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# *What's Happening*

## *Navy Fire & Emergency Services Newsletter*

### *Protecting Those Who Defend America*

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#### *From the Director, Bill Killen, CFO*

The Navy F&ES Program office has been quite busy in this New Year and based on the emails and phone calls from fire chiefs, our Navy fire departments are just as busy as ever. All this “busy activity” is directly related to getting our organizations as “Efficient and Effective” as possible. In other words we need to get “Lean and Mean”.

Several fire chiefs have asked the question “Why is the Navy fire service being hammered so hard with all these cuts?” Well folks, the Navy fire service is not being singled out for any cuts per se. **All Navy programs** are being evaluated to find and implement as much efficiency as possible. This is not an attack on the Navy fire service, but a review of what we do and how we do it, with a focus on how we meet our mission efficiently. **WE** are in the process of redefining fire and emergency services, evaluating what we do, how we accomplish our mission with a focus on how we can do it efficiently. We are **part of the solution** by CHOICE and are determined to be successful and not become **part of the problem**.

The self-assessment manual is one tool that can help in the process of evaluating what we do and in previous instances self-assessments identified cost reductions and efficiencies. I am working closely with CNI to assist in achieving these efficiencies, I look forward to your assistance and support in this endeavor.

I have been assigned to the Navy’s Installation Operations Task Force. The mission of the task force is to recommend policies, programs and investments to the Defense Safety Oversight Council to reduce the number of mishaps and accident rates by at least 50% in the next two years by reducing personnel injuries and lost time. We have a big challenge and lots of work ahead, remember your task to complete your NFPA 1500 compliance plans by 30 September 04, will significantly assist in achieving this objective.

The Officer Development Handbook prepared by the IAFC Professional Development Committee is now available as a downloadable document in pdf format from the IAFC website at [www.IAFC.org](http://www.IAFC.org) and will be published and distributed by the IAFC Foundation over the next few months. PLEASE download this document and provide it to all of your officers; it is a valuable tool and will help them in their growth and advancement as fire officers.

Quite often I ask fire service personnel if they have seen the “**What’s Happening**” newsletter and the response from many has been “NO”. It is important to maintain a good communications link with our personnel and this newsletter is a good tool to accomplish that goal. Please forward this newsletter to your personnel, print it out and post it on station bulletin boards.

V/r Bill

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## *Last Alarms*



Assistant Chief Kenneth Jeffery

By Chief Douglas Say, SBFD

The US Naval Submarine Base New London Fire Department (SBFD) and other fire departments around the New England area mourn the loss of SBFD Assistant Fire Chief Kenneth Jeffery, of Windsor Locks, Conn. He served the DOD Fire and Emergency Services for over 30 years. A/C Jeffery, 51, died Dec. 31 as the result of a heart attack while on duty Christmas day. A fire fighter since the age of 16, Chief Jeffery graduated from Windsor Locks High School in 1971 and according to sources, said in his high school yearbook that his ambition was to become the chief of the Windsor Locks Fire Department. Chief Jeffery achieved the rank of Assistant Chief in 1987. As the SBFD "A" shift Assistant Chief he lead a crew of 23 fire fighters. He also served as a volunteer with the Windsor Locks Fire Department for more than three decades, attaining the rank of Fire Chief in 1998.

Kenny truly was a fireman's fireman and more than a friend to those of us who were fortunate enough to know him. He always gave 100 percent from the heart and truly cared about everybody. He was instrumental in creating the team of professionals that we have here at Subase. The Naval Submarine Base Fire Department and the entire Navy New London community have lost a brother and comrade and we are deeply saddened. Assistant Chief Jeffery was a terrific leader and Fire Fighter; more than a valuable member of a team, he was a valuable member of our Navy and Connecticut community. He will be greatly missed although not forgotten. His wife Kathy and 19-year-old son Tim survive Assistant Chief Kenneth Jeffery.

Memorial Fund Contact and Address: In memory of Chief Kenny Jeffery, Windsor Locks Firefighters Memorial Fund, C/o Windsor Locks Fire Department, 2 Volunteer Drive, Windsor Locks, CT 06096

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### **Fire Chief Art Williams**

By Dan Marshall, CNFJ

I am sorry to have to bring this sad news so close to the holidays. On Sunday, January 4, 2004 at around noon Diego Garcia time, Fire Chief Art Williams of the Diego Garcia division of our department passed away, they suspect a heart attack was the cause. More information will be provided as soon as it is available.

