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Acting State Fire Marshal Louis Kilmer Joins the 2017 F.I.R.E. Bowl Champions from the Nicholas Oresko School on the stage of the Little Theater at Kean University just after the team successfully defended the State Championship title.

A school from Bayonne has successfully defended for the 12th year running.



*(Pictured: Marc Kiempisty, Joshua Marcus Group, Christopher Czuba, Bayonne Fire Prevention Bureau, Team Nicholas Oresko School, Acting Director-Acting State Fire Marshal, Louis Kilmer, Barbara DeBeneditis Team Oresko Coach)*

The student team from the Nicholas Oresko School of Bayonne secured the crown of state champions defeating the Dwight D. Eisenhower School of Freehold during the 12th annual Fire Information and Rescue Education Bowl (F.I.R.E. Bowl) held recently on the campus of Kean University.



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# F.I.R.E. BOWL 2017

The F.I.R.E. Bowl is open to 7th and 8th grade students throughout the state, many of whom received their last instruction about fire safety as toddlers. As a community risk reduction effort, it seeks to educate its participants in the ways to keep themselves safe from fire.

The F.I.R.E. Bowl is a fun way to revisit childhood fire safety training. The students also go deeper into aspects of fire science, fire service history and the increasing Emergency Medical Services (EMS) component of firefighter training. In fact, the knowledge base the students are expected to learn comes directly from the New Jersey firefighter training manual.

“We are continually amazed at the level of participation our student scholars bring to our competition each year,” said Louis Kilmer, Acting State Fire Marshal of the New Jersey Division of Fire Safety. “It appeals across-the-board to the students, their instructor coaches, school officials, and parents, all of whom get an important update on information that may in fact save their lives.”

Kilmer notes that the F.I.R.E. Bowl, the creation of former Division Director Lawrence Petrillo, has received national attention from the International Association of State Fire Marshals and National Fire Protection Association.

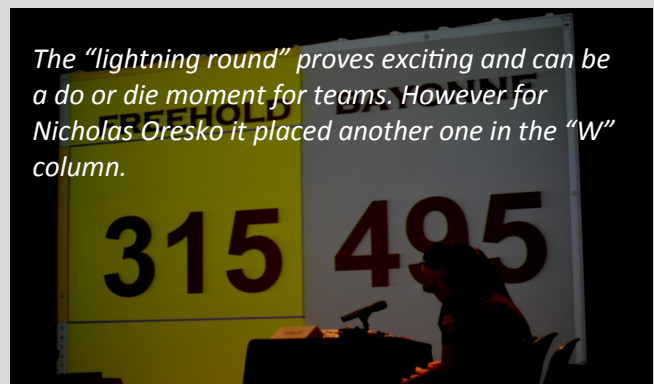
*Before our Moderator-Host Trooper Clarence Turner took his sworn oath as a member of the New Jersey State Police, he was well known to FIRE Bowl staff as a member of the Kean Fire Safety Team. Now he joins us again, along with Kean Fire Safety Director Karen Grant (left) and Jolene Steele for the annual event.*



*F.I.R.E. Bowl Coordinator Charles Lavin opens the 2017 final with appropriate thanks for all involved.*



*State Trooper Clarence Turner debuts as Moderator-Host. He was excellent!*



*The “lightning round” proves exciting and can be a do or die moment for teams. However for Nicholas Oresko it placed another one in the “W” column.*





**State F.I.R.E. Bowl Committee Members**

Chief Louis Kilmer, Acting-Director, NJ Division of Fire Safety  
 Charles Lavin, Community Risk Reduction  
 Karen Haber—Kean University

**Local F.I.R.E. Bowl Coordinators**

**Bergen:** Patricia L. McGeehan, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools  
 Patricia Dziubek, Vice Principal, Michew Community School  
 Deborah J. Whitney, Educational Media Specialist

**Belleville:** Ralph Castellano, Belleville Fire Prevention

**Freehold:** Dianne Brethauer, Principal, Dwight D. Eisenhower School  
 Meghan Campion, FIRE Bowl Coordinator

**Hillsdale:** Frank Gluckler / Peter Hurd, Hillsdale Fire Dept.

**Arden/Colonia:** Kelly Aket, Science Supervisor, Woodbridge Twp. Schools  
 Frank DeLaPiere, Forde Fire Prevention Bureau

