

The Newsletter of the New Jersey Division of Fire Safety

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BOARDWALK BURN SEES A UNIFIED FIRE SERVICE RESPONSE TO POST-SANDY SLAM

It turns out Superstorm Sandy was not the last insult to be hurled at the Jersey Shore.

A wind driven fire (30 mph) which began underneath the boardwalk near the Kohr's Ice Cream stand, caused by faulty wires, nearly engulfed the entire boardwalk. Luckily heavy equipment was available to cut a "firebreak." A lack of a reliable and steady water supply caused firefighters to draw from the salty waters of the Barnegat Bay several blocks away. *(continued of page 2)*



After spending the previous evening at Governor Chris Christie's side as he briefed the media, Acting Director William Kramer, Jr. briefed Congressman John Runyan the following day on the nature and extent of the Seaside boardwalk fire.



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NJDFS "FIRE IN NEW JERSEY 2012" RELEASED

81 FIREFIGHTER DEATHS REPORTED FOR 2012

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MILLBURN FD AND PROACTIVE PREVENTION

NJFPPA AWARDS DINNER



POSTER CONTEST GOES MONTHLY

BOARDWALK BURN SEES A UNIFIED FIRE SERVICE RESPONSE TO POST-SANDY SLAM



Following his appearance on scene the night before, Governor Chris Christie and DCA Commissioner Richard Constable, III leave the Seaside boardwalk heading back to the state capital to begin the process of lining up assistance to rebuild, this time after the worst fire on the Seaside boardwalk since the known Freeman Amusement pier fire on June 9, 1955.

PRESERVATION

“Firebreaks” are a common prevention technique in wildland fire practice. Quick action by Command and Control authorities on the scene deployed it to prevent the spread of the wind driven flames and saving everything north of it.

TOTAL DESTRUCTION



THE FIRE BREAK

NJDFS/IAAI/KEAN JUVENILE FIRE SETTER CONFERENCE SET FOR DECEMBER 5TH & 6TH

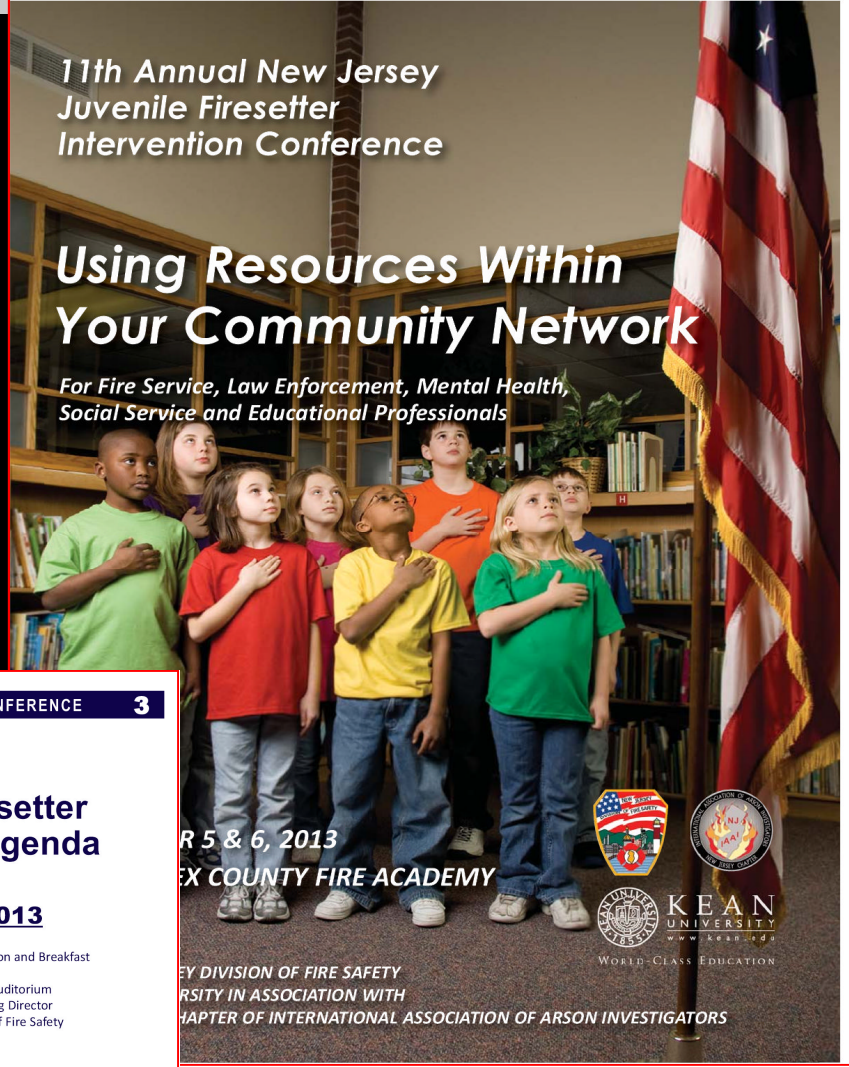
Join us for the NJDFS/IAAI/ Kean University 11th Annual Juvenile Firesetter Conference at Middlesex Fire Academy.

