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THE SIGNIFICANCE OF SOCIAL MEDIA IN THE FIRE SERVICE NOTED BY 12TH ANNUAL JFS



12th Annual
New Jersey Juvenile Firesetter
INTERVENTION CONFERENCE

Social Media: Spreading Information at the Speed of Fire
For Fire Service, Mental Health, Law Enforcement, Social Service, and Educational Professionals

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The 12th annual NJDFS/Kean/IAAII Juvenile Firesetter Conference is slated to convene on December 4th and 5th, 2014 at the Middlesex County Fire Academy. The Conference should be on the calendars

of fire service, mental health, law enforcement social service and educational professionals from both the public and private sectors since this year's conference theme focuses on the influence of social media.

NJDFS Conference Coordinator Charles Lavin, head of the Division's newly formed Community Risk Reduction Unit, invokes the theme "Social Media: Spreading Information at the Speed of Fire" by noting: "If you are involved with youth in your

professional capacity, you need to be at this conference to stay current on how social media is influencing your everyday tasks, and especially how social media is changing them," said Lavin.



IN THIS POSTING...

NBFD SHOWS THE WAY- ONLINE PUBED

FALL CATALOGUE TRAINING COURSES

THE FIRE CHALLENGE, ETC.

NJDFS-NJFPPA FIRE SAFETY CALENDAR

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Smoking & Home Fires

Smoking is the #1 cause of preventable home fire deaths.
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DIVISION SAFETY BULLETINS GET THE WORD OUT TO THE FIRE SERVICE AND THE MEDIA

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SAFETY ALERT

The Fire Challenge

A disturbing new trend is manifesting itself on YouTube called "The Fire Challenge."

The fire challenge involves teenagers posting photos and video of themselves dousing their bare skin and igniting it while another person pours a flammable liquid on them. The photos and video are subsequently uploaded to YouTube and shared with the online community to watch and share. Onlookers and internet viewers watch the

Accurate statistics are not available as to the number of injuries resulting from performing this stunt but at least one death and several documented injuries have been reported.

Several news stories regarding the practice of performing this stunt most say they didn't give much thought to the consequences and didn't realize the fire would be so intense.

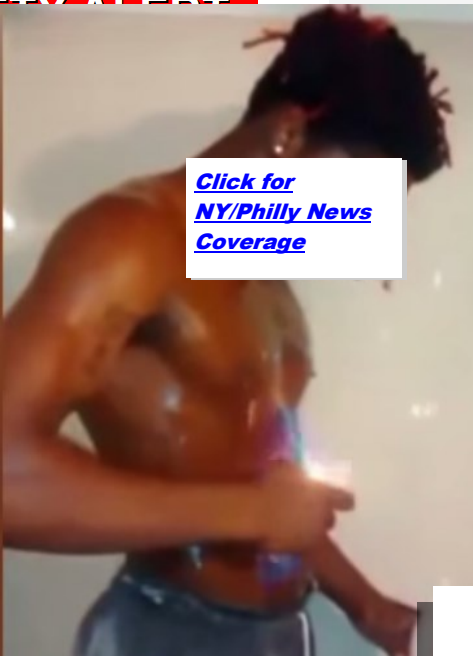
Since many of these reported incidents involve emergency responders must be particularly vigilant when treating victims, in addition to the following:

In accordance with American Burn Association and the policies of The Burn Center at Saint Elizabeth's Hospital, the transport of burn patients, all individuals should be transported to the nearest certified burn center.

- All Partial thickness (second degree)
- All Full thickness (3rd degree) burns
- All chemical, inhalation and electrical burns
- Any burns to the face, feet, joints
- Patients with pre-existing medical conditions
- Patients with burns and concomitant trauma (e.g., fractures)
- Patients requiring extensive surgical debridement
- Pediatric burns without qualified personnel

In New Jersey, consult with The Burn Center at Saint Elizabeth's Hospital, 5920.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Wednesday, August 13, 2014

New Jersey Division of Fire Safety Issues Safety Warning on Current Social Media Stunt

"The Fire Challenge" Has Resulted in Death and Serious Injury Nationwide

TRENTON, NJ - The New Jersey Division of Fire Safety and Office of the State Fire Marshal has issued an internal Emergency Bulletin to firefighters and fire officials statewide in response to a current social media craze. What is known as "The Fire Challenge," has resulted in serious burn injury and at least one fatality. This stunt involves young people dousing themselves with a flammable liquid, igniting it, and then posting a video of it on social media.

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Oil Extraction Hazards and January, 2013

Law enforcement agencies have noted a marked increase in an improvised hash oil preparation method known as "BHO" or Butane Honey Oil extraction.

Hash oil is derived from Cannabis (Marijuana). The texture is a thick, sticky, resinous substance. Hash oil is a resinous mixture of cannabinoids extracted from Cannabis. Hash oil is a tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) content, the active ingredient in marijuana. Honey oil is a specific type of hash oil that is smoked.

Hash oil is typically made out of 1.75" diameter PVC pipe, usually about 1' long. If PVC or metal pipe is used, the finished appearance is similar to a pipe bomb. The resin is placed in the pipe and a volatile solvent is injected into the top of the pipe. The solvent is then allowed to evaporate, leaving behind the resin. The resin collects at the bottom of the pipe and is then allowed to drip directly onto a plate or other surface during the solvent evaporation process.

Hash oil is highly flammable and potentially explosive materials, especially butane, the hazard of fire and or explosion is great. This is compounded by the fact that extraction is usually done indoor to avoid detection. Vapors can collect in unventilated spaces where pilot lights and gas stoves used to evaporate solvents provide excellent sources of ignition. Additionally, the person performing the extraction may become intoxicated which compounds the danger.