**Pemberton:** Dr. Michael Goeman, Superintendent of Schools  
 Michael Pinto, Media Services Coordinator

**Wayne:** Cory Koransky, George Washington Middle School



**Competition Judges**  
 Chris Michallis  
 Jim McFadden

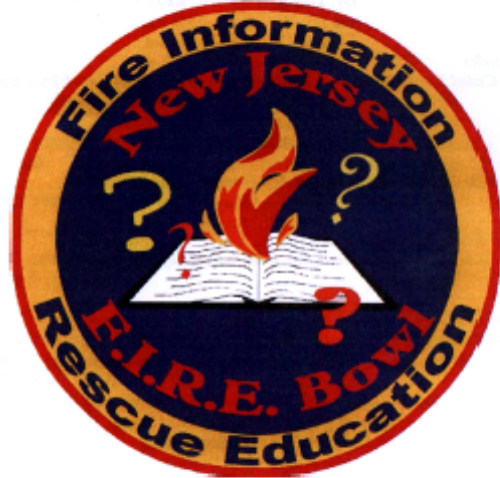
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**Hosted by Kean University**

F.I.R.E. Bowl logo designed by Daniel...

**THE NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF  
 FIRE SAFETY  
 AND  
 KEAN UNIVERSITY**



**12th ANNUAL NEW JERSEY  
 F.I.R.E. BOWL CHALLENGE**

**LITTLE THEATER**

May 12th, 2017

**F.I.R.E. BOWL 2017**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Welcome**

Charles Lavin, State FIRE Bowl Coordinator

**Remarks**

Dr. Dawood Farahi, Kean University President

**Remarks**

Chief Louis Kilmer, Acting Director, NJ Division of Fire Safety

**F.I.R.E. Bowl Competition / Presentation of Awards**

**Program Host / Competition Moderator**

Clarence Turner

**Team Participation Awards**

Chief Louis Kilmer, Acting Director, NJ Division of Fire Safety

**Individual Competition Awards ~ 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place**

**Team Competition Awards - 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Place**

Christopher Campion, Eastern Fire & Safety  
 Ed Donnelly, NJ State FMBA  
 Marc Kiempiety, Joshua Marcus Group

**Special Thanks to our FIRE Bowl Sponsors!!!!**

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 Diana Lipnicki  
 Brian Thomas

Philip G. Vroom  
 Coach—Dena DeCanto  
 Pavly Youssef  
 Carlina Anderson  
 Thomas Hebaysh  
 Isabella Colon

Dr. Walter F. Robinson  
 Coach—Patricia Niland  
 Aziz Hanna  
 Elijah Williams  
 Tae Hyun Gu  
 Sandra Girgis

Mary J. Donohoe  
 Coach—Rodolfo Morel  
 Mazen Hafiz  
 Remi Hayashi  
 Michelle Zimny  
 Dylan Hedler

Lincoln Community  
 Coach—Michael Bunce  
 Karen Ni  
 Mahima Akter  
 Ashley Coons  
 Tatyana Serrato

Horace Mann  
 Coach—Tiffani Masci  
 Nick Zucic  
 Rylee Waldron  
 Allison Castaldo  
 Christopher Ballance

Washington Community  
 Coach—Rose Abeal  
 Alejandro Vargas  
 Aleksandra Hryniewicz  
 Jacob Wachutec  
 Mariani Aziz

Midtown Community  
 Coach—Joyce DiPasquale  
 Apostolos Bourinaris  
 Brandon Wright  
 Alexander Ogando  
 Brent Rosatio

Woodrow Wilson  
 Coach—Larissa Drennan  
 Jhaden Bautista  
 Tachau Ly  
 Khadija Zia  
 Ahmed Zia

John M. Bailey  
 Coach—Kristy Martin  
 Elijah Ortiz  
 Kiara Opoku  
 Saly Mesheky  
 Joyce Abdelmishih

Nicholas Oresko School  
 Coach—Barbara DeBenedictis  
 Chaco Iwase  
 Teodulfo Reyes  
 Dwyane-Jade Gutierrez  
 Matthew Rezek

Helen Fort/Newcomb Middle School  
 Coach—Kenny Taylor  
 Lilianna Oliveri  
 Andrew Sieber  
 Daniel Cavanaugh  
 Arleigh Cochrane

George G. White School  
 Coach—Michael Rosenberg  
 Chris Alepa  
 Thomas Betsy  
 Orlando Ocetoli  
 Suresh Ramrup  
 Marc Maalouf  
 Leilani Araujo  
 Kelly LoBello  
 Johanna Evans  
 Aiden Petersen  
 James Graziano  
 Hunter Donne

George Washington Middle School  
 Coach—Cory Koransky  
 Jack Freed  
 James Pugliese  
 Gavin McGarity  
 Christian Reyes