The theme, "Using Resources Within Your Community Network," is the focus of this year's edition, with Joanne Foster, formerly with the City of London, England Fire Brigade, leading off this important seminar.

11th Annual New Jersey Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Conference

Using Resources Within Your Community Network

For Fire Service, Law Enforcement, Mental Health, Social Service and Educational Professionals



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11th Annual New Jersey Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Conference Agenda

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2013

- 7:30 A.M. – 8:30 A.M. Conference Registration and Breakfast
- 8:30 A.M. Welcome Address - Auditorium
William Kramer, Acting Director
New Jersey Division of Fire Safety
- 8:35 A.M. Key Note Speaker
Joanne Foster
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- 9:15 A.M. – 12: 15 P.M. Classes in Session
- 12:15 PM – 1:00 P.M. Lunch
- 1:00 P.M. - 4:30 P.M. Classes in Session

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2013

- 7:30 A.M. - 8:30 A.M. Breakfast
- 8:30 A.M. Plenary Session - Auditorium
Brian Veprek
- 9:15 A.M. - 12: 15 P.M. Classes in Session
- 12:15 P.M. - 1:00 P.M. Lunch
- 1:00 P.M. - 4:30 P.M. Classes in Session



<http://www.keanfiresafety.com/>

DECEMBER 5 & 6, 2013

MIDDLESEX COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY

**NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF FIRE SAFETY
IN ASSOCIATION WITH**

CHAPTER OF INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ARSON INVESTIGATORS



Conference Coordinator Paul Elenio has assembled an enviable roster of Juvenile Firesetter experts making the event the most popular in the field in the tri-state area. Register by November 22.

**For More Information:
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FIRE LINE REPORT:

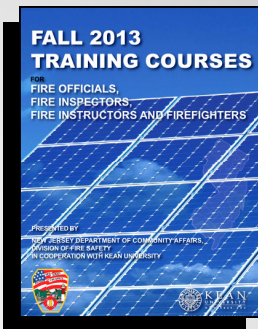
With William Kramer, Jr., Acting Director

Editor's note: This new Fire Focus Quarterly feature is designed for a quick update on Division activities. The full public record report can be found under the New Jersey State Fire Safety Commission meeting minutes on the Division website.



The Division has introduced a voluntary compliance program for certification in Limited Access Highway Deployment and it has already received an endorsement by the National Highway Traffic Administration as a model program for national adoption. To enroll your department contact:

Mike.Gallagher@dca.state.nj.us (south) Timothy.Weiss@dca.state.nj.us (north)



There are upcoming meetings to complete the Division Pro Board Certification. The fall course semester is officially online for its second year. There are 14,000 seats available spread over 130 training courses. Please be reminded that course evaluations serve an important function. They are read and have a direct impact on course selection and instructors.

DIETZ & WATSON

The Labor Day fire in Delanco that consumed a 300,000 square foot cold storage facility featured 7,000 solar panels, atop a metal-deck-over-steel bar-joists roof covered in rubber, was one that the fire service warned might occur. The solar panels that were not engulfed and destroyed by the fire remain active as they did during the fire, inhibiting attack. It is a wake up call for the policy issues surrounding solar deployment for regulators and the insurance industry as well.



The Registration and Inspection Management System continues its rollout with support from the software vendor to address specific problems that arise. This is the first major effort to bring the entire LHU registration and inspection system in the state in line with other state services online functions. Follow-up training is being conducted on-site, via webinar and by individual tutorials hosted at the Division headquarters.

[RIMS HELP DESK](#)

MILLBURN FD SHOWS THE WAY WITH PROACTIVE FIRE PREVENTION PROGRAM

The Millburn Fire Department announced that it is offering free, comprehensive fire safety surveys to residents of Millburn and Short Hills.

“Our job is to fight fires, but we’d much rather prevent a house fire from happening at all,” said J. Michael Roberts, Chief of the Millburn Fire Department.

“By taking advantage of this complimentary inspection, many township residents will dramatically decrease the chances that an accidental fire will endanger them, their families, and their homes.”

Information about the inspection program is outlined in a glossy brochure that accompanied the recent distribution of township property tax bills. Chief Roberts’ idea to begin offering the safety surveys came after the Stanford, Connecticut fire of Christmas Day 2010, which tragically claimed the lives of three young girls and their grandparents.

“Something that seems harmless and innocuous like a flat-screen television placed too close to a wall, or a cardboard box stacked atop a radiator can in fact be a recipe for disaster,” Chief Roberts said.

