS with the Community Colleges, Private Colleges and the State University offering programming for fire officer professional development. Coordinate with the USFA in all programs that effect fire officer professional development. Work with internal customers to coordinate all activities that relate

to fire officer professional development. Build relationships and partnerships with external customers in the pursuit of fire officer professional development within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Apply for and secures grants to support agency activities. Develop and conduct simulation training and disaster exercises. Provide assistance to DFS management on special projects.

The successful applicant will have at least 10 years supervisory experience as a chief fire officer, Pro Board certification to the level of Fire Officer II and be a graduate of the MFA/UMass CFO program or the NFA EFO program. Ideally applicants will hold an Associates degree or higher in Fire Science, Business or Public Administration.

This is a contract position working 37.5 hours per week.

Mail cover letter and resume to:

Department of Fire Services
Maribel Fournier, Director of Human Resources
P.O. Box 1025 State Road
Stow, MA 01775

Please reference posting ID#J11960 and include an email address on all correspondence. Faxed, emailed or late resumes will not be considered.

Application Deadline: November 30, 2007

This is a contract position working 37.5 hours per week.
Salary Range: \$23.00-\$29.00 per hour

**Manager: Development, Staff Services and Certification
Planning Chief**

The Massachusetts Firefighting Academy (MFA), the Training Division of the Massachusetts Department of Fire Services (DFS), seeks qualified applicants for the position of Manager, Development, Staff Services and Certification. This position reports directly the Academy Director and provides daily oversight into the areas of training program development, fire instructor improvement and firefighter certification. Duties include, but are not limited to: Establish and review project plans and the setting of priorities for the three separate areas of responsibility. Develop programs to provide training to the approximately 25,000 firefighters across the Commonwealth. Develop and implement long range curriculum development and revision plans to meet the ever changing needs of the Massachusetts Fire Service. Oversee a system of instructor services to ensure the highest quality of instructional staff. Administer the policies and procedures formulated by the Massachusetts Fire Training Council relative to fire service certification within the Commonwealth. Provide assistance to DFS management on special projects.

The successful applicant will have at least 10 years supervisory experience as a chief fire officer and Pro Board certification to the level of Fire Instructor II. Ideally applicants will hold an Associates degree or higher in Fire Science, Business or Public Administration.

Mail cover letter and resume to:
Department of Fire Services
Maribel Fournier, Director of Human Resources
P.O. Box 1025 State Road
Stow, MA 01775

Please reference posting ID#J11988 and include an email address on all correspondence. Faxed, emailed or late resumes will not be considered.

Application Deadline: November 30, 2007

This is a contract position working 37.5 hours per week.
Salary Range: \$23.00-\$29.00 per hour

<https://service.govdelivery.com/service/edit/>

FIREFIGHTER RELATED EMPLOYMENT:

CONFINED SPACE STANDBY PROJECT Water Conveyance Inspection

We are currently seeking several rescue professionals for a full compensation 2-week project in January 2008 in San Jose, CA. The project includes day shifts only, with potential overtime or Saturday work. The part time firefighter will join forces with an established rescue team comprised of firefighters, emergency responders, and industrial rescue technicians.

APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS:

- ◆ Confined Space Rescue
- ◆ High Angle Rope Rescue
- ◆ Hazmat-EMT

Project Dates:

- **Week 1:** January 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 (M-F)
- **Week 2:** January 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 (M-F)
- **Times:** 0700-1650 hrs. (minimum 8 hrs per day-possible OT)
- **Location:** San Jose Metro
- **Type:** Confined Space Standby: Pipelines (Vertical Entry) High-Angle Rope Rescue
- **Project Scope:** Inspection & repair of existing water conveyance system
- **Openings:** Confined space rescue tech, high-angle rope lead, and high-angle rope tech.

Interested individuals should contact:

Daniel J. O'Connell, B.Sc, CHST, REA
Principal Safety Engineer
SAFETRAN-CSRS, LLC
(510) 894-0229
daniel@safetransafety.com

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.

Basic Information For The CPAT Test

QUALIFICATIONS:

Applicants must be 18 years of age and must show government issued photo identification (i.e. drivers license, school or military ID; or a passport or visa). Candidates without a photo ID will not be allowed to take the CPAT.

APPLY EARLY

Applications are accepted in the order they are received. Applications are not accepted until the fee has been paid.

