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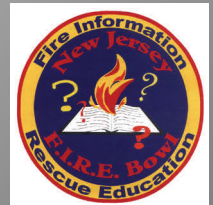
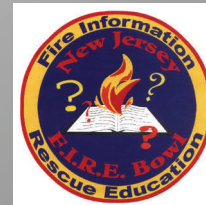
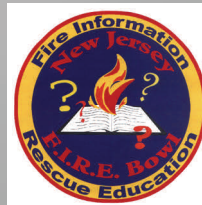
## 2014 F.I.R.E BOWL SEES LARGEST SCHOOL PARTICIPATION TO DATE: FREEHOLD WINS

New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (DCA) Commissioner Richard E. Constable, III recently announced that middle school students from the Dwight D. Eisenhower School in Freehold have been crowned the 2014 Fire Information and Rescue Education (F.I.R.E) Bowl champions.

The annual F.I.R.E Bowl instructs middle school students throughout the year in both in practical fire safety measures, and in the more technical aspects of firefighting and emergency medical treatment culminating with a statewide competition that tests student knowledge.

"It is important that we educate the public on fire safety measures beginning at a young age," said DCA Commissioner Richard E. Constable, III. "This event is a great way to keep students up-to-date on fire safety education and get them thinking about important fire prevention measures all while having fun and competing with their peers."

Students from 20 schools in Freehold, Belleville, Bayonne, Avenel, Colonia and Jersey City formed teams and competed in the 2014 F.I.R.E Bowl.



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**IN MEMORIAM ROBERT 'HAWK' MEYER**

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**Smoking & Home Fires**

Smoking is the #1 cause of preventable home fire deaths.  
IF YOU SMOKE, PUT IT OUT. ALL THE WAY. EVERY TIME.



## **2014 F.I.R.E BOWL SEES LARGEST SCHOOL PARTICIPATION TO DATE: FREEHOLD WINS**

Students from the Dwight D. Eisenhower School in Freehold secured the title of 2014 state champions against the second place team Academy 1 Middle School in Jersey City.

“We are pleased beyond measure to report the final results of our annual test of fire safety knowledge among our participant middle school pupils,” said William Kramer, Jr., Acting Director of the New Jersey Division of Fire Safety and State Fire Marshal. “This year we enjoyed our largest participation and our highest scores ever and we congratulate the team members, student advisors, parents, and teachers who all contributed to the effort.”

The New Jersey Division of Fire Safety F.I.R.E. Bowl was introduced at the National Fire

Protection Association (NFPA) International Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada as a Model Public Education Program in June.

“To have achieved recognition from NFPA for our efforts in this regard is indeed a high honor,” said Kramer. “Our hope is that more jurisdictions throughout New Jersey will see the merit in taking the program to their local schools, many of whom last saw instruction in *“Stop, Drop, and Roll.”* Formulating life-long awareness of the danger that fire can present is certainly a goal worthy of the effort.”

Each winning team member received a Kindle Fire HDX tablet courtesy of a fire prevention education grant from FM Global of Rhode Island, a worldwide insurance underwriter.



**The New Jersey Division of Fire Safety 2014 F.I.R.E. Bowl Champions join NJDFS Inspection Bureau Chief Lou Kilmer on stage at Kean University: (l to r) Coach Meghan Campion, Joseph Chiusano, Michael Yakubov, Alan DeCowski and Thomas O'Brien**

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## TEAM F.I.R.E BOWL

## Charter Sponsors



**Henry E. Harris**

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Karina Toledo  
Samantha Olivieri  
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**Dr. Walter F. Robinson**

Coach—Patricia Niland  
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**Mary J. Donohoe**

Coach—Jolan Tadros  
Richard Torres  
Reika Hayashi  
Danielle Zimny  
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**Lincoln Community**

Coach—Joseph Bellia  
Napolean Santana  
Kevin Gonzalez  
Dylan Sadiq  
Christopher Nunez

**Horace Mann**

Coach—Kelly Anne Lake  
Lauren Bulka  
Nira Abouelkheir  
Emily Gill  
Paul Weeks

**Washington Community**

Coach—Rose Abeal  
Abigail Kowal  
Cassandra Novielli  
Cyril Shenouda  
Domenico Crincoli

**Eisenhower School**

Coach—Meghan Campion  
Purab Kothari  
Gianna Chiusano  
Anthony Gnizak  
Allison Gonzalez  
Michael Yakubov  
Thomas O'Brien  
Joseph Chiusano  
Alan DeCowski