“We urge township residents to schedule their free visit. At the resident’s convenience, we will dispatch a courteous, certified fire inspector to check fire extinguishers and ensure that smoke alarms are in working order.”



**Chief Roberts
Millburn FD**

“Look for hidden dangers that might lead to potential fire hazards,” Roberts said.

“I was enormously impressed by the thoroughness of the survey. My electrical outlets were overloaded, particularly the one connecting my air conditioner, the box for the extension cord already exhibiting signs of a meltdown,” wrote Sagamore Road resident E. Betty Levin in a letter to the editor.

Levin noted that with guidance and hands-on assistance from fire safety inspector Rick Staeger, she was able to put safe new power strips in place and install up-to-date smoke detectors.

To Chief Roberts’ knowledge, very few townships nationwide are offering a free inspection program of this kind.

“There’s simply no reason not to take advantage of this opportunity,” he said. “Your safety and peace of mind, and that of your family, are well worth the time it takes to give us a call.”

Established in 1876, the Millburn Fire Department is comprised of 47 career and 11 volunteer firefighters who work out of two stations in the township.

Responding to an average of 2,000 calls per year, each firefighter is certified in basic and advanced firefighting, and approximately half of the firefighters are N.J. State Emergency Medical Technicians.

Contact: tpizzano@millburntwp.org

FALL COURSES REPRESENT THE WIDEST ARRAY OF SUBJECTS FOR STATE FIRE SERVICE

ADMINISTRATIVE COURSES 10

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FALL 2013 COURSES OFFER THE OPTIMUM AMOUNT OF SELECTION OF TOPICS IMPORTANT TO THE STATE FIRE SERVICE.

FALL 2013 TRAINING COURSES

FOR FIRE OFFICIALS, FIRE INSPECTORS, FIRE INSTRUCTORS AND FIREFIGHTERS

PRESENTED BY
NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS,
DIVISION OF FIRE SAFETY
IN COOPERATION WITH KEAN UNIVERSITY

NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF FIRE SAFETY

KEAN UNIVERSITY
WORLD-CLASS EDUCATION

NEW JERSEY INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

KEY FOREST FIRE SERVICE

Division of Fire Safety and the Forest Fire Service of New Jersey provide Incident Command System training to the fire service. The Incident Management System, having roots in the Forest Fire Service, makes it possible for the Division of Fire Safety to tap this resource. The Division thanks the Forest Fire Service for providing its expertise toward this effort.

Forest Fire Service is an agency within the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection with the responsibility for the protection of life, property and natural resources from

REGISTER TODAY!

- [**KEAN UNIVERSITY REGISTRATION LINK**](#)
- [**NJDFS REGISTRATION LINK**](#)

ATTENTION NJ FIRE DEPARTMENTS



PEOSH Fire Service Update

Public Employees Occupational Safety and Health

Please join us at one of six locations throughout NJ for a PEOSH Fire Service Update. PEOSH representatives from the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development (Safety) and NJ Dept. of Health and Senior Services (Health) will be providing information on what PEOSH Enforcement is looking for when they inspect Fire Departments. PEOSH will also provide details on their cooperative services including Consultation and Training which can help you comply with their adopted rules. Some topics that will be discussed include:

- NJAC 12:100 SUBCHAPTER 10 STANDARDS FOR FIREFIGHTERS
- TRAINING REQUIREMENTS
- TURNOUT GEAR
- FIRE APPARATUS
- RESPIRATORY PROTECTION
- HAZARD COMMUNICATION
- CONTROL OF HAZARDOUS ENERGY
- BLOODBORNE PATHOGENS
- AND MANY MORE

There will be time for questions and answers following each training session.

~REGISTRATION WILL BE CONDUCTED VIA EMAIL ONLY~
[email must include the following]

1. Name and Contact Phone Number.
2. Name and Physical address of your Fire Department
3. Which Training Session You Wish To Attend (Time and Location)

-Attendance will be kept confidential-

SESSIONS AVAILABLE (EACH LOCATION HAS A 2:30 & 6:30 SESSION.
EACH SESSION LASTS APPROXIMATELY 2 HOURS):

Thursday, October 24, 2013
Passaic Co. Public Safety Academy
SESSION COMPLETED

Thursday, November 14, 2013
Somerset Co. Emerg. Svc Trng Acad.
402 Roycefield Rd
Hillsborough, NJ 08844

Thursday, November 21, 2013
Gloucester County Fire Academy
200 Shady Lane
Clarksboro, NJ 08020

Wednesday, November 6, 2013
Morris Co. Fire Academy
SESSION COMPLETED

Tuesday, November 19, 2013
Morris Co. FF & Pol. Training Acad.
500 West Hanover Ave
Parsippany, NJ 07950

Monday, December 2, 2013
Ocean Co. Fire & EMS Training Ctr.
200 Volunteer Way
Waretown, NJ 08758

2012 STATE FIRE STATISTICS SHOW HOME FIRES STILL MAJOR CAUSE OF FIRE FATALITY

1 firefighter died in the line of duty.