Eisenhower School  
 Coach—Meghan Campion  
 Tyler Amalfia  
 Joseph Schandall  
 Cameron Stokes  
 Joshua Leonetti  
 Erienne Gue  
 Aditya Kandarpa  
 Sarah Peneiras  
 Francesca DeVito  
 Jonathan Walsh

Belleville Middle School  
 Coach—Jessica Natoli  
 Hannah Jimenez  
 William Pennola  
 Skili Allen  
 Alyssa Hernandez  
 Samantha Ferreira  
 Hailey Petrez

Arnel Middle School  
 Coach—Christina Weiman  
 Coach—Kelly Wagner  
 Coach—Bernadette Kiempiety  
 Coach—Jonathan Gonzalez  
 Josias Pujols  
 Madeline Regan  
 Laura Fitzpatrick  
 Christian Bonilla  
 Vishi Desai  
 Raj Joshi  
 Nithin Jayanthinathan  
 Anthony Santino

Colonia Middle School  
 Coach—Michele Sacco  
 Coach—Jeffrey Shanker  
 Dhruvil Patel  
 Christian DeCarlo  
 Hope Margolin  
 David Cabrera  
 Heathwin Singh  
 Renee Mariner  
 Carina Seabra  
 Dhawanri Parikh



# ATT WILL BUILD FIRSTNET

The Department of Commerce and First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) announced the selection of AT&T to build the first nationwide wireless broadband network dedicated to America's first responders.

This record-breaking public-private partnership is a significant investment in the communications infrastructure that public safety desperately needs for day-to-day operations, disaster response and recovery, and securing of large events. It will also make 20 MHz of prime broadband spectrum available for private-sector development.



## FirstNet™

"This is a landmark for public safety across the Nation and shows the incredible progress we can make through public-private partnerships," said U.S. Department of Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross.

"FirstNet is a critical infrastructure project that will give our first responders the communications tools they need to keep America safe and secure. This public-private partnership will also spur innovation and create over ten thousand new jobs in this cutting-edge sector."

The broad terms of this 25-year agreement between FirstNet and AT&T are:

- FirstNet will provide 20 MHz of high-value, telecommunications spectrum and success-based payments of \$6.5 billion over the next five years to support the Network buildout – FirstNet's funding was raised from previous FCC spectrum auctions.
- AT&T will spend about \$40 billion over the life of the contract to build, deploy, operate and maintain the network, with a focus on ensuring robust coverage for public safety; Additionally, AT&T will connect FirstNet users to the company's telecommunications network assets, valued at more than \$180 billion.

The ability to communicate seamlessly across jurisdictions is critical for law enforcement, fire, and emergency medical services (EMS) when securing large events or responding to emergencies and disasters. In those instances, networks can become overloaded and inaccessible, limiting responders' use of vital communication technologies, such as smartphones and applications dedicated to public safety services.

That will change with a high-speed network built specifically for the millions of public safety users in all 50 states, 5 U.S. territories and the District of Columbia, including those serving rural

# ATT WILL BUILD FIRSTNET

communities and tribal lands.

The Network will modernize first responders' communications and deliver specialized features that are not available to them on wireless networks today.

"This public-private partnership is a major step forward for the public safety community as we begin building the broadband network they fought for and deserve," said FirstNet Chair Sue Swenson.

"FirstNet and AT&T will deliver high-speed connectivity to help millions of first responders operate faster, safer, and more effectively when lives are on the line."

This innovative public-private partnership will create more than 10,000 new jobs and ensure public safety has a voice in the growth and evolution of the Network. In addition, FirstNet and AT&T will maximize the resources they are bringing to the partnership to create a financially self-sustaining network.

"We are honored to work with FirstNet to build a network for America's police, firefighters and EMS that is second to none. This is an unprecedented public-private investment in infrastructure that makes America a leader and public safety a national priority," said Randall Stephenson, AT&T chairman and CEO.

"This unique partnership brings together FirstNet as the voice of public safety and a global technology team with a proven track record and commitment to public safety," said FirstNet CEO Mike Poth.



"Together, FirstNet and AT&T will move with precision and urgency to deliver this much-needed infrastructure to those who need it the most: our first responders."

FirstNet addresses a key recommendation of the 9/11 Commission regarding communications used by police, fire, and emergency medical personnel. The public safety community advocated for and endorsed passage of legislation for the wireless broadband network. For more information about how the FirstNet Network will help public safety save lives and protect communities, please visit [FirstNet.gov/mediakit](http://FirstNet.gov/mediakit) for resources.