PAYMENT:

The fee to take your first test at their site is \$150.00. Your fee must be paid for your application to be accepted. This fee is non-refundable. Payment can be made with check, money order, Visa, or MasterCard. If you are paying by check, the check must clear your bank before you can take the CPAT. Make payments to "CFFJAC." Your fee includes participation in an orientation session, related printed materials and test.

ORIENTATION SESSION:

Working with experienced CPAT proctors, you will be given the opportunity to try each of the 8 events and determine where you may need to strengthen yourself. You will be given a set of exercises to physically prepare yourself for the CPAT. If you elect not to participate in the

orientation, you will be required to sign a waiver acknowledging that the orientation was offered. There are no discounts if you elect not to participate in an orientation. The CPAT dress code is enforced for all candidates who attend an orientation.

TEST:

The registration form has a place for you to choose a preferred and second orientation day as well as a preferred and second test day. You will be notified by mail of the confirmation of your orientation and test dates. A group of candidates are scheduled every half hour to report to the CPAT center. Please be on time, but not excessively early. Space for waiting is limited. If for some reason you cannot attend your scheduled test day, please notify us as soon as possible. Every effort will be made to reschedule you to a test day that will fit your schedule.

RETESTS:

If you have taken the CPAT at a CFFJAC monitored venue in the past and would like to retest, the fee is \$100.00.

PRACTICE SESSIONS:

For \$25.00, you can schedule a supervised practice on the CPAT course with a proctor. Your session is designed to meet your individual needs. A session may include: Training on the CPAT equipment, watching the instructional video, going through the course in its entirety. You also receive the benefit of mentoring: techniques, expert evaluation and conditioning advice from our CPAT proctors.

Refunds for cancelled or rescheduled practice days will not be given if requested after 10:00 am the day before your scheduled practice day.

WHAT TO WEAR:

The dress code is strictly enforced for safety. The CPAT dress code for the orientation, practice sessions and test is: Long Pants (no shorts), T-shirt or sweatshirt, footwear with no open heel or toe, and no loose or restrictive jewelry. Candidates must be in proper CPAT attire before being allowed to participate in the orientation, practice sessions and test.

PARKING:

When you arrive at the CPAT center, please park to the rear of the building and enter the front door.

NO SPECTATORS PLEASE:

There is limited space at the CPAT center. In order to accommodate a fair and standard testing process for all candidates, we will not be able to allow spectators on the CPAT course or in the facility.

CPAT TESTING CENTER LOCATIONS:

Southern California:

626 N. Eckhoff Street
Orange, CA 92868

Northern California

6723 Sierra Court, Suite G
Dublin, CA 94568

Northern California 2007 Schedule:

ORIENTATION DATES:

- November 26
- December 10

It is strongly recommended that an Orientation be attended at least 8 weeks prior to taking the CPAT Test. Allow 1 ½ to 2 hour for the orientation. There is no cost for the Orientation, it is include in the testing fee.

PRACTICE DATES:

- November 26 or 27
- December 10 or 11
- Practice sessions are only \$25.00.

TEST DATES:

- November 29
- December 13

Additional test dates will be scheduled as needed. Allow up to 1 hour to complete the process.

Southern California 2007 Schedule:

ORIENTATION DATES:

- November 26
- December 3 or 17

It is strongly recommended that an Orientation be attended at least 8 weeks prior to taking the CPAT Test. Allow 1 ½ to 2 hour for the orientation. There is no cost for the Orientation, it is include in the testing fee.

TEST DATES:

- November 29
- December 6, 13 or 20

Additional test dates will be scheduled as needed. Allow up to 1 hour to complete the process.

PRACTICE DATES:

- November 27

- December 4, 11 or 18

Practice sessions are only \$25.00.

For more information about the above orientation, practice sessions and tests, including how to sign up and find out more about the 8 events, visit their website at www.cpatonline.com

FIREFIGHTER TRAINING OPPORTUNITY:

"THE ART of SURVIVAL" *Firefighter Safety & Survival Symposium*

*Presented by the
Oregon Fire Instructor's Association*

January 11-13, 2008

*Oregon Public Safety Academy
4190 Aumsville Hwy SE, Salem, OR 97317*

*Register Online at <http://www.ofia.net/>
3-Days only \$200 includes lunch*



The Nation's Hottest Instructors

Chief Alan Brunacini (Phoenix FD ret) - Rules of Engagement.