### **Retired Fire Chief Ben Clark**

By Dave Hitchcock, NAS Pensacola

Chief Ben Clark passed away on 26 December 2003. A veteran of World War II, Ben was Fire Chief at NAS Pensacola from May 1979 to February 1981. Prior to Pensacola he was Fire Chief at Gulfport, MS. When he retired Chief Clark had 36 years of federal service. He started his career as a federal firefighter on 31 July 1946, at the Naval Training Center Gulfport. With the exception of 13 months as a reactivated reservist (1950) he spent the rest of his career in the civil service sector as a firefighter. He also did a one-year tour as Assistant Fire Chief (1969 to 1970) at Subic Bay Naval Station, Republic of Philippines.

## ***New Fire Apparatus FY04***

We are please to announce that the Navy fire apparatus contracts for the FY04 program have been awarded, totaling \$8.9 million dollars. ***Special Thanks*** to Ralph Herring for his hard work and dedication on these fire vehicle contracts.



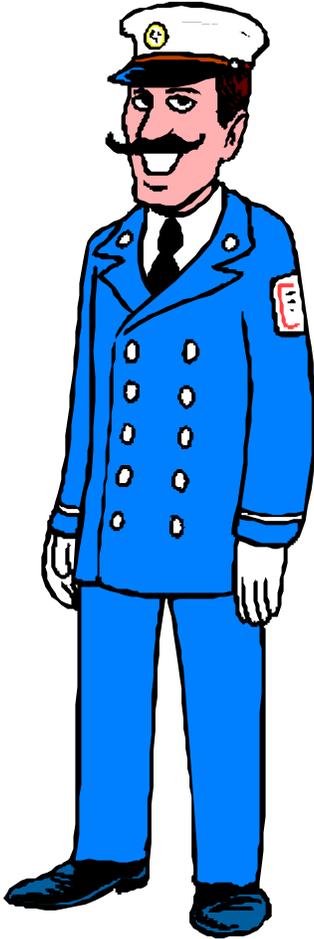
***Structural Pumps:*** Pierce was awarded the contract for 9 commercial-cab pumps. Scheduled delivery locations include: Portsmouth, New London, Panama City, El Centro, Sigonella, Rota, Souda Bay, Ft. Worth, and Everett.

***Tele-Sqrts:*** Pierce was also awarded the tele-squirt (custom-cab) contract as well and they will deliver 5 squirts to Navy fire departments. Scheduled delivery locations include: Mechanicsburg, Guam, Naples, Ingleside, and Navy Base Ventura County. Additionally, a Pierce ***aerial*** was purchased for San Diego Regional Fire Department.

***ARFF Units:*** Oshkosh will manufacture 16 ARFF units for the Navy (one TI-3000 and 15 T-1500s). Scheduled delivery locations include: Naval District Wash, Pensacola, Jacksonville, Corpus Christi, Thurmont, PMRF Hawaii, Little Creek, Yokosuka (2), Brunswick, San Diego, Meridian, Navy Base Ventura County, New Orleans, Ft. Worth, and Guantanamo Bay (TI-3000). One additional (FY03) T-1500 was procured for Brunswick as well.

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## ***Congratulations for Retirements & Promotions***

**Fire Chief Robert Greer** recently retired from NAS JRB Ft. Worth, TX. Our ***Best Wishes*** go out to Chief Greer and his family with his retirement. Deputy Chief Paul Murray was selected as the new Fire Chief. ***Congratulations*** to Chief Murray.

**Chief Bruce Goodwin** is now on-board as the new Fire Chief at NAVDET Souda Bay. ***Congratulations*** to Chief Goodwin on your move from Japan to Souda Bay.

**Assistant Fire Chief Duane Rustad** retired from NAS Lemoore effective 30 Jan 04. Our ***Best Wishes*** go out to Duane and his family upon his retirement. Also, our sincerer ***Congratulations*** to Jade Vandyke who was selected to replace Duane at NAS Lemoore.

**Chief Charles Peters**, Fire Chief Naval Support Activity Millington has announced his retirement effective 2 Feb 04.



Chief Peters has had a long and distinguished career in the military/federal fire service. His dedicated career spanned 58 years of service to our country and the DoD fire service. Chief Peters is a retired U.S. Air Force CMSgt who continued to serve as a Chief Fire Officer at a variety of USAF and Navy fire departments. He is a charter member of the ***Air Force Fire Pioneers*** and is the senior Fire Chief in the Department of Defense.

***Congratulations*** Chief Peters and we hope that you and Betty enjoy many more years of happiness. On behalf of the Navy Fire & Emergency Services team,

***Best Wishes*** with your retirement.



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## DoD Tax Statements Now Posted Online



Tax statements are now posted on myPay for Army, Navy, Air Force Reserve, Department of Defense and Department of Energy civilian employees, military annuitants, and military retirees. W-2 and 1099 statements are available for these groups to view and print immediately, allowing them to submit their tax returns quickly. Marine Corps Reserve and active duty will be available no earlier than Jan. 13 and no later than Jan. 21. The Army, Air Force, Navy active duty members will have their statements posted no earlier than Jan. 16, but no later than Jan. 26. The statements are available at <https://mypay.dfas.mil>. For assistance call myPay customer support at 1-800-390-2348. myPay is an online pay accounting system that allows individuals to take control of their pay information in a safe and secure manner. The system offers faster enhanced services, security, accessibility and reliability to all customers.