## About FirstNet:

The First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) is an independent authority within the U.S. Department of Commerce. Chartered in 2012, its mission is to ensure the building, deployment, and operation of the nationwide, broadband network that equips first responders to save lives and protect U.S. communities. Learn more follow FirstNet (@FirstNetGov) on Facebook and Twitter for updates.





**WORKING TOGETHER AGAINST**  
*the Threat*

**14<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL**

**HOMELAND SECURITY AND  
FIRE SAFETY CONFERENCE**

***THIS YEAR THE HOMELAND SECURITY CONFERENCE  
BROUGHT HOME THE NOTION THROUGH OUR  
EXPERT SPEAKERS THAT ITS CRITICAL TO  
MAINTAIN OUR FIRST RESPONDER READINESS.***

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**Suspicious Activity Reporting (SAR's)**

Mike Lychock, NJ OHSP

*\* Attendees will receive 0.50 technical credit for code enforcement and instructor.*

**Fire Response to Active Shooter Incidents**

Monmouth County Fire Marshall

*\* Attendees are asked to bring non-perishable food items for the Food Bank of New Jersey. No expired donations will be accepted.*



BRIDGING THE GAP FROM  
YESTERDAY INTO TOMORROW

# **PAYING ATTENTION TO PREVENTION**

## **National Strategies for Fire Loss Prevention**

Jim Crawford  
Deputy Chief/Fire Marshal Retired  
Vancouver WA  
Vision 20/20 Project Manager

Model Prevention Program Symposium  
June 28, 2010

**This Vision 20/20 report of 2010 remains the most significant update of the landmark “America is Burning” report to Congress to date. Click the cover to read it, and then recommit your department to reducing the risk to your community through aggressive prevention strategies by viewing the link below for the latest resources to begin a renewed commitment today.**

