



The Relay

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Treasurer's Message

1. **DUES:** 2012 Member ship Dues are \$17.50 and are now due. Recently, Invoices were mailed out that may have had an incorrect amount due, or showed a zero balance due for 2012. If you have not paid your 2012 Association Dues, please send it in! Please include your membership I.D. number along with your payment. Thank you very much!
2. **Death Benefit Assessment Members:** The amount now due for your 2012 V.F.I.S. Policy is \$75.00. Please send in your payment along with the completed application no later than 12/15/2011. Should you not wish to become a V.F.I.S. policy holder, please notify Chris Assenheimer in writing no later than 12/15/2011. Please include your membership I.D. number with your payment. Remember, this should be your only insurance payment for 2012.

Association News

Congratulations to our two newly elected Trustees: Chief Jim Hensley was elected as the new Trustee from our southern region. Jim replaces Chief George Cox.

Chief Paul Mundy was elected as the Trustee from our central region. Paul replaces Chief Carl Christensen. Congratulations to both!

Generation Z

When we first begin our careers most of us concentrate on the business at hand, putting all our concentration on life safety and the protection of property. As time goes by and we move up in the ranks it becomes apparent that the hardest part of our jobs is to manage our personnel. This article from Penelope Trunk gives some insight on what generation Z will be like.

<http://blog.penelopetrunk.com/2009/07/27/what-work-will-be-like-for-generation-z/>

Recalls

Pierce Manufacturing has issued a recall of that includes several models and model years for faulty latches on the SCBA compartments, if you have not already been made aware of this recall please go to the attached link and verify that none of your apparatus is affected. http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/recalls/results.cfm?rcl_id=11V551000&searchtype=quicksearch&summary=true&refurl=rss

Jayco Inc. has issued a recall on its Eagle Super lite and Jay Flight trailers the converters may have been manufactured with undersized coils that might result in a fire. http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/recalls/results.cfm?rcl_id=11V554000&searchtype=quicksearch&summary=true&refurl=rss
http://media.channelblade.com/boat_graphics/electronic_brochure/company41480/159873_p_t_360x240_image01.jpg
<http://www.bigskyrv.com/images/slideshow/1316123297.jpg>

Meth Labs

With the recent arrest of four NY men transporting 51 pounds of methamphetamine it is a good time to reinforce that methamphetamine production can take place within our communities. Attached are links to two articles one from the Illinois Attorney General on how to spot a residential lab and an article from the Canadian Fire Service describing some of the many dangers that Fire Fighters face when entering a lab.

<http://www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/methnet/recognizingmeth/outside.html>

<http://www.firefightingincanada.com/content/view/1283/213/>

A Look Back

As we look to the future it is good to sometimes look back. At one time the horse drawn steam pumpers were state of the art. Attached are two clips the first of a New York City first alarm returning to quarters and the second a brief history of the horse in the fire service that highlights the training that the horses received. It is incredible that they were able to be in service 30 seconds after the alarm sounded.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ynnUkitnQeE>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n5GWgDOgfYQ>

You Tube

Car fires are one of the most common fires we face. In an effort to make cars lighter and more fuel efficient car makers are using more exotic material, magnesium is becoming more and more prevalent in common models of cars. Attached are two videos showing the reaction of magnesium and water.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2n8whyuSOFI>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KY9ri-UOoLo&feature=fvwrel>

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