**Belleville Middle School**

Coach—Cory Koransky  
Coach—Rachel Harris  
Sanel Zilkic  
Joey Kabakibi  
Natalia Peralta  
Amin Espinosa  
Anthony Suarez  
Angheliz Flores  
Justin Coviello  
Vivian Sanabria  
Amr Kabakibi

**Avenel Middle School**

Coach—Christina Weiman  
Coach—Kelly Wagner  
Coach—Bernadette Kiempisty  
Coach—Rana Korintus  
Matthew Sternesky  
Cailin Bubb  
Mya Dillard  
Jiullyan Silva  
Matthew Cinelli  
Dominique Grogue  
Ryan Balog  
Sparsh Desai

**Colonia Middle School**

Coach—Tracy Mazzarra  
Coach—Michele Sacco  
Coach—Jeffrey Shanker  
Zach Pereira  
Amanda Kavaja  
Frances Brock  
Kelly Branco  
Tatiana Correia  
Jaden Riveles  
Sharmi Shah  
Akhil Patel  
Adrianna Munoz

**Midtown Community**

Coach—Joyce DiPasquale  
Maharene Smith  
Shakiba Namjou  
Kion Namjou  
Jessica Kenny

**Woodrow Wilson**

Coach—Larissa Drennan  
Paolo Rivera  
Jeremy Lewan  
Jhaelin Mira-Bautista  
Kevin Gonzalez

**John M. Bailey**

Coach—Kristy Martin  
Brittney Isaacson  
Kara Cavanagh  
Jerson Barreto  
Katelyn Kimball

**Nicholas Oresko School**

Coach—Barbara DeBeneditis  
Sean Manuel  
Dmitry Shlyapkinov  
Skyler Martinez  
Giancarlo Megale

**Academy 1 Middle School**

Coach—Joe Osenenko  
Arielle Militante  
Nelson Castro  
Joan Marie Tubungbanua  
Parth Vora  
Harshal Agrawal  
Sakthivelan Manikanthan  
Rinal Patel

**Helen Fort/Newcomb Middle School**

Coach—Kenny Taylor  
Brenda Jimenez  
Chyenne Raines  
Katelyn Skoglund  
David Doty  
Jessica Lecorchick  
Brett Johnson  
Robert Earley



# **2014 F.I.R.E BOWL SEES LARGEST SCHOOL PARTICIPATION TO DATE: FREEHOLD WINS**



*Coordinator Charles Lavin explains the competition ground rules.*



*Eisenhower knows there is no "I" in team.*



*Kean University provides a fitting setting for the 2014 State F.I.R.E Bowl Championship.*



*Academy 1 Girl Power!*



*News 12 Tony Caputo during a light moment.*

# ***NJDFS FIRE IN NEW JERSEY REPORT REVEALS RESIDENTIAL FIRES AS CHIEF FATALITY CAUSE***



*“Fire in New Jersey 2013,” the Division’s report on the trail of fire in the state, shows residential fires as the leading cause of civilian fire fatality.*

*Sadly, 2014’s toll for both civilians and firefighters has outpaced last year.*

[THE FULL REPORT FOR 2013](#)

## **FAST STATS FOR 2013**

- 4 firefighters died in the line of duty.
- 453 firefighter injuries were reported.
- 60 civilians lost their lives as a result of fire.
- 50 (83%) of all civilian fire fatalities occurred in residential properties.
  - 36 (60%) in 1 or 2 family dwellings
  - 11 (18%) in multifamily dwellings
- 219 civilians were reported injured as a result of fire.
- 471 civilians were reported revived by fire departments using an automatic external defibrillator.
- 23,403 fires were reported.
- 14,096 structure fires were reported.
- 80% of all reported structure fires involved residential properties.
- 55% of reported residential fires occurred in 1 or 2 family dwellings.
- 256 fires were reported intentionally set in residential properties.
- 76% of all reported vehicle fires involved passenger vehicles.
- 7 civilian fire fatalities occurred in vehicles.
- 25 passenger vehicle fires were reported intentionally set.
- 1,613 acres were reported burned.
- 328 school fires were reported.
- 8% of all reported incident responses were fire incidents.





# ***FIRELINE REPORT:***

**William Kramer, Jr., Acting Director**



Acting Director Kramer reports the Division has received IFSAC and ProBoard accreditations for Firefighter I and II, Fire Officer I and II, Hazmat Awareness and Operations and Fire Instructor I and II. All programs have received dual accreditation. Acting Director Kramer reported that the Division should be the sole sanctioned accreditation agency and that the New Jersey Fire Safety Commission has been in full support of its bid to do so.