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Chief Bobby Halton - Editor of Fire Engineering - Recognition Primed Decision Making
Chief Gary Seidel (LAFD ret) - The All Hazard All Risk Task Force Leader 330 level
Deputy Chief Michael Bryant L.A. County Fire - Commanding the Mayday - RIC Operations
Deputy Chief Rob Dahl - The Courage to be Safe-National Fallen Firefighters Foundation
Battalion Chief Ed Hartin - Compartment Fire Behavior Training (HOT-PPE Required)
The Seattle Guys - Rules of Air Management (ROAM) The Point of No Return (HOT-PPE Required)
District Chief John Sullivan - Worcester Fire Department - Cold Storage Tragedy
Battalion Chief Fred Charlton - Clackamas County Fire - RIT Operations (HOT-PPE Required)
Black Sunday Survivors - FDNY Flashover - Joe Di Bernardo
Bill Henle (PFB ret) - The Haz-Mat Safety Officer NFPA 472 Certification

Special fund raising dinner with your instructors Friday, January 11th 7-9 pm to benefit the Randy Carpenter Foundation (www.ourfallenbrother.org/about.html) only \$50 in advance.

Special book signing event with the authors Friday, January 11th 4:30-5:30 pm Pre-purchase your discount priced books at <http://www.fireservicebooks.com/>

FIREFIGHTER SAFETY & PUBLIC EDUCATION INFORMATION TO SHARE:

U.S. Fire
Administration



USFA Releases Mitigation of Cooking Fires Report

EMMITSBURG, MD. - The U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) announced today the completion of a report and accompanying educational tools on behavioral mitigation of cooking fires. The report, *Behavioral Mitigation of Cooking Fires Through Strategies Based on Statistical Analysis* (<http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/fireservice/research/other/cooking-mitigation.shtm>) and associated educational videos and presentation are the result of a USFA partnership with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) to develop sound, research-based recommendations for behavioral mitigation strategies to reduce cooking fires in the United States and the resulting injuries and deaths.

"Protecting people from fires and preventing fires are central to NFPA's mission," said James M. Shannon, NFPA President and CEO. "We were especially pleased to partner with USFA on this project because cooking fires wreak havoc on thousands of lives each year – they are the leading cause of fires in the home. What has been learned through this project will further strengthen NFPA's efforts to minimize cooking fires."

Unattended cooking is the single leading factor contributing to cooking fires. According to the USFA's National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) data, from 1999 to 2003, cooking equipment had been left unattended in 37 percent of the reported home cooking equipment fires overall and was a factor in 45 percent of the deep fryer fires and 43 percent of the range fires. In addition,

unattended equipment was a factor in 42 percent of the cooking fire deaths and 44 percent of the injuries. Some type of combustible material too close to the cooking equipment was a factor in 13 percent of home cooking fires, 24 percent of the associated deaths, and 12 percent of the associated injuries, making heat source too close to combustibles the second leading factor contributing to ignition for home cooking fires, after unattended equipment. Finally, 55 percent of the people who were injured in U.S. home cooking fires were injured when they tried to fight the fire themselves.

"We are keenly aware cooking continues to be the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries. These materials are expected to help people to understand the importance we place on this fire safety activity," said U.S. Fire Administrator Greg Cade. "Through this partnership with NFPA, we plan to reduce the fires from this cause, prevent injuries and save lives."

The project recommends educational messages for safe home cooking that address several behaviors including: staying alert and watching what you are cooking, keeping things that can catch fire apart from heat sources, knowing what to do if you have a cooking fire and your clothes catch fire, properly installing and using cooking equipment, preventing and treating scalds and burns, and having working smoke alarms.

A copy of the report and educational tools can be downloaded at www.usfa.dhs.gov.

FIREFIGHTER TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES:

Looking for fire service training opportunities? Here are some options:

California State Certified Fire Related Courses offered around the San Francisco Bay Area and the rest of the State of California:

- For a current list of many of the various courses that are being offered around the state that are **certified by the Office of the State Fire Marshal**, click on the following link - <http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/ClassSchedule.asp>
(This list is updated regularly and is an extensive list of what is available)
- Check out **California Wildland Training** - <http://www.nationalfiretraining.net/ca/catrain/schedule.htm> (a great website with statewide courses relating to ICS and wildland certification related courses). If you are looking to get certified and qualified in any ICS position relating to CICCIS (California Incident Command Certification System).
- Check out the **Sacramento Regional Fire Training and Rescue Authority** at: www.fireandrescuetraining.ca.gov - once there, click on "SCHEDULED COURSES."
- Check out **Fire Nuggets** at www.firenuggets.com
- Check out the **Industrial Emergency Council's** class schedule on their web site at <http://iec-caer.org> and navigate to "CLASS SCHEDULE" for classes such as:
 - Rescue Systems 1
 - Confined Space Rescue Operations