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## Annual (2003) Navy Fire Service Awards Program

The Navy F&ES awards recognize the most outstanding Navy fire department, military and civilian fire fighter, military and civilian fire officer, and individual or group fire fighter acts of heroism. All Navy fire departments are encouraged to participate in the annual awards program. One Navy winner will be selected in each category and will automatically become the Navy nominee to compete for the DoD awards. All Navy shore installations, ships and squadrons are eligible to submit nominations for the Navy awards. The awards recognize accomplishments of the proceeding calendar year (1 Jan through 31 Dec 2003).

**Nomination packages are due to Director, Navy F&ES NLT 15 April 2004.**

The Navy awards will be presented at the annual Navy and Marine Corps F&ES Awards and Recognition Luncheon on 17 August 2004 in New Orleans, LA held in conjunction with the DoD F&ES conference. Additionally, the Navy award winners will be presented a plaque and formally recognized before their peers at the DoD F&ES Awards Banquet on 18 August 2004 in New Orleans.

CNI will be releasing a formal message with all the details and procedures for nomination packages. You can also contact Carl Glover at Navy F&ES (202-685-6861 or [carl.glover@navy.mil](mailto:carl.glover@navy.mil)) if you have any questions on these awards.

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## Equipment on Fire Apparatus

During recent Program Compliance visits we have noted that some fire response vehicles are not completely or properly equipped. Departments should use NAVAIR 00-80R-14, *NATOPS U.S. Navy Aircraft Fire Fighting and Rescue Manual*, NFPA 414, *Standard for Aircraft Rescue and Fire-Fighting Vehicles* and NFPA 1901, *Standard For Automotive Fire Apparatus* to determine minimum equipment for fire apparatus.

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**IAFC News Alert**  
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### *Registration Open for the 2004 DoD Fire and Emergency Services Training Conference*

**Fairfax, Va., Jan. 15, 2004...** Register today for the Ninth Annual Department of Defense Fire and Emergency Services Training Conference, the conference for military fire and emergency services personnel. The conference is scheduled for Aug. 11–18, 2004 at the New Orleans Hyatt Regency Hotel.

Register online for everything from the conference itself to the partners' program, special events and co-located programs. Attendees also can make hotel reservations online—the Hyatt Regency Hotel at the Superdome is the official DoD conference hotel.

To register, visit <http://reg.jspargo.com/iafc04/>.

Attendees have the option to register for the DoD conference only or for both the DoD conference and Fire-Rescue International (FRI). Registration details and additional information on FRI exhibits, workshops and speakers are available online at [www.iafc.org/conference.shtml](http://www.iafc.org/conference.shtml).

DoD attendees are invited to register their spouse or partner to participate in a variety of fun, educational and networking events. DoD Partner registration includes access to the exhibit hall, FRI and DoD general sessions, partners' workshops and the partners' hospitality suite. Fees also include one partners' brunch ticket, one DoD Awards Banquet ticket and one conference bag.

#### **About Fire-Rescue International**

Hosted in New Orleans' Morial Convention Center, Fire-Rescue International 2004 promises to challenge and recharge every fire service professional, from aspiring new leaders to the most experienced chiefs and managers.

The FRI exhibit floor, with more than 625 exhibits, will display the latest innovations in the fire and emergency industry, and FRI exhibitors will offer new classes to demonstrate the latest in technology, equipment and services.

FRI 2004 will feature a number of dynamic and inspiring speakers, including Scott O'Grady, a U.S. Air Force fighter pilot who was shot down over Bosnia while helping to enforce the NATO no-fly zone. O'Grady will share the problem-solving ingenuity that kept him alive in enemy territory for six days. Plus, author C.W. Metcalf will share the hallmark traits of crisis survivors who remain creative, healthy and productive in periods of uncertainty. The audience will learn that those abilities are based on developed skills—community, humor, altruism, imagination and divine luck, and he will offer practical tools for developing them.

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## ***Free NFPA Codes***

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### **NFPA 1, Uniform Fire Code and NFPA 1403, Live Fire Evolutions Added to NFPA's Free Online Access Collection**



June 2, 2003 - NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) has added two consensus documents to its growing list of codes, standards and reference materials posted as a public service on NFPA's Web site. The materials can be viewed on demand at [www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org).