398 firefighter injuries were reported.

85 civilians lost their lives as a result of fire.

88% of all civilian fire fatalities occurred in residential properties.

(55%) in 1 or 2 family dwellings

(33%) in multifamily dwellings

230 civilians were reported injured as a result of fire.

444 civilians were reported revived by fire departments using an automatic external defibrillator.

24,720 fires were reported.

14,443 structure fires were reported.

80% of all reported structure fires involved residential properties.

56% of reported residential fires occurred in 1 or 2 family dwellings.

300 fires were reported intentionally set in residential properties.

78% of all reported vehicle fires involved passenger vehicles.

9 civilian fire fatalities occurred in vehicles.

46 passenger vehicle fires were reported intentionally set.

2,047 acres were reported burned.

365 school fires were reported.

8% of all reported incidents were fire incidents.

2012 NATIONAL FIRE STATISTICS BEAR OUT STATE NUMBERS SHOWING A SADDER TOLL

Facts about Fire for 2012

Every 23 seconds, a fire department responds to a fire somewhere in the nation.

U.S. public fire departments responded to 1,375,000 fires in the United States. These include 480,500 structure fires, 202,500 vehicle fires, and 692,000 outside and other fires.

Nationwide, a civilian fire death is reported every 3 hours 4 minutes.

There were 2,855 civilian fire deaths.

Nationwide, a civilian fire injury is reported every 32 minutes.

There were 16,500 reported civilian fire injuries.

On average, home fires kill seven people every day nationwide. Roughly 1,000 home structure fires are reported each day.

There were 365,000 home fires causing 2,380, or 83%, of civilian fire deaths.

Fires occur in vehicles at the rate of one every 156 seconds.

Vehicle fires caused 11% of the fire deaths and 6% of civilian injuries.

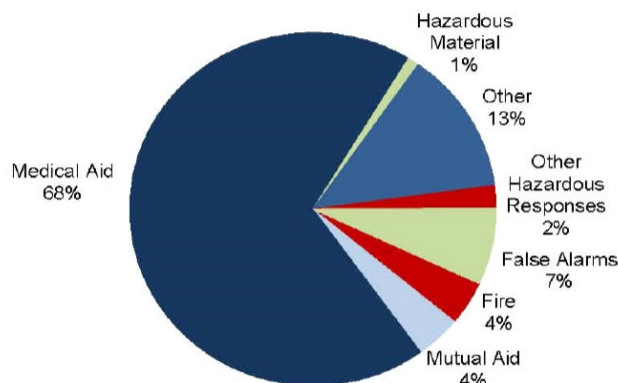
Roughly half of the reported fires were reported as "outside or other."

A total of 692,000 fires were reported as outside or other fires.

Only 4% of fire department responses were to fires.

Seven percent were to false alarms. More than two-thirds (68%) of all responses were medical aid calls.

Fire Department Responses by Incident Type - 2012

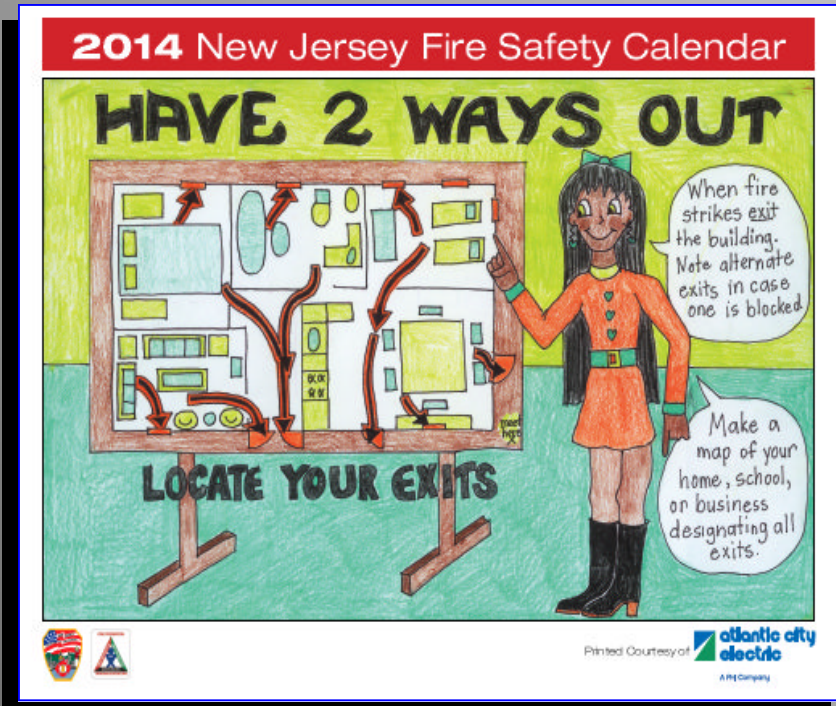


In 2012, United States fire departments responded to 2,238,000 false alarms.

