



FIRE & EMS NEWS

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Welcome to the latest issue of the Fire & EMS News! The Fire & EMS News is now in its sixth year, and we want to thank you all for your assistance – we could not have done it without your feedback and support!

Well, this is the second bi-monthly issue of the Fire & EMS news, and I hope it is meeting my goal of being able to give you information sooner, but not inundate you on a regular basis. Typically in the past, I would collect various links to fire service news articles, and put them in the email I would send out, with a link to then view the latest issue of the Fire & EMS News. Well, I'm going to combine those news articles into the monthly Fire & EMS News, to streamline things. We'll see how it works and go from there.

Also, because of the large amount of information, I'm going to attempt to send this out twice a month, to ensure you are kept up-to-date with the information within.

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 – **Emeryville (CA) Fire Department:**

The [Emeryville Fire Department](#) will be accepting applications for the position of **Firefighter Trainee**, one day only: November 7, 2007. They are also accepting applications for **Firefighter/Paramedic**.

For more information about the **City of Emeryville**, visit their website at: www.ci.emeryville.ca.us

For more information about the **Emeryville Fire Department**, visit their website at:
www.ci.emeryville.ca.us/fire/

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

FIRE SERVICE TRAINING OPPORTUNITY:

Fire Department Interview Workshop

**El Camino College (Torrance, CA) “Main Cafeteria”
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 TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES
AROUND THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA :**

Go to www.chabotfire.com and click on **TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES** to find valuable information on numerous California State-certified State Fire Marshal (and other) classes currently available or soon-to-available, through either Chabot College or other colleges or institutions.

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

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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 – Santa Clara County Fire Department:

The [Santa Clara County Fire Department](http://www.sccgov.org) will be accepting applications for the position of **Firefighter/Engineer** – Assigned to **paramedic** duty, until November 16, 2007. Primary requirements include at least 2 years of documented experience as a paramedic, as well as a current CPAT (dated in 2007) card by date of the oral interview.

For more information about the **County of Santa Clara**, visit their website at: www.sccgov.org (Note: The Santa Clara County is not a “County” fire department per se; we are a dependent fire district)

For more information about the **Santa County Fire Department**, visit our website at: www.sccfd.org

For more information about the **Santa Clara County Firefighters Association, I.A.F.F. Local 1165**, visit our website at www.iafflocal1165.org

FIREFIGHTER TRAINING OPPORTUNITY:

Positive Pressure Attack for Ventilation and Firefighting

Sponsored by:



SYNOPSIS

Webcast Speakers:

Kriss Garcia, Battalion Chief, Salt Lake City (UT) Fire Dept.

Reinhard Kauffmann, Battalion Chief, Salt Lake City (UT) Fire Dept.

Tempest Technology is proud to sponsor the Fire Engineering training webcast, "Positive Pressure Attack for Ventilation and Firefighting" by Kriss Garcia and Reinhard Kauffmann. Kriss and Reinhard have played an important role in researching the tactical applications of PPV for structural fire attack. Tempest Technology is committed to supporting the efforts of fire service professionals to develop new Positive Pressure Ventilation techniques and applications.

REGISTER

QUICK LINKS

For more information:

<http://www.fireengineering.com/webcasts/webcastDetails.html?id=516>

To register: <http://www.iian.ibeam.com/events/penn001/24110>

For questions or problems, email: webcasts@fire-eng.com

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 -

Dates / Locations / Times:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wednesday November 7 from 1230 to 1700 hours - Thursday November 8 from 1230 to 1700 hours - Wednesday November 14 from 1230 to 1700 hours - Thursday November 15 from 1230 to 1700 hours <p>**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

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

We are in the process of replacing our current pulse ox units with the Masimo Pulse CO Oximeter and incorporating it into our rehab function for fire personnel. We are in need of established rehab SOPs that address CO and firefighters. Any examples can be sent to email address listed below.

Thanks for your help.

Mark Quick, Division Chief/Safety Officer
Durango Fire & Rescue Authority
142 Sheppard Drive
Durango, CO 81303
Phone: 970-382-6007
Fax: 970-382-6018
quickmc@ci.durango.co.us

#2

My Fire Chief has assigned me to develop a vehicle replacement plan for our department. I am requesting anyone who has a plan in place would share that information with me. It would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you,

Eugene M. Shuler, Operations Chief
Plant City Fire Rescue
604 E. Alexander St.
Plant City, FL 33563-7164
813-757-9131~FAX 813-757-9133
gshuler@plantcitygov.com

#3

My Life Safety Division is looking for "Clip Art" with a fire/ems/safety theme. We are willing to purchase one if we can find it, we have not had much luck finding anything in the public domain or by search engine.

Thank you and Be Safe,

Scott Lewis
503-618-2339
Scott.Lewis@ci.gresham.or.us

#4

I am looking for ideas on how to improve radio communications on the fire ground. I am looking for anyone that uses some type of integrated communications equipment with there SCBA during firefighting operations.

Any assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks,

LT Brent Shanklin
Arlington Fire Rescue
Station 1 "B" Shift
(817)459-5541
brent.shanklin@arlingtontx.gov

#5

Like many other requests from others, I too am working on an NFA/EFOP research paper in addition to gathering information for the Firefighter Cancer Support Network (www.FirefighterCancerSupportNetwork.org) on minimizing exposure to cancer causing agents within the fire department at fire stations.

I am looking for any documents anyone might be willing to share with SOPs their department has on cleaning PPE, if you have a second set of PPE for members as well as any other information pertaining to minimizing cancer causing agents within the station living areas.

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Brea Fire Department
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Brea, California 92821-5732
714-671-6364 Office
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stevewo@cityofbrea.net

#6

I am trying to locate a good class to teach our members on the proper operation and use of thermal imaging equipment in our department. Do you know of any department or individual involved with the TRADE network that has such a class that we might be able to use?

Thank you for your help.

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Southern Stone County Fire Protection District
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Branson West, MO 65737
417-272-1510 Office
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brianmcnevin@sscfpd.org

#7

The Elgin Fire Department (132 career, 7 stations) currently has our Battalion Chiefs (shift commanders) stationed at headquarters with the other Chief Officers. We are in the process of planning to move the BC's to another station that is more centrally located in the city.

I am looking for information from departments where the shift commanders are remote from headquarters; specifically do they have daily operational meetings, BC's at headquarters during certain hours, etc. My goal is to ensure that we have good communications and information exchange between the command staff.

Thank you in advance for any assistance.

Stay Safe,

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Elgin Fire Department
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Elgin, IL 60120
847/931-6182 (Days)
847/931-6179 (fax)
horist_r@cityofelgin.org

#8

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue, a fire protection district in Oregon, is seeking information on successful open-continuous hiring practices for firefighters. Traditionally, we have recruited every two years, conducting testing to establish a ranked eligible list that is used for one or more selection processes over a period up to 24 months. We are exploring a process that would allow candidates to apply at any time, test periodically, and earn a spot on a ranked eligible list that evolves over time. Instead of the list expiring, candidates would come onto the list as they apply and test, and be removed from the list after a certain period of time from when they came onto the list. Rankings would change with each new merging of new candidates. The goals of this process is to allow candidates to apply, test and become eligible for hire much more frequently than they can currently on our two-year cycle, and to provide our operations management a "fresh" list whenever they wish to fill spots in a new recruit academy.

We would like input from various fire departments/districts who have experience with a process similar to what we envision or who have explored these ideas in the past.

Please contact:

Steven Partain, Senior Employment Coordinator
Human Resources
Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue
20665 S.W. Blanton
Aloha, OR 97007-1042
Steven.Partain@tvfr.com
www.tvfr.com
Ph. 503-259-1292
Fax. 503-259-1225

#9

We are looking for departments that have a tattoo policy. We are having increasing issues regarding visible tattoos and are looking for departments who have a written policy.

Please send your responses to jmoorhed@lpfire.org.

Thanks,

Jane Moorhead, Battalion Chief, Training
office (925)454-2314
cell (925)998-1214
jmoorhed@lpfire.org

#10

Our Fire Department has started an Explorer Post. I wanted to find out what other departments are doing as far as training and what they are allowing the explorers to do on scene. How often are they allowed to do ride-a-longs? Any other SOP's or information regarding the programs would be helpful.

Thanks in advance for your help.

Glen Gillette
City of King Fire Department
King NC
glen63@gmail.com

#11

I am in need of some fire and building code violation pictures. I am looking for the obvious, the blatant, the funny and hilarious. I am using them for a codes class I'm teaching here in Tennessee, most of the ones I'm using are getting old and I need an influx of new material.

Any help that you can provide would be greatly appreciated and Thanks for your Time.

