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SUMMIT OF LEADERS OF VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES AND FIRST AID SQUADS

The NJ Fire and Emergency Medical Services Institute will host a "Summit of Leaders" – a study to document the values of volunteer Fire and EMS services to residents of the State, and to recommend new and innovative proposals for increasing volunteer recruitment and retention in New Jersey.

The program will on *Saturday February 26, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.* at the Middlesex County Fire Academy.

The program is geared toward fire department and squad officers, those most likely to deal with volunteer recruitment. The goal of the Summit is to develop a series of recommendations leading to more effective volunteer recruitment and retention by local emergency service organizations.

There is no charge to attend the Summit, however, pre-registration is required. Registration information can be found at: www.njfemsi.org.

The NJ Fire EMS Institute published its 2010-2011 Legislative and Policy Agenda. It includes as an item, it will support – The Institute will ask that the State of New Jersey conduct a study to document the value of volunteer fire and EMS services of the state, and to recommend new and innovative proposals for increasing volunteer recruitment and retention in NJ.

During the same time frame, the Volunteer and Combination Officers Section, (VCOS), of the International Association of Fire Chiefs announced its first National Summit: "The Heartbeat of America: Preserving the Future of the Volunteer Fire Service," to be held March 17-19, 2011 at the Hyatt Regency Capitol Hill Hotel in Washington, D.C.

Participants will address issues and concerns about volunteerism which are critical to the emergency response community as well as to the fabric of our nation as a whole. While drawing on the knowledge and experience of volunteer leaders, the summit will also reach out to emerging leaders whose input is critical for shaping the future.

The ultimate goal of the VCOS summit is to examine the critical challenges that are faced by fire departments staffed by volunteer, on-call or part time firefighters and help develop a long term strategic plan to carry the volunteer fire service into the future and solidify its status.

2011 New York World Police & Fire Games

Registration is open for the 2011 New York World Police & Fire Games.

For further information:

email: info@2011wpfg.org or call 718-281-3335.

Registration can also be entered online at:

www.2011wpfg.org.

...We have all become reactive, no longer pro-active...2010 PRIMA Conference

... *A woman is like a tea bag...You never know how strong it is until it's in hot water...Eleanor Roosevelt.*

Irish Diplomacy: The ability to tell a man to go to hell so that he looks forward to making the trip!

THE RELAY; A MEMBER BENEFIT

-From the desk of C. Kenneth Anderson

The Association publishes a bi-weekly email newsletter, The Relay, as a member benefit. It is emailed to any member who provides an e-mail address.

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The objectives of The Relay, are similar to the Five Trumpet Journal; to provide the members with news about (1), the Association, (2), the Eastern Division and IAFC, (3) New Jersey legislative and administrative law, (4) relevant items about the New Jersey fire service and our members, and (5), other topical items. The Relay typically includes a “snippet” of an article with a link to the web location of the full story if a member wants more information.

Some members were originally on the distribution list, but “undeliverable” messages have been received for at least three issues and the name has been removed. Some of these members have probably changed providers and failed to notify us of the new address. Please send an e-mail to be restored to the distribution list.

New members have not been automatically entered into the distribution list. To be added to the distribution list, send an e-mail to kenander@comcast.net with (1) your name, (2), member number, and, (3) e-mail address. You can use a personal e-mail, a fire department e-mail, or a business e-mail.

The Relay is posted on the Association web site shortly after it is distributed. There is also an archive of issues on the site. Many members forward the Relay to other members of their department or post it on the fire-house bulletin board.

NJ FIRE SAFETY COMMISSION

-Submitted by Commissioner Larry Wood.

The NJ Fire Safety Commission met on January 19, 2011 and adopted the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, on January 27, 2010 the NJ Fire Safety Commission adopted a formal resolution encouraging the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General and Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs adopt proposed regulations that would require the installation of fire sprinklers in all one and two family dwellings construction after January 12, 2012, and,

WHEREAS, the administration adopted the proposed regulation without the fire sprinkler requirements, and,

WHEREAS, without legislative intervention it may be years before this requirement could be proposed again, and,

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 3278 has been introduced by Assemblyman Wisniewski, Chairman of the Fire Safety Commission, and,

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 2287 has been introduced as companion legislation by Senator Bucco, a longtime member of the New Jersey Fire Safety Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NEW JERSEY FIRE SAFETY COMMISSION, That this body approved this resolution at its January 19, 2011 meeting calling upon the leadership in the Assembly and Senate to ensure that these Bills receive immediate consideration in both Houses and encourage bi-partisan support, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution, signed by the Chairman of the Fire Safety Commission and Attested by the Secretary of the Commission, shall be transmitted to the Speaker of the Assembly and the President of the Senate.

WABC Operation Save-a Life Kickoff Breakfast will take place on the morning of January 26, 2011 at the Pierre Hotel in New York City. New Jersey will be receiving Smoke Detectors to distribute to Fire Departments throughout the State.