If responders are called to an occupancy where materials and paraphernalia believed to be used for hash oil extraction are found, they should immediately exit the structure and call law enforcement. Ultimately a bomb squad may need to respond, especially if homemade extraction tubes resembling pipe bombs are found. It is important to note as of the date of this alert, operations that have been discovered have not resulted in pipe bombs being found; what was found were, in fact, extractor tubes. This does not mean that eventually pipe bombs will not be found. With the understanding that drug dealers often use booby traps against law enforcement and competing drug dealers, it is wise to err on the side of safety and take all necessary safety precautions. These include but are not limited to the proper use of PPE and SCBA as appropriate.

The Division of Fire Safety continues to share its digital information resources to assist the state fire service in grappling with the fire safety consequences arising from aberrant social behavior.

Information on the so-called "Fire Challenge" and the use of Butane torches to extract Hash oil have been shared with first responders via Division Bulletins, Alerts, and press releases to warn those who deal with the consequences of this behavior.



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FIRELINE REPORT:

With William Kramer, Jr., Acting Director

The New Jersey Fire Safety Commission became a force in fire safety in 1983. During its more than 30 years of service, the Commission has gone far beyond its legislative mandate, which arose from a series of tragic rooming house fires in an era when fire fatalities were averaging in the double digits per month in our state.

Though any fire death is a profound tragedy, the years since this time have seen a steady decline in the number who have died as a result of fire and the amount of property loss in New Jersey, far outweighing what some would call the economic cost of regulation.

Commissioner Charles Schilling (Charlie) had a seat at the table then, up until very recently.

Recommendations made by the Codes Advisory Council, which Charlie chaired for so many years, were given to the Fire Safety Commission, and ultimately to the Governor and the Legislature, resulting in the promulgation of regulation augmenting one of the most comprehensive state fire codes in the country. The bottom line is that property was and is protected, and lives were and are being saved.

Though Commissioner Schilling was unable to attend, we took some time to honor his level of commitment to the cause of fire safety. I invite you to witness that tribute to “Charlie” Schilling and his unquestioned depth of dedication to the men and women of the fire service and to the people of New Jersey.

We are indebted to you for your service to our state.

Charles Schilling
Commissioner
New Jersey Fire Safety Commission
1983-2014

The tribute can be viewed here
[CHARLES SCHILLING TRIBUTE](#)

2014 NJDFS-KEAN FALL FIRE SAFETY TRAINING COURSES AT-A-GLANCE

**UNIFORM FIRE CODE:
ADMINISTRATIVE
TECHNICAL**



Editor's note: Create two desktop "windows" to easily browse available course number/CEU/course descriptions simultaneously by clicking the adjacent graphic and viewing the course brochure.

Crs-ID	Course Title	Uniform Fire Code		UCC Reciprocal		Fire Instructor	CEU's Awarded	Page
		Admin	Tech	Admin	Tech			
UNIFORM FIRE CODE - ADMINISTRATIVE								
CE063	Coaching For Positive Outcomes	x		x		x	0.5	8
CE092	Communicating For Results	x		x		x	0.5	8
CE021	Cultural Sensitivity	x		x		x	0.5	8
CE167	Fire And Life Safety Education That Your Community Can Live With	x				x	0.5	9
CE159	Fire Is	x				x	0.5	9
CE166	Influencing Without Authority	x		x		x	0.5	10
CE061	Leadership: A Self Analysis	x		x		x	0.5	10
CE119	Leadership Excellence	x		x		x	0.5	11
CE168	Leadership In The Real World	x		x		x	0.5	11
C2T20	Leading A Healthy Team	x				x	0.5	12
C2T14	Leading From The Front	x				x	0.5	12
C1C11	Presentation Skills For The Fire Service; How To Provide An Effective Presentation	x				x	0.5	13
CE151	Public Ed. - Fire Safety & Prevention Programs - Family/Seniors	x				x	0.5	13
CE146	Recognizing and Preventing Workplace Harassment	x		x		x	0.5	14
CE017	Stress Management	x		x		x	0.5	14
CE125	Team Turnaround	x		x		x	0.5	14
CE170	The Art of Negotiating	x		x		x	0.5	15
CE032	Time Management	x		x		x	0.5	15
CE705	Youth Firesetter Awareness	x				x	0.5	16
UNIFORM FIRE CODE - TECHNICAL								
CE753	Cause and Origin: A Systematic and Comprehensive Investigation		x				0.5	17
CE501	Code Update		x		x		0.5	17
CE760	Fire Investigation: Considering the Role of Natural Gas and/or Electricity		x			x	0.5	18
CE765	Fundamentals of Automatic Sprinkler and Standpipe Systems		x		x	x	0.5	18
CE773	Hazardous Materials: From Bulk Storage to Big Box Stores		x		x	x	0.5	19
CE749	Health-Care Facilities Fire Inspections and its Impact on FD Response		x				0.5	19
CE758	Hot Issues in Code Enforcement		x				0.5	20
CE750	Managing Fireworks Display		x				0.5	20
CE704	Not Just Arson: What all Fire Code Enforcement Personnel Should Know About New Jersey's Cri		x				0.5	20