- Trench Rescue
 - Level 1, 2 and 3 Fire Officer courses
 - Hazardous Materials courses
 - ICS courses
- Check out the **Nobody Gets Left Behind Group**, who offer a wide variety of training primarily focusing on firefighter safety, Rapid Intervention Crew tactics and deployment, SCBA Air Management, Search and Rescue techniques, and much, much more: www.leerescue.com/NGLB/Home.html
 - Check out the **Solano-Napa Fire Training Officers Association** website for many classes offered in the Solano County area: www.sntoa.com/ - scroll down to the bottom: *Current Class/Activity Schedule*.
 - Check out the **San Diego County Training Officers Association** website for many classes offered in the San Diego area: www.sdctoa.org/
 - Check out the **Monterey County Fire Training Officers Association** website for many classes offered around the Monterey area: www.mcftoa.org/
 - Check out the **Riverside County Fire Training Officers Association** website for many classes offered around the Riverside area: www.rctoa.org/

FIRE TRAINING OPPORTUNITY:

Fire Engineering's website – www.fireengineering.com has a great training resource for all fire service personnel, including those interested in improving their strategy and tactics knowledge or wanting to promote in the fire service. They have put together some different simulations you can use to test your skills or the skills of your personnel.

We can never train too much! To view the simulations, go to:

<http://www.fireengineering.com/training/categoryLanding.html?title=Simulations&catId=SIMUL>

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.firecareers.com
- www.firerecruit.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:

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

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

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| Name: | Jeremy Wach |
| Rank: | Fire Fighter |
| Age: | 31 |
| Gender: | Male |
| Status: | Volunteer |
| Years of Service: | Unknown |
| Date of Incident: | 11/05/2007 |
| Time of Incident: | 0050hrs |
| Date of Death: | 11/05/2007 |
| Fire Department: | Wymore Fire and Rescue Department |
| Address: | 110 W H St. Wymore, NE 68466 |
| Telephone: | (402) 645-3311 |
| F.D. Chief: | Chief Gordon Michaelis |

Incident Description: Fire Fighter Wach entered a residential house fire. He was trapped in the residence after the roof collapsed. Other fire fighters could not reach him. A mother and her two children escaped without injuries.

Funeral Arrangements: Pending

Memorial Fund Contact and Address: Pending

Tribute is being paid to Jeremy Wach at <http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/fireservice/fatalities/>

To date, 103 firefighter fatalities have been reported to USFA in 2007 as a result of incidents that occurred in 2007. 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 (http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/fireservice/fatalities/statistics/ff_stats.shtm).

Firefighter fatalities in USFA reports are summarized by date/year-of-incident.

Initial notices posted online (<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 Line-of-Duty-Death (LODD) determination made by the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (<http://www.FireHero.org>) for names added each subsequent year to the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, MD, they are the beginning of a research process for each firefighter fatality reported so that such determinations can be made.

AND:

Name: Ronny A. Bennett
Rank: Fire Chief
Age: 39
Gender: Male
Status: Volunteer
Years of Service: 23
Date of Incident: 11/13/2007
Time of Incident: 2241hrs
Date of Death: 11/13/2007
Fire Department: Orcutt Fire Protection District
Address: 335 Union Ave., PO Box 2525, Orcutt, CA 93457
F.D. Chief: Acting Fire Chief Brett Pickett

Incident Description: Orcutt Fire District received a medical call 11/13/2007 @ 2241 hours. Fire Chief Bennett was paged at his residence, but apparently while preparing to depart he suffered a heart attack. Bennett was found at his residence deceased the following day (1809hrs) by fire department personnel.

Funeral Arrangements: 11/20/2007 @ 1000hrs. Pacific Christian Church, Santa Maria, CA.

Memorial Fund Contact and Address: Rabobank, PO Box 6002, Arroyo Grande, CA 93421, (805) 937-2028

Tribute is being paid to Fire Chief Ronny A. Bennett at <http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/fireservice/fatalities/>

To date, 105 firefighter fatalities have been reported to USFA in 2007 as a result of incidents that occurred in 2007.