Gary Hopkins
Codes Instructor
Tennessee Fire & Codes Academy
6109 Clayberry Dr.
Knoxville, Tenn. 37931

Dochopkins@comcast.net

#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 102 LODD's

2007 Worldwide LODD's 54 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.

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.

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 FIRE DRILL](#) sections as well as our [SOP'S/SOG's](#) sections.

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*

Lessons Learned Information Sharing, (*LLIS.gov*) has partnered with the Department of Homeland Security's Technical Assistance Division to bring you a dedicated resource center for the FY07 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP). The [FY07 HSGP Resource Center](#) serves as a repository of guidance, forms, templates, and general information on the HSGP's Urban Areas Security Initiative, State Homeland Security, Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention, Metropolitan Medical Response System, and Citizen Corps Programs. The Resource Center also features practices and guidelines from the *Enhancing Grants Management* Technical Assistance program and contains more than 150 documents, most of which are not available outside of *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 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](http://www.llis.gov/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.come.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>

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Training Officer – OVERLAND PARK, KS

The Overland Park Fire Dept seeks a Training Officer -- Responsibilities include: developing, scheduling, communicating, delivering, and evaluating programs delivered by the Training Division.

A large part of responsibility will be managing the OPFD Command Training Center using Fire Studio 4.0. Requirements: Associate's degree in Fire Science or related field required. BS degree in Fire or a related subject is preferred. Must possess a KS EMT or MICT Certification.

Completion of Firefighter II and Fire Instructor II coursework required. Firefighter II and Fire Instructor II certification from IFSAC or Pro Board preferred. Must successfully pass background investigation, physical and be able to conduct live fire training wearing SCBA and PPE.

Five yrs exp in teaching and course development. Two yrs supervisory exp preferred. Monthly salary range: \$4,849 to \$6,061 depending upon exp. Open until filled. Apply online, attach a resume to your application, and view online at www.opkansas.org.

If you are unable to apply online, you may visit the HR Dept. in person between 1-5p, M-F, except holidays. We will provide access to the online application.

City of Overland Park
Human Resources Dept
8500 Santa Fe Dr
OP, KS 66212
Job Info Line 913/327-5627
Website: www.opkansas.org

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,

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 view the EMR-ISAC page on *LLIS.gov*, please [click here](#) or login to *LLIS.gov* and click on the EMR-ISAC link on the homepage. 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).

FIREFIGHTER SAFETY INFORMATION TO LEARN FROM:

If we do not learn from history, we are doomed to allow history to repeat itself. I encourage you to go to the Firefighter Fatality Investigation and Prevention website (hosted by NIOSH – the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health – the organization that comes in to evaluate what went wrong after a firefighter line-of-duty-death). Go to <http://www.cdc.gov/Niosh/fire/>

A great way to incorporate these numerous reports into your busy schedule is to just pick one report a day, read it, and see what can be learned from it. Then, start seeing what the commonalities are between the numerous firefighter fatalities that have been researched and investigated. Very sad to say, but you will see some commonalities and lessons that were not learned by others since they allowed history to repeat itself.

It is sad, but a reality that certain issues such as lack of (or poor) command, poor communications, complacency, and lack of training continue to be major contributors in firefighter fatalities.

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 13 or 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 13, 14, 26 or 27
- December 10 or 11
- Practice sessions are only \$25.00.

TEST DATES:

- November 17, 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 8, 15 or 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 6, 13 or 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.

Chief Rick Lasky - Lewisville TX - Author of *Pride & Ownership- Real Leadership with Real People*

Battalion Chief John Salka - FDNY - Author of First In Last Out - Training Your Firefighters to get out Alive!
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](#) 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 INFORMATION TO LEARN FROM:

FIREFIGHTER LIFE SAFETY
LEARNING *Media*
CENTER

Everyone Goes Home® Learning Media Center E-Alert - November 1, 2007

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FIREFIGHTER LIFE SAFETY
LEARNING MEDIA CLIPS **NEW**

[Root Causes of FF Injuries and Deaths](#)

This media clip discusses how decisions, policies, preparedness, and the role of leadership can effect firefighter injuries and death. In this segment, you will also look at both the personal and organizational aspects of each of those key areas.

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What are "Root Causes" of line-of-duty injuries & deaths?

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Firefighter Life
Safety Initiatives



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www.everyonegoeshome.com

FIREFIGHTER TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES:

Mark your calendars for some quality fire service training events!

The **California Training Officers Symposium**, being held in Fresno, California – November 12 through 16, 2007! This is the annual training symposium, co-hosted by the **Northern California Fire Training Officers Association** and the **Southern California Fire Training Officers Associations**, both sections of the **California Fire Chiefs Association**.

As the current President of the Northern California Training Officers Association, as well as this year's Instructor Coordinator for the Symposium, I invite you out to Fresno this November, to receive some of the highest quality training, from some of the fire service's leading instructors and subject matter experts on a variety of fire related subjects. Registration should open up soon, within the month of August if everything goes according to plan.

To view the most-up-to-date registration information, go to <http://register.calchiefs.org>
These classes will fill up very quickly and have limited space.

Some of the classes still open include:

- Fire Management 1
- Fire Command 2A
- Driver/Operator 1B
- Auto Extrication
- S-230 (Crew Boss)
- S-339 (Division/Group Supervisor)
- S-215 (Fire Operations in the Urban Interface)
- PowerPoint Advanced
- Strategy and Tactics related courses
- Leadership related courses
- Training Officer related courses
- Company Officer preparation/development courses
- Chief Officer preparation/development courses
- Thermal Imaging Camera awareness training
- Air Aware (SCBA air management)
- Any much, much more!!

Register Online for the Fall Training Symposium

Go to: <http://register.calchiefs.org>

To download the flyer, if you want to mail or fax it in (slowest method to register), or pay by check, you can also download the registration flyer and course descriptions on the website above.

Hurry - register soon, classes and hotel rooms are filling up quickly!!!!

[For those wishing to pay by check:](#)

Symposium Course Descriptions with Hotel Information and Frequently Asked Questions Along with the Mail-in Registration Form is available on the above website

For registration questions or problems, please email Symposium Staff at cato@calchiefs.org

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 EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION:

The **November 2007** issue of the [Firehire](http://www.firehire.com) Newsletter is now available – go to:
http://www.firehire.com/Newsletter_11-2007.pdf

Firehire is a company that offers firefighter testing opportunities – and many fire departments only use Firehire to hire new firefighters! If you have not heard about them, or have not seen what they have to offer, check out their website at www.firehire.com

FIRE & EMS TRAINING OPPORTUNITY:

EMT – B Refresher Course

Date and Time: **November 29- December 2, 2007**

Skills on December 2nd
10:00 a.m.- 7:00 p.m.

Last day to register **November 14, 2007**



Course Location: 656 Bair Island Rd.
Room #304
Redwood City, CA 94063

Course Fee: **\$500.00** Skills only: **\$125**

Late Registration Fee: **\$ 25.00** ****Please attach copy of current CPR and EMT card with this registration**

EMT-B course content review and EMT-B Skills proficiency. A course completion certificate for 24 hours of CE credit is awarded. Minimum passing standard 80% on a written exam and successful completion of skills.

EMT-B Refresher- 1107 Registration Form

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Name	Date
_____	_____
Address	Employer

City, State and Zip	
_____	_____
E-mail Address	Phone/Cell

Mail registration form and fee made payable to:

California EMS Academy, Inc.

1098 Foster City Blvd.
 Suite#106 – PMB #708
 Foster City, CA 94404

- EMT-B Refresher..... \$500.00
- Skills only..... \$125.00
- Late Fee..... \$25.00

TOTAL enclosed \$ _____

Credit Cards accepted: **MC / Visa** (please circle one)

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Name as it appears on card	Signature
_____	_____
Credit Card #	Exp. Date

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

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

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

Name: Scott Mumm
 Rank: Lieutenant
 Age: 34
 Gender: Male
 Status: Paid-on-call

Years of Service: 13
Date of Incident: 10/29/2007
Time of Incident: 1718hrs
Date of Death: 10/29/2007
Fire Department: Mendota Fire Department
Address: [610 Main St., Mendota, IL 61342-1983](http://www.mendotafire.com/)
Fire Department Chief: Dennis Rutishauser
Fire Department Website: <http://www.mendotafire.com/>

Incident Description: Lieutenant Mumm responded to a coal rail car fire and assisted with tanker water supply operations. The train car burning was fully extinguished approximately two hours later and all firefighters were released at 2010hrs.