- 713,000 resulted from a system malfunction
- 167,500 were malicious
- 1,044,500 were unintentional, and
- 313,500 were other, such as bomb scares.

Source: [Fire Loss in the United States during 2012](#), NFPA, Michael J. Karter, Jr.

NJDFS-NJFPPA POSTER CONTEST WINNERS TO BECOME FOCUS OF FIRE SAFETY CALENDAR



Traditionally the Overall Winner's poster of the annual NJDFS-NJFPPA Poster Contest served as the expression of a student's view on how to prevent fires, using the annual National Fire Protection Association fire prevention theme as a guide.

From 2014 onward the Overall Winner will be featured on the top fold of the New Jersey Fire Safety Calendar which will allow a more robust presentation of not only the Division winning

artwork of other entrants but a chance to be included in the calendar format, as opposed to that of the traditional poster, fire prevention concepts and themes seen through our student artists eyes.

The impact of seeing those concepts through the school age artists is bound to have an influence on other children, who are oftentimes the victims of fire.

All of the artwork in this calendar was submitted for the 2012-2013 New Jersey Fire Safety Poster Contest. This program is cooperatively organized by the New Jersey Division of Fire Safety and the New Jersey Fire Prevention & Protection Association. The featured posters were selected from a pool of nearly 8,000 entries statewide.

The NJ Division of Fire Safety and NJ Fire Prevention Association would like to thank the program's generous sponsors:

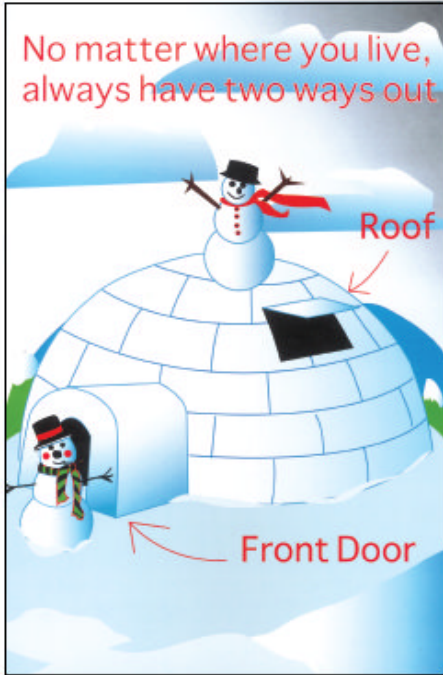
- Atlantic City Electric
- City Fire Equipment Company
- Fire & Safety Systems Company
- Monmouth County Fire Prevention & Protection Association
- New Jersey Chapter of the American Fire Sprinkler Association
- and
- The Joshua Marcus Group



Thank you

to the thousands of dedicated teachers and students throughout New Jersey who participated in this year's contest!

NJDFS-NJFPPA POSTER CONTEST WINNERS TO BECOME FOCUS OF FIRE SAFETY CALENDAR



No matter where you live,
always have two ways out

Art by Steven Palmer
State Honorable Mention
Burlington Co. Institute of
Technology
Westampton, NJ



In addition, the calendar format reinforces fire safety practices by including standard fire prevention messages throughout the days and months of the calendar year and in particular specific dates, such as Burn Awareness Week and of course, National Fire Prevention Week that carry with them the urgency of the fire safety education message.

Local sponsors are also acknowledged for the generous support the poster contest receives .

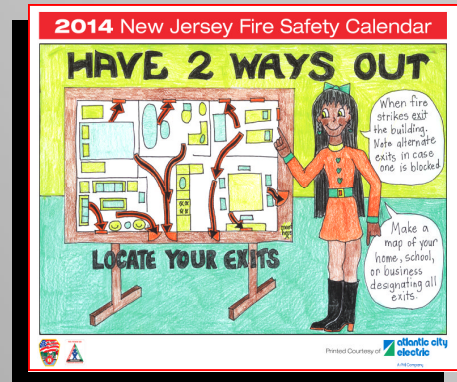
FEBRUARY

January

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23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31			

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
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Burn Awareness Week					
9	10	11	12	13	14
16	17	18	19	20	21
President's Day					
23	24	25	26	27	28

DIVISION CONDUCTS 2013 STATEWIDE NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK TOUR