The members of the Division Peer Review Committee have all been appointed and are as of posting: Scott McCormick—Hamilton Township, Samuel Infante—Bloomfield, and David Hanlet—Leonia-Oradell. The alternates are: Patrick Rinaldi-Manville and Frank Lafferty-Haddon Heights. The Committee will first address all pending cases, and of those, determine which require further action or not, as the principals may no longer be involved in the fire service.



The Registration and Inspection Management System (RIMS) continues integration into LEA operations. Software updates are continuing and at least three have been logged thus far. CGI, the software author, has been very responsive to fixes that have addressed those software issues on an ongoing basis.

LEA Annual Reports are now being predominately done via RIMS this year with much success as opposed to prior paper reporting. Certain LEA funding was withheld due to an inspections lag. This is a concern not only for the loss of revenue but for the public safety implications as well.

The Division is in the process of moving the RIMS server onto the Cloud, and it should be completed by the end of the summer.



# NEW NJDFS FIREFIGHTER TRAINING MANUAL A "STATE-OF-THE-ART" DELIVERY SYSTEM

**NEW JERSEY EDITION**

**FUNDAMENTALS OF  
FIRE FIGHTER SKILLS**

ENHANCED THIRD EDITION

**A Complete Fire Fighter I and II Training Solution**

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) are pleased to bring you the Enhanced Third Edition of *Fundamentals of Fire Fighter Skills*, the most modern, targeted, leading, and learning system for Fire Fighters I and II. No other training program has had this great impact on the fire service as the Second Edition of *Fundamentals of Fire Fighter Skills*. In addition to the comprehensive updates from within the Second Edition, the digital edition and its features were designed to be a world of digital training, and learning solutions with cutting edge technology. The new 4th Edition of the Second Edition, joined to become learning, the NFPA and the IAFC have joined forces to create the best for the fire service ever again.

**The Enhance of Third Edition features:**

- A new 360-degree focus on fire fighter injury prevention with a dedicated chapter on safety built upon the IFA Fire Fighter Life Safety Initiative and coverage of the Fire-Master Reporting System cases throughout the text.
- Expanded skills coverage, including over 70 new skills drills and the inclusion of a new Flash-based *Fire Fighter Practical Skills Review CD-ROM*. All step-by-step skill drills are labeled as either Fire Fighter I or II including the corresponding NFPA job performance requirements.
- Page references for quick access to coverage of NFPA 1001 and NFPA 112 objectives in each chapter.

**Current Content:**

The Enhanced Third Edition covers the entire spectrum of the 2008 Edition of NFPA 1001: Standard for Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications, as well as the requirements for the Awareness and Operations levels in the 2008 Edition of NFPA 112: Standard for Competence of Responders to Hazardous Materials/Weapons of Mass Destruction Incidents. From fire suppression to hazardous materials to emergency medical care, this one volume covers it all!

**Dynamic Features**

The features found in the text will help students who are more apt to be a learning style by utilizing the features:

- Detailed case studies
- Diagrams of skills drills
- Practical field tips
- Audio and video segments from veteran fire fighters
- The *Fire Fighter Practical Skills Review CD-ROM*, one with the Enhanced Third Edition.

**Interactive Technology**

The Enhanced Third Edition brings a variety of interactive resources to the digital edition through:

- [www.FireFighter.jpqa.com](http://www.FireFighter.jpqa.com)

**Also Available:**

- Student Workbook

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**The New Jersey Division of Fire Safety, as the central training and certification agency for all New Jersey firefighters and fire officers, maintains its cutting-edge approach to accomplishing its goal of making sure the nearly 35,000 members of the combined career and volunteer New Jersey fire service secures the best training available with its new digital course textbook.**

**In partnership with Kean University's World Class educational standards, the Division is continuously improving its delivery system including the very latest iteration of the most basic of certification courses for firefighters, Firefighter I & II.**

**This year the course combines in-class instruction with the digitally-delivered textbook that offers a host of interactive features. The eBook provides a personal and collaborative learning experience across all digital devices including desktops, tablets and mobile devices.**

## **WINDOWLESS BASEMENTS A TIMELESS THREAT TO FIREFIGHTER SAFETY**

*Editor's note: Many of you may recall George Miller former NJDFS Inspections Bureau Chief. His plain spoken take on windowless basements reprinted here are as relevant today as they ever were.*