The 2003 edition of NFPA 1, Uniform Fire Code(tm), integrates the two most widely adopted fire codes in the country - NFPA 1, Fire Prevention Code and the Uniform Fire Code. The new code is now available online in a read-only version, allowing users to review it in its entirety, at their leisure. NFPA 1, Uniform Fire Code prescribes minimum requirements to achieve safety from fire and explosion in any occupancy.

NFPA 1403, Standard on Live Fire Evolutions, is posted online as a PDF download, allowing users to review, copy and print the document at will. NFPA 1403 provides internationally recognized safe practices for conducting firefighter training exercises that involve live fire in structures and in outside properties.

"It has always been important for first responders to have the tools they need to do the job, but the job has gotten more challenging since September 11th and the resources have become scarcer," says NFPA President James M. Shannon. "It's troubling to NFPA that U.S. fire departments lack the training, personnel and equipment necessary to properly do their jobs. We're working with federal officials to turn that around. Meanwhile, offering on-demand access to key consensus codes and standards and other NFPA information is one way that we can help fire departments bridge their resource gaps."

NFPA 5000(tm), Building Construction and Safety Code(tm) is now available in a read-only version. In addition, free PDF downloads of three NFPA hazardous materials incident documents (NFPA 471, 472, and 473), two protective ensemble standards (NFPA 1951 and 1994) and supplements from NFPA's Hazardous Materials Response Handbook, are also available online. All NFPA codes, standards and recommended practices can also be purchased online in electronic or print format.

NFPA 1, Uniform Fire Code and NFPA 5000, Building Construction and Safety Code, are elements of the Comprehensive Consensus Codes(tm) set. C3 offers the first opportunity for code officials to adopt a full set of codes and standards for the built environment that have been developed through a consensus process.

NFPA has been a worldwide leader in providing fire, electrical, building, and life safety to the public since 1896. The mission of the international nonprofit organization is to reduce the worldwide burden of fire and other hazards on the quality of life by providing and advocating scientifically-based consensus codes and standards, research, training and education.

Visit NFPA's Web site at [www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org).

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**Restored Pumper**

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*Still Serving, After Rehab --  
Navy Regional Fire-Rescue Hampton Roads*



Little Creek Fire District recently completed an in-house rehab of a 1988 Pierce Arrow, 1000 GPM Pumper. Firefighters worked approximately 450 hours to bring the apparatus in compliance with current NFPA standards. Firefighters upgraded emergency response lights, nozzles, federal siren, deck gun, and SCBA brackets. Special thanks to NRFRHR Mechanic Ralph Bilger, PWC Sewells Point Graphics Shop, and PWC Transportation Little Creek for coordinating the contractor work.

*Navy Region Southwest Receives New Aerial*

Navy Region Southwest (San Diego) recently took delivery of the Navy’s newest aerial fire apparatus.

**New Aerial**



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*This “quint” has an 105’ aerial and was delivered in Jan 04*

## *Star of Life*

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### *History of the Star of Life*



Many of our fire fighters are involved in the delivery of EMS. We see the "*Star of Life*" constantly, whether it be on ambulances or uniforms. But, how many realize what this symbol represents and how it was born?

Designed by Leo R. Schwartz, Chief of the EMS Branch, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), the "*Star of Life*" was created after the American National Red Cross complained in 1973 that they objected to the common use of an Omaha orange cross on a square background of reflectorized white which clearly imitated the Red Cross symbol. NHTSA investigated and felt the complaint was justified. The newly designed, six barred cross, was adapted from the Medical Identification Symbol of the American Medical Association.

The snake and staff in the center of the symbol portray the staff Asclepius who, according to Greek mythology, was the son of Apollo (god of light, truth and prophecy). Supposedly Asclepius learned the art of healing from the centaur Cheron; but Zeus - king of the gods, was fearful that because of the Asclepius knowledge, all men might be rendered immortal. Asclepius was usually shown in a standing position, dressed in a long coat, holding a staff with a serpent coiled around it. The staff has since come to represent medicine's only symbol. In the Caduceus, used by physicians and the Military Medical Corp., the staff is winged and has two serpents intertwined. Even though this does not hold any medical relevance in origin, it represents the magic wand of the Greek deity, Hermes, messenger of the gods.