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UNIFORM FIRE CODE - TECHNICAL (CONTINUED)								
CE547	Principles of Modern Building Construction		x			x	0.5	21
C2T21	Raise Your Right Hand and Repeat After Me		x	x		x	0.5	21
CE766	Report Writing		x	x		x	0.5	22
CE755	Retrofit - Subchapter 4		x		x		0.5	22
C1D59	Solar Power: A Renewable Danger		x			x	0.5	22
CE709	Terrorism Awareness for Fire Inspectors and Code Officials		x				0.5	23
CE774	Tips and Tools for Effective Inspections		x	x			0.5	23
CE708	Utilizing Accelerant K-9's In Fire Arson Investigations		x				0.5	23
CE775	Utilizing The Scientific Method In Fire Investigations		x			x	0.5	24
CE593	Water-Based Fire Protection Systems, NFPA 25-02		x		x	x	0.5	24
C2T23	Wood Frame & Ordinary Construction Principles For Fire Instructors and Fire Office		x			x	0.5	24
CHUBB COURSES								
CE553	CHUBB Sprinkler Lab Courses Module 1:Wet Pipe Automatic Sprinkler Systems/Water Supplies		x		x	x	0.5	25
CE554	CHUBB Sprinkler Lab Courses Module 2:Dry Pipe, Deluge & Preaction Sprinkler Systems		x		x	x	0.5	25
CE564	CHUBB Sprinkler Lab Courses Module 3: Warehouse Fire Protection and Fire Door Testing		x		x	x	0.5	26
CE581	CHUBB Sprinkler Lab Courses Module 4:Fire Pumps for Fire Protection Equipment		x		x	x	0.5	26
CE582	CHUBB Sprinkler Lab Courses Module 5:Commercial Fire Detection Systems		x		x	x	0.5	26
CE761	CHUBB Sprinkler Lab Courses Module 6: Standpipe Systems		x		x	x	0.5	26
FIRE SERVICE CERTIFICATION								
DGI01	Drill Ground Instructor (8 hrs)					x	0.5	27
T1001	Fire Instructor Level 1 (NFPA 1041, 40 hrs)					x	4.0	28
T2001	Fire Instructor Level 2 (NFPA 1041, 45 hrs)					x	4.5	29
T1GSW	Instructor Level 1 Written Certification Examination						None	29
T2GSW	Instructor Level 2 Written Certification Examination						None	29
FF2CH	Firefighter 2 Written Challenge Examination						None	30
FO1CH	Fire Officer 1 Written Challenge Examination						None	31

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FIRE INSTRUCTOR CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES								
C1D91	Bomb Threat Awareness And Response					x	0.5	32
CE063	Coaching For Positive Outcomes	x		x		x	0.5	32
CE092	Communicating For Results	x		x		x	0.5	32
C1D85	Critical Components Of Fireground Management					x	0.5	33
C2T25	Establishing a Field Training Officer Program					x	0.5	33
CE167	Fire And Life Safety Education That Your Community Can Live With	x				x	0.5	33
C1D88	First Due Concerns For Strip Mall Fires					x	0.5	34
CE765	Fundamentals of Automatic Sprinkler and Standpipe Systems		x		x	x	0.5	34
C2T26	Garden Apartment Fire Challenges					x	0.5	34
C1C36	Hot Hay					x	0.5	35
CE166	Influencing Without Authority	x		x		x	0.5	35
C1D90	Inspection Testing and Maintenance of Fire Fighting Equipment and Apparatus					x	0.5	36
CE168	Leadership In The Real World	x		x		x	0.5	36
C1D92	NJ Fire Service Preparedness					x	0.5	37
C1D89	Port and Vessel Fire Fighting Considerations Awareness					x	0.5	37
C1C11	Presentation Skills For The Fire Service; How To Provide An Effective Presentation	x				x	0.5	38
C1T81	Private Dwelling Fires					x	0.5	38
C1T96	Search Strategies and Tactics					x	0.5	39
CE125	Team Turnaround	x		x		x	0.5	39
CE170	The Art of Negotiating	x		x		x	0.5	39
CE032	Time Management	x		x		x	0.5	40
C2T23	Wood Frame & Ordinary Construction Principles For Fire Instructors and Fire Office		x			x	0.5	41
FIREFIIGHTERS COURSES OF INTEREST								
C1D91	Bomb Threat Awareness And Response					x	0.5	42
CE063	Coaching For Positive Outcomes	x		x		x	0.5	42
CE092	Communicating For Results	x		x		x	0.5	42
C1D85	Critical Components Of Fireground Management					x	0.5	43
CE021	Cultural Sensitivity	x		x		x	0.5	43
C1D33	Elevator Rescue & Emergencies		x			x	0.5	43

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FIREFIGHTERS COURSES OF INTEREST (CONTINUED)								
C1D60	FDNY Black Sunday's Bronx Fire		x			x	0.5	44
C1D88	First Due Concerns For Strip Mall Fires					x	0.5	44
C2T26	Garden Apartment Fire Challenges					x	0.5	45
CE166	Influencing Without Authority	x		x		x	0.5	45
C1D90	Inspection Testing and Maintenance of Fire Fighting Equipment and Apparatus					x	0.5	46
CE119	Leadership Excellence	x		x		x	0.5	46
CE168	Leadership In The Real World	x		x		x	0.5	46
C2T20	Leading A Healthy Team	x				x	0.5	47
C1D74	Legal Issues For Emergency Service Personnel					x	0.5	47
C1D92	NJ Fire Service Preparedness					x	0.5	47
C1D89	Port and Vessel Fire Fighting Considerations Awareness					x	0.5	48
C1T81	Private Dwelling Fires					x	0.5	48
C2T21	Raise Your Right Hand and Repeat After Me		x	x		x	0.5	48
CE146	Recognizing and Preventing Workplace Harassment	x		x		x	0.5	49
C1D75	Regulatory Requirements for Fire Departments					x	0.5	49
C1D59	Solar Power: A Renewable Danger		x			x	0.5	49
CE017	Stress Management	x		x		x	0.5	50
CE125	Team Turnaround	x		x		x	0.5	50
CE170	The Art of Negotiating	x		x			0.5	50
C2T12	Utility Emergencies and Fires - What You Need To Know					x	0.5	51
CE708	Utilizing Accelerant K-9's In Fire Arson Investigations		x				0.5	51
CE775	Utilizing The Scientific Method In Fire Investigations		x			x	0.5	51
COURSES OF INTEREST FOR COMMAND STAFF								
C1D74	Legal Issues For Emergency Service Personnel					x	0.5	52
C1D75	Regulatory Requirements for Fire Departments					x	0.5	52
CE017	Stress Management	x		x		x	0.5	52
CE032	Time Management	x		x		x	0.5	53
JUVENILE FIRESETTER INTERVENTION								
CE159	Fire Is	x				x	0.5	54
CE705	Youth Firesetter Awareness	x				x	0.5	54
NEW JERSEY INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM								
N2N80	ICS -200, 300 and 400 TTT					x	1.5	55
C2T13	ICS Forms and Incident Action Plan					x	0.5	56
N1N97	ICS For Structural Collapse Incidents - TTT					x	1.0	56