*The intent of the Uniform Fire Code is to control fires and reduce the number of injuries and deaths. The Code also makes the firefighter's job less hazardous through sections on standpipes and central control stations in high-rises, sprinkler systems in hazardous uses and reporting of hazardous materials storage.*

*Some Code provisions are designed specifically to protect firefighters. One in particular windowless basement or story requirement [NJAC 5:70-4.7(h), has a direct impact on standard operating procedures (SOP) for fighting fires below grade and in windowless story accessible by fire department-ladders. This sub-section requires that all basements and certain building stories have either unobstructed firefighting access from the exterior by way of grade-level windows or doors or an alarm system in basements less than 3000 sq. ft. in area, or a fire sprinkler system.*

*It is the intent of this section to allow firefighters to either operate hand lines to effect extinguishment and rescue from the exterior, or, to be able to supply a sprinkler system if there is no safe access. In either case, fires in these areas should be much smaller when they are reported early and therefore safer to combat, or, they are beyond safe interior attack, it will not be necessary to enter the basement or story to control the fire.*

*There are five possible situations firefighters can encounter with these spaces where the code has been properly enforced.*

*Openings are provided by means of doors, windows or access panels for exterior firefighting and rescue operations. These openings must be readily identifiable and not require firefighters to enter a confined area (entering below grade stairwell through "Bilco" doors) to access a basement door does not constitute an above-grade opening.*

*Windowless basements or windowless stories below the seventh are fully suppressed.*

*For basements of less than 3,000 sq. ft. in total area, an alarm system will provide early detection, which should mean a smaller more controllable fire situation.*

*Basements between 3,000 sq. ft. and 10,000 sq. ft. will have an alarm system and a "dump" sprinkler. This system will be installed in the same manner as any other sprinkler system, except the automatic water supply is not required. Water, therefore, must be supplied by the fire department connection marked "Basement Area Sprinkler Water Supply". Firefighters will be able to supplement the water supply to the basement through this connection and control the fire without having to enter the basement.*

*Basements of over 10,000 sq. ft. will have full automatic sprinkler system with an adequate water supply for the hazard present. There will be a regular fire department connection which should be utilized in accordance with the fire department's normal SOP for suppressed buildings.*

*We urge fire suppression forces to work with local fire officials to identify where these systems are, how they work, and how this protection will be incorporated into local firefighting SOPs.*

*(Courtesy Bob Lennox, NJDFS Local Assistance NW)*

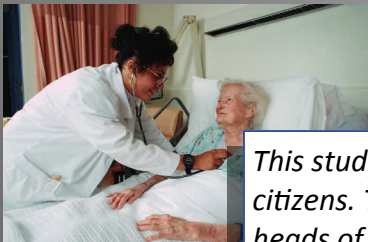


# **GREAT FIREHOUSE READS...**

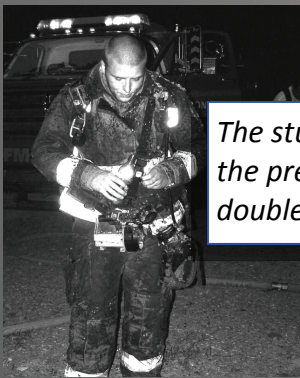
*(Editor's Note:) From time to time the staff at NJDFS Fire Focus Quarterly suggests links to articles of interest to the New Jersey fire service in the hope that the information will leave them better prepared for the world's most dangerous occupation. (Click photo for linked article.)*



*The Vulnerable Localities Index (VLI) is a popular tool used in Europe to identify areas in greater need of public safety, including fire protection. Read more about how the index assists strategic deployment of fire resources.*



*This study focuses on the prevalence of fire and injury prevention in homes with senior citizens. The study notes the need to improve public education efforts among senior heads of households, especially those living in single-family dwellings.*