The staff with the single serpent is the symbol for Medicine and Health and the winged staff is the symbol for peace. The Staff with the single serpent represents the time when Asclepius had a very difficult patient that he could not cure, so he consulted a snake for advice and the patient survived. The snake had coiled around Asclepius's staff in order to be head to head with him as an equal when talking. The Winged staff came about when Mercury saw two serpents fighting, and unable to stop them any other way placed his staff between them causing them to coil up his winged staff

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### *Fire House Trivia Quiz:* (Answers in our Next Newsletter)

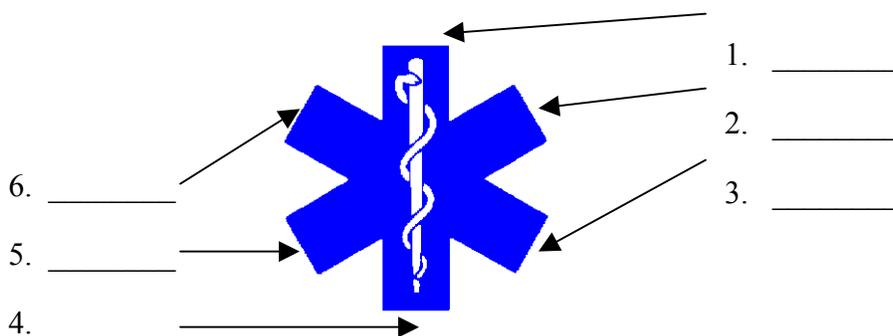
Each of the bars of the blue "*Star of Life*" represents the six-system functions of the EMS. What are the six functions represented on the "*Star of Life*"?

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What are the six EMS functions represented on the "Star of Life"?



## NFIRS 5.0

### NFIRS 5.0



A newly revised version of the NFIRS 5.0 Complete Reference Guide (variously known as the CRG, the NFIRS 5.0 Handbook or the NFIRS 5.0 Users Manual) is now available for download on the NFIRS Reference Guide web page, <http://www.nfirs.fema.gov/refguide.htm>.

The revised CRG is consistent in content with the January 2004 Specification Release Cycle and is intended for use by NFIRS users beginning January 1, 2004.

This version of the document supersedes all previous versions. Those using older versions of the NFIRS 5.0 Handbook or draft versions of the CRG should replace them with the January 2004 CRG version as many changes and corrections have been made in the revised guide.

The Quick Reference Guide (QRG) will be updated and made available at a later date. Please do not reply to this email. Send comments or questions to: [nfirshelp@fema.gov](mailto:nfirshelp@fema.gov)

**Update:** An error was identified on page 8-3 of the Complete Reference Guide (CRG) posted on December 23, 2003. On that page, the list of valid Incident Types for completing an EMS module is missing the Incident Types 321-323.

The corrected sentence is: "If used, the EMS module is only allowed for Incident Types: 100-243, 311, 321-323, 351-381, 400-431, 451, 900".

For Users who have already downloaded and printed the Complete Reference Guide: The corrected page 8-3 in PDF format has been posted on the NFIRS 5.0 Reference Guide web page Notice's section. This single PDF page can be downloaded and used to replace the incorrect page in the printed manual.

The Complete Reference Guide has been updated to contain this correction and has posted on the Reference Guide page.

Send questions and comments to: [nfirshelp@fema.gov](mailto:nfirshelp@fema.gov)

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## ***Life Saving Awards***

### ***NAS Patuxent River***

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## ***NAS Patuxent River Fire Fighters Record AED Save***

The Navy Fire & Emergency Services Certificate of Life Saving has been awarded to:

Fire Fighter Timothy Vallandingham  
 Fire Fighter Michael Smith  
 Fire Fighter Edward Voorhaar  
 Fire Fighter Mark Millen



Fire and Emergency  
 Services Division  
 Patuxent River, MD

Awarded as recognition for successful Life Saving initiatives on 19 November 2003. This team from NAS Patuxent River Fire & Emergency Service Division used an AED to save the life of an intramural basketball player who was in ventricular fibrillation.

### ***NWS Charleston***

## ***NWS Charleston Fire Fighters Earn Life Saving Award***

The Navy Fire & Emergency Services Certificate of Life Saving has been awarded to:



Captain Bert Bolton  
 Fire Fighter James Lefever  
 Fire Fighter William Gooding  
 Fire Fighter Joel Wood  
 Assistant Chief Darrell Haselden

Awarded as recognition for successful Life Saving initiatives on 27 October 2003. This team from NWS Charleston Fire Department performed CPR and utilized an AED to save the life of a patient who was in cardiac arrest.

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***These Certificates of Life Saving are presented with our sincere appreciation and gratitude for a job well done!***

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## ***Firefighter Fatality Figures Show 110 On-Duty Deaths In 2003, An Increase Over 2002***

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** - Despite advances in firefighting equipment, training and communication, 110 firefighters died while on-duty in the United States in 2003, an increase over the 100 deaths recorded in 2002, according to figures released today by the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). According to a review of the deaths, 36 states and Guam saw at least one firefighter die last year.