NFPA National Fire Prevention Week comes to Martin Luther King, Jr. School in Jersey City, where 2012-2013 NJFPPA-NJDFS Poster Contest Overall Winner Shymaine Armstrong is joined by (left to right) Dennis Nuber, Jersey City FO, Susan Pabon, Jersey City Fire Prevention, Dan DeTrollo, Chairman, NJ Public Education Advisory Council, Linda Sabbia-Fiore, Art Instructor MLK, Jr. Cleopatra Wionograd, Principal MLK, Jr., Aryran Tharper NJ DFS-NJFPPA Division 6 winner, Shymaine Armstrong, Chief of Department Jersey City Fire Department, Darren Rivers, Acting Director New Jersey Division of Fire Safety and Acting State Fire Marshal

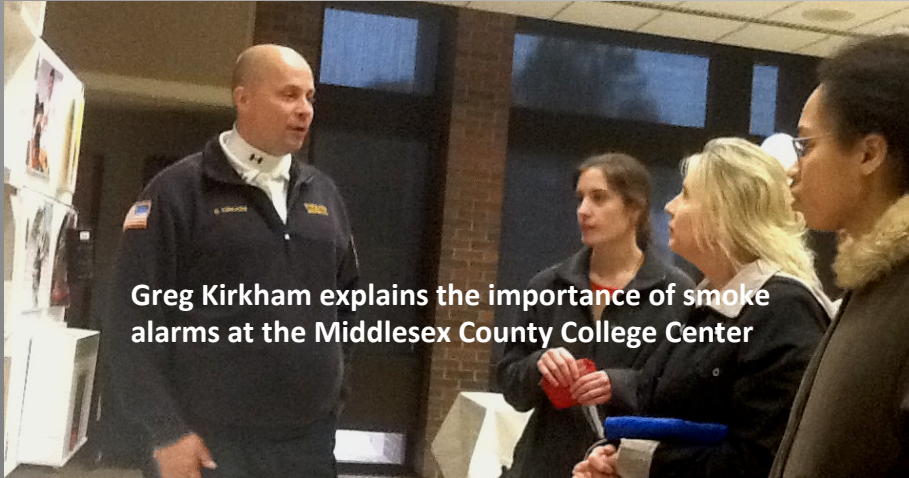
Acting Director Kramer requests and receives a personally autographed copy of the 2014 NJDFS-NJFPPA Fire Safety Poster Contest Calendar from overall winner Shymaine Armstrong.

2013-2014 NJDFS-NJFPPA Scholastic Fire Safety Poster Contest information

[POSTER CONTEST ANNOUNCEMENT](#)



DIVISION CONDUCTS 2013 STATEWIDE NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK TOUR



Greg Kirkham explains the importance of smoke alarms at the Middlesex County College Center



MIDDLESEX COUNTY COLLEGE

Health & Safety Fair

Thursday, October 10, 2013
College Center and Cafeteria C
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Many agencies will be attending. Check out the static displays outside, such as an Edison Fire Truck or the Hazardous Materials Truck (what's in there, anyway?) and much more!



Learn about:

Cancer Awareness	Domestic Violence	Dental Hygiene
Food Safety	Bone Density	Organ and Tissue Donation
Fire Safety	Occupational Safety	Depression Screening
Crisis Intervention	Smoking Cessation	Weight Management
	Environmental Safety	Stormwater Pollution
	Family Planning	Public Safety
		Blood Pressure
		Nutrition/Exercise

SUCCESS STARTS HERE



Kean University's Health and Safety Fair provided an opportunity to reach the "younger set" as on campus day care center children learn firsthand from Sparky's "Hazard House" what they need to tell parents and guardians about fire safety when they get home.

The Division schedules appearances at high-traffic community events during NFPA National Fire Prevention Week at the Middlesex County College Health and Safety Fair and at the Kean University Community Health and Safety Fair.

Each appearance allows Division personnel to speak directly with the public on fire safety issues and to provide them with take aways that they can refer to at home.

Similar outreach occurs statewide at various fire departments making sure the message of "Prevent Kitchen Fires" resonates in the local community

DIVISION CONDUCTS 2013 STATEWIDE NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK TOUR



Pleasant Plains Volunteer Fire Department provided standby apparatus for the event, as did TRT Police EMTs

The Division of Fire Safety and the Department of Health joined public education forces during NFPA National Fire Prevention Week alerting the public to the dangers of portable generator use at the Toms River Home Depot. Nearby Ortley Beach suffered catastrophic Superstorm Sandy damage and consequent widespread generator usage for weeks after the storm hit.

New Jersey Department of Health Commissioner Mary E. O'Dowd joins Acting Director William Kramer, Jr. in noting specific generator safety operating tips with the warning of carbon monoxide poisoning from misuse topping the list of possible hazards.



New Jersey Division Of Fire Safety

FIRE SAFETY FACTS

FIRE HAZARDS

Long term loss of electrical power may cause gas generators to run constantly. When refueling allow the unit to cool down first.