AND:

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|------------------------|---|
| Name: | Stanley Engdahl |
| Rank: | Fire Chief |
| Age: | 78 |
| Gender: | Male |
| Status: | Volunteer |
| Years of Service: | Unknown |
| Date of Incident: | 11/12/2007 |
| Time of Incident: | 1549hrs |
| Date of Death: | 11/12/2007 |
| Fire Department: | McPherson County Rural Fire Department #2 |
| Address: | 428 N Washington ST., PO Box 68, Marquette, KS 67464-0068 |
| Telephone: | (785) 546-2403 |
| Fire Department Chief: | Pending |

Incident Description: Fire Chief Engdahl responded to the scene of a residential fire with the fire department and EMS. Shortly after the small fire was under control and units were clearing the scene, Engdahl suffered an apparent heart attack and passed away.

Funeral Arrangements: Pending

Memorial Fund Contact and Address: Pending

Tribute is being paid to Fire Chief Stanley Engdahl at <http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/fireservice/fatalities/>

To date, 104 firefighter fatalities have been reported to USFA in 2007 as a result of incidents that occurred in 2007.

FIREFIGHTER RELATED SAFETY, TRAINING & NEWS STORIES TO LEARN FROM:

Some more firefighter safety and training information, courtesy of Deputy Chief Billy Goldfeder and Gordon Graham, hosts of www.firefighterclosecalls.com

We regret to advise you that 31-year-old Wymore (Nebraska) FF Jeremy Wach was killed this morning at a single family dwelling fire. In addition to being a Wymore Firefighter, he was a Gage County Sheriff's Deputy. FF Wach was one of 3 Firefighters who went into the house early this morning to search and attack the fire. The roof and ceiling apparently collapsed on FF Wach, trapping him. The other firefighters couldn't immediately rescue FF Wach due to conditions. The occupants, a mother and her two children got out without injuries. FF Jeremy Wach leaves behind a wife and 2 small kids. As always, our deepest sympathy to all effected, especially the family of FF Wach and the members of the WFD. More details to follow.

Take Care-BE CAREFUL.

BillyG

The Secret List 11-5-07 / 1039 hours

AND

Hey...

In the "how do we really know the conditions of our Firefighters, Fire Officers and EMS personnel" saga, a 22-year-old EMS driver drank before her shift and was impaired when she collided with a car in Marshall (PA), killing two civilians instantly last month.

Shanea Leigh Climo, 22, is now charged with two counts of homicide by vehicle and involuntary manslaughter, driving under the influence and several traffic offenses in the Sept. 23 crash in this Pittsburgh suburb. She was arrested today, arraigned and released on her own recognizance.

Police said an on-board camera system in the ambulance helped them decide to file charges. The camera allegedly shows the face of the driver, Shanea Climo.

EMT Climo was transporting a patient with a do-not-resuscitate order to the hospital, when she ran a red light and hit a Chevrolet Cavalier driven by Douglas Stitt. Stitt and a passenger, Phillip Bacon, were killed.

The patient later died, but his death was not believed to be related to the crash.

Take Care-THINK....she could have also killed her own crew.

BillyG

The Secret List 11-5-07 / 1400 hours

AND

Hey...

As a follow-up to yesterdays tragic LODD in Wymore (NE), the autopsy shows that Firefighter Jeremy Wach died from asphyxiation following the roof collapse. According to the report, he

was trapped and the weight of the roof on him, crushed him, making it impossible to breathe or escape.

FF Jeremy Wach, 31, of Wymore, was a volunteer for the Wymore fire department, a deputy sheriff and administrator of the Gage County jail.

The fire was dispatched around 0100 hours and 3 of the responding Firefighters went into the house to search for the mother and 2 kids as well as attack the fire, when the roof collapsed, trapping FF Wach. The other two Firefighters couldn't immediately rescue him, and suffered minor injuries.

Wach is survived by his wife, Melissa, and two sons, one less than a year old and the other 3. Funeral arrangements are pending and will be posted on our home page.

Take Care-BE CAREFUL.

BillyG

The Secret List 11-6-07 / 0941 hours

AND

Hey...

The bodies of Warwickshire (UK) Firefighters Darren Yates-Badley, 24, Ashley Stephens, 20, and John Averis, 27, were found last night as the investigation was proceeding related to the warehouse fire that killed a total of 4 Firefighters.