"The sacrifice of this nation's firefighters is heartbreakingly real, directly affecting their communities and departments - and especially the families they leave behind," said Michael D. Brown, Under Secretary for Emergency Preparedness and Response. "As President Bush has noted, these men and women are the front lines of homeland defense. We mourn the loss of these heroes."

R. David Paulison, the Administrator of the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA), part of FEMA, pledged to continue his efforts to reduce the number of firefighters who die each year.

"Firefighters continue to give their lives while serving their communities. In 2003, President Bush signed a bill into law that will provide benefits to the survivors of firefighters who suffer heart attacks and die in the line of duty," said Paulison. "We are thankful to the President and Congress for this benefit, but I earnestly hope that the efforts of the USFA will ensure those benefits are used less and less each year."

In 2003, 29 firefighters died in wildland firefighting incidents. This total is higher than in any year since 1994 when 36 firefighters died in association with wildland fires, including 14 firefighters who died on Storm King Mountain in CO on July 6, 1994.

According to the USFA, 20 firefighters died in seven incidents where more than one firefighter was killed. Eight Oregon firefighters were killed in a vehicle accident as they returned from fighting wildland fires; two Memphis firefighters died while fighting a fire in a business in June; two Idaho firefighters were killed in July when a wildland fire spread quickly and trapped them; two firefighters died as a result of a helicopter crash in Arizona in July; two Ohio firefighters were killed while operating at a silo fire in October; two Nevada-based firefighters were killed in an October air tanker crash in California; and two Oregon firefighters died in a helicopter crash in October.

Career firefighters, those who are employed full-time as firefighters, comprised 30 deaths (27 percent) in 2003. Volunteer, seasonal, and part-time firefighters accounted for 80 deaths. The majority of firefighter fatalities in 2003 occurred in relation to a fire or medical emergency incident. Sixty percent of the firefighters who died while on-duty in 2003 suffered fatal injuries or illnesses in emergency situations. Twenty-two firefighters died as they responded to an emergency or returned from one, many of these deaths involved vehicle collisions. Eleven deaths occurred during training.

The USFA collects and analyzes information about firefighter deaths each year to determine trends, make recommendations for further research or to propose changes in procedures that may serve to reduce fatalities in the future.

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<http://www.cfainet.org/>

<http://www.fdapo.dod.mil/>

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### **Creating & Evaluating Standards of Response Cover for Fire Departments**



FOURTH EDITION  
Assessing Risk  
Deploying Personnel  
Managing Resources  
Mapping Risk Hazard & Value  
Saving Lives & Property  
Using Real-World Budgets



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## ***Navy Regional Fire-Rescue Hampton Roads Completes CFAI Process !!***

The Commission on Fire Accreditation International (CFAI) has completed their evaluation of the Navy Regional Fire-Rescue Hampton Roads (NRFRHR) Fire Department. The final report has been prepared and will be sent from the peer assessor team leader to CFAI **recommending accreditation** status for NRFRHR. The Commission on Fire Accreditation International is scheduled to meet in Feb 04.



Comments from James P. Meagher, Fire Chief / Director, NRFRHR:

*“Three years of hard work have finally paid off!”*

The reason for this achievement is directly related to the devotion, commitment, hard work, and sometimes-extreme tenacity of the men and women of NRFRHR. Additionally, the guidance, leadership, and coordination provided by the Accreditation team manager and his committee has proven to be the guiding direction, which orchestrated the systematic completion of this project ... concisely aligned with the POA&M drafted in 2001.

I'm truly fortunate to lead such a devoted, dedicated and professional organization. I assure you this is not an accomplishment achieved by the Fire Chief. Full credit for this accomplishment belongs to the men and women of NRFRHR.

## ***Congratulations to Navy Regional Fire-Rescue Hampton Roads for Your Significant Achievement!***

# **DOD FIRE DEPARTMENT ACCREDITATION PROGRAM**



NRFRHR now joins the very elite group of Accredited Navy Fire Departments: 1) NAS Jacksonville, 2) NAS Keflavik, and 3) NAS Patuxent River

## ***CFAI's NEW Standard of Cover Manual Released!***

CFAI is proud to announce that the new and long-awaited fourth-edition "Creating & Evaluating Standards of Response Cover for Fire Departments" is now available! Made possible with a grant from the Public Entity Risk Institute (PERI) <http://www.riskinstitute.org/>, this manual provides a standardized methodology for the development of a standards of cover plan.

The development of a standard of cover is a critical aspect of the CFAI's self-assessment/accreditation process. This manual will assist agencies in assessing risk hazard and value, managing resources, saving lives and property and much, much more.