2015 NJDFS-NJFPPA FIRE SAFETY CALENDAR ADDS CVS AS A MAJOR SPONSOR

"The 2015 NJDFS-NJFPPA Fire Safety Calendar has secured the major underwriting of CVS/Caremark Corporation joining Atlantic City Electric and our legacy sponsors.

The support given by CVS and Atlantic City Electric will make 10,000 calendars available for distribution statewide; a time honored and functional way to drive the message of fire safety home."

William Kramer, Jr. Acting Director and State Fire Marshal.



2014 NJ F.I.R.E. Bowl State Champions Receiving Grand Prizes - KindleFire HD Tablets
Dwight D. Eisenhower School
Freehold, NJ
Pictured with Bureau Chief Lou Kilmer, NJDFS



"The New Jersey F.I.R.E. Bowl (Fire Information Rescue Education) is an academic competition— open to all 7th and 8th grade students— to answer questions on the topic of fire safety, fire science, firefighting procedures, and the history of the fire service. The Division of Fire Safety, in collaboration with local school districts, has organized and developed this exciting new competition hoping the program will become State-wide in the future. The ultimate goal of the New Jersey F.I.R.E. Bowl is to instill in the students life-long fire safety practices through spirited competition."



Poster Contest Awards Luncheon - June 17, 2014



Fire Departments and Fire Officials: Contact your NJDFS-NJFPPA County Poster Contest Coordinator to obtain copies for local distribution.

DIVISION K-9 TEAMS SHIFT ASSIGNMENTS AS ORIGINAL MEMBERS TAKE ON NEW ROLES

The Division of Fire Safety Accelerant Detection K-9 teams of Captain Steve Letts, Fire Investigator/K-9 Handler, and K-9 Hunter and Captain Silver, Fire Investigator/K-9 Handler, and K-9 Scout, have been in service with the Arson/K-9 Unit since July 2004. Both dogs, who are presently in service, are aging. Both K-9 handlers have acquired two new Labrador Retrievers that are approximately two years old. The new K-9's are K-9 Titan, assigned to Steve Letts, and K-9 Torch, assigned to Jeff Silver.

Captain's Letts and Silver are training the new K-9's which began in March 2014. Their testing and certification is expected to be in August or September of this year. When Titan and Torch are both certified and in service, the roles for K-9's Hunter and Scout will change.



They will remain in service as a backup to Titan and Torch for Ignitable Liquid Detection, but their primary role will be to enforce the State Statute known as "The Reduced Cigarette Ignition Propensity and Firefighter Protection Act." K-9s Hunter and Scout were cross-trained by their handlers to locate tobacco. In cases where contraband tobacco is involved, both teams work with the NJ Division of Treasury, Office of Criminal Investigations to enforce these statutes. In some cases, they may work with US ATF and FDA to enforce contraband tobacco laws.

K-9s Hunter and Scout will continue to serve the State of New Jersey until their handlers determine they can no longer handle the work physically. They would then retire at the handlers homes.

*Investigator Jeff Silver
Jeff.silver@dca.nj.us*



NJDFS/BERGEN COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY OFFER 'LIVE' ONLINE ALIVE TRAINING



Morgue file

ALIVE training modules, developed exclusively for the members of the New Jersey Fire Service, are now available and can be accessed in real time, live and online. The modules were created by the New Jersey Division of Fire Safety in partnership with the Bergen County Law & Public Safety Institute.

The training material and the firefighting procedures described in these web-based interactive multimedia training programs are based upon the results of several prominent research studies funded by the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program. The modules also focus on the operating procedures of leading fire departments such as the Fire Department of New York, the Chicago Fire Department, and the Bloomington, Indiana Fire Department.

The procedures shown are recommendations for how to operate safely when confronted with the situations typically encountered.

Should the procedures conflict with your departmental SOPs or the orders you receive on the fireground, please make sure to follow your own local SOPs and orders.

The following training modules are available by clicking the links listed below. Students may set their own learning pace.

[*Fires in Residential Lightweight Structures*](#)

[*Wind-Driven High-Rise Fires*](#)

[*Science of Modern Fire Dynamics*](#)

You can also download and install *ALIVE* as a desktop application icon on your desktops, laptops, and other digital devices with internet access. Discretionary information relative to your rank, type of department, and length of service will be used purely for follow on research paper purposes.



CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK FIRE PREVENTION SHOWS THE WAY FOR ONLINE FIRE SAFETY

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New Jersey Division Of Fire Safety
FIRE SAFETY FACTS

¿QUÉ PASA CON LAS ALARMAS MOLESTIA?

Compra un detector de humo con un modo de silenciamiento, de modo que pueda ser detenido de forma rápida y fácilmente. Mover a la basura de la cocina o el baño. Elija un tipo diferente de detector de humo. Una alarma fotoeléctrica es menos probable que produzca una falsa alarma debida a causas comunes.

¿Y RESIDENCIAL ASPERSORES?