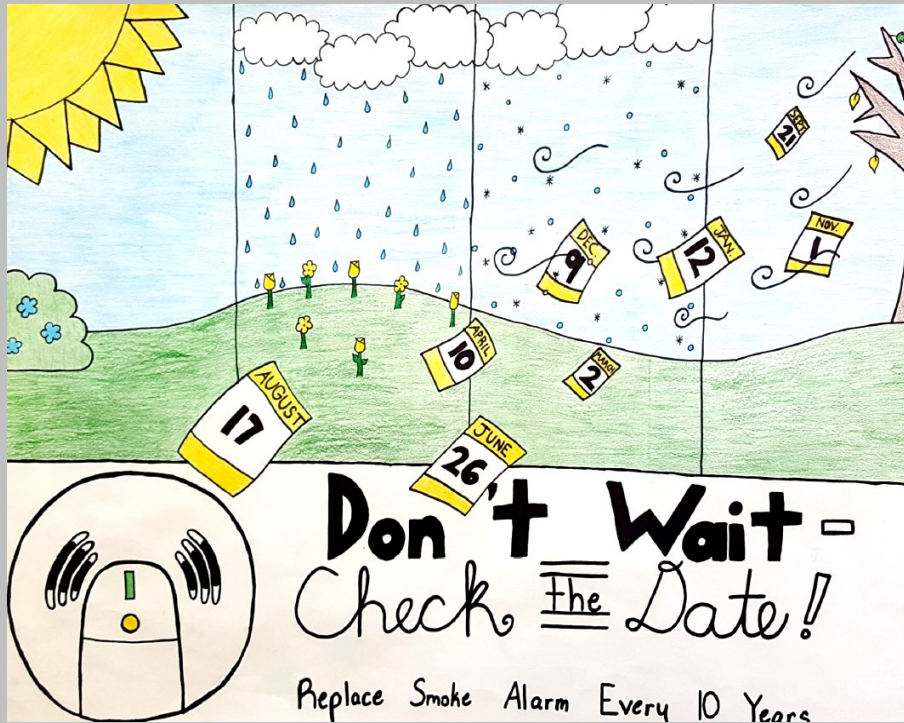
A Quick Introduction to the



**Guide to Fire Prevention Advocacy**

**Click the graphic above to view the “Guide to Fire Prevention Advocacy.” Use your platform. Speak up!**

# NJFPPA POSTER CONTEST



DIVISION 3 AND OVERALL WINNER BERGEN COUNTY  
JASLYN TU MOONACHIE

DIVISION 1 HUDSON COUNTY  
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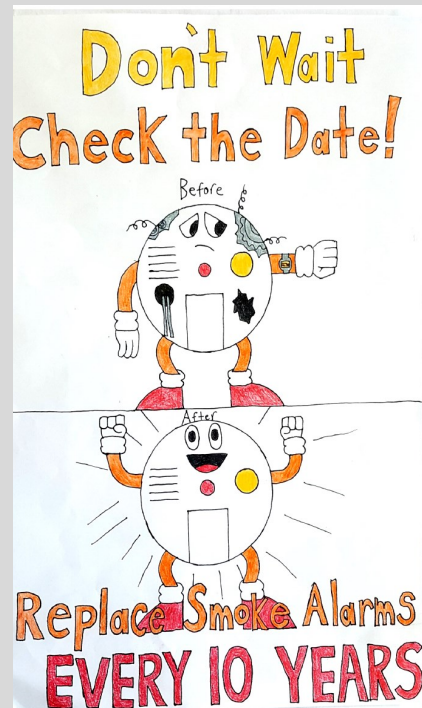
DIVISION 3 ESSEX COUNTY  
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DIVISION 5 CUMBERLAND COUNTY  
NYLAND POWERS VINELAND



DIVISION 6 OCEAN COUNTY  
DAVID DECONDE BRICK TOWNSHIP



DIVISION 7 MORRIS COUNTY  
SIMON MATOS WHIPPANY

# A CRY FOR HOPE



Suicide is the 10<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death in the United States with 13 people per 100,000 dying by suicide annually, and the rate is on the rise. A study published in July by the Centers for Disease Control looked at suicide in 17 states and found that rates of suicide among those in the protective services (which includes both firefighters and police) was 34.1 per 100,000, which put them sixth highest for males.

Princeton House Behavioral Health has established a "First Responder Treatment Services" unit in an attempt to deal with the susceptibility of first responders to traumatic events. It hosts the Bottles and Badges program Wednesdays at 7PM at the Conference Center at 905 Herrontown Road in Princeton.

[www.princetonhcs.org/](http://www.princetonhcs.org/)



# DECON DECON DECON

**HEALTH CONCERNS ABOUT CANCER  
EXTEND TO TURNOUT GEAR. MAKE SURE  
YOUR DEPARTMENT ADOPTS THIS  
MATRIX FOR PROTECTION.**

**CREW EXITS HOT ZONE  
TOGETHER**

**WARM ZONE**  
**Decontamination Wash Area**

- Remove gross contamination via water rinse.
- Doff/Reduce PPE, apply dry clothing.
- Place contaminated Nomex hood in recovery bin.

**WARM ZONE**  
**Return to HOT ZONE**

- Receive replacement Nomex hood.
- Doff PPE for re-entry into the HOT ZONE.
- Ensure all members of crew have been cleared from rehab to return to the incident and equipment is operational.
- Return to Decontamination Wash Area after assignment(s) is complete

**COLD ZONE**  
**Rehabilitation**

**\*\*NO PPE ALLOWED IN  
REHAB**

- Document vital signs and injuries.
- Intake of fluids and nutrition as needed.

**COLD ZONE**  
**Incident Terminated**

- Crew gathers and decontaminates equipment on scene using appropriate PPE.
- Crew returns to station for personal hygiene and uniform replacement.
- Second set of gear is placed on unit (if available).
- Contaminated gear is washed.

**Fire-Incident  
Contamination  
Reduction Matrix**

This matrix is a baseline for decontamination of responders during fire-related incidents. Based on your agency guidelines, utilize this matrix to make carcinogen reduction a priority at every incident. Strive to ensure the health and safety of your responders is a top priority amongst all ranks.



# DECON DECON DECON

## **RECOMMENDED DOFFING PROCEDURES AFTER FIRST WASH APPLICATION**

### **Upper Segment**

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1. Remove Helmet
2. Remove Hood (keeping mask and regulator on) slide hood over SCBA Mask and allow the hood to remain on the regulator hose.
3. Remove SCBA (with mask and regulator still in place).
4. Remove Coat



### **Lower Segment**

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5. Remove Pants and Boots
6. ***Place Gear Contents into sealed bag and store appropriately.***
7. Remove Gloves
8. Remove Mask and Regulator

### **SAFE ZONE**

**Make sure to decontaminate your PPE further according to OSHA 29CFR 1910.132 Personal Protective Equipment, NFPA recommendation 1851 - Standard on Selection Care, and Maintenance for Structural Fire Fighting and Proximity Fire Fighting, and your PPE manufacturer recommendations.**

