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Comments from the President

We're on the web!!
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I want to take this opportunity to introduce myself for those who do not know me.

I am the Fire Chief of the North Kansas City Fire Department. I have been with NKC for 23 years. I started as a firefighter and came up through the ranks like many of you. I was appointed Chief in August, 2002.

North Kansas City is located in the metropolitan Kansas City area just north of downtown Kansas City right on the Missouri River. We are an interesting little city with several manufacturing facilities, casino gambling and one of the largest hospitals in the metropolitan area. Our resident population is 4750, but during any time of the day we could have as many as 30,000 people in the city.

I was elected President February 25th at the annual conference at Big Cedar. I would like to thank the membership for their support. I will serve to the best

of my ability and try to continue to make this an organization we can all be proud of. It is a little overwhelming when someone asks you, "How does the Fire Chiefs in Missouri feel about this issue?" I will ask a lot of the Board of Directors over the next few years because I really want the views of the Association of Missouri Chiefs to represent the entire fire service of Missouri.

I would like to take a few minutes and thank Greg Pottberg for his leadership during his term as President. Greg provided the organization with excellent leadership that was based on a strong belief in service to our organization. Greg has and will continue to counsel me in many of the decisions that we will have to make as an organization in the coming years.

During the annual conference we had 113 participants that took part in an excellent program (Functional Boss Behaviors) from Chief Brunacini. It was very entertaining and informative and I am

sure we all walked away with something we can use. We also took care of some housekeeping issues. The two most notable were approving revisions in the Constitution and updating our policy and procedures manual. They better represent what we do as an organization. They can be viewed on our website. We were also able to re-elect and fill all vacancies of the Board of Directors seats in the state. We now have a board member in each region of the state thanks to the hard work of the Nomination Committee. I appreciate everyone's service to Missouri Chief's and the fire service.

Thanks again for your support. I will make every effort to represent and provide the leadership that this organization needs and deserves. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me.

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MISSOURI VALLEY NEWS

Missouri Valley will be holding its annual conference in Omaha, Nebraska on July 20-22, 2006. Please enroll as early as possible to secure your participation in this years Missouri Valley Conference. Registration forms may be accessed at www.mvafc.org.

International Director's Report

The International Association of Fire Chiefs' Board of Directors recently met in Florida for their Board Meeting. All of the Divisions' and Sections' Board members were in attendance along with the Association's Executive Director and some of the staff. This meeting also included a number of guests from other Divisions and Sections.

One of the most interesting items and themes that came from the staff was that if you show up at IAFC Headquarters during this year, don't be surprised if the staff are all in running shoes or sneakers. The Association has accomplished a great deal over the last six months and continues to be on the same fast paced run for this year.

Some of the accomplishments that have been achieved by the IAFC since August are:

- A new email system has been implemented over this past month that is being distributed to the Division VP's to be forwarded on to all their Chiefs in the individual states.
- The IAFC is a trusted source by our members, in the fire and emergency services community, in the administration / Federal Government, on Capitol Hill, in the professional association community, and by our corporate partners. Our objective is to maintain that trust through building relationships, the quality of our work, and clear and consistent communications.
- The IAFC facilitated the AFG/SAFER grant criteria development process for the 6th year in a row.
- Assisting USFA with logistics and staff support for the development of a post-Katrina strategic plan for the New Orleans Fire Department.
- ERSI Fire Service Leadership Grant series - \$84,000 to 14 mem-

ber departments. One of these grants was awarded to a department in our Division.

- 2005 ASAE Cause Related Marketing Award for IAFC – This was due to the “Change your Clock, Change your Battery” campaign/partnership. We are entering our 20th year for this partnership.
- 500+ reports received since launch of National Fire Fighter Near Miss Reporting System in August 2005. It took over 1-year for the FAA Pilots similar program to achieve this amount. This is progressing wonderfully.
- Received 2006 Award of Excellence from ASAE Associations Advance America Program to recognize outstanding associations that take action to improve the quality of American society through exemplary activities.
- Development of pilot program of 10 intrastate mutual aid plans in the Gulf Coast states and Rocky Mountain states
- National Fire Service Mutual Aid System Task Force (MASTF) funded by IAFC for development of a comprehensive, interstate mutual aid plan. The IAFC Divisions have embraced this.
- House and Senate agree to set February 17, 2009, as the date to clear television channels 63, 64, 68, and 69 in the 700 MHz spectrum band for public safety. This is awaiting final approval by Congress.
- IAFC has issued 89 member alerts reaching an audience of 719,105.
- In 2005, there were 962,453 unique visits to the IAFC website; and 21 issues of *On Scene* were published reaching a total audience of over 2.2 million.
- Created Avian Influenza Task Force. Created and distributed educational brochure to 33,000 fire departments. Seven-part series on preparedness and response in *On Scene*. Created dedicated webpage