Lieutenant Mumm returned home and went to bed for a nap prior to his other job at midnight. When Mumm's wife attempted to awaken him at 2130hrs, he was unresponsive. The fire department and EMS responded to Mumm's residence, and paramedics found him not breathing with no pulse. Lieutenant Mumm was transported to the hospital, but efforts to revive him were unsuccessful.

Funeral Arrangements: Pending. Please visit <http://www.mendotafire.com/> for details as they become available.

Memorial Fund Contact and Address: In honor of Lieutenant Scott Mumm, Mendota Fire Department, [610 Main St., Mendota, IL 61342-1983](http://www.mendotafire.com/)

Tribute is being paid to Lieutenant Scott Mumm at <http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/fireservice/fatalities/>

To date, 102 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.shtml).

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 listserv 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: M.L. Hopper
Rank: Forestry Aide 2
Age: 74
Gender: Male
Status: Career

Years of Service: 21
Date of Incident: 08/24/2007
Time of Incident: 1330hrs
November 4, 2007

Date of Death: 08/24/2007
Fire Department: Tennessee Division of Forestry
Address: 3520 Central Avenue, Nashville, TN 37205
Telephone: 615-837-5537
Fire Department Chief: John Kirksey

Incident Description: While flagging a proposed fire control line, the employee suffered a massive heart attack.

Funeral Arrangements: 08/2007

Memorial Fund Contact and Address: None reported.

Tribute is being paid to Forestry Aide 2 M.L. Hopper at <http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/fireservice/fatalities/>

To date, 99 firefighter fatalities have been reported to USFA in 2007 as a result of incidents that occurred in 2007.

AND:

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

Name: Bob Phillips
Rank: Firefighter
Age: 64
Gender: Male
Status: Career
Years of Service: 3 yrs
Date of Incident: 10/25/2007
Time of Incident: 1130 hrs
Date of Death: 10/25/2007
Fire Department: Athelstane Volunteer Fire Department
Address: Athelstane, WI 54104-0091
Telephone: 715-759-5006
Fire Department Chief: Fire Department Chief Scott Durian

Incident Description: Firefighter Phillips while operating a pump at a chimney fire collapsed and had a heart attack and later passed away.

Funeral Arrangements: Pending

Memorial Fund Contact and Address: Pending

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

To date, 100 firefighter fatalities have been reported to USFA in 2007 as a result of incidents that occurred in 2007.

AND:

Name: Ralph Cross

Rank: Assistant Fire Chief
Age: 73
Gender: Male
Status: Volunteer
Years of Service: 34
Date of Incident: 10/27/2007
Time of Incident: 1500hrs
Date of Death: 10/27/2007
Fire Department: Charlevoix Township Fire Department
Address: 204 Park Row Ave., Charlevoix, MI 49720-1393
Telephone: (231) 547-3279
Fire Department Chief: Curt Thompson

Incident Description: Collapsed and passed away from an apparent heart attack while performing public fire prevention and education duties.

Funeral Arrangements: Pending

Memorial Fund Contact and Address: Pending

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

To date, 101 firefighter fatalities have been reported to USFA in 2007 as a result of incidents that occurred in 2007.

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

Hey...

Attorneys for Monica Keane, the widow of Waterbury (Ct) Capt. John Keane, filed notice on Friday announcing their intention to file a wrongful death suit against the city and others involved in the fatal fire engine collision in May. The notice to the city cites a law that makes municipalities liable when an employee is injured by another worker who is negligent while driving a city vehicle.

The claim asserts that Firefighter/apparatus drivers Joseph Fischetti and William Mahoney were negligent "in the operation of their respective vehicles."

Around 1000 hours on May 19 while responding to a reported kitchen fire, Engine 12 and Truck 1 entered the same East Aurora Street intersection and collided, throwing John Keane and Fischetti from the engine and Keane succumbed to his injuries three days later.

A subsequent Waterbury Police investigation into the accident determined that no one in Engine 12, on which Keane was the ranking and supervising officer, was wearing a seatbelt.

ANOTHER REPORT: Here is an article related to the Line of Duty Death of a veteran Baltimore City Firefighter. A year after Firefighter Allan Roberts was killed, Baltimore fire officials released an investigative report that blamed the death on more than a dozen errors and safety violations - including miscommunication and possible equipment misuse.

www.baltimoresun.com/news/local/baltimore_city/bal-md.ci.fire13oct13,0.1646742.story

MAN OF THE PEOPLE: Here is an editorial from today's NY Post offering another view of last weeks National Fallen Firefighters Foundation Memorial Weekend worth reading.

www.nypost.com/seven/10132007/postopinion/opedcolumnists/man_of_the_people.htm?page=0

Take Care-BE CAREFUL-Seat Belts and Red Traffic Lights Avoid Lawsuits and FF Death.

BillyG

The Secret List 10-13-07 / 0925 hours

AND:

Hey...

Yesterday, there was a fatal crash involving responding fire apparatus in Henrico County (VA). Cops say the rig, (Truck 10) was responding to a house fire and was attempting to turn left when, according to eyewitnesses, a Ford Taurus, slammed into the tower ladder so hard its rear tires lifted off the ground.

The driver of the Taurus was pronounced dead at VCU Medical Center. Three firefighters were also treated and released for minor injuries. The fire truck's sirens and lights were engaged at the time of the crash.

According to one report, the tower ladder was equipped with Opticom and the lights and siren were operating. As they made a left turn off Laburnum Ave. onto Creighton Rd. they were hit by an oncoming vehicle who was passing another vehicle and may not have seen or heard the apparatus. Details to follow.

Take Care-BE CAREFUL.

BillyG

The Secret List 10-15-07 / 0916 hours

AND

Hey....

By now you have probably read the media reports where some undisclosed sources say that autopsy results showed that a Boston Firefighter who died in the Line of Duty while operating at a restaurant fire in August had traces of cocaine in his system, while another Firefighter had a high blood-alcohol content.

Firefighters Warren Payne, 53, of Newton, Mass., and Paul Cahill, 55, of Scituate, Mass., were both tragically killed at that fire in August.

The media is reporting (from leaked documents) that one Firefighter was legally drunk and the other Firefighter had illegal drugs in his system. Meanwhile, the victims' families are grieving over the loss of their loved ones....with a new twist to further add to their life long grief. Five children lost their fathers. "I hope this isn't true. My husband really died a hero," Cahill's wife, Anne, is quoted in the papers in Boston.

Well, they clearly lived heroic lives and were heroic firefighters. One of the most well know and written about Chiefs of the FDNY was Chief Edward Croker, he served in the late 1800's and early 1900's. He had many great quotes but one I have always liked that says something to the effect of "When a man becomes a Fireman his greatest act of bravery has been accomplished....what he does after that

is all in the line of work...."

Sorry ladies, but people who rode fire apparatus (horses included) back then were called Firemen, that's history and that's the quote. Don't get off the subject.

The point is that Firefighters Payne and Cahill were brave and absolutely lead heroic lives as Firefighters. Their history and years of heroic, brave and dedicated service prove it and speak for themselves.

But, if what the reports are saying is true related to the alcohol and drugs, they have caused irreparable and life long pain and suffering to those they love the most-their family members. How? There are significant possibilities that local, state and Federal death benefits to the families may be challenged-if what is reported is true and factual. So it is possible that not only have the families of these fallen Firefighters suffered horrific losses-but may also end up without the fiscal death benefits that the families are entitled to-because of the actions of their lost loved ones.

What a nightmare.

Ever work with a Firefighter who is not "clean"..? It's a real treat. We could get into the discussion of how that can happen-but the fact of the matter is that it does happen. I would guess each of us have known a Firefighter at one time or another that had no business being on duty. And I would also guess that in almost every case, the issue was ignored. More back then, "back in the day"---a bit less these days. But ignoring the condition of another Firefighter is and has been a chosen option. It's not easy taking on issues like drinking on duty for most. And in some places, if you do it, your career is pretty well shot..like it or not. Ahhhh the Brotherhood. So for that and other reasons, many firefighters and fire officers choose to ignore it. They let someone else worry about it. Another tour/shift, another Officer or Chief, another Firefighter or whoever. But unfortunately, the "system" (official and unofficial) at many FD's creates an easier avenue to ignore the problem than to deal with it. That's the problem.

As you know, inappropriate drinking and illegal drug abuse is a societal problem-and the FD, any FD, is a part of society. So it shouldn't be a shock that a Firefighter may be drunk or high on duty or responding to calls. To me, the bigger shock is the in-depth cultural behaviors and attitudes that can allow it, hide it and sometimes even support it. After all "He's a great Firefighter and what a great guy"...."He has issues-what are you gonna do, rat the guy out"? "She is always like that-and functions better that way" .

A Department that provides open doors to help those with a problem is probably a better place than those that don't. But most FD's already do that. Having access to getting help is not generally the problem....it's getting the "problem" to get the help and the actions required to make that happen.