Las alarmas de humo son la primera línea de defensa contra incendios en el hogar.

Rociadores residenciales sin embargo,

A FIRE SAFETY MESSAGE FROM THE NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF FIRE SAFETY AND YOUR LOCAL FIRE SERVICE

ALARMAS DE HUMO SALVAN VIDAS!

www.state.nj.us/dca/divisions/dfs/

www.cityofnewbrunswick.org

For several years the Division has offered the ability to post fire prevention and fire safety information on websites, Facebook and Twitter to career and volunteer departments and enforcing agencies. The material created and designed by the Division Community Risk

Reduction Unit, has taken the form of a six-panel, foldable, full-color brochure which can be reproduced as either a printed brochure or posted online for download — This is offered to citizens free of charge.

The Division also places the Maltese, or the patch of the jurisdiction, on the material as a “value-added” to the ever expanding list of emergency services provided to citizens by career and volunteer departments. As a career department, the New Brunswick Fire Department’s Prevention Bureau has taken the lead on the service by posting both Division and NFPA Tip Sheets giving direct access to citizens with a simple point and click. In consideration of New Brunswick’s increasingly diverse population, Fire Director Robert Rawls has seen that the Prevention Bureau posts NJDFS fire safety topics in languages other than English, knowing the brutality of fire makes no such distinction for those whom may fall into its path.

INTERNATIONAL CODES COUNCIL REQUIRES ALL FIRE OFFICIALS TO SELECT THEIR VOTER

The International Codes Council (ICC) has advised the New Jersey Division of Fire Safety of its intention to change the way that governmental members select their voter.

The ICC now has selected an online electronic voter designation. As a result, all local enforcing agencies (LEAs), and fire officials (FOs), in New Jersey are directed to access the ICC website and update their designated voters.

The deadline for updating was *September 1, 2014*.

To update your information, please contact the International Codes Council directly at:

https://av.iccsafe.org/_eweb/dynamicpage.aspx?webcode=OrgVoterReg&Site=icc

It is important for all governmental members to update their ICC memberships yearly. *If you did not meet the deadline you must take the time to do so now.*

The ICC advises that only the primary contact is permitted to login and update voters.



If the Primary Contact has changed, please notify the ICC via email at members@iccsafe.org to expedite the name change for the primary contact.

In addition, the ICC has instituted a new CDP Access, which enables voters to vote from their computers after the conference ends.

All voters must be approved by the deadline to vote either way. Please follow this link for the new CDP Access information:

<http://www.iccsafe.org/cs/cdpACCESS/Pages/default.aspx?r=cdpACCESS>

For more information contact:

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FIREFIGHTERS NEED TO KNOW EARLY STROKE AND HEART ATTACK SYMPTOMS

How would you react to a medical emergency? When it comes to life-threatening conditions like heart attack or stroke, every minute counts. Get to know the signs and symptoms of these health threats. If you think you or someone else might be having a heart attack or stroke, get medical help right away. Acting fast could save your life or someone else's.

Heart disease and stroke are two of the top killers among both women and men in the U.S. Nationwide, someone dies from a heart attack about every 90 seconds, and stroke kills someone about every four minutes, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Quick medical help could prevent many of these deaths. Fast action can also limit permanent damage to the body.

Heart attack and stroke are caused by interruptions to the normal flow of blood to the heart or brain—two organs that are essential to life. Without access to oxygen-rich blood and nutrients, heart or brain cells begin to malfunction and die. This cell death can set off a series of harmful effects throughout the body. The changes ultimately lead to the familiar symptoms of a heart or brain emergency.

You might know the most common symptoms of heart attack: sustained, crushing chest pain and difficulty breathing. A heart attack might also cause cold sweats, a racing heart, pain down the left arm, jaw stiffness, or shoulder pain.

Many don't know that women often have different heart attack symptoms than men. For instance, instead of having chest pain during a heart attack, women may feel extremely exhausted and fatigued or have indigestion and nausea.

"Many women have a vague sense of gloom and doom, a sense of 'I just don't feel quite right and don't know why,'" said Dr. Patrice Desvigne-Nickens, an NIH expert in heart health.

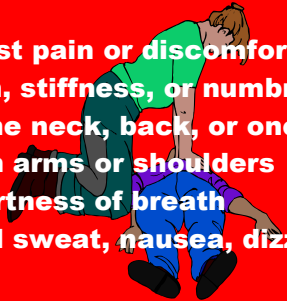
The symptoms of stroke include sudden difficulty seeing, speaking, or walking, and feelings of weakness, numbness, dizziness, and confusion. "Some people get a severe headache that's immediate and strong, different from any kind you've ever had," says Dr. Salina Waddy, an NIH stroke expert.

At the first sign of any of these symptoms, fast action by you, someone you know, or a passerby can make a huge difference. NIH-funded research has helped ensure that more people survive heart attacks and strokes every year. We now have medicines, procedures, and devices that can help limit heart and brain damage following an attack, as long as medical help arrives quickly.

If the heart is starved for blood for too long—generally more than 20 minutes—heart muscle can be irreversibly damaged, Desvigne-Nickens says. "You need to be in the hospital because there's a risk of cardiac arrest [your heart stopping]," which could be deadly. At the hospital,

Heart attack:

- ⇒ **Chest pain or discomfort**
- ⇒ **Pain, stiffness, or numbness in the neck, back, or one or both arms or shoulders**
- ⇒ **Shortness of breath**
- ⇒ **Cold sweat, nausea, dizziness**



YES, FIREFIGHTERS NEED TO KNOW EARLY STROKE AND HEART ATTACK SYMPTOMS

doctors can administer clot-busting drugs and other emergency procedures.

With stroke, Waddy says, “The longer you wait, the more brain cells are dying,” and the greater the chance for permanent damage or disability.