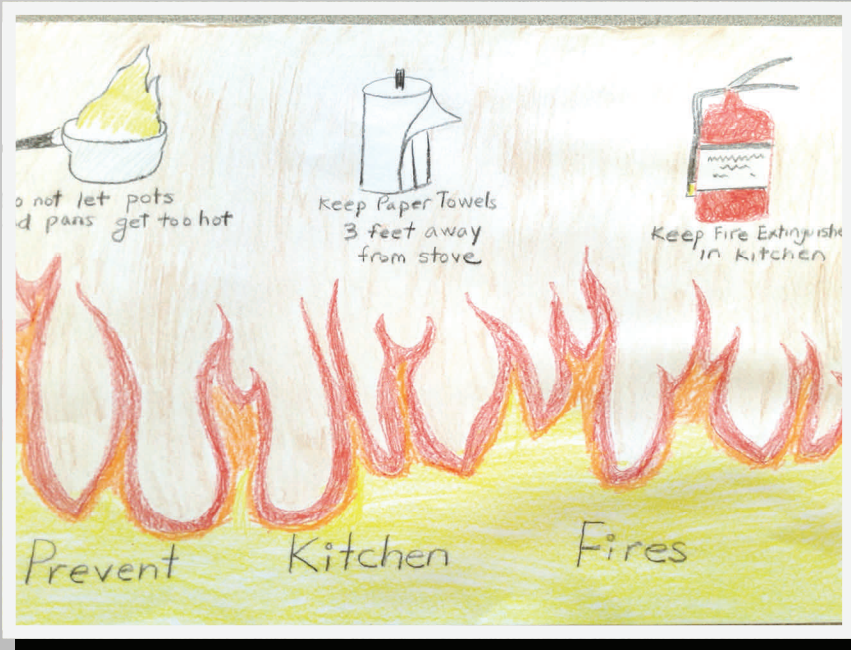


*The study looks at the 1.2 million career and volunteer firefighters nationwide and the prevalence of cardiovascular disease mortality among them. A key focus is on double shifts for career departments and firewatches for volunteers.*

**Fire Safety Lasts a Lifetime**  
Tips for Older Americans  
[More Information »](#)



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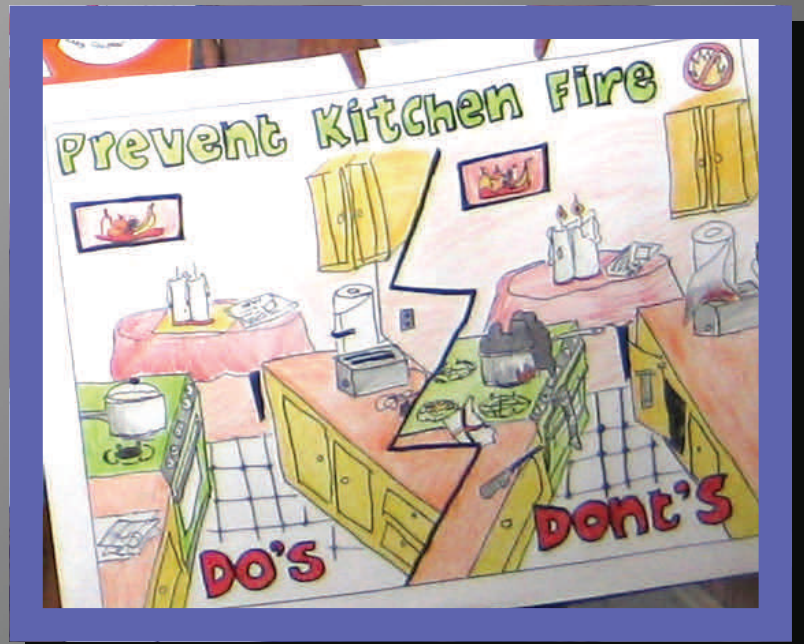


**DIVISION 1 WINNER**

**Neel Chandwani  
Barclay Brook School  
Monroe Township  
Middlesex County**

**DIVISION 2 WINNER**

**Alyssa Rozario  
Nicholas Oresko School  
Bayonne  
Hudson County**



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**DIVISION 3**

**Gabrille Marra  
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Hudson County**



**DIVISION 4**

**Brandon Matos  
Belleville High School  
Belleville  
Essex County**



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**DIVISION 5**

**Alexandra Ipsaro  
Ocean County Vo-Tech  
Toms River  
Ocean County**

**DIVISION 6**

**Celina Calix  
Martin Luther King School #11  
Jersey City  
Hudson County**



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**DIVISION 7**

**Cathrin Cruze  
Liberty High School  
Jersey City  
Hudson County**

**DIVISION 4**

**Brandon Matos  
Belleville High School  
Belleville  
Essex County**





# **2014 NJFPPA-NJDFS POSTER CONTEST AWARDS LUNCHEON CELEBRATES AND REWARDS STUDENTS**

*NFPPA President Rich Silva addresses parents and students.*

*Proud parents and some very happy student artists marked this year's annual NJDFS-NJFPPA Poster Contest luncheon as each Division winner received a Macbook Pro and companion printer for their efforts.*

*The poster artists will be featured in the 2014-2015 NJDFS Fire Safety Calendar. A new sponsor, CVS-Caremark, will now underwrite the printing of 10,000 calendars giving a tremendous boost to NJDFS statewide fire safety public education efforts.*