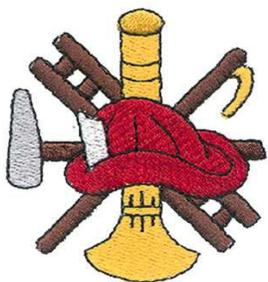
This manual is available free for download (at <http://www.cfainet.org/>) or for a minimal fee purchased on CD-Rom

[http://www.cfainet.org/catalog/publications\\_324469\\_products.htm](http://www.cfainet.org/catalog/publications_324469_products.htm).

For information on obtaining a hard copy of the manual please contact CFAI at (866) 866-CFAI or [cfai@cfainet.org](mailto:cfai@cfainet.org).

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## ***President Signs Hometown Heroes Survivors Benefit Act***

**Washington, DC:** --On December 15th, President Bush signed into law the Hometown Heroes Survivor Benefits Act (S. 459 / H.R. 919), which will expand the Public Safety Officers Benefit (PSOB) program to cover public safety officers who die of heart attacks or strokes in the line of duty. Passage of this legislation has been a top priority for the NVFC in the 108th Congress.

"This is a huge victory for the NVFC and public safety officers nationwide," said NVFC Chairman Philip C. Stittleburg. "The fire service owes its utmost gratitude to the bipartisan group of Senators and Representatives that worked so hard to ensure this bill's passage."

The legislation was originally introduced in the House by Rep. Bob Etheridge (D-NC), along with Representatives Steny Hoyer (D-MD), Michael Oxley (R-OH), and Curt Weldon (R-PA). In the Senate the effort was spearheaded by Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-VT), along with Senators Lindsey Graham (R-SC), Susan Collins (R-ME) and Jim Jeffords (I-VT).

Rep. Howard Coble (R-NC), Chairman of the House Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, and Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-UT) and Rep. James Sensenbrenner (R-WI), Chairmen of the Senate and House Judiciary Committees respectively, also played critical roles in moving the bill through the process.

The PSOB program currently provides a one-time death benefit payment of \$267,494, which is administered by the U.S. Department of Justice, to families of public safety officers (fire, police and EMS) killed in the line of duty, as well as to officers permanently disabled while on duty. The death benefit is payable to the survivors of a public safety officer who "has died as the direct and proximate result of a personal injury sustained in the line of duty.

Unfortunately, in almost every incidence of death by heart attack or stroke, it has been ruled that the heart attack or stroke was not a direct result of an injury sustained in the line of duty and the family receives no benefits even though the deaths were clearly triggered by the rigors of the job.

The Hometown Heroes Survivor Benefit Act will correct that deficiency in the law, by ensuring that a public safety officer who suffers a fatal heart attack or stroke while on duty or not later than 24 hours after participating in a physical training exercise or responding to an emergency situation, is presumed to have died in the line of duty for purposes of public safety officer survivor benefits.

**NOTE:** This legislation is not retroactive and will only cover cases from December 15, 2003 forward.

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## ***Mystery Fire Truck***

Can you identify the antique fire truck on page 13 of this newsletter? Send your answer to [Ricky.Brockman@navy.mil](mailto:Ricky.Brockman@navy.mil). Answer in next months Newsletter.

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## Tokyo Fire Expo

## Name Our Newsletter – The Votes Are In

**Thanks** to everyone who submitted entries, votes, and recommendations. Although, we did not have a big turnout at the polls to vote, “**What’s Happening**” was declared the winner. **What’s Happening** is now the official name of our **Navy Fire & Emergency Services Newsletter**.

## CNFJ Regional Fire Department Represents Navy at 2003 Tokyo International Fire Expo

By Regional Deputy Fire Chief Russ Tarver

The Commander U.S. Naval Forces, Japan (CNFJ) Regional Fire Department participated in the 2003 International Fire and Safety Exhibition at the Tokyo Big Site convention center. For the first time in the history of this event, firefighters from throughout the CNFJ Region proudly display Navy firefighting apparatus, equipment, and public education tools.



This year, the Tokyo Fire and Safety Expo, which is the largest in Asia, attracted more than 250,000 spectators over a four-day period. Over 40 major media outlets throughout the Pacific covered this event.

According to Navy Regional Fire Chief Dan Marshall, “Participating in exhibitions such as this, present opportunities for my department to strengthen community relations with our host-nation counter-parts and other emergency response agencies throughout Japan.”

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## *More Expo*

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The exhibition presented an avenue for the department to display U.S. manufactured fire fighting apparatus and equipment to include a hazardous materials response vehicle, Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighting (ARFF) vehicle, and 105' ladder truck.

The highlight of the entire Expo was a demonstration of aircraft firefighting techniques utilizing the Mobile Aircraft Fire Trainer. Throughout this event, the firefighters and inspectors received rave reviews from spectators and host-nation counter-parts alike for their knowledge and professionalism.



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These men and women were a credit not only for the CNFJ Regional Fire Department, but the entire Navy Fire and Emergency Services.