Emergency treatment for stroke depends on the kind of stroke. The most common type, ischemic stroke, is caused by a clot that clogs a blood vessel in the brain. The clot-dissolving drug TPA works best when given soon after symptoms begin. NIH research shows that patients who received TPA within 3 hours of stroke onset were more likely to recover fully.

Other strokes are caused by a hemorrhage—when a blood vessel breaks and bleeds into the brain. “The patient can have a larger hemorrhage within the first 3 hours,” Waddy says. A hospital medical team can help contain the bleeding, so every moment counts.

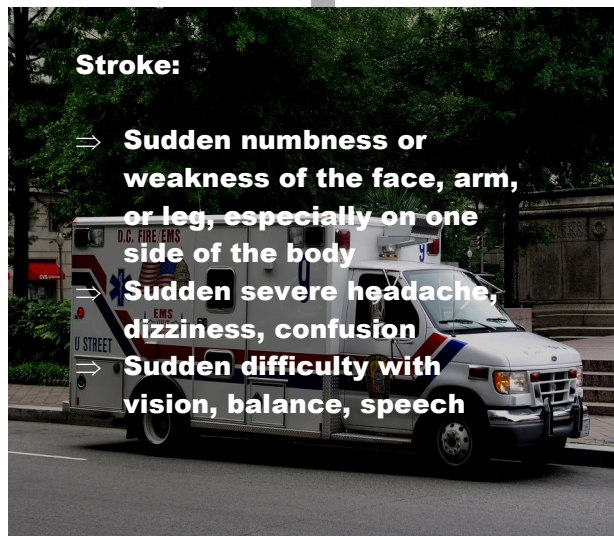
Even if you’re unsure, don’t feel embarrassed or hesitate to call 9-1-1 if you suspect a heart attack or stroke. “You should not go get your car keys. Your spouse shouldn’t be driving you to the hospital,” advises Desvigne-Nickens. “The emergency crew is trained to treat these symptoms, and it could mean the difference between life and death.”

“If you have high blood pressure, high cholesterol,

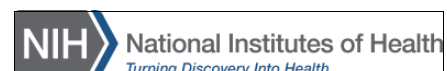
or diabetes, work with your doctor to get these conditions under control,” Waddy says. “Know your numbers [blood pressure, blood sugar, and cholesterol] and what they mean.”

You can also prepare for a medical emergency, to some degree. A hospital may not have access to your medical records when you arrive. Keep important health information handy, such as the medicines you’re taking, allergies, and emergency contacts. It would be important for the medical team to know, for example, if you’ve been taking anticoagulants to help prevent blood clots; these blood thinners put you at increased risk of bleeding.

You might consider carrying an NIH [wallet card](#) that lists heart attack symptoms and has room for your personal medical information.



NIH researchers are studying new drugs and procedures to help the heart and brain repair themselves and improve organ function. “But there is absolutely nothing that will save both your time and health as well as prevention,” says Dr. Jeremy Brown, Director of NIH’s Office of Emergency Care Research. Studies show that making healthy lifestyle choices can help prevent these medical emergencies from happening in the first place. Eat a healthy diet rich in protein, whole grains, and fruits and vegetables, and low in saturated fat. Get regular physical activity and don’t smoke. (From NIH in Health-click graphic for more info)



AFG: THE SOLUTION FOR THE EQUIPMENT NEEDS OF SOUTH JERSEY VOLUNTEERS

“Eighty-four percent of our members have gear that is ten years old and the other 16 percent have no gear at all and are unable to receive training,” is the way Joseph Sterling, Captain of the Leesburg Volunteer Fire Company, described the condition of his department’s personal protective equipment.

An Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) to the fire company, however, reversed all that, providing the company with 25 sets of what is also called turnout gear, along with 25 face masks. The president of the Board of Fire Commissioners, Captain Sterling said, “We’re excited, and relieved, with this grant. It saves the taxpayers money and takes a lot of pressure off the commissioners.” The federal share of the grant amounts to \$75,644; the local share is \$3,981.

The announcement of the grant was made by Dale McShine, Director of Grants for Region II of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, which administers the AFG program. “FEMA offers these grants to fire companies large and small throughout our region,” she said. “We are keenly aware of how important safety is to all firefighters, and we are very pleased to take part in this program.”

The grant covers 25 complete sets of coats, pants, helmets, gloves, boots, and vests. It also includes funding for the same number of face masks, which has produced additional safety problems.



“The only masks we now have are not assigned to individuals and are on our truck for anyone to grab. This causes dangerous confusion on the job as members scramble to find the right size mask. This AFG funding will allow each of our members to be properly outfitted with the appropriate mask size, which is a big safety plus,” said Sterling.

“Our fire district is pretty large, covering 50 square miles in Maurice River Township New Jersey,” Captain Sterling pointed out. We’ve got a permanent population of some 4,725 residents, which swells by literally thousands of travelers headed for Cape May, Stone Harbor, Wildwood, and Ocean City during the summer.” The district also covers two Corrections Department facilities, a food market and fueling station, three boat yards, a refrigeration repair business, a municipal building, a senior-citizen complex, an Office of Emergency Management, and a post office.

Captain Sterling was very pleased with the role FEMA played in the grant application phase. “FEMA was a major help,” he recalled, saying that FEMA personnel “walked us through the entire paperwork procedure. We really appreciated that.”

FEMA’s AFG program has been aiding firefighters and other first responders since 2001.

For more information on Assistance to Firefighter Grants:

[AFG 2014 Workshop Schedule](#)



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FISCAL YEAR 2015 HOMELAND SECURITY

APPROPRIATIONS ACT was introduced by Congressman John Carter (TX-31) on June 19, 2014. S. 2534 was introduced by Senator Mary Landrieu (LA) on June 26, 2014.