*Brandon Matos , Overall Winner of the 2014 Poster Contest in addition to Division 4 , proudly walks off with his new MacBook Pro. Brandon's poster along with his fellow competitors will be featured in this year's NJDFS Fire Safety Calendar .*



*Rich Silva presents Jersey City art teacher ,Linda Fiore, with a special recognition for the number of her students who have successfully competed in the annual NJDFS-NJFPPA Poster Contest.*





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*Students, NFPPA officers and major underwriters celebrate the moment.*



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*Preparedness Unit chief Rick Farletta joins with Northwest Region Coordinator Tim Weiss in accepting a commemorative coin and certificate in recognition of the*

*Division's role in the distribution of recovered World Trade Center steel to 911 monuments throughout the United States. The Unit has worked closely with various jurisdictions over the years to coordinate the movement of those recovered artifacts from Ground Zero to various local monuments in cooperation with the 9/11 Memorial Foundation.*



### **ALARMS TO GO!**

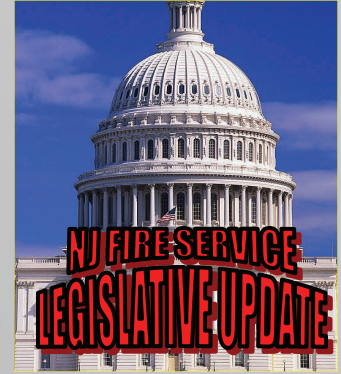
*NJDFS WABC Operation Save A Life Coordinator Paul Elenio distributes smoke alarms to representatives of the Ocean County contingent, represented by Toms River Township's Bob Yaiser and Brick Township FO Kevin Batzel. New Jersey Fire Safety Commissioner, Stanley Sickels, is also on hand to certify the latest alarm giveaway, which has seen the delivery of over 115,000 of these vital life saving devices to the elderly and needy throughout the WABC 7 viewing area. A similar program is conducted by WPVI-TV for south Jersey counties.*





# AT ISSUE:

## **AFG AND SAFER FUNDING FOR FY' 15 TO EQUAL FY '14**



The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Homeland Security approved a Fiscal Year 2015 funding bill for the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

The \$39.2 billion spending bill is a slight decrease from the Fiscal Year 2014 spending level, but is an \$888 million increase above the White House's request for the department.

Included in the spending bill is funding for a number of important fire service programs. The Assistance to Firefighters (FIRE) grant program and the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant program are each funded at \$340 million, the same amount as in the current fiscal year.

The White House had requested \$335 million for each program in its FY2015 budget proposal. Additionally, the United States Fire Administration (USFA) maintains its current level of funding at \$44 million. The White House had recommended cutting USFA's funding to \$41.407 million.

Earlier in the year, CFSI co-signed a letter with the other national fire service organizations to the House and Senate appropriations committees asking them to maintain the current level of funding for these programs.

Funding of the fire service at the Federal level relies upon continuing resolution absent a formal budget. The Senate last passed one in 2009.

"At a time when fiscal austerity drives many of the funding decisions at the federal level, it is good to see that Congress understands the importance of these vital programs and supports maintaining the current funding levels," said Bill Webb, CFSI's executive director.

"The FIRE and SAFER grant programs have provided equipment, training, and personnel to fire department across the country, while USFA has given the fire service a much needed voice within FEMA and the Department of Homeland Security."

"I applaud Subcommittee Chairman John Carter and Ranking Member David Price for their willingness to work with our organizations to address the needs of our nation's fire service."

Unfortunately, the funding bill does contain a cut to the Urban Search and Rescue Response System. The bill funds the US&R system at only \$27.513 million, down from \$35.18 million in Fiscal Year 2014. This is in line with the White House's budget request.

The bill will now go before the full House Appropriations Committee for consideration before being sent to the House floor.

The Senate Appropriations Committee is expected to take up a companion bill in the coming weeks, but it will include its annual summer recess.