- Store fuel away from any structure or heat source.
- For gasoline generators use UL approved fuel containers with safety spouts to avoid fuel overfill.
- Check the unit regularly.

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

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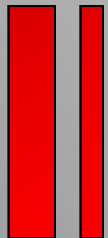
New Jersey Division Of Fire Safety

FIRE SAFETY FACTS

GAS GENERATOR SAFETY

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

The Division offers a brochure FREE as a download from the website. FDs or FOs can have their logo –Maltese imprinted on the brochure.
CONTACT: fireprevention@dca.state.nj.us



NJFPPA NOTES LONG STANDING BAYONNE SCHOOLS FIRE DEPARTMENT PARTNERSHIP



PARTNERS IN PREVENTION: Pictured from left to right: Judy Czuba, Fire Official Chris Czuba, Patricia Dziubek (Vice Principal, Midtown Community School), Fire Inspector Robert Veverka, Dr. Patricia McGeehan (Superintendent of Schools), Joyce Lynch (Fire Prevention Bureau), Fire Inspector Craig Buonomo, Ravikha Nayakrit (Fire Prevention Bureau), Firefighter James Keenan, and Gregory Rogers, Chief of Department, Bayonne.

The long standing partnership between the Bayonne Schools and the Bayonne Department of Fire Prevention was reason enough for the New Jersey Fire Prevention and Protection Association to note the partnership at the Association's annual awards dinner.

The partnership also extends to the New Jersey Division of Fire Safety, as Bayonne students have won seven NJDFS (F.I.R.E.) Fire Information and Rescue Education Bowls and have been Division winners in three out of the last five NJFPPS-NJDFS Scholastic Poster Contests.



AT ISSUE:

FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF WITH THE ISSUES THAT ARE OF CONCERN TO THE FIRE SERVICE FROM THE IAFC WEBSITE



Affordable Care Act

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA or ACA), is one of the most significant reforms to the U.S. health care system in over a generation. Since its passage, the federal government and others have been analyzing the act and determining how to implement this legislation, but one thing is clear: it will have a significant impact both fire department administration and operations. The legislation is extensive, with many moving pieces, and public opinion about the bill is highly polarized. Therefore, it's critical that fire department leaders fully understand the facts.

Communications

Communication technology and applications are a lifeline for first responders. IAFC works actively with the response community, government and industry to get it right.

EMS

The world of EMS is rapidly changing and IAFC is there ensure the voice of fire-based EMS is heard.

Federal Taxation

The tax system can be complicated. IAFC works to make sure that fire department leaders understand the ins and outs of taxation issues and fights to preserve firefighter benefits.

Fire Prevention

Fire prevention legislation needs to be led by the experts...not politicians or private interest. The IAFC educates elected officials on the issues and on-the-ground impact. Whether it's sprinklers, campus fire safety or other fire prevention issues, IAFC keeps policy focused on public and responder safety.

Grant Funding

Now more than ever, the local fire service needs access federal support of its all-hazards mission. IAFC fights to ensure that federally funded programs remain a viable option for fire departments increasingly charged to "do more with less."

Hazardous Materials

The national hazardous materials landscape is one that touches every community. From rail and trucking lines to pipelines and holding tanks and from each car on the road to each house on the street, hazardous materials are a part of our daily lives. Local first responders must have a leading voice in national policies that shape hazmat handling, transportation, training and response.

Homeland Security

Fire departments are the first line of defense against man-made and natural threats to our nation; therefore, fire chiefs need to be on the front line of national policy discussions regarding preparedness, response, resiliency, funding, training, and more.

PSOB Program

The IAFC is committed to ensuring that federal survivor benefits remain funded, accessible and fair, and to helping survivors understand the resources available and how to apply for them.

Volunteer and Combination

The Volunteer and Combination fire service stands as the backbone to many of America's communities. The IAFC is committed to ensuring that volunteer and combination chiefs are involved in national policy discussions and is working to protect their ability to serve their communities .

Wildland Fire

The IAFC led the charge to ensure local fire and emergency service leaders had a voice in national wildland fire policy and programming. The local fire and emergency services need to remain an integral part of the national wildland fire framework so that they can successfully work with their federal and state counterparts to combat one of the fastest growing natural threats to the U.S.

(From the IAFC website)



AT ISSUE:

**IMPORTANT FIRE SAFETY LEGISLATION
AWAITS FURTHER
ACTION BY CONGRESS**



HONORING HOMETOWN HEROES ACT

H.R. 2386 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

S. 1163 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.

FISCAL YEAR 2014 DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT

H.R. 2217 was introduced on May 29, 2013 by Congressman John Carter (TX-31).

Summary: The bill makes appropriations for programs and activities of the Department of Homeland Security for Fiscal Year 2014.

SAFE BUILDING CODES INCENTIVE ACT

H.R. 1878 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 states that adopt and enforce state-wide building codes.