The problem is at the 1st line supervisor level, where the rubber meets the road-and so often is where FD's succeed or FD's fail, as the link. This is NOT an easy issue by any stretch of the imagination. It is sometimes much easier to make decisions on the fireground than it is to make tough decisions related to those you work with. And in many, many cases, these are people who you have gone thru a lot with-good times and bad. Whadayagonnado....turn the guy in!?

The solution is supervisory training and more related training for fire officers so they find a way and understand how to help "the Brother or Sister" who has a drinking or drug problem. And those may absolutely be the toughest decisions any fire officer has to make due to the way "we" act either as the victim or as the ones who don't want to see a "good" firefighter get "ratted out". "Let him sleep it off"...."she is going thru some tough times"...."who are you to talk???....I have smelled you when you have arrived at the firehouse-and now you want HIM to get help"

Not easy stuff but stuff that must be dealt with and confronted by officers working with other officers

and firefighters. It takes courage and bravery. Words we are familiar with. But the courage and bravery used at runs and the courage and bravery used in "attacking" a serious personal issue or disease are from two different worlds. Courage and bravery on the fireground is one we usually have no problem dealing with--after all, we are attempting to save a life. Courage and bravery in dealing with a member who has a drug and/or booze problem is a lot tougher in some respects. There are some in our business who do/don't see that as heroic. But you are still attempting to save a life--they just don't know it and often "the victim" doesn't want rescuing--because they don't know they need help. A bit different than a kid trapped in a 2nd floor bedroom. The kid is in a room filled with smoke and fire--the kid clearly wants out. The firefighter who has a drinking or drug problem thinks the "room" they are in is just fine and doesn't always want out. And if you enter that "room", THEIR room, the response could be and has been "who the hell do you think you are entering MY room to rescue ME"!?

Tough stuff.

Good fire officers are often the only way this problem can be dealt with along with appropriate drug testing that recognizes everyone's rights. Everyone's rights means the victim, the other firefighters who have to work with the victim, all the families and the public. Another option, that being the FF with the problem actually taking responsibility in getting help on their own before there is a crisis, cannot always be counted on for a variety of reasons. But good fire officers working with other good fire officers, firefighters, Union or Association officials and others working together with counseling pros to save a career and a life is a system that must be in place. But before that--a process is needed that helps determine who can and should be a boss and who shouldn't. Some FD's have that in place, some don't. A white hat and a gold badge can be pinned on anyone with a pulse. Ever seen that?

Leading the "Brothers" and the "Sisters" at and into a fire takes good fire officers. Officers with years and years of experience and training so that we have a good shot at succeeding at whatever the emergency is. And with being a good officer also comes the ability, training and qualifications to take on the internal cultures that hide and cover up these difficult dependency and personnel issues. It is far from easy. Many GOOD Fire Officers have tried and ended up on the cutting room floor. But that comes under the courage and brave stuff.

Real Brotherhood? I got your "real brother/sisterhood" right HERE if we are picking and choosing when to do our jobs as officers and firefighters when we decide to ignore the problems. We would never ignore the signs of flashover if they were right in front of our faces--and we would take immediate action to protect our members. We would never ignore the signs of structural collapse, and again, would take immediate action to protect our firefighters. But yet when it comes to booze and drugs in the firehouse, so often we intentionally decide to take no action and hope that it will take care of itself, or that "someone else" will take immediate action. And sometimes it flashes over, impacting numerous victims.

Many in our business were mad when the coroners report was leaked to the media regarding the conditions of those firefighters. Firefighters should have been more than mad. It is disgusting that the information was used the way it was without it first being officially released. The families--who had only started the grief process now had to deal with the way it was handled and what was published by the Boston media. Family members learned about the coroners report from the media?!?! WTF! The actions related to the leak were absolutely horrible, unfair, inappropriate and any other related words you can come up with. It was BS. But it did happen and the information got out. How it will end up, how the families will now suffer even more and what additional fiscal and benefit related losses they will encounter remains to be seen. I don't think families should have to suffer when we do some of the things we do. But they do. That's the way it works. We rarely think about how our actions will effect others--especially those we love. Sometimes we need to think more about those whose pictures are in our wallets and desks...than we actually do. Sometimes they are the ones who suffer the most due to our inappropriate actions. They get left holding the bag. Our families are the "them" when it comes to

the booze, the drugs and us.

Some in our business even got mad at the fire service media for relaying what the Boston media had printed. Look, it was FIRE related news and since it was out, the fire media reported it. While we may get angry at the Boston media for handling this the way they did (they had a choice-they made their decision), look past that at the real issue while praying real hard for the Payne and Cahill families. The real issue at this point is to think about what can be done to avoid that from happening again in any FD. I am not talking about some reckless and sick decision to leak a coroners report-which was reckless, sick and if criminal-someone should have their clock rung. But the fact of the matter is that the info got out and firefighters have no control over that now.

What I am talking about though is what was leaked in the coroners report and what the booze and the drugs can do to firefighters individually, as a group or company, our families and us personally. There is a lot that can be done to avoid that from happening again in any FD. We just have to want it.

Love our families? Brotherhood? Sometimes I think that's just another word.
Ignoring the booze and drug problem in our firehouses creates a 100% BMA situation.
Brotherhood my a**.

And look where it leaves kids and families.

Take Care,
BillyG
The Secret List 10-17-07 / 1537 hours

AND

Hey....

For this weekends WTF, we stumble into New Ulm (Minn) where there is nothing like enjoying an icy cold beer in the firehouse after fighting a fire. As you may know by now, the City Council approved the measure Tuesday, giving their Firefighters the option of drinking at the firehouse after fire calls. "I feel these (firefighters) who put themselves at risk in fighting fires are responsible enough to know when they've had too much," said City Council President Dan Beranek.

Silly, silly President Dan.

A city attorney, however, said that letting "the boys" down a few, raises "serious concerns about liability." He said there are some legitimate causes for concern...concern? What concern? Ya mean like crawling down halls, using SCBA's, throwing ladders, driving apparatus and who is going to determine when a firefighter is too toasted to respond?

We also heard rumor that small and convenient appetizer sized portions of pot may also be offered soon, to help Firefighters "take the edge off" after a particularly difficult emergency call...but that measure is still under consideration. The concerns from council are that while they feel a firefighter would always know how drunk they might be and can then always stop drinking---like most drunks always do---being high after a call may cause significant memory loss and the firefighters may not remember exactly why they are expected to stop smoking the dope. Additionally, the grocery budget for the FD is limited this year and the expected rise in the cost of purchasing numerous 55 gallon drums of doritos, cheetos, tostitos, pringles, sun chips, ruffles and related munchies and salty favorites may simply be too much for the town budget to bear.

A Rabbi, a Priest, and a duck walked into the New Ulm firehouse. The bartender looked up and said, "What is this? A joke?"

And now, back to the real world.

Last night at approximately 2000 hours a Hualapai Valley (Kingman, Arizona) Firefighter was seriously injured while performing overhaul on a two story structure fire. Initial reports are stating that a wall collapsed trapping the firefighter momentarily. His injuries are a severely fracture leg and ankle. The fire building was described as a two story residential home with most of the top story completely destroyed by fire. More details to follow.

And while these two deaths are off duty members of the service (MOS) , they are related and worth our time.

Last night in Stafford County (VA) a Deputy Sheriff, Jason Mooney, who was also a Volunteer FF in the county, was responding to an accident with people trapped on I-95 when he lost control of his vehicle. Prior to the crash, he was having coffee with his fiancée, a FF/Medic on Engine 9, in Aquia Harbor. Engine 9 was actually behind him responding to the crash and witnessed it. When they got to him he was trapped and in trauma arrest. They cut him from his patrol car and transported him to Mary Washington where he was pronounced dead.

And in Illinois, Chicago FD Medic was struck by a car and killed Thursday in Schaumburg after stopping for a flat tire. PM Randy Orzada, 33, was hit at 3:30 a.m. and he later died at Northwest Community Hospital.

Orzada had been a Chicago Fire Department paramedic since April 1997. He was assigned to Ambulance 48. PM Orzada had parked his car after getting a flat. A 42-year-old Crystal Lake man passing by accidentally struck Orzada. The Crystal Lake man, believed to be on his way to work, got out of his car to help Orzada after the crash.

Our deepest and sincere sympathies go out to the members of the Stafford County and Chicago FD's...and especially the families of Jason Mooney and Randy Orzada.

Take care-BE CAREFUL.

BillyG

The Secret List 10-20-07 / 1051 hours

AND

Hey....