to ensure wide-scale access to resources. Attended President Bush's announcement of pandemic prevention / response proposal.

- The Harley membership campaign brought in a record high new member total of 653. The *Get Five in '05* recruiter program brought in 218 new members in only six months. We had 1,617 new members in 2005. We finished 2005 with a strong 87% retention rate for total paying members, up slightly (1%) from 2004.
- The Katrina Relief Fund distributed \$60,000 to IAFC members within the total devastation areas. All members who requested assistance received \$1,000. This was all funded from donations - no membership dues were used for this. 64% of those affected in this area denied assistance from IAFC, but 60 members accepted the assistance.
- The IAFC achieved tremendous accomplishments in 2005. The amount of work done by the Committees, Task Forces, and Sections of the IAFC is incomprehensible.
- Immediately after the hurricane in New Orleans, the IAFC began to look at alternative locations, after it was realized the amount of devastation. As you can imagine, New Orleans Convention Bureau was not pleased with that possibility. In the end the IAFC was able to move the location to Atlanta, GA for FRI 2007. This will be the same year that our own Chief Steve Westermann will be annotated to IAFC President.

With regards to FRI, one of the greatest concerns this year is what happens on the exhibit floor and the key issue of getting people on the floor and getting them engaged with the vendors. Mr. Schoenberger, Vice President, After Market Sales and Service, Pierce Manufacturing, advised the Board that the majority of revenue funneling into

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International Director's Report (con't)

Fire Rescue International (FRI) comes from FAMA and FEMSA.

These associations are concerned with FRI. FRI is in a competitive market. FDIC and FRI are the two big shows of the year. Some of the regional shows numbers are starting to exceed FRI numbers. Dallas will be a key city this year that needs to be supported. FRI has had good attendance there in the past, but everyone needs to work, and I mean, everyone in the Division, on keeping people engaged on the floor this year.

It should be the mission of all of us to assist in achieving the goal of Job #1 = Getting and keeping attendees on the exhibit floor in Dallas this year.

Our Treasurer, Chief Julian Taliaferro presented his annual Financial Report. The IAFC achieved operating revenues of 97% of the budget and contained operating expenses at 95% of the budget for 2005. It appears by unaudited financial statements that the IAFC will end the budget year with a positive increase in the net assets.

IAFC continues to be financially sound.

The Board was presented with an overview of the recommendations of the IAFC FRI Site Selection Task Force. The recommendations were: 2010 – Philadelphia; 2011 – Atlanta; 2012 – Denver; 2013 – Philadelphia; 2014 – Dallas; 2015 – Atlanta. There are pros and cons with each city. The IAFC Fire Rescue International conference will be held in Dallas in 2006, in Atlanta in 2007, in Denver in 2008, and in Dallas in 2009. The approval of the Site Selection Task Force's recommendation is contingent on the successful negotiations with the cities.

The Elections Committee presented a proposal with regard to the development of an information manual to a prospective candidate to supply essential information about the process of running for an elected officer position on the IAFC Board of Directors. After discussion with the Board, they decided to rescind the proposal.

A government relations report was given and I would be happy to forward it on to anyone that would like one. Just contact me with your email and I will send it right out.

As I come to the close of this article, my sister is in my thoughts with her family's possible move from Ford to Nissan and Ford's continued mission of Job #1, Quality. I would ask you to assist in the IAFC's BoD and Staff's goal of Job #1 = Getting and keeping attendees on the exhibit floor in Dallas this year.

As always, I would like to thank all of you for your continued support and if there is anything you may need, please let me know.

Chief Richard R. Carrizzo
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Thank You

I want to take this time to say thank you to each of the board members, executive director and membership that supported me during my time as President of this organization. It was a pleasure to serve in this capacity and to work in moving our organization forward.