FIRE POLICE FAIRNESS ACT

H.R. 1828 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

S. 750 was introduced on April 17, 2013 by the late 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

H.R. 1437 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

H.R. 1009 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

S. 501 was introduced on March 7, 2013 by Senator Charles Schumer (NY).

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 CSI)



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A145 (1)

**Move fire district election to
Non partisan election date
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A266 (2)

**Advise FD of solar panels
(Schroder)**

A824 (1)

**Move fire district election to
Non partisan election date
(Cryan)**

A1030 (1)

**Fire Company impact statement
(Bucco)**

A1044 (1)

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notification
(Bucco)**

A1149 (1)

**Fire District five year financials
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A1187 (1)

**Fire suppression systems for
paratransit and school buses
(Stender)**

A1382 (2)

**Fire Company Utility Co. credit
(Uprendra)**

A1503/S1896 (1)

**Fire District share of
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(Carroll)**

A1555 (1)

**State fire warden/incident
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(Wisniewski)**

A1560 (2)

**Approve firefighter transfer
from PERS to PFRS
(Wisniewski)**

A1570/S2273 (2)

**Home Fire Sprinkler Bill
(Wisniewski)
Received in the Senate**

A1843/S1255 (2)

**Group Home Fire Safety Act
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vehicles go to volunteers
(Milam)**

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**Contract arbitration time limit
(O'Scanlon)**

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**"Assistance to Firefighters
Families Act"
(Singleton)**

A2243 (1)

**Tenure for FOs after 4 years
(Prieto)**

A2291 (2)

**O2 Delivery
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A2334 (1)

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A2344 (1)

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A2511 (1)

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two family homes exclusion
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A2720 (1)

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(Wagner)**

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A2823 (1)

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(McKeon)**

A2911 (1)

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A3263 (1)

**Joint purchase agreements
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A3302 (2)

**Expand PFRS qualifications
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A3462 (2)

**Report campus fire events
(Riley)
Reported out with Amendments**

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A4073 (2)

**Fire Department Drones
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Referred to HS&SP Committee**

A4157 (2)

**Exempt Certificate
Referred to Law& Public Safety
(Albano)**

SENATE

S266/A141 (2)

**Charitable fee exemption
(Doherty)**

S500 (2)

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(Bucco)
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(Norcross)**

S565 (1)

**Fire-EMS Crisis Hotline
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**Apply NYC Bldg. Code to WTC
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(Gill)**

S921/A1881 (2)

**State Police surplus vehicles
Referred to Transportation
(VanDrew)**

S1255/A1843 (2)

**Group Home Fire Safety Act
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(Buono)**

S1299 (1)

**Fire Commissioner elections
(Turner)**

S1356 (1)

**Fire academy exemption from
Highlands Act
(Pennachio)**

S1397/A2593 (2)

**Mutual aid fire command
Substituted
(Pennachio)**

S1423 (1)

**Fire district election day change
(Beach)**

S1605 (1)

**Fire Safety seat on the DSPPG
(Bucco)**

S1774 (1)

**District elections date change
(Turner)**

S1829/A2596 (2)

**Home Extinguisher
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(Bucco)**

S1896/A1503 (1)

**Fire District share of successful
property tax appeal
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(Bucco)**

S1918/A3263 (2)

**Joint purchase agreements
(Cardinale)**

S1956 (1)

**District consolidation
(Holzaphel)**

S1975 (1)

**Internet site for fire equip-
ment
(Cardinale)**

S2146 (1)

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(VanDrew)**

S2183 (1)

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Type 1 propane tank
(VanDrew)**

S2205 (1)

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(Norcross)**

S2244 (1)

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(Cunningham)**

S2256 (1)

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(Gordon)

S2273 (2)
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(Norcross)

S2320 (1)
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(Beck)

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**Law and Public
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(Oroho)

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Bangladesh
Fire & Building Safety
Accord**
(Weinberg)

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2012 USFA LINE OF DUTY DEATHS REVERSE A CONSECUTIVE 3 YEAR DECLINE

81 FIREFIGHTERS DIED WHILE ON DUTY IN 2012

The total break down included 42 volunteer, 28 career, and 11 wildland agency firefighters.

There were 4 multiple firefighter fatality incidents claiming a total of ten firefighters.

Fifteen firefighters died in duties associated with wildland fires.

Activities related to emergency incidents resulted in the deaths of 45 firefighters.

Twenty-two firefighters died while engaging in activities at the scene of a fire.

Seventeen firefighters died while responding to or returning from 16 emergency incidents.

Eighteen firefighters died as the result of 14 vehicle crashes, six involving POVs, six involving apparatus, and six from two separate incidents involving aircraft.

Heart attacks were the most frequent cause of death which claimed 39 firefighters.

Eight firefighters died while they were engaged in training activities.



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