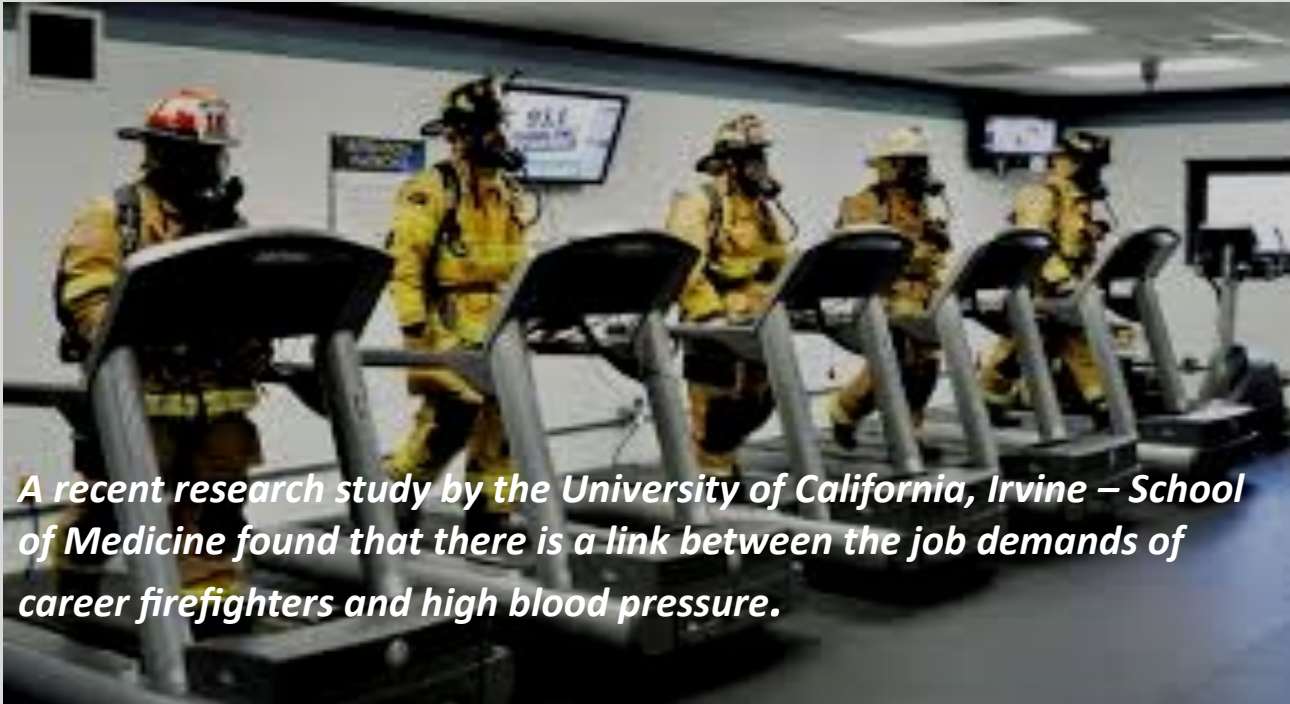
*Courtesy Firefighter Cancer Foundation*

# **TAKE YOUR CHILDREN TO WORK DAY**



**NJDFS Arson Unit Investigator and Canine Handler Rod Meyer allows “Ashes” an active part with the children of Division employees during the DCA annual “Take Your Sons and Daughters to Work Day.” Joining Rod and “Ashes” were members of the Trenton Fire Department Engine Co. #2 in showing the children different aspects of firefighting operations.**





*A recent research study by the University of California, Irvine – School of Medicine found that there is a link between the job demands of career firefighters and high blood pressure.*

## **RESEARCH RESULTS**

- There is a link between high job demands (many additional 24-hour shifts in the past month and increased demands over past years) and high blood pressure among career firefighters.
- There is a need to optimize the collective and individual workload of firefighters by limiting the number of 24-hour shifts that a firefighter can work and recruiting new firefighters.
- Half of the hypertensive firefighters (mostly with mild hypertension) had uncontrolled high blood pressure.
- Optimal workload and improved hypertension management are needed to enhance the cardiovascular health of firefighters.

[CLICK HERE FOR FULL STUDY](#)







# AT ISSUE:

## *SPECIAL CONGRESSIONAL FIRE SERVICE INSTITUTE UPDATE*



Congressional leaders passed H.R. 244, the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2017, a \$10.7 trillion spending bill to fund the federal government for the remainder of the current fiscal year. Included in the spending package is funding for several programs of significance to the nation's fire and emergency services. The Assistance to Firefighters (AFG) and Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant programs are funded at \$690 million, split evenly between the two programs. The State Homeland Security Grant Program is funded at \$467 million. This is the same funding level Congress approved for these three programs in Fiscal Year 2016. Additionally, the United States Fire Administration (USFA) is funded at \$44 million, the same level as the previous fiscal year.