Four firefighters were injured this afternoon when their engine company was engulfed by flames from the Harris Fire at around 1400 hours. The Firefighters were flown to the UCSD burn center in Hillcrest in unknown conditions according to CalFire. The incident may be related to a report by the California Highway Patrol that they had lost radio contact with one fire crew about an hour prior to that. The Harris Fire that began early Sunday morning about 70 miles east of San Diego and has burned more than 2,500 acres and injured at least these four firefighters, four civilians and has killed one civilian. There are unconfirmed reports of other civilian burn victims.

There are several fires burning out of control between L.A. County and the San Diego areas. The "Santa Ana" winds have become so bad that some fire aircraft were initially unable to fly but now, are flying.

All national news agencies are covering the fire. Updates as needed.

Take Care-BE CAREFUL,

BillyG

The Secret List 10-21-07 / 2058 hours

AND

Hey....

In today's "ain't we proud" segment, a New York Firefighter was shot and wounded by another Firefighter who was drunk, in their upstate New York firehouse. FF Tyler Drake, 21, of Alexandria Bay, was accidentally shot in the right arm around 1900 hours Sunday inside the Moyers Corner FD Station. Drake was taken to University Hospital in nearby Syracuse and his injuries were not life-threatening. FF Stanley Mommelaar, 26, of Moyers Corner was charged with first-degree reckless endangerment, second-degree assault and driving while intoxicated. Mommelaar was handling his .45-caliber handgun recklessly when it discharged...although he had a valid pistol license according to the cops.

FF Tyler Drake could have been killed.

Take Care,
BillyG
The Secret List 10-22-07 / 1036 Hours
www.FireFighterCloseCalls.com

AND

Hey...

Additional reports are that of the 4 Firefighters burned yesterday, 2 are critical and 2 are moderate. A little while ago, the IC in San Diego County called for 150 more strike teams. A strike team consists of 5 engine companies = 750 more engine companies. That helps put the fire situation in perspective. The San Diego County Sheriff just stated that this is the worst disaster in San Diego County history.

Here is a radio link: <http://www.scansandiego.net/cgi-bin/index.pl>

Here is a local news link: www.SignOnSanDiego.com

Updates as required.

Take Care-BE CAREFUL.
BillyG
The Secret List 10-22-07 / 1021 hours

AND

Hey...

4 DCFD Firefighters were injured in that rowhouse fire this afternoon. 37-year-old Sergeant Michael Lacore is the most critically injured, w/ 2nd & 3rd degree burns. Firefighter Charlie Shayab, 30, is also listed in critical condition but stable and they are both at MedStar's burn unit.

FF Doug Donnelly, 27, and FF Kenneth Humpheries, 23, are both in good condition. All 4 of them were trapped on the top floor of the rowhouse when the floor lit up.

DCFD investigators believe the fire was caused by some oily rags being stored next to some propane canisters in the home next door...the rags ignited the propane, setting off an explosion, and the fire burned from the back porch of the home to the houses on either side.

Updates will follow.

Take Care-BE CAREFUL,
BillyG
The Secret List 10-29-07 / 2341 hours

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Chabot College Fire & EMS News

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AND:

Hey....

Several Washington DC Firefighters have been burned (1 critical, 3 serious) while operating at an occupied 2 story row house, with heavy fire conditions. This fire is going on at this time but is under control. Updates to follow.

It is with deep regret that we advise you that Assistant Chief Ralph Cross of Charlevoix Township Fire Department (MI) died on 10-27-2007 while on duty performing public fire prevention services. Assistant Chief Cross was a founding member of that department starting in 1973 and his death has been classified as a Line of Duty Death. Our sincere condolences go out to all effected.

This morning in Virginia, a Goochland FD engine company overturned at Fairgrounds Road and Broad Street. Initial reports indicted the driver was trapped. At least one firefighter was flown out. Details will be posted.
Take Care-Be Careful,
BillyG
The Secret List 10-29-07 / 1553 hours

AND:

Hey...

As we all watched shockingly at the horrible fire in NC that killed this 7 kids yesterday morning, the SMOKE DETECTOR issue raises its head again. The question "do all smoke detectors really detect all smoke" is one that's been out there for a while with limited response.

While this house in NC that killed the 7 kids is reported to have had smoke detectors, could this be another example of the issue involving "ion" detectors that have, in the past, failed to activate quick enough when a smoldering fire from (possibly candles, or smoking materials), permitted the fire to progress?

PLEASE take a few minutes and check out this information from FIREFIGHTERS that have been doing extensive research:

=THE TRUTH ABOUT SMOKE DETECTORS. By Jay Fleming, Deputy Fire Chief. Boston, MA.

<http://www.fc-tv.com/webcast/sunmountain/iaff-10-07/portal.asp>

(go to the above site and scroll down under "Monday videos on demand" and LISTEN to what Jay has to say). Here is also an article related to the issue in Boston:

http://wbztv.com/iteam/local_story_186210454.html

=The INDIANA STATE FIRE MARSHAL Roger Johnson and his staff have also taken on this issue under DEADLY DELAY:

<http://www.wthr.com/Global/story.asp?S=7168767>

<http://www.wthr.com/global/Story.asp?s=6552929>

=BARRE CITY (VT) Firefighters have done their own evaluation as well-and are confirming the same concerns: <http://www.barrecityfire.org/smoke.html>

IAFC RECOMMENDATIONS: A study finalized earlier this year prompted the IAFC to issue recommendations to FD's concerning the use of smoke alarms as well. The study identifies differences and advantages to the 2 types of smoke detectors. Both ionization and photoelectric detectors are currently marketed to the public for homes. The IAFC Fire/Life Safety Section recommends that dual alarms using both technologies be installed for maximum protection. Here is that document: www.iafc.org/flss

=CAMPUS AND STUDENT HOUSING FIRES? This is the # 1 site: <http://www.campus-firewatch.com/>

APPARATUS CRASH: Yesterday afternoon, an engine from the Paradise-Leaman Place Fire Company struck a car that pulled out in front of them. The crash resulted in 1 patient trapped and 2 confined. Initial reports are that all Firefighters were wearing seatbelts and all effected suffered non-life threatening injuries.

An interesting angle on this crash is that the car that pulled in front of them did so thinking the apparatus was making a turn...so they pulled out and in front to get out of the way, resulting in the apparatus striking the car. That car, driven by a local elected official who was helping out, was transporting Amish Firefighters for that very same run. We wish all a quick recovery.

And finally, for today's WTF !?!....2 FDNY Firefighters have been arrested on charges of setting fire to an FDNY firehouse. The 2 FF's did not work at the firehouse where the fire was set early on Saturday. They both face felony charges of arson, reckless endangerment and criminal mischief.....

Take Care-BE CAREFUL-THINK.

BillyG

The Secret List 10-29-07 / 1135 Hours

AND:

We regret to advise you that a 64-year-old Firefighter had a heart attack at the scene of a chimney fire and later died at local hospital in Marinette County, WI last night. Athelstane FD Chief Scott Durian identified the Firefighter this morning as Bob Phillips who had been with the department for about 3 years. He was also employed by Fleming's Fire where he sold fire apparatus and equipment, As fire operations were winding down, FF Phillips was operating the pump when he suddenly collapsed. Our deepest condolences to all effected and especially the Phillips family.

Update: Parkside (PA) FF Chase Frost is showing positive signs of improvement after becoming trapped in a dwelling fire last August. He is off the vent and talking, but remains in the Burn Unit at Crozer Hospital. FF Danny Brees, who was also injured is also doing well, had been released and is planning on returning to work soon. Updates will follow.

Take Care-BE CAREFUL.

BillyG

The Secret List 10-26-07 / 1955 hours

AND:

Hey...

This week marked the 2nd anniversary of PA Fire Instructor Robert Gallardy's death at age 47. Gallardy, a career Fire Captain with the Altoona FD, was working as an instructor at the Pennsylvania Fire Academy on Oct. 23, 2005, when he was severely burned. He died two days later. The training took place in a basement burn room at the academy, the principal site for fire training in the state. A week ago, Gallardy's widow filed notice of a pending civil lawsuit in Blair County court. The notice names more than 40 defendants. Here is a link to that LODD report:

<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/fire/reports/face200531.html>

=WHERE IS THE FIRE? WHERE WAS THE FIRE? WHERE IS IT GOING?
WATCH THE FLOOR. Additionally, here is a link to another very recent NIOSH FF Fatality report where a Deputy Fire Chief died after falling through a failed section of a floor on the first floor of a residential structure fire while attacking the fire from above.