I believe that our association has moved to the forefront in the state political arena. We have re-built some communication avenues within the state and continue to work with the Department of Public Safety and to support the

efforts in the States development of Homeland Security forces.

As Past-President I will continue to work with the board members to see that our association remains in the forefront and is a catalyst in the direction of Missouri's emergency services.

Respectfully,

Chief Greg A. Pottberg, CFO

MAFC Seminar 2006

The annual winter seminar was held at Big Cedar Lodge on February 23-25, 2006 with 112 registered attendees. Chief Alan Brunacini with the Phoenix Fire Department gave a presentation on "Functional Boss Behaviors". The presentation was exceptional and Chief Brunacini brought a wealth of knowledge to the members of our organization. The dates for the 2007 Winter Seminar will be February 23-26 at Big Cedar Lodge. We have invited Chief Brunancini back again for next year and awaiting confirmation at this time. Please place the 07 Seminar on your schedule.

Chief John VanGorkum

Fire Marshall's Office

This month marks my one year anniversary as your State Fire Marshal and I hope that I am living up to your expectations. I cannot say enough as to how much I appreciate the support I have received. The year seems to have gone by so fast.

Recently the Division has filled two Fire Investigator vacancies. Mark Fechtig came to the Division from the Department of Conservation where he served as an agent in McDonald County. Mark also previously served as a firefighter with the Chillicothe Fire Department. Mark has relocated to Clinton County and is assigned to cover the northwest area of the state. Chris Thompson joined the Division in February and was previously employed as a firefighter with the West Plains Fire Department. He also served as a police officer with the West Plains Police Department. Chris has relocated to the Joplin area and assigned to the southwest portion of the state.

Questions and concerns continue to be directed toward the Division in relation to the burning of acquired structures for firefighter training. Since mid 2005, I have participated in a Department of Natural Resources (DNR) workgroup that has been tasked with the review and revision of rules and regulations relating to open burning. Of course one of the issues of interest to me is the regulations involving firefighter training.

Although I made an effort to relax the regulations and requirements on the burning of acquired structures I was not successful. The Department of Natural Resources explained that compliance with EPA regulations cannot be waived. As a result the burning of an acquired structure will be subject to the National Emission Standard for Asbestos and all petroleum-based products will be required to be removed. In addition, notification to DNR is required prior to the

burn and the site may be subject to an inspection.

No DNR burn permit will be required for any live burn firefighter training, whether it is an acquired structure, LP gas simulators, flashover simulators or live burn towers.

Within the very near future DNR will file the proposed rule amendments relating to "open burning" with the Secretary of State. When the proposed amendments are published in the Missouri Register, a thirty (30) day public comment period is available. I encourage you to review these proposed amendments and submit comment(s) if you so desire within the time frame provided.

Recently, the Division has been working on an initiative to revitalize what has been previously known as the "Overhead Team" concept. Within the NIMS realm, this concept is known as an Incident Management Team (IMT). You may recall that several years ago there were three "overhead teams" in the state: east, west and central. It goes without saying that these teams are invaluable when it comes to managing a large scale incident whether it is a manmade or natural disaster. Due to the importance of this team concept I believe it is critical to re-establish the program.

Our goal is to re-establish three Type 3 Incident Management Teams and work toward developing Type 2 Incident Management Teams within other areas of the state. As before, these teams will act and operate as a support function to the local incident/unified command. Grant monies are being sought to obtain the specialized NFA All Hazards Incident Management Team Training.

The intent is not to leave any area of the state out of the system; however, it seems the most feasible way to begin re-building these teams is to re-establish the original three teams.

I want to thank St. Charles Fire Chief Ernie Rhodes for his leadership and stepping forward to assist with this initiative, as well as the other members of the working group. As with any issue, teamwork is key.

As I have reported previously, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has approved the Division's request to license three additional radio frequencies. All are narrow band frequencies: 154.2725, 154.2875, and 154.3025.

These frequencies are available to emergency responders; however, due to FCC regulations each entity desiring to use the frequencies must sign an MOU with the Division. The MOU and relating documents may be downloaded from our website and submitted to the Division. The MOU details the frequencies primary functions and their identifiers.