The focus of the operation at the burned-out packing warehouse in Warwickshire moved forward after the bodies of 3 of the Firefighters were brought out of the fire building last night. About 200 firefighters lined up as the remains of their Brothers were removed. The fire began on Friday. One Firefighter, Ian Reid, 44, was pulled out of the fire that night, but later died at the hospital.

The fire continues to be treated as suspicious. An incident room has been set up at Warwick Police Station and 140 personnel will be involved in the investigation....and the 200 firefighters who operated at the fire will be questioned as well....a total of 160 warehouse employees have already been interviewed.

HELP NEEDED IN NEBRASKA: As you know, Jeremy W. Wach 31, Wymore, died Monday (11/5/07) while battling a house fire in Wymore. Survivors include his wife, Melissa; two sons, Joseph and Matthew. The body will lie in state at the Laughlin-Hoebet Funeral Home, Wymore, from 0900-2100 hours Thursday (11/8/07) with the family receiving friends from 1900 and 2000 hours, and at the church one hour preceding the service. HELP IS NEEDED for the memorial to the Jeremy Wach Family Memorial in care of any U.S. Bank....please consider giving.

FIREFIGHTER SHELTER DEPLOYMENT: Check out these outstanding images of a fire shelter deployment in Southern California:

<http://www.latimes.com/la-burnover-f,0,732907.flash?coll=la-home-center>

Take Care-BE CAREFUL.
BillyG
The Secret List 11-8-07 / 0138 hours

AND

Hey....

The driver of an EMS ambulance in New York State may have fallen asleep at the wheel early yesterday just before their ambulance went off the road and struck a tree, leaving his paramedic brain dead last night. The paramedic, Matthew Lamb, 25, of Carmel, is being kept on life support for organ donations. Paramedic Lamb is also a veteran Firefighter and Lt with the Carmel FD as well as a member of the Carmel Volunteer Ambulance Corp.

Paramedic Lamb and the driver, Jonathan Romero, 27, of the Bronx, were rescued and transported from the scene after the 0500 accident where the ambulance struck a tree at approx. 50 mph.

Romero was driving and Lamb, who was in the back of the ambulance without a patient, suffered head and spinal-cord injuries....Romero's injuries were thought to be not as serious. One report indicates that Lamb may have been resting in the back of the ambulance, unsecured.

Both men are employed by the Fishkill-based Empire State Ambulance Corp and the indications are that Romero fell asleep and went off the road, following a transport run. Our deepest thoughts and sympathies go out to the members of Empire State as well as the members of the Carmel FD, Carmel Ambulance Corp... but especially the families involved.

Take Care-BE CAREFUL
BillyG
The Secret List 11-8-07 / 1027 hours

AND

We regret to advise you that a firefighter was killed and 7 others were hurt while operating at a 14th century,650 year old Union house fire in Zurich (Switzerland) today. The fire, which started late Wednesday, destroyed the wooden house that once was the headquarters of the city's carpenters Union....but it is now a restaurant.

A 44-year-old Firefighter was killed by collapsing beams along with 7 others who suffered injuries ranging from broken bones to burns and smoke inhalation while attempting to stop the fire. Our sincere sympathies go out to all effected,

Take Care-BE CAREFUL.
BillyG
The Secret List 11-16-07 / 0231 hours

AND

It is with deep regret that we advise you that the Marquette (KS) Fire Chief Stanley Engdahl, 78, died of a heart attack after responding to a kitchen fire yesterday afternoon. Companies responded to a single family dwelling for a minor kitchen fire. Chief Engdahl collapsed at the scene and passed away at the hospital....he was Marquette Fire Chief since March, of 1971, a 47-year veteran of motorcycle racing and was a five-time national champion before retiring from racing. Funeral arrangements are pending and as always, our deepest sympathies to those effected.

BOSTON FIRE/RESCUES: We are on long distance travel so we are limiting what we send on The Secret List this week, however, if you haven't seen it, take a look at the below link of the Boston fire yesterday. Excellent work by Boston Firefighters in making some outstanding grabs of the children. There were also some serious CLOSE CALL related events caught on tape that are clear lessons learned...and of great value for any of us. The job for any FF is filled with risks, some UNavoidable-especially when rescues are involved....we will never eliminate all the risks and still be effective. However, we also can often minimize the more common UNnecessary risks by wearing and using our equipment etc, for example-so we can keep going to fires...and make it home for Thanksgiving.