<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/fire/reports/face200624.html>

=FIREFIGHTER HEALTH AND SAFETY: This week was also the IAFF REDMOND SYMPOSIUM. Considered the # 1 Firefighter Safety Conference in North America, here is a link to watch the outstanding presenters/speakers via video from the conference:

<http://www.fc-tv.com/webcast/sunmountain/iaff-10-07/portal.asp>

=FIRE APPARATUS SAFETY: The FDSOA Apparatus Specification & Vehicle Maintenance Symposium will be held on January 20-23, 2008 in Orlando, Florida. This OUTSTANDING program focuses on the issues of Fire Apparatus Safety. Here is a link:

http://www.fdsoa.org/events/apparatus_symposium.html

=DEDICATION-All FF's Are Invited: The dedication of an incredible 40-foot-high bronze monument called, 'To Lift A Nation', will take place at 10:00 a.m. Monday, November 5, 2007 at the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Park located on the campus of the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Md., to honor the heroes of the September 11, 2001 tragedy. Questions?

www.FireHero.org

Take Care-BE CAREFUL.

BillyG

The Secret List 10-26-07 / 1044 hours

AND:

Hey....

DCFD Sgt. Michael LaCore remains in critical condition after he and three other firefighters were injured in that row house fire Monday. Sgt. Michael LaCore, 37, underwent surgery yesterday morning and was scheduled to stay in the Burn Intensive Care Unit at Washington Hospital Center for an indefinite period of time. He suffered burns on 50 percent of his body and remains in a medically induced coma. Three other Firefighters: Charlie Shyab, 30, Kenneth Humphries, 23, and Douglas Donnelly, 27 are listed in good condition, and FF Humphries and FF Donnelly were released from the hospital yesterday. All four of the Firefighters were from Engine Co. 4.

DC Fire Officials said the blaze began about 1520 hours after rags soaked in linseed oil spontaneously combusted and caused a container of propane gas to explode. The fire spread to the home's rear porch and then jumped to porches behind houses on either side of it.

IL. LODD: We regret to announce the unexpected non-traumatic Line of Duty death of Mendota, IL Firefighter / Paramedic Scott A. Mumm on Monday, October 29, 2007 at approximately 21:45 hours. Scott was 34 years old and has been a member for 13 years. He leaves behind a wife and three children. For further information go to www.mendotafire.com . Lieutenant Mumm responded to a rail car full of coal that was on fire and assisted with tanker water supply operations. The train car burning was fully extinguished approximately two hours later and all firefighters were released at 2010hrs. Lieutenant Mumm returned home and went to bed for a nap prior to his other job at midnight. When Mumm's wife attempted to awaken him at 2130hrs, he was unresponsive. MFD and EMS responded to Mumm's residence, and paramedics found him not breathing with no pulse. Lieutenant Mumm was transported to the hospital, but efforts to revive him were unsuccessful.

ID: LODD: Additionally, we regret to advise you that Ammon (ID) Fire Division Chief Charles John Smith passed away in the Line of Duty Saturday evening at 1930 hours at Eastern Idaho Medical Center. He leaves behind his wife Kaleen; three children, Joseph (14), Loren (11) and Kassidy (9); and all of his peers in the emergency services community.

NC BEACH HOUSE FIRE LINKS: Here are several articles, timelines and related information about the FD dispatch and related response to this past weekends horrific fire:

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/story/234793.html>

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/story/234893.html>

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/story/234771.html>

Take Care-BE CAREFUL.

BillyG

The Secret List 10-31-07 0420 hours

AND:

Hey....

Sergeant Michael LaCore remains in critical but now stable condition at the Burn Intensive Care unit at MedStar. Yet another surgery yesterday was successful, and doctors are encouraged by his progress.

Firefighter Charlie Shyab has been upgraded to fair condition and remains in the Burn Stepdown Unit. Firefighter Shyab continues to improve and Firefighters Doug Donnelly and Kenneth Humphries were released from the hospital Tuesday. Their progress continues to be excellent.

Additionally, to understand what happened to the above DCFD Firefighters, take a look at the video on the below link at Statter911. When you get to that page, click on "Watch raw video from DC Fire & EMS photographer (and long time Secret List'r) Vito Maggiolo-this version has better audio".

<http://www.wusa9.com/news/columnist/blogs/2007/10/one-dc-ff-still-critical-second-in-fair.html>

Take Care-BE CAREFUL.

BillyG

The Secret List 11-1-07 / 0825 hours

AND:

We regret to advise you that 1 Firefighter died in the Line of Duty and at least 3 other Firefighters are missing in the U.K. following a fire at a vegetable packing warehouse. Fire and Rescue Services from Warwickshire, Hereford, Worcester and West Midlands are operating at the fire in Warwickshire. Reports are that this is an arson fire. Additional updates will follow.

Take Care-BE CAREFUL.

BillyG

The Secret List 10-2-07 / 2054 hours

AND:

Hey...

Very sadly, hopes are fading for the missing Firefighters at that suspicious warehouse fire in Warwickshire, U.K. As we sent out last night, 1 FF died after being pulled from the fire at that vegetable packing plant located in Atherstone on Stour. 3 more Firefighters are still missing. The fire is now reported to have been extinguished but conditions are difficult for entry. Reports are that the roof had collapsed and the 3 Firefighters who were unaccounted for had not been seen since early in the evening.

Companies responded to the site of the fire, the Atherstone Industrial park shortly before 1800 GMT on Friday. Matt Wrack, General Secretary of the Fire Brigades Union (FBU...link below), says the potential loss of 4 Firefighters would make the incident the worst loss of life among its members since 1972. (See UK LODD history below)

A search of the building for the missing Firefighters is underway-but conditions, collapse etc make it tough.

From a U.K. LODD historic perspective, their last major FF LODD loss was in 1972, when 7 Firefighters died while operating at a warehouse fire in Glasgow. In that fire, one Firefighter was trapped inside the building and six other Firefighters died in the Line of Duty attempting to rescue him.

==VIDEO...for some video of last nights fire, check these links:

http://www.liveleak.com/view?i=660_1194077696

<http://www.wusa9.com/news/columnist/blogs/2007/11/one-british-ff-dead-three-feared-dead.html>

==AGENCIES...here are Fire Service related links in the U.K.

<http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/fireandrescue> (Warwickshire Fire Rescue Service which includes updates on this tragic fire)

<http://www.fbu.org.uk/> (Fire Brigades Union)

==LODD HISTORY...for more information on UK LODD's check this link:

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/main.jhtml?xml=/news/2007/11/03/nfire303.xml>

Our deepest thoughts and prayers go out to our Brothers/Sisters in the Warwickshire Fire & Rescue Service with hopes for a miracle.
More details to follow.

Take Care-BE CAREFUL.
BillyG
The Secret List 11-3-07 / 1115 hours

AND:

Hey...

For those of you that viewed the video, I wanted to provide more factual details yesterday but time was tight.

The firefighters you see in the video ARE NOT the crew that was burned, Engine Co. 4 was the crew that was burned. The crew of Engine 4 was on the second floor of the Delta exposure, which is the building in which the first floor suddenly and quickly becomes heavily involved. You can see Engine 4's stream coming out the windows on the second floor from time to time. On background, one of the burned firefighters stated that they were making progress knocking down fire 2nd floor from front to rear of Exposure D, and he could see day light from the rear windows. Suddenly the daylight changed to a wall of fire. The fire then came up the stairs behind them. The mayday follows that on the video.

For those who didn't see the clip, the video is on the below link at Statter911. When you get to that page, click on "Watch raw video from DC Fire & EMS photographer (and long time Secret List'r) Vito Maggiolo-this version has better audio".

<http://www.wusa9.com/news/columnist/blogs/2007/10/one-dc-ff-still-critical-second-in-fair.html>

MEDICAL UPDATE: Sergeant Michael LaCore remains in critical but stable condition in the Burn Intensive Care Unit at MedStar. There have been no significant changes since yesterday. Many weeks of rehab and therapy are ahead for Sgt. LaCore. FF Charlie Shyab has been upgraded to good condition. His burns encompass an area described as 30 % of his body with about 10% being third degree burns. He, too, has many weeks of rehabilitation and therapy ahead.

IF interested in helping through a donation go to: www.DCFFBurnFoundation.org

Take Care-BE CAREFUL.
BillyG
The Secret List 11-2-07 / 1145 hours

AND:

Hey....

The State of New Jersey has held 3 Fire Officers accountable for a fire training drill that was conducted against rules, laws and standards. The N.J. Division of Fire Safety has barred Emerson Fire Chief Thomas Carlos, Deputy Chief Mark Savino and Lt. Rich Solimando from commanding emergency calls or serving as officers for periods of time that go from 60 days to a year. All 3 volunteer Firefighters, are still allowed to go to calls as Firefighters during that period. Local Borough of Emerson elected officials decided not to issue any more punishment and are satisfied with the state's corrective actions.