Several programs receive a slight increase in funding under the measure. The Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) is funded at \$605 million, an increase of \$5 million compared to Fiscal Year 2016. The bill also provides \$38,20,000 for the Urban Search and Rescue Response System (USAR), an increase of \$3.1 million. The Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) program is funded at \$15 million, an increase of \$2 million from Fiscal Year 2016.

"These figures contained in the omnibus measure affirm the importance of maintaining communications with our elected leaders," said Bill Webb, Executive Director of the Congressional Fire Services Institute. "Our hope is that the House and Senate will move swiftly on final passage so that these funds can be appropriated to the aforementioned programs that continue providing support to our nation's fire departments," said Webb.

"We appreciate the commitment the House and Senate Appropriations Committees, as well as the leadership of the Congressional Fire Services Caucus, have given to our nation's first responders and we look forward to working with them as the complete work on funding the federal government for the current fiscal year and we turn our focus to the Fiscal Year 2018 spending bills," he added.

*(From CSFI)*



# AT ISSUE:

## **AFG-SAFER REAUTHORIZATION SOUGHT BY CONGRESS**



Senator John McCain (AZ), Senator Jon Tester (MT), Senator Susan Collins (ME), and Senator Tom Carper (DE) introduced **S. 829**, legislation to reauthorize the Assistance to Firefighters (AFG) and Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant programs. These successful grant programs assist local fire departments in meeting staffing needs, purchasing equipment and training, and implementing fire prevention and safety programs.

"The Assistance to Firefighters (AFG) and Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant programs are immensely successful programs focused on protecting the public and the nation's fire service," said Bill Webb, Executive Director of the Congressional Fire Services Institute.

Given the expanding missions and increased call volumes of fire departments that are necessitating additional equipment, training and staffing, it is absolutely imperative that Congress reauthorize these programs in the First Session of the 115th Congress. We applaud Senators McCain, Tester, Collins, and Carper for introducing the legislation. It is now imperative that firefighters across the nation reach out to their Senators and ask them to support this important measure."

The grant programs are currently authorized through the end of the current fiscal year. Additionally, the current statute contains a "sunset" provision that will eliminate the programs on January 2, 2018 unless Congress takes action. The legislation introduced in the Senate eliminates the "sunset" provision and extends the authorization until Fiscal Year 2023.

Similar legislation is expected to be introduced in the House in the near future.

*(From CSFI)*



# AT ISSUE:

## PENDING LEGISLATION OF INTEREST TO THE NJ FIRE SERVICE



### **A96**

Amends State construction code to increase Fire safety in large residential projects.

### **A97**

Amends State construction code to increase Fire safety at certain construction sites.

### **A377**

Permits municipalities to issue two separate property tax bills to property taxpayers; requires Fire districts, school districts, and county governments to share in burden of property assessment appeal refunds.

### **A522**

Exempts certain properties acquired by municipalities from county, school, and fire district taxes immediately upon acquisition.

### **A769**

Increases maximum municipal contribution to Fire districts and volunteer Fire companies; indexes amount biennially for inflation.

### **A901**

Requires electric, gas, and water public utilities to provide bill credits to volunteer Fire companies, first aid, rescue, and emergency squads, and nonprofit homeless and domestic violence assistance organizations.

### **A1097**

Increases amounts municipalities may appropriate and grant for Fire safety.

### **A1208**

Permits certain Fire police units to appoint Fire police officers.

Identical Bill Number: S2185

### **A1270**

Requires certain new residential buildings to have Fire barriers in cocklofts, concrete or steel frames, and Fire stops.

### **A1293**

Permits consolidation of all Fire districts in a municipality; sets forth procedure for consolidation.

### **A4892**

Authorizes certain county Fire coordinators to display emergency warning lights on vehicles.

Identical Bill Number: S2984

### **R239**

Proposes constitutional amendment requiring Legislature to enact statute authorizing \$200 property tax credit for primary residence of volunteer Fire fighter or first aid squad member.

Identical Bill Number: SCR76

### **S78**

Requires Fire districts, school districts, and county governments to share in burden of property assessment appeal refunds.

Identical Bill Number: A3103

### **S117**

Exempts construction, expansion or renovation of public institutions of higher education, public schools, and police and Fire academies from "Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act."

### **S140**

Establishes "New Jersey Fire and EMS Crisis Intervention Services" telephone hotline.

### **S465**

Sets forth certain standards to be followed by law enforcement agencies and Fire departments when utilizing drones. Identical Bill Number: A3389

### **S592**

Requires president of public institution of higher education to regularly report on-campus criminal and Fire events to the institution's governing board.