<http://www.myfoxboston.com/myfox/pages/Home/Detail?contentId=4909872&version=7&locale=EN-US&layoutCode=VSTY&pageId=1.1.1>

APPARATUS CRASH-a 48 year old man was killed Monday night crash with Shreveport (La) FD apparatus.

The cops say the pick-up hit the fire apparatus as they were responding to a grass fire. Witnesses at the scene said the fire apparatus had its lights and sirens on, but the civilians truck failed to yield, causing the crash.

BALTIMORE CITY FIRE CHIEF RESIGNS: Baltimore's Mayor accepted the resignation of city Fire Chief William Goodwin today. He has spent the last 32 years with the department. Goodwin became chief in 2002 after having served in every rank in the department. Chief Goodwin appropriately came under fire after the death of city fire recruit Racheal Wilson last February. Several top city officials were fired after the fatal incident....but the Chief remained-until today. Reports released cited the department with numerous firefighter life safety violations before and during the fatal incident.

Take Care-BE CAREFUL.

BillyG

The Secret List 11-13-07 / 2305 hours

AND:

We regret to advise you that yesterday the Paris (France) FD responded to a garage fire and during the fire operations, it is reported, that there was an explosion and parts of the building fell on 2 Paris firefighters ages 21 and 23. After rescue efforts lasting several hours, both of them were recovered with one Firefighter badly injured and the other Firefighter killed in the Line of Duty. The second Firefighter died this morning in the hospital.

Killed in the Line of Duty were Caporal-Chef Matthieu Mercier, 23 years old who was found dead under the debris of the wall and Aaporal Ludovic Martin, 21 years, who died this morning.

Additional details will follow.

Our sincere sympathies go out to all.

Take Care-BE CAREFUL.

BillyG

The Secret List 11-17-07 / 2120 hours

AND:

We regret to advise you that Kansas City (KS) Senior Firefighter Michael J. Tluscik collapsed and died today while on duty at his firehouse. FF Tluscik, a 48-year-old, Father of 5, has been on the job since January of 1992. FF Tluscik was immediately treated and transported to the hospital about 1130 hours, but they could not revive him. It was unclear what caused his death. We will post additional details as they become available. As always, our sincere condolences go out to all effected, especially his Wife and 5 kids....

Take Care-BE CAREFUL,

BillyG

The Secret List 11-21-07 / 1823 hours

AND:

Hey...

A Camden County (Georgia) Firefighter is recovering from injuries from a close call after falling into an indoor swimming pool Sunday while operating in a house fire....and this was the 2nd fire at that house.

Camden Fire-Rescue Capt. Travis Boyd was inside a smoke charged SFD when he fell into the pool filled with water. He was searching the house and smoke was from the floor to the ceiling and never saw the water....

Another firefighter at the scene pulled Boyd from the water. Captain Boyd was hospitalized at Shands Jacksonville (Fla), where he was treated for injuries to his back and a leg and is recovering from his injuries at home.

None of the residents were there when Firefighters arrived about 10:20 hours and the home has been unoccupied since Friday, when the electricity was turned off after the FD had to put out a minor fire in the dwelling. Faulty wiring in the home's attic is thought to have started the first fire, however, Sunday's fire is considered suspicious and is under investigation...and we'll have pics of the house and the pool posted on our home page this afternoon, under News/Updates.

An FDNY Firefighter was hurt Sunday afternoon when he fell from a tower ladder bucket while operating a fire in an apartment in The Bronx. Firefighter, Brian Smith, 43, was transported to the hospital where he was listed in serious but stable condition following the close call. The fire was on the second floor of a 6 story building. A resident said she believed that Firefighter Smith was trying to break a window on her floor to gain access. A bystander's video of the accident shows two firefighters in the bucket, and one falling...and that video is on our home page under News/Updates.

FF TRACKING: The FDNY may soon get state-of-the-art tracking devices - thanks to the heartbroken dad of a firefighter who died in this summer's Deutsche Bank blaze according to the media.

Joe Graffagnino Jr., 33, succumbed to smoke inhalation on the 14th floor of the condemned building on Aug. 18. His father has quietly drummed up support to equip every city firefighter with high-tech radio-frequency identification tags. Chiefs could do instant roll calls with the palm-size devices and quickly locate downed firefighters. City Council sources say a demonstration of the device could take place by year's end. "If they'd had this technology, my son would be alive," said Graffagnino, 59. We look forward to learning about the system.