Charles Luxton at the NJ Division of Fire Safety will be the contact person of this program. Contact Charlie for smoke detectors and make arrangements to pick them up. Charlie's phone number is **609-633-6432**.

CFSI and the MedicAlert Foundation Launch New Awards Program:

Excellence in Fire Service-Based EMS Awards Program to Recognize Fire Departments for Outstanding Achievement in Fire Service-Based EMS.

The Congressional Fire Services Institute, (CFSI), and the MedicAlert Foundation have announced the establishment of a new awards program to recognize fire departments from across the country for outstanding achievements in EMS services.

The Excellence in Fire Service-Based EMS Awards Program will honor volunteer, career and combination departments that have established innovative and highly effective best practices in emergency medical services. Departments selected for their achievements will be honored at the annual National Fire and Emergency Services Dinner in Washington, D.C. hosted by CFSI.

Fire Service-Based EMS plays a critical and time-sensitive role in the continuum of emergency medical services in this nation. Patient survival, to a large extent, is determined by the level and quality of care provided by fire department personnel. They are often the first on the scene and are trained and equipped to perform their duties under the most extreme conditions. The Excellence in Fire Service-Based EMS Awards Program will recognize fire departments that have implemented best practices in EMS. Through this effort, CFSI and the MedicAlert Foundation will seek to identify and promote best practices in Fire Service Emergency Medical Services that can serve as a model to help all fire Departments seeking to enhance their own emergency medical services.

Applications for the awards program will be accepted from January 22nd to March 15th. A selection committee comprised of representatives from the IAFC, IAFF, NFPA, NVFC, and the Fire Service-Based EMS Advocates will review the applications and select at least one recipient each from a volunteer, combination and career department for the awards. The first awards presentation will take place **April 7, 2011 at the 23rd Annual National Fire and Emergency Services Dinner** sponsored by the CFSI.

Applications and information about the Excellence in Fire Service-Based EMS Honor are available at: www.medicalert.org/award.

FDNY Foundation Info:

The FDNY Foundation Humanitarian Awards Dinner is on Thursday April 14, 2011. For more information call the FDNY Foundation at **718-999-0779**.

Critical Data in an Emergency

For fire, emergency medical services, police, and, other public safety professionals, getting accurate information in the first minutes of an incident can mean the difference between life and death. The Golden Minute highlights how Geographic Information System, (GIS), enables quick access to critical information when, where, and how it is needed during an emergency. By having information immediately available and constantly updated, engine company personnel and officers can make better decisions. The result is a safer and more intelligent response. In this video, leading public safety professionals share how GIS can assist in more effective incident management. They also discuss the importance of using GIS to move information out of file cabinets and binders and into an intuitive digital map that is suitable for use by first responders and chief officers. See why fire services leaders value the use of GIS in The Golden Minute: www.esri.com/publicsafety.

Some stories warrant repeating...especially this one:

It's unfortunate that stories like this take years to become public. This is a little known story from the Pentagon on 9/11/2001. During a visit with a fellow chaplain, who happened to be assigned to the Pentagon, I had a chance to hear a firsthand account of an incident that happened right after Flight 77 hit the Pentagon. The chaplain told me what happened at a daycare center near where the impact occurred. This daycare had many children, including infants who were in heavy cribs. The daycare supervisor, looking at all the children they needed to evacuate, was in a panic over what they could do. There were many children, mostly toddlers, as well as the infants that would need to be taken out with the cribs. There was no time to try to bundle them into carriers and strollers. Just then a young Marine came running into the center and asked what they needed. After hearing what the center director was trying to do, he ran back out into the hallway and disappeared. The director through, well, there we are, on our own.

About two minutes later, that Marine returned with 40 other Marines in tow. Each of them grabbed a crib with a child, and the rest started gathering up toddlers.

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The director and her staff then helped them take all the children out of the center and down toward the park near the Potomac. Once they got about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile outside the building, the Marines stopped in the park, and then did a fabulous thing- they formed a circle with the cribs, which were quite sturdy and heavy, like the covered wagons in the old west. Inside this circle of cribs, they put the toddlers, to keep them from wandering off. Outside this circle were the 40 Marines, forming a perimeter around the children and waiting for instructions. There they remained until the parents could be notified and come get their children.

The chaplain then said, "I don't think any of us saw nor heard of this on any of the news stories of the day." It was an incredible story of our men there. The thought of those Marines and what they did and how fast they reacted; could we expect any less from them? It was one of the most touching stories from the Pentagon.

...Most of us wonder if our lives made any difference, Marines don't have that problem...President Regan.

(Thanks to Carlstadt Chief Ken Schwarz for sharing this story with the NJSFCA).

News from the New Jersey State Firemen's Association- President George Heflich, Sr.

Wishing everyone and their families a Happy New Year!

Percentage for qualifying a firefighter is 50% not 60%, starting in 2010.

For the 2011 Convention, three Associations will not be seated due to Pink and Blue paperwork not being submitted by the due date.

Firefighter Ben Moore of Burlington County, New Jersey was killed in Afghanistan and was not a member of our State Association.