### **S660**

Establishes procedures for moving annual Fire district election to November; eliminates vote on Fire district budgets, except for proposals to raise revenue above permissible levy cap.\*

### **S735**

"Assistance to Firefighters' Families Act"; doubles State survivor pension amounts for beneficiaries of certain deceased volunteer emergency service providers; requires municipal life insurance and burial expenses for volunteer Firefighters; permits Fire code inspection surcharge.

### **S1011**

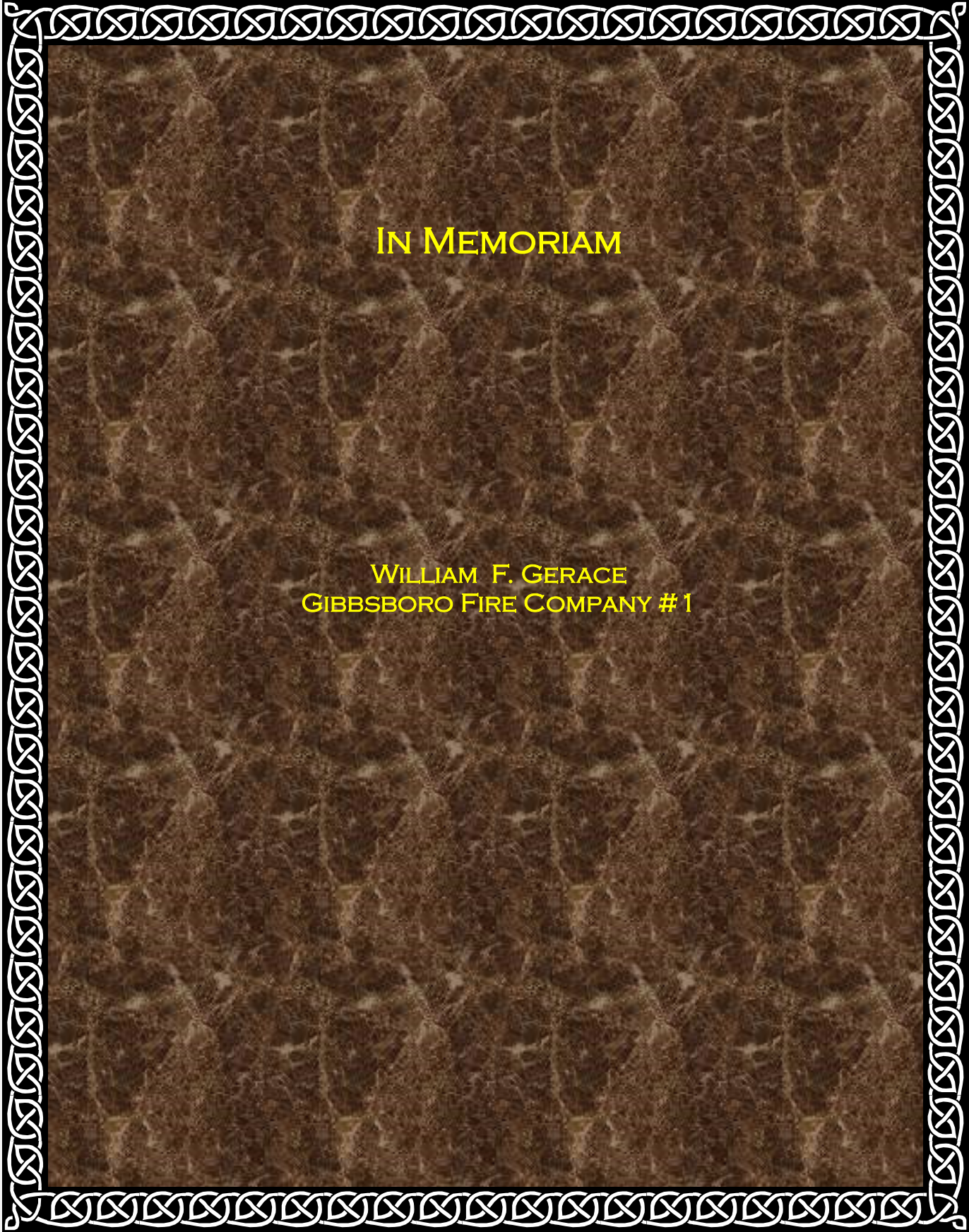
Requires Fire suppression systems in all elementary and secondary schools 12,000 square feet or larger.

Identical Bill Number: A2878

For updates:

<http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/>





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**WILLIAM F. GERACE  
GIBBSBORO FIRE COMPANY #1**

**IN MEMORIAM**

**MARGARET "MAGGIE" KNIGHT**

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