# AT ISSUE:



## **NEW JERSEY FIRE SERVICE LEGISLATIVE TRACKING**

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

### ASSEMBLY

#### A213 (1)

**Firefighter Home Buyer  
Assistance Act  
(Gusciora D-15)**

#### A274 (1)

**Requires Public Utility/Responder  
Disaster Meeting  
(Simon R-16)**

#### A275 (1)

**Establishes NJ Electromagnetic  
Infrastructure Commission  
(Simon R-16)**

#### A317 (1)

**Employee time off for  
volunteer firefighters  
(Brammick R-21)**

#### A359 (1)

**Reappointment for laid off  
nonpermanent firefighters  
(Caputo D-28)**

#### A373 (1)

**Broaden municipal arson  
investigation powers  
(Tucker D-28)**

#### A391 (1)

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

#### A410 (1)

**Firefighter Roadside  
LODD Memorials  
(Brammick R-21)**

#### A507 (1)

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

#### A511 (1)

**Change District Election Date  
(Peterson R-23)**

#### A531(1)

**EMS/Volunteer First Aid  
Civil immunity  
(Peterson R-23)**

#### A549 (1)

**Volunteer EMT Training  
Re-imbusement  
(DeMaio R-23)**

#### A792(1)

**Mobil Home Parks defined as  
MDU for Inspections  
(Coughlin D-19)**

#### A929(1)

**Exemption for personal response  
by first responders on water  
(Brown R-2)**

#### 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)**

#### A1161(1)

**Utility reimbursement for  
emergency services**

#### A 1224 (2)

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

#### A1250 (2)

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

#### A1275 (3)

**Prescribed Burning  
(Dancer R-12)**



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**A1340 (1)**

**Remove emergency  
vehicle markings  
(Quijano D-20)**

**A1347 (1)**

**Workman's Comp for  
Public Safety personnel  
(Stender D-22)**

**A1408 (2)**

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

**A1470 (1)**

**Requires community center  
emergency generators  
(Diegnan D-18)**

**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 (2)**

**Residential Sprinkler Bill  
(Reported out H&CD )  
(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)**

**A2076(1)**

**Prohibits sale of unauthorized  
vehicle emergency lights  
(Brown R-8)**

**A2077(1)**

**Increases penalties for  
unauthorized agency lights  
(Brown)**

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**FD Drone Restrictions  
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(Casagrande)**

**A2319 (2)**

**Fair share of tax appeal refunds  
from Fire Departments  
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**A2367 (1)**

**Emergency fuel  
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Disabled Residents  
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**State Police surplus vehicles  
to Fire Departments  
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(De Angelo)**

**A2746 (2)**

**Upholstered Furniture Fire Safety  
Regulations via DFS  
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(McKeon)**

**A2779 (2)**

**Maximize Contribution to Fire  
Company Biennially by Towns  
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**A2835 (1)**

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**A2947 (2)**

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(Lagana)**

**A3006 (1)**

**Requires Procedure for  
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(Conaway)**

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**A3067 (2)**

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**A3048 (1)**

**Increases municipal  
fire safety allocation**

**A3408 (1)**

**Solar panel regulation  
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**ACR99**

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for Volunteers  
(Singleton)**

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**Hotel MDU fire safety  
computer database  
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**Certify Municipal Building  
Meets Fire Code  
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**(Withdrawn)**

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residential fire safety devices  
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**No civil liability for  
responder forced entry  
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**S233 (1)**

**Confidentiality for peer first  
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University Board of Directors  
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(Cunningham)**

**S812 (2)**

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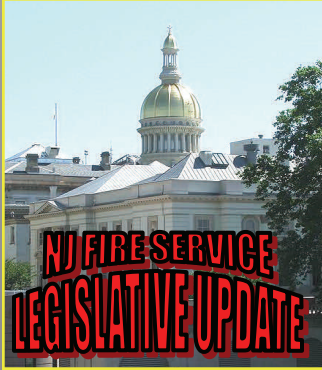
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(Bucco)**

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Vehicle to Fire Service  
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(VanDrew)**