Our Association and the Firemen's Home are no longer on the same page. Executive Committeeman Derby sent out a letter to all Secretaries explaining that the remarks made by Chairman Dutch at the 2010

Convention were not true. The remarks that he commented on were not discussed with our Chairman Derby. The entire Executive Board and Officers are not happy the way this year's Firemen's Home budget was handled. Most of the Managers and our Association never got the courtesy of reviewing the budget that included a one and one half million dollar increase by orders of Chairman Dutch and their attorney. That amount is about 15% of the 12 million dollars that we give out to 538 Associations in May. Our Association can't afford increases of that amount or a second Firemen's Home without lowering your assessment check or lowering the death benefit.

Alfa Fire Company was audited by the same two people that audited Woodbridge and passed. They were asked the same question over and over; "why do people volunteer, work for nothing, for banquets, etc."

As of 2011 all salaries for Reps., Trustees and Officers must be paid at the December meeting. This was discussed as one Association was put out of accord, as the Officers were being paid in January and then and quitting before the end of that same year.

Relief payments have been raised \$500.00 for Associations that have assets of \$80,000.00 thru \$750,000.00.

There are changes in the Finance Reform Bill on the 3% Monies, by the Federal Government, they are working with states to sign for Interstate billing, the home state will collect the money for example, where Target, Sears, CVS are Headquartered and it will be distributed once a year, not quarterly and they are not sure of the delay in the funding because of the CAP Laws.

We had a Compendium meeting on November 4, 2010, and discussed three letters on the "90 days for physicals" topic, and the Committee recommended to keep the Physical record for one year. The Executive Committee also agreed to keep the Physical for one year.

New Jersey State Fire Chiefs Association

Order Form

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APPLICATION BLANK

New Jersey State Fire Chiefs' Association

I wish to apply for _____ admission
 _____ transfer to the following classification(s):

- _____ Active Membership (Chiefs, Assistant Chiefs, Deputy Chiefs, Battalion Chiefs; current and former; of any Fire Department, Company, Brigade; paid, volunteer or industrial)
- _____ Associate Membership (Captains and Lieutenants who take an active part in administration and fire fighting operations)
- _____ Benefit Fund (Must be applying for Active Member before age 56 or within five years of becoming an Active Member and before age 56)

Name _____
 Home Address _____
 City _____ County _____ State _____ Zip _____
 E-mail Address _____ Are you a former member of the N J State Fire Chiefs' Association? _____
 Date of Birth _____ Social Sec No _____ Phone (____) _____
 Highest Rank Held _____ from _____, 19____ to _____, 19____
 Name of Company, Dept, or Brigade _____
 Municipality _____

Applicant's Signature _____
 Recommended by _____ Member Number _____
 Signature

Application Fee for Active and Associate Membership is **\$20.00**
 which includes the dues for the remainder of the calendar year of \$17.50

APPLICATION FOR BENEFIT FUND ONLY

NOTE: Only fill out this portion of the Application if you are applying for the Benefit Fund
 Applicants for the Benefit Fund must apply (1) at the time of becoming an Active Member and before the age of 56 or within 5 years of becoming an Active Member and before age 56
 Associate members are not eligible for the Benefit Fund

Full Name of Beneficiary _____ Relationship _____
 Home Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Entrance Fee to the Benefit Fund is **\$1.35**

Make checks in the full amount due, payable to "N. J. State Fire Chiefs' Association" and mail with application to:

Jere E. Cole, Jr., Secretary, N. J. State Fire Chiefs' Association (973) 366-8613
 P. O. Box 1309, West Caldwell, NJ 07007-1309

APPLICATION FOR COLLEGE LEVEL SCHOLARSHIP

Name _____ Name of Fire Department _____

Street _____
Home Address, Number and Street Fire Department Address, Number and Street

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Date of Birth _____ Length of Service _____

SSN _____ Type of Department: Career Volunteer Other

Home Phone _____ Business Phone _____

Education: Circle Year Completed: High School 1 2 3 4 College 1 2 3 4

Other _____

Are you eligible for, or are you receiving, educational funding from another source? Yes No

If Yes, explain _____

INSTITUTION AND COURSE INFORMATION

Name of Institution _____ Course dates _____ to _____

Address _____ Academic Credit Granted _____

Curriculum or Course Title and Number _____ Tuition Cost _____

Description of course (From Institution's Catalog, or attach copy) _____

In applying for consideration, I am aware that any grant will be applied against my tuition. In the event my course does not cost the full amount of the grant, I am eligible only for the amount of the tuition and I have no claim against the Association, the donor, or the college for the remainder.

I declare that all statements herein are complete and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Certification of Eligibility of Fire Department members for either Scholarship:

Fire Department Officer _____ Title _____

Name typed or printed _____ Date _____

Certification of Eligibility for the for Fortnum Scholarship by persons who are relatives of NJ State Fire Chiefs' Association members but are not fire department members:

Member's Name

Membership Number

Applicant's Relationship to Member

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