Summary: The bill makes appropriations for programs and activities of the Department of Homeland Security for Fiscal Year 2015.

KERRY ROSE FIRE SPRINKLER NOTIFICATION ACT was introduced by Congressman Steve Israel (NY-3) on May 19, 2014.

Summary: The legislation requires institutions of higher education to notify students whether student housing facilities are equipped with automatic fire sprinkler systems.

FEDERAL FIREFIGHTERS FAIRNESS ACT was introduced by Congresswoman Lois Capps (CA-24) on December 12, 2013. S. 2266 was introduced by Senator Thomas Carper (DE) on April 29, 2014.

Summary: The legislation creates a presumption that federal firefighters who are disabled by heart disease, lung disease, specified cancers and infectious diseases, contracted such illnesses while performing their duties as firefighters.

PROTECTING VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND EMERGENCY RESPONDERS ACT was introduced on December 10, 2013 by Senator Mark Warner (VA). H.R. 3979 was introduced on January 31, 2014 by Congressman Lou Barletta (PA-11).

Summary: The legislation ensures that volunteers are not counted as full-time employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

NICHOLAS AND ZACHARY BURT MEMORIAL CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING PREVENTION ACT was introduced by Senator Amy Klobuchar (MN) on December 10, 2013.

Summary: The legislation establishes a federal grant program to assist states in carrying out CO education programs.

HONORING HOMETOWN HEROES ACT was introduced on June 14, 2013 by Congressman John Larson (CT-1). **Summary:** The bill amends the U.S. flag code, allowing Governors to declare the flag to be flown at half-staff in the event of a first responder line-of-duty death.

FIRE SPRINKLER INCENTIVE ACT was introduced on June 13, 2013 by Senator Thomas Carper (DE). **Summary:** The legislation amends the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to include automated fire sprinkler systems as section 179 property and classify certain automated fire sprinkler systems as 15-year property for purposes of depreciation.

SAFE BUILDING CODES INCENTIVE ACT was introduced on May 8, 2013 by Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart (FL-25). S. 924 was introduced on May 9, 2013 by Senator Robert Menendez (NJ).

Summary: The bill would provide an additional funding for post-disaster grants under a program administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency to



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states that adopt and enforce state-wide building codes. **FIRE POLICE FAIRNESS ACT** was introduced on May 6, 2013 by Congressman Joe Courtney (CT-2). S. 876 was introduced on May 7, 2013 by Senator Richard Blumenthal (CT).

Summary: The legislation would extend coverage under the Public Safety Officers' Benefits (PSOB) program to fire police officers.

CAMPUS FIRE SAFETY EDUCATION ACT was introduced on April 17, 2013 by Senator Frank Lautenberg (NJ). H.R. 1609 was introduced on April 17, 2013 by Congressman Bill Pascrell, Jr. (NJ-9).

Summary: The legislation establishes a grant program at the Department of Education to make awards to institutes of higher education for fire prevention and education programs.

THE HONORABLE STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES COLLEGE FIRE PREVENTION ACT was introduced on April 9, 2013 by Congresswoman Marcia Fudge (OH-11).

Summary: The legislation directs the Secretary of Education to make competitive demonstration grants to institutions of higher education, fraternities, and sororities for up to half the cost of installing fire sprinkler systems, or other fire suppression or prevention technologies, in student housing and dormitories owned or controlled by such entities.

VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY SERVICES RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION ACT was introduced on March 6, 2013 by Congressman Peter King (NY-13). S. 506 was introduced

on March 7, 2013 by Senator Susan Collins (ME).

Summary: The legislation modifies the federal tax code to make it easier for fire departments and local governments to provide recruitment and retention incentive to volunteer emergency response personnel through length of service award programs (LOSAPs).

VOLUNTEER RESPONDER INCENTIVE PROTECTION REAUTHORIZATION ACT was introduced on March 7, 2013 by Senator Charles Schumer (NY).

H.R. 3747 was introduced on December 12, 2013 by Congressman John Larson (CT-1).

Summary: The legislation exempts from federal income tax any property tax benefit and up to \$600 per year of any other type of benefit that a state or local unit of government provides to volunteer emergency responders as a recruitment or retention incentive

(From the Congressional Fire Services Institute)



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(1) Introduced (2) Moving (3) To the Governor



ASSEMBLY

A391 (1)

Impact statement affecting
volunteer fire company
(Bucco R-25)

A499 (2)

Fire District property tax
Exemption
(Referred to State& Local)
(Schlepisi)

A507 (1)

Charitable Fee Exemption for Fire
Company
(Peterson R-23)

A511 (1)

Change District Election Date
(Peterson R-23)

A942 (2)

“Assistance to Firefighter
Families Act”
(Referred to Labor)
(Wisniewski D-19)

A1039 (2)

Fire Department Drones
(Referred to HS&SP)
(Prieto)

A1128 (2)

Increase Arbitration Time
(Referred to Labor)
(O’Scanlon)

A 1224 (2)

Fire District consolidation
(Referred to S&LG)
(McGukin)

A1250 (2)

Fire Official Tenure
(Referred to HS&SP)
(Prieto)

A1408 (2)

Fire Company Utility Credit
(Referred to Telecom)
(Chivukula)

A1537 (2)

Exempt Certificate Duty Limit
(Reported out of HS&SP)
(Rible)

A1689 (2)

PERS to PFRS for
certain Firefighters
(Referred to S&LG)
(Wisniewski)

A1698 (3)

Residential Sprinkler Bill
(To Senate Urban Affairs)
(Wisniewski)

A1976 (2)

Report On Campus Fires to
University Board of Directors
(Referred to H.E.)
(Riley)

A1987 (1)

Sample Ballots for
Fire District Elections
(Riley)