Please note that frequency **154.3025** has been designated as "Command 5 – Staging". Input from our IMT Committee indicated it would be important to specifically identify one frequency for "staging" purposes when the state mutual aid system is activated.

Lastly I would like to encourage you to visit the Division of Fire Safety's website at www.dfs.dps.mo.gov and view the Division's April newsletter. This is a new feature to our website that has been added in an effort to increase communication with the fire service. I hope you will find it informative and useful.

As always, I am only a phone call away. If you have questions or need further information about any issue, please do not hesitate to contact me or any staff member.

Randy Cole
Missouri State Fire Marshal

Fire & Rescue Training Institute (MU FRTI)

As I walked back to my office I had to think if I was the director of fire training in Missouri or Florida. What beautiful weather we have had for the last part of February. This weather has also allowed us to get a jump on many of the outdoor training activities we usually put off until mid or late March. At the time of this article, we are on a record-breaking pace.

If you have not heard of NIMS, let me be the first to mention it. If you have heard of it my condolences. MU FRTI has received significant funding this year from SEMA to deliver NIMS related training throughout the state. With the approval of several of our courses by ODP we can provide I-700 through I-400 training in your department. Contact your regional training coordinator or MU FRTI at 800-869-3476 if you would like assistance in this training. Also, don't forget that one of the NIMS requirements deals with exercise and evaluation. MU FRTI can also assist you in this endeavor.

During the past few months, I have been meeting with state and regional fire chief associations to provide an update of MU FRTI activities. I plan on continuing this during the next few months. I'd like to cover a few of the issues I have presented to these groups.

Greetings to All

Just a friendly reminder of the annual Memorial Services coming up in May. Our candlelight service will be held on Saturday evening at dusk on May 20th and the Memorial Services will be delivered on Sunday morning May 21st at 10:30 AM

All services will be held at the Fire Fighters Memorial in Kingdom City, Missouri.

Quality- During the past ten months, we have taken a serious look at the quality of our training programs. The first part of the evaluation was curriculum development. Since April of 2005, we have been using curriculum specialists from the MU Center for Distance and Independent Study (CDIS). We still assemble technical committees for content but CDIS will make sure the curriculum meets the principles of adult learning.

The second part of the quality movement is a revision of our part-time instructor criteria. Working with our Regional Training Coordinators, I hope to meet with our adjunct instructors during late winter and early spring and share the criteria and process with them. As the criteria becomes finalized it will be available at www.mufrti.org.

The third part of our quality movement will deal with our current process for course management. Some of the criteria we will use comes from the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award program.

Finally, the last quality aspect for our program will focus on the infrastructure of mobile training props and the possibility of a central training facility. Presently, MU FRTI and the MU Law Enforcement Training Institute are working on a business plan to build a public safety training center. The plan has been approved by

MU Extension and approval from the Chancellors office to begin conceptual drawings is expected in March. If approved, this facility would become one of the state of the art facilities in the country. To help finance this project, there will be some fund raising efforts on behalf of the University of Missouri. All of these efforts will be coordinated through MU FRTI.

Regionalized Training- Particularly I have wanted to make an impact in the metropolitan areas, but the short of the matter is the amount of training requests have well exceeded the amount of funds we receive from DFS or the Fire Education Commission. What I have been asking some areas of the state to do is provide a master list of training program to us by May 31, 2006 for consideration of contract or grant funds. From this list we will know what we have to obligate and can also coordinate the delivery of training programs. This should eliminate some duplicate courses delivered only a few miles from each other. In the future, there will probably be an application deadline for all course requests where contract or grant funds are requested.

Terrorism Conference- MU FRTI decided to forgo our Terrorism Conference that has been offered in October each year at the Lake of the Ozarks.

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We are again asking that any Honor/Color Guard that would like to participate, please contact Mr. Scott Nengel at: snengel@hotmail.com. He will be able to give you all of the details involved.

I am also still looking for one ladder truck to assist Festus Fire Department in flying the large flag. If interested you may contact me at: chiefhoover@sbcglobal.net or 573-

581-6235. Any department wishing to bring apparatus are welcome. Our services are growing each year and we hope you will be able to attend as we pay tribute to our departed comrades.