Take Care-BE CAREFUL,
BillyG
The Secret List 11-20-07 / 0228 hours

Ever wonder what it is like to be involved in a wildland fire tent shelter deployment? Hopefully you never find out and only have to do this in training. A very eye-opening and shocking video.....they are all very lucky to survive and be alive today.

For the full story, go to:
<http://www.latimes.com/la-burnover-f,0,732907.flash?coll=la-home-center>

A story from Southern California where a Fire Chief is suddenly retiring because of the poor perception his department members have of him. Not taking sides, because as we know, there are always at least two sides to every story – (one side, the other side, and maybe even the truth, depending on the situation), but what is really sad is the reader's comments at the bottom of the article. Sounds like a lot of he said, she said, etc. As with most news stories, newspapers allow readers to make comments on the article. For all comments made by firefighters and non-firefighters, none of them provide us positive public relations and only make us look bad.

Take a look; see what many readers have to say about us as firefighters. Not everyone out there is in love with us and patting us on the back. Before you get mad or angry at that them relax and take a deep breath, and don't try to react emotionally as many firefighters apparently have. It's very easy for us to get defensive about public perception, but can you really blame them? It's easy for us to defend what we do, but put yourself in their shoes as they have the right to do. Instead of trying to take on these people we feel are bad-mouthing us, we need to try and act rationally, and not stoop to their level. Doing so makes us either look guilty or just as bad as they are.

Plus, take a different look at it, can you honestly say you've never bad-mouthed another profession that you didn't feel you were getting your money's worth out of?

For the full story, go to:

<http://www.signonsandiego.com/news/metro/20071108-9999-1m8cvfire.html>

A sign of the times: a story about a Battalion Chief getting promoted because he possesses at least a two-year degree. Agree with it or not, but more and more departments are requiring at least a two-year degree for individuals aspiring to promote to company officer or chief officer. Instead of trying to fight it, try to complete your education and be proactive. Even if your department or your future department doesn't currently require a college degree to promote, it doesn't mean they won't in the near future. Don't leave yourself wishing you would have finished that degree – get it done! The longer you wait, the harder it gets to complete it.

For the full story, go to:

<http://www.mohavedailynews.com/articles/2007/11/07/news/local/local7.txt>

A story all of us in the fire service can appreciate, from Portland, Oregon. Firefighters in Portland are interviewed by a TV reporter while responding to calls, to show just how careless and reckless many drivers are, especially when we are attempting to respond code 3 to an emergency, and they just won't pull to the right. A great video stream as well to put yourself in their shoes as they respond.

For the full story, go to:

http://www.kgw.com/news-local/stories/kgw_110607_news_special_rescue_roadblck.1e5415e23.html

Mark your calendars for the 2008 Safety Stand Down!!!!

IAFC MEMBER ALERT: FOR IMMEDIATE REVIEW

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Safety Stand Down Week Renamed; Save the Date for the June 2008 Event

Fairfax, Va., Nov. 16, 2007... The International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) and the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) led the nation in the fire and emergency services' first Safety Stand Down in 2005—a groundbreaking event focused exclusively on reducing line-of-duty deaths. The program was supported by other major fire service organizations, and in the last three years has grown into a successful safety awareness and training initiative.

In 2008, the Safety Stand Down will become known as the **Fire/EMS Safety, Health and Survival Week, to be held June 22-28, 2008**. This week will be devoted to reviewing safety policies, evaluating the progress of existing initiatives and discussing health and fitness. Fire/EMS departments should make a concerted effort during the week to correct safety deficiencies and to provide training.

Take a moment to pass along this information to all fire and EMS responders in your department or local.

A Lodi, California firefighter is very, very lucky after getting struck by a drunk driver. Another reminder how dangerous the streets are. Regardless of time of day, where your full protective clothing, which will hopefully have reflective striping on it. Also, we tend to only use "LCES" during wildland fires. Instead, try using that term (Lookouts, Communications, Escape Routes, and Safety Zones) the next time you're on the freeway. Also, when your rig is on the freeway on a call, are you progressive enough to send an additional fire unit just to be a blocker for oncoming traffic, to protect the working scene and deflect cars away? Something to think about if you don't – the "Safety Support Vehicle" concept.

For the full story, go to:

http://www.recordnet.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20071105/A_NEWS/711050315

Until next time, stay safe and keep learning something new everyday – it just may save your life or the life of someone else! The day you stop learning something new everyday is the day you are probably six feet under.....Train like your life depends on it – because it does!

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