In April 2006, the EFD conducted a training drill in a vacant commercial building. Other FD's were drilling with Emerson's firefighters to train in smoky conditions. The state said the EFD didn't have a permit for their live burn drill and that their actions violated N.J. Environmental Protection and Division of Fire Safety rules. The department burned hay, wood pellets and other combustible materials to create smoke. In Jersey, it is illegal to perform live burns in structures other than fire academies and training centers.

Take Care,
BillyG
The Secret List 11-1-07 / 1537 hours

The Clark County (NV) Firefighter who was recently arrested for breaking and entering into his own fire stations to steal morphine and valium was recently arrested again for the same crime. Hopefully he will get the help he needs, but probably not in time to save his job.

For the full story, go to:

http://www.ktnv.com/Global/story.asp?S=7212654&nav=menu498_1_1

And a related story:

http://www.klas-tv.com/Global/story.asp?S=7228932&nav=menu102_2_1

A Washington State Fire Department is faced with significant cuts to their service levels. Educational stories for all of us to learn from. As frustrating as it may seem, we all need to remember that a city sets the level of service it desires, based on how much money the taxpayers want to spend on fire protection. Communities will get the level of service they are willing to pay for.

For the full story, go to:

http://www.goskagit.com/index.php/opinion/article/mvs_fire_staffing_level_is_cause_for_concern/

And a related story:

http://www.goskagit.com/index.php/opinion/article/what_influenced_mv_councils_decision_on_fire_staffing_levels/

The fire stations in the Phoenix area are just multiplying on a daily basis it seems like. At least once a week, I find myself reading articles of newly opened fire stations to provide needed coverage to growing areas.

For the full story, go to: <http://www.azcentral.com/community/westvalley/articles/1016gl-nwvstation1017.html>

The Fire Chief of the Vallejo, California Fire Department has retired under pressure, after all of the recent issues the department and the city have faced. Sometimes it's lonely at the top, but it sounds like he did what he had to do, given the circumstances.

For the full story, go to: http://www.timesheraldonline.com/ci_7203408

And the fallout from his “retirement” - http://www.timesheraldonline.com/ci_7214010

More information coming from the Charleston, South Carolina Fire Department, and the tragic deaths of nine (9) firefighters back in June. This is one of those situations where “the truth hurts.” As much as some of the administration may hate to hear these recommendations, they had to be said – to ensure the health and welfare of the firefighters still on the job and on the job in the future are looked after.

Go to:

http://www.charleston.net/news/2007/oct/17/panel_urges_sweeping_changes_safety_training_leade/

And an eye-opening article about the reactions of some firefighters from Charleston and how they feel:

<http://origin.wcbd.com/midatlantic/cbd/news.apx.-content-articles-CBD-2007-10-17-0021.html>

And an article about the Fire Chief’s reaction to the report:

[http://cms.firehouse.com/web/online/Charleston-SC-Tragedy/Task-Force-Releases-Second-Charleston-Report/56\\$56756](http://cms.firehouse.com/web/online/Charleston-SC-Tragedy/Task-Force-Releases-Second-Charleston-Report/56$56756)

San Bernardino County (California) is looking at restructuring, from 27 fire districts into four regional zones, to increase efficiency and effectiveness.

For the full story, go to: http://www.sbsun.com/ci_7197665

And a related story from Idaho, where two fire departments are getting closer to consolidation. There is power in numbers. :

<http://www.mtexpress.com/index2.php?ID=2005117503>

And yet another related story from California about some communities looking at consolidation:

<http://www.timespressrecorder.com/articles/2007/10/17/news/news03.txt>

Something we tend to forget when we take the oath of office is that since we are public employees, our lives may be more public than we want them to. Many newspapers are starting to publish the salaries of firefighters and other governmental employees, and there is nothing we can really do about it – except.....continue to show the public that we are worth every cent we make!

If we continue to show the public that we are always offering value-added service every shift we come to work, we may weather this storm. Instead of getting emotionally charged in a negative (mad) way towards the newspapers for doing what they are doing, realize courts have ruled they can do so since our salaries are public information. So, instead of being on the defensive, get on the offensive and start proving to your customers that you’re worth every cent. Deliver “wow” service every

public contact you make, whether it is on a call, doing inspections, answering the fire station door, providing a public education drill, or just doing anything where you interact with the public (which is pretty much most of the day). And if you're not interacting with the public that often, I encourage you to start looking for positive ways to do so.

Many folks still think firefighters just fight fires, and that all we do is shop, eat, workout, and sleep. Don't get mad at me for saying that, I'm just quoting from numerous experiences I have had over the years. Instead of living up to their perception, take the time to positively educate them as to the numerous services we provide and that while fires only make up a small part of what most departments actually do, that we are making a positive difference in their community in so many ways.

Are you volunteering in the community you work for? Are you spending your money – off duty and on duty, in the community you work for? Are you spending time in the community you work for, on duty and off duty? Just some things to think about if someone ever questions your salary – which they will at some point. Instead of getting mad at them, prove to them through your actions that you care about the community, and that you are continuously giving back and worth every penny you are being paid by them – the taxpayer. You're a taxpayer – don't you want your tax dollars going to good use?

For the full story, go to: http://www.insidebayarea.com/dailyreview/localnews/ci_7222999

The problems for a Tucson, Arizona area fire department continue; the information coming out of this department is quite scary, as it shows the lack of caring or compassion for the personnel working within the department. If we don't take care of our internal customers (our personnel – our greatest asset), how do we expect them to take care of our external customers – the ones who pay our salaries and benefits? So for those that think problems are only occurring in departments like Charleston, South Carolina, look again. Every state has fire departments that are operating in very unsafe and unorthodox fashions; they are not just in one specific part of the country.

47 work place (fire station) violations were noted. For those that are supervisors, managers, or senior staff members, I hope this does not happen to your department. Otherwise, you are going to have some serious explaining to do.

For the full story, go to: <http://www.azstarnet.com/business/207028>

The Washington D.C. Fire Department (DCFD) is in the news again, this time because of a potential candidate who died during the physical ability examination of the hiring process. It doesn't happen too often, but is something all departments have to deal with: potential injuries or fatalities during the hiring process.

For the full story, go to: [http://www.examiner.com/a-991731~D C fire department recruit candidate dies after training.html](http://www.examiner.com/a-991731~D_C_fire_department_recruit_candidate_dies_after_training.html)

And another news story from the DCFD where a firefighter could lose his job for having a female guest share his bunk while on duty.

For the full story, go to: [http://cms.firehouse.com/web/online/News/DC-Firefighter-Could-Lose-Job-Over-Sleepover/46\\$56890](http://cms.firehouse.com/web/online/News/DC-Firefighter-Could-Lose-Job-Over-Sleepover/46$56890)


Another story from the DCFD where four firefighters were recently injured at a fire, with one remaining in critical condition. Get well soon brothers.

http://www.wusa9.com/news/news_article.aspx?storyid=64539

An Oregon town may lose fire protection services if voters do not approve an upcoming tax measure:

For the full story, go to: <http://www.katu.com/news/local/10566466.html>

Below you will find some great firefighter safety related tips and news items, courtesy of Everybody Goes Home (www.everybodygoeshome.com):



[National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend](#) October 2007
E-Newsletter


Since 1982, a grateful nation has honored its fallen fire heroes during the annual National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend held in Emmitsburg, Maryland. On October 5-6, 2007, the fire service and the nation honored the firefighters who died in the line of duty in 2006, as well as others from years past, and gave support and comfort to their surviving families, at the 26th annual National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend, conducted by the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation.

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[New Policy May Have Kept 9 Out of Inferno](#)

Charleston firefighters likely would not have entered the Sofa Super Store, where nine firefighters were killed June 18, if a new policy for battling blazes in buildings with truss roofs had been in effect that night.

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The *Everyone Goes Home*® Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives Program is made possible through the efforts of the National Fallen Firefighters

[Landmark Study Identifies Vital "Knowledge Gap" of Students When it Comes to Burn and Fire Safety](#)

A study released today conducted by the People's Burn Foundation of Indiana and Campus Firewatch outlines where students are lacking when it comes to life-saving information. This study also provides insight as to how students learn and how burn and fire safety professionals can deliver their messages to them effectively.

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Foundation, with funding provided by the Department of Homeland Security, Assistance to Firefighters Grant and the generosity of Fireman's Fund Insurance Company.



A couple of FDNY Firefighters are accused of arson – attempting to set a fire at one of their own firehouses.....