Sincerely,
Kenneth Hoover, Chairman
Fire Fighters Memorial
Foundation of Missouri

Report from the Executive Director

LEGISLATIVE REPORT #11 APRIL 17, 2006

BUDGET

The additional money for firefighter training is part of the budget that will be sent to the governor.

WORKERS COMPENSATION

Senator Chris Koster has amended one bill and will soon amend another to ensure firefighters who travel from a non firehouse location to an emergency call will be covered by workers compensation similar to police officers. We will alert you if calls will be needed to push this legislation through.

FIRE DEPARTMENT DEFINITION (SB666)

has our definition as part of it. It passed out of the senate committee by consent and awaits floor action. (It has already passed the house). This bill also contains the workers' compensation issue from above..

EMS PEER REVIEW (HB1076)

This bill is part of an omnibus professional bill. It was briefly debated in the house, but received a very controversial amendment (I believe about optometrists) and may be in jeopardy. This is what can happen when legislation is tied to omnibus bills.

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

SALES TAX (OMNIBUS LOCAL GOVERNMENT)

As seen this is part of the omnibus local government bill. This will allow the current 5 counties (I believe St Louis-Greene-Cass-Platte & St Charles) that does not allow FPD sales tax vote to allow them. It has passed the house and now awaits senate committee action.

BOARD MEMBER TRAINING

Our bill on this is now a part of the Local Government Omnibus bill.

Rich Lehmann

Mutual Aid

MASTF

The State of Missouri is represented in a national program to develop a national response system, currently called Mutual Aid System Task Force. Its duty is provide a plan to implement a national mutual aid response system for disasters such as Katrina.

The program is funded by a DHS grant to the International Assn of Fire Chiefs. It has been extended for the next year. The plan is supposed to be available in draft form by November, 2006.

IMAS

For the MASTF program to func-

tion there must be statewide mutual aid available in all states. The IAFC again received funding for this program. The program has been extended for 2 more years.

We in Missouri are ahead of the curve with our statewide mutual aid law that not only encompasses fire but all disciplines. In Missouri, the Department of Public Safety has formed a committee which is reviewing statewide mutual aid among other items and is hoping to move forward with integration of other disciplines into our current statewide fire mutual aid system.

In addition, emphasis on State-

wide Incident Management Teams funded through DHS and DPS is being worked into the mix, building on the overhead teams of 1994.

Lastly, with the additional funding of the IAFC the IMAS project will be working with Missouri this next year to assist in getting out plan up and running. More as it becomes available

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This year we will partner with MO-CHIEFS and the Missouri Police Chiefs in their conference. While dates are still being decided, MU FRTI will assist in providing some courses and with other aspects of conference management. It also eliminates the need to attend one additional conference each year.

Train-the-Trainers- Over the years we have run a lot of instructors through train-the-trainer programs only to not have them teach in the end. This has created a large amount of curriculum floating around the state and a lot of financial resources, both yours and ours spent. After visiting with Chief associations this winter, in the future, all train-the-trainer programs will have to have the Fire Chief or their designee sign off on the application. Many Fire Chiefs commented to me that in most cases they did not who was attending these train-the-trainer programs.

Winter Fire School- The 25th Winter Fire School was a huge success. While I was hoping we could have set an all time record, the workshops and student input was great. This year, most people also mentioned that this may have been one of the best expo's we've had. I do know we seemed to have a lot of traffic on Friday during the show. The Saturday evening banquet that included guests from year's past was enjoyable to all who attended. Those who stayed late also enjoyed the band, Johnny I and the Receders.

Summer Fire School- While we trace our history to this event, the future of the Summer Fire School is in jeopardy. While this school is part of the tradition of the Missouri fire service, it also has carried a long-time tradition of not paying its expenses. We can not continue to run a fire school that loses money every year, and particularly late in our fiscal year where we have no opportunity to recoup the losses.

While I'm not saying we will cancel Summer Fire School, you may very well see in the future the Summer Fire School much different than it has been in the past. What that look will be has yet to be determined, but MU FRTI staff along with the Summer Fire School Command Team are having those discussions right now.

In closing, we continue to receive tremendous support from the Missouri fire service for our training programs. On behalf of the dedicated faculty and staff at the Institute we thank you for that support and look forward to continuing to earn your support in the future.

Gary L. Wilson
Director