A2147 (2)

FD Drone Restrictions
(Referred to HS&SP)
(Casagrande)

A2319 (2)

Fair share of tax appeal refunds
from Fire Departments
Referred to S&LG)
(Bucco)

A2689 (2)

State Police surplus vehicles
to Fire Departments
(Referred to S&LG)
(De Angelo)

A2746 (2)

Upholstered Furniture Fire Safety
Regulations via DFS
(Referred to CA)
(McKeon)



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(1) Introduced (2) Moving (3) To the Governor



A2779 (2)

**Maximize Contribution to Fire
Company Biennially by Towns
(Reported out of HS&SP)
(Andrejczak)**

A2945 (2)

**Permanent FD Arbitration Cap
(Referred to Labor)
(Rodriguez)**

A2947 (2)

**November Fire District Elections
(Referred to Judiciary)
(Dancer)**

A2996 (2)

**(Received in the Senate)
Require Fire Hydrant
Snow Removal
(Lagana)**

A3048 (2)

**Municipal Fire Safety Purposes
(Referred to S&LG)
(Brown)**

A3067 (2)

**Fire Salary Arbitration Cap
-Substituted by S1869-**

A3299 (1)

**Database of all Hotels-Motels
(MuGuiken)**

A3307(1)

**12K Sq. School Fire Suppression
(McGuiken)**

A3424

**Fire Salary Arbitration Cap
P.L. 2014, Chapter 11**

ACR99 (1)

**\$ 200 Property Tax Credit
for Volunteers
(Singleton)**

SENATE

S106 ((2)

**Certify Municipal Building
Meets Fire Code
(Referred to Senate)
(Bucco)**

S116 (1)

**Sales tax exemption for
residential fire safety devices
(Bucco)**

S174(1)

**No civil liability for
responder forced entry**

(Whelan D-2)

S458 (2)

**Fire-EMS Crisis Hotline
(Law & Public Safety)
(Madden)**

S485 (2)

**Report On Campus Fires to
University Board of Directors
(Referred Higher Ed.)
(Cunningham)**

S812 (2)

**Change Fire District
Election Date
(Referred to SGW T&HP)
(Beach)**

S830 (2)

Companion A942

S851 (2)

**Solar Panel Building Emblem
(Referred to L&PS)
(Norcross)**

S1023 (2)

**Fire District Consolidation
(Referred to SC&UA)
(Bucco)**

S1036(1)

Companion A2835



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(1) Introduced (2) Moving (3) To the Governor



S1092 (2)
Companion A1537
(Passed by the Senate)
(Rible)

S1102 (2)
Seat for Fire Service on
Domestic Security Group
(Referred to L&PS)
(Bucco)

S1221 (2)
"Group Home Fire Safety Act"
(Referred to HHS&SC)
(Vitale)

S1288 (2)
Charitable Fee Exemption
(Referred to L&PS)
(Doherty)

S1480 (2)
Maximizes Municipal
Contribution to Fire Safety
(Reported out of SC&UA)
(Van Drew)

S2094 (2)
Fire suppression in all primary
and secondary schools
(Referred to Education)
(Hozaphel)

S2117(1)
Emergency Fire Systems In
Certain Situations
(Greenstein)
S2130(1)
Move Fire District Elections to
November
(Referred to G.W.T & HT)
(Turner)

S2316(2)
Residential Sprinkler Bill
(Referred to Urban Affairs)
(Whelan)

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DIVISION ISSUES POLLING PLACE PROTOCOLS

As many fire stations are utilized as polling places during elections, the Division of Fire Safety is providing the following recommendations to ensure security.

- ◆ If the area to be used for voting is not on the apparatus bay floor, ensure that access is restricted to the apparatus. If this is not possible consider stationing a uniformed firefighter in the area to prevent access.
- ◆ If the area to be used for voting is on the apparatus bay floor remove all preplans, keys to buildings, access pad numbers, portables radio's, etc. or otherwise ensure that these items are secured from the public. Turnout gear, uniforms, etc., should be moved to an area not accessible to the public.
- ◆ Remove all bulletins, security notices of a non-public nature, telephone rosters of membership, radio frequency listings, SOP/SOG's, etc. from public view.
- ◆ If apparatus must be left outside a uniformed

firefighter should be assigned to the station for the hours of polling operation. If this is not possible, the local police should be made aware that the apparatus is not secured and request extra patrol of the fire station. In addition, items such as preplans, keys to buildings, access pad numbers, portables radio's, etc., must be removed and secured.

- ◆ Consider coordinating with neighboring fire departments to share members who can roam from station to station in lieu of every department attempting to man their individual station(s).
- ◆ Inform the poll workers what areas are open to them and the public and what areas are not. Provide them with emergency numbers should there be a problem.

These are some general precautions. Certainly there are others that will be specific to your department's situation. Assess your stations and take whatever precautions you can to avert



**IN MEMORIAM
RICHARD CHOATE
BYRAM TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**REST NOW MY FALLEN BROTHER
LAY SOFT YOUR SUFFERING BACK
REST WELL AND FOREVER
YOUR MEMORY SHALL NOT LACK
REST YOUR TIRED HANDS
WIPE CLEAN YOUR WEARY BROW
REST WITH ST. FLORIAN
YOUR SPIRIT NOW ENDOWED
REST HERE YOUR BREAKING HEART
WE KNOW YOU GAVE YOUR ALL
REST EASY, YOU'VE DONE YOUR PART
YOU'VE ANSWERED YOUR LAST CALL
REST KNOWING THAT IN GOD WE SOUGHT
OH LORD, WATCH OVER ANOTHER WHO JUST FELL
REST ASSURED YOUR TROUBLED THOUGHT
AS WE RING THE FINAL BELL.**

(Author: Unknown)

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