**S1814 (1)**

**State agency permitting  
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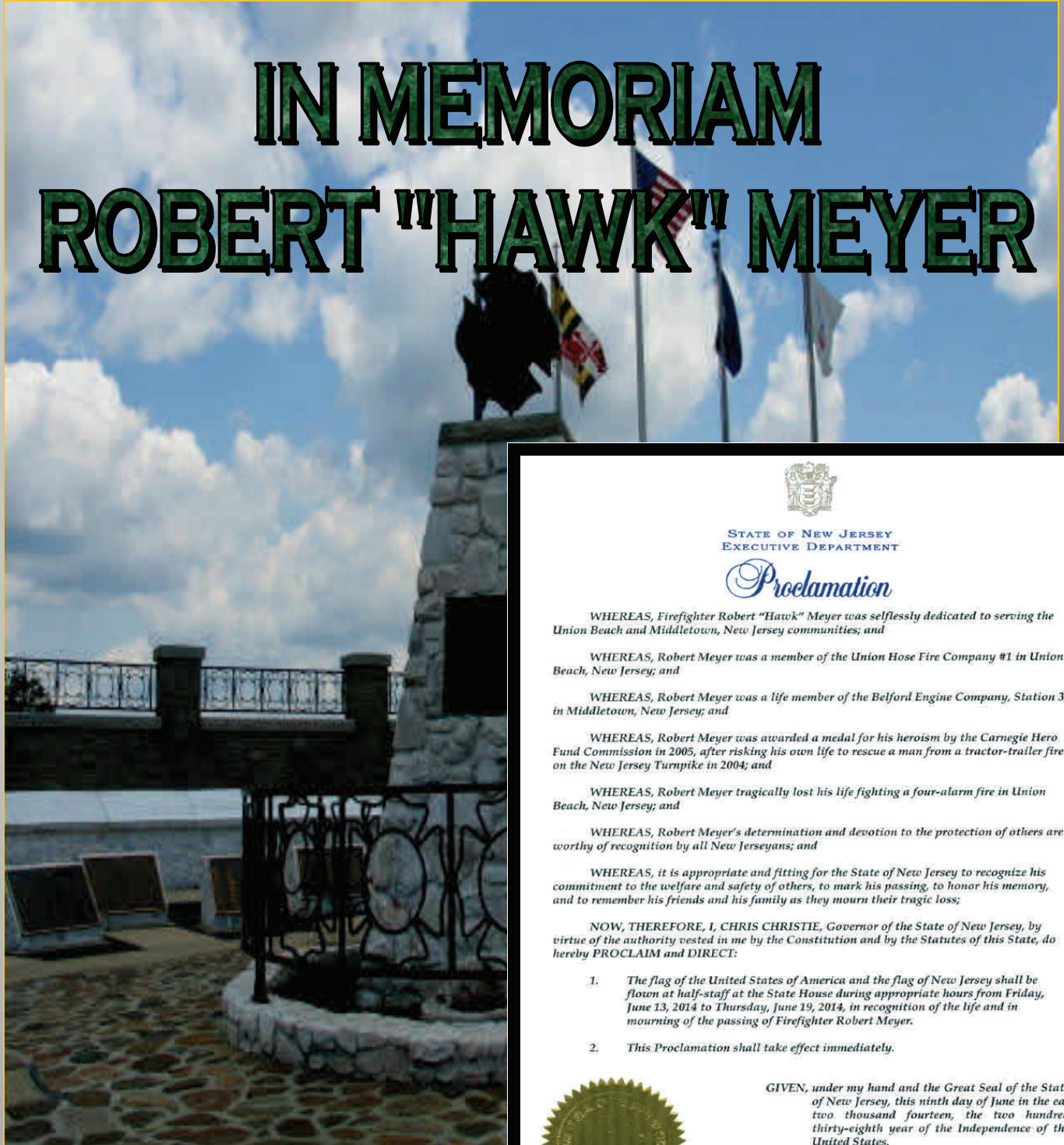
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# IN MEMORIAM ROBERT "HAWK" MEYER



STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

## Proclamation

WHEREAS, Firefighter Robert "Hawk" Meyer was selflessly dedicated to serving the Union Beach and Middletown, New Jersey communities; and

WHEREAS, Robert Meyer was a member of the Union Hose Fire Company #1 in Union Beach, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Robert Meyer was a life member of the Belford Engine Company, Station 3, in Middletown, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Robert Meyer was awarded a medal for his heroism by the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission in 2005, after risking his own life to rescue a man from a tractor-trailer fire on the New Jersey Turnpike in 2004; and

WHEREAS, Robert Meyer tragically lost his life fighting a four-alarm fire in Union Beach, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Robert Meyer's determination and devotion to the protection of others are worthy of recognition by all New Jerseyans; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate and fitting for the State of New Jersey to recognize his commitment to the welfare and safety of others, to mark his passing, to honor his memory, and to remember his friends and his family as they mourn their tragic loss;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRIS CHRISTIE, Governor of the State of New Jersey, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and by the Statutes of this State, do hereby PROCLAIM and DIRECT:

1. The flag of the United States of America and the flag of New Jersey shall be flown at half-staff at the State House during appropriate hours from Friday, June 13, 2014 to Thursday, June 19, 2014, in recognition of the life and in mourning of the passing of Firefighter Robert Meyer.
2. This Proclamation shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this ninth day of June in the year two thousand fourteen, the two hundred thirty-eighth year of the Independence of the United States.



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