For the full story, go to: <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/21521421/>

And a related story where the FDNY Commissioner is irate – go figure.....can you blame him? Do background checks or psychological exams catch stuff like this in advance? I guess it depends on the situation and depends on whether they even occur and if they do, to what depth.

For the full story, go to:

<http://www.fireengineering.com/news/newsArticleDisplay.html?id=153739>

Firefighter Safety Information to Share, courtesy of California Office of Emergency Services (OES):

Please forward and distribute to the OES Fire and Rescue Regional Coordinator and OES Fire and Rescue Operational Area Coordinators within your Region.

Please ensure that the OES Fire and Rescue Operational Area Coordinators forward and distribute to Local Fire Agencies within their Operational Areas.

10/24/07 As you know CalFire engine 3387 was involved in a burn over on Sunday, Oct. 21st

on the Harris fire. At this time I am not able to go into great detail concerning each individual, but can provide some general information.

As a result of the burn over four of our firefighters received burn injuries. Two of our firefighters have suffered second degree burns, one on his face and hands the other on his back and the back of his legs. Both are doing well in the intermediate care ward of the burn center. At this time visitors are encouraged to call prior to coming in. This is due to the need for lots of rest and an overwhelming request for visits.

Our other two firefighters received second degree burns to their faces and respiratory systems. Their burns are not considered life threatening, but have required intubation and heavy sedation to allow for lung recovery. Both are surrounded by family members and are receiving excellent care. At this time only family members are being allowed to visit.

UPDATE:

From: Vogt, Mike
Sent: Sun 10/28/2007 6:48 PM
To: MVU Battalion Chiefs; MVU Chiefs
Subject: Update: E 3387 Firefighters

A few items to pass along in this update.

Status of our firefighters.

Our brother and sister in the ICU remain in critical condition due their respiratory injuries. They are being monitored closely by the hospital staff and continue to be surrounded by family and friends. Our firefighters in the Intermediate Care Unit are making progress. One had to have cadaver grafts on his hands and face on Friday and spent yesterday recovering. He is feeling much better today and even shows a little of his old self now and again. Our other brother in Intermediate Care is in good spirits despite the news that he will require surgery early this coming week. Overall, both are doing well.

Community Support.

For those of you have not heard the news, the San Diego Chargers are donating \$30,000 to our firefighters and their families. In addition to the generous donation, the Chargers provided an all expenses paid day at the game for the families. On the field for the opening ceremonies were the Governor, CALFIRE's Rick Henson, Alex Davenport and Joseph Lopes. I am told that Alex and Joseph were able to enter the stadium through the "tunnel" with the Charger players. I don't know that there is enough ice cream in the world to pay for that one.

Support from the field.

Today Tim Ward delivered money raised at the Harris Incident base to the families. Our thanks go to all who donated. You have helped make the lives of the families working so hard to be ever present for their loved ones a little easier.

In addition to all the CALFIRE employees who have come by to visit, today Engine Company #1 and their fellow strike team member from San Francisco FD stopped by. We also received a visit from Gig Harbor Fire of Washington state.

Donations

Donations for CALFIRE employees should be sent to:

CDF Firefighters Benevolent Foundation 1731 J Street, Suite 100, Sacramento, CA 95811
(916) 609-8700 Tax ID # 20-5686356

If you would like to contribute in the name of a specific person, please so indicate on your donation.

Donations to support a member of the public who received a burn injury should be sent to:

San Diego Burn Institute 8825 Aero Dr., San Diego, CA. 92123 (858)
874-6613

Visitors and cards should be sent to:

UCSD Burn Center
220 West Arbor Dr.
San Diego, CA 92107
CALFire Firefighters
Phone 619-543-6599

Visitors are encouraged, but for large groups please call first.

Mike Vogt

Firefighter and Family Liaison

More information is starting to come out of Baltimore, Maryland, where a recruit firefighter was killed earlier this year during a training burn. Definitely a story everyone can learn from. Unfortunately those that were immediately involved within the department did not learn soon enough to prevent this tragedy from initially occurring.

For the full story, go to: <http://www.firerescue1.com/news/313650/>

And another related story, including a list of safety violations:
<http://www.firerescue1.com/news/284969>

And another related story, go to:
<http://cms.firehouse.com/content/article/article.jsp?id=56735§ionId=46>

The growth just keeps going and going in the Phoenix area. The community of Queen Creek is announcing plans of having up to six stations in their future – not too shabby when they currently only have two, and are switching from Rural Metro (a private fire department) to their own fire department.

For the full story, go to: <http://www.eastvalleytribune.com/story/100692>

And a related article on how they will staff their department until they can become fully operational: <http://www.eastvalleytribune.com/story/100243>

Two Pennsylvania fire trucks collide (yes, I said two – not one) and five firefighters are injured.

For the full story, go to: [http://cms.firehouse.com/web/online/News/Pennsylvania-Fire-Trucks-Collide--Five-Hurt/46\\$56925](http://cms.firehouse.com/web/online/News/Pennsylvania-Fire-Trucks-Collide--Five-Hurt/46$56925)

A Washington Fire Department has banned smoking – on and off duty. While some may say this is something new, many fire departments have had no tobacco policies for some time. Many departments also require newly hired firefighters to have not smoked in the last year or so prior to getting hired, and also sign agreements they will not use tobacco products for the duration of their employment.

So, if you want to be a firefighter, and currently use tobacco, it may be a good time to start looking at how you can

For the full story, go to:

<http://cms.firehouse.com/content/article/article.jsp?id=56825§ionId=46>

After the recent autopsies from two firefighters who suffered line-of-duty-deaths, and who had traces of cocaine and/or alcohol in their system, more details are starting to arise about the potential troubles that may be brewing within their system. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.....

For the full story, go to: <http://www.firerescue1.com/laborissues/articles/315409/>

A couple of Utah cities are learning how to be smart and efficient when it comes to opening up additional fire stations. Since both towns were struggling with response times and how to each fund a station, they both creatively figured out how to open up a fire station that would serve both communities – a win-win partnership.

For the full story, go to: <http://hjnews.townnews.com/articles/2007/11/01/news/news05.txt>

Riverside County (CA) Fire Department has unveiled some new technology to find their way to calls. In today's world with the technology out there, it amazes me that all fire departments don't have some form of computerized mapping and data to provide the most up-to-date information on how to get to a call, what to expect when they arrive (pre-fire plans, site plans, satellite views, etc.), where the other units are responding from, etc. Someday.....

For the full story, go to:

<http://www.mydesert.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20071101/NEWS08/711010360/1141/yortown06>

A great article for any current or future company officer, to help you increase your leadership ability:

For the full story, go to:

<http://www.firerescue1.com/Columnists/Schmidt/articles/317325/>

The Winnipeg, Canada Fire Department is facing numerous changes after recent firefighter line-of-duty-deaths. Changes include better accountability, enhanced training and hiring of additional personnel, things that are commonly seen after firefighters are seriously injured or killed in the line-of-duty.

For the full story, go to: [http://cms.firehouse.com/web/online/News/Winnipeg--Canada-Fire-Department-Faces-Changes-After-Blaze-LODDs/46\\$56793](http://cms.firehouse.com/web/online/News/Winnipeg--Canada-Fire-Department-Faces-Changes-After-Blaze-LODDs/46$56793)

A Stockton (CA) Firefighter has been placed on administrative leave pending threats made to the County Board of Supervisors.

For the full story, go to:

http://www.recordnet.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20071026/A_NEWS/710260317/-1/A_NEWS02

Some Houston (TX) Firefighters did something we don't typically do on a regular basis – rescue someone from a fire. While rescue is typically our number one priority, it is rare that we actually “rescue” someone from a fire. Most of the time, people get out of the burning building on their own and without our assistance. Great job HFD!

For the full story, go to:

[http://cms.firehouse.com/web/online/News/Pennsylvania-Fire-Trucks-Collide--Five-Hurt/46\\$56925](http://cms.firehouse.com/web/online/News/Pennsylvania-Fire-Trucks-Collide--Five-Hurt/46$56925)

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News Alert

Foundation E-News Alert

October 24, 2007

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» [Take the Short Fire Safety Education Survey](#)

The National Fallen Firefighters Foundation is sending this announcement on the behalf of Kidde to help improve the fire safety education resources available to departments like yours. Your suggestions and comments will be used to renovate FireFYI.org, a website sponsored by Kidde that is a free resource for fire departments.

As an incentive for filling out the 28-question survey, Kidde, world's largest fire safety manufacturer, will enter your name in a drawing to receive a donation of 300 smoke alarms and 50 carbon monoxide alarms for your fire department. To enter your name in the drawing, please provide your e-mail address where specified in the survey.

The recipient of the alarms will be selected in May 2008.

Thank you for your time and for everything you do to help save lives.

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