## Communications

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### *FCC Issues Stay for Narrowband Rule*

*Fairfax, Va., Friday, December 12, 2003...* The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has announced a stay of the January 13, 2004 deadline that delays implementation of the narrowbanding rule. January 13, 2004 was the deadline set to prohibit the filing of applications for new wideband systems or modifications of existing wideband systems.

This results from a petition filed in August by the IAFC, International Municipal Signal Association, International Association of Chiefs of Police, National Sheriffs' Association, Major Cities Chiefs Association, Major County Sheriffs' Association and the National Public Safety Telecommunications Council.

The stay was granted to allow the FCC to review the various petitions for reconsideration of the narrowbanding rule.

The following deadlines are still in effect:

- FCC will no longer certify 25 kHz equipment after January 1, 2005
- Manufacture and importation of 25 kHz equipment is prohibited after January 1, 2008
- By January 1, 2018 public safety must migrate to 12.5 kHz systems

It is possible that some dates in the migration from 25 kHz wideband to 12.5 kHz narrowband may be revised, but the requirement to narrowband will remain intact. Fire chiefs must continue to plan for the 12.5 kHz federal policy.

The FCC order implementing the narrowband rule stay is available for download on the IAFC Web site at [www.iafc.org/downloads/index.shtml](http://www.iafc.org/downloads/index.shtml).

## MVA Response



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### *Navy Lakehurst Fire & Emergency Services Responds to Accident*

On 12 January 2004 the Navy Lakehurst Fire & Emergency Services was dispatched to a motor vehicle accident just outside Gate # 4. Upon arrival of Assistant Chief Daniel Lyon, he reported the vehicle to be overturned with the driver of the vehicle partially ejected, as a result of the accident.



Lakehurst Engine Company 6321, Rescue Company 6303 and Med-1 responded as well. An assessment was conducted and it was determined that the trauma sustained from the accident required rapid transportation to a trauma center. A New Jersey State Police Med-E-Vac was dispatched to the incident to transport the patient. Lakehurst was assisted by MONOC paramedics in the treatment of the patient, as well as South Star Med-E-Vac, who transported the patient. In addition to the units on scene, Navy Lakehurst Crash-Fire-Rescue crews stood by while the Med-E-Vac conducted operations at Navy Lakehurst.

## **Fire Prevention Tip**

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### *Not So Safe Butt Can*



By Cindy Dean, Fire Inspector, Naval Station Mayport

In the early evening hours on 18 November, Naval Station Mayport F& ES Department responded to a fire emergency located in a buildings' designated smoking area. The equipment on fire was a cigarette butt disposal unit. This is nothing unusual, many departments have responded to this same type of situation. What was unusual was the fact that this particular unit (Left Picture), a Rubbermaid Commercial Products cigarette butt disposal unit, burned completely

(Picture Below). The exact cause of the fire was undetermined (a lit cigarette as well as trash was probably the initial cause). Even though the buildings' security watch followed proper reporting procedures (building had a 24 hour TV security monitoring system), by the time our department arrived, there was nothing left of the receptacle. This is how fast it burned and melted. If this receptacle had been placed on a wooden deck or another type of combustible surface, the fire situation could have been much worse than what our department observed. Most DOD fire base regulations state that "Suitable receptacles for discarded



smoking materials shall be provided...", they do not specify exactly what a proper receptacle is and NFPA provides no guidelines as to what is classified as a proper receptacle either. As a result of this fire, this particular brand of a smoking disposal receptacle is no longer recommended for use here at Mayport. It is hoped that this information can be passed on to all DOD fire departments to give them a "heads up" as to the problem we have found involving this brand of smoking disposal receptacle and hopefully reduce their chances of ever being involved in such a fire situation.

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## ***NASCAR at Mayport***

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## ***NASCAR Legend Visits NAS Mayport F&ES***



Naval Air Station Mayport hosted the annual Sea and Sky Spectacular Show this year, which is held at a military facility in the Jacksonville area each year. The Blue Angels performed and invited Richard Petty to fly with them, which he did after flying in to NAS Mayport on his private jet. Richard Petty was asked to pose in front of the base's new fire truck (see picture above), and which he in fact autographed (on the stripe just above his hat).

Richard Petty was interviewed when he returned home and he said that he had gotten to do two things he'd never done before:  
"Fly with the Blue Angels" and "Autograph a brand new fire truck"



## ***Excess Equip***

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## ***Excess Fire Equipment***

We have just completed the forced refurbishment (as a result of hurricane Isabel) of the Navy F&ES office. The office is in great shape with some new furniture, carpet, and paint. Our display case has a pictorial display of Navy fire departments and our annual award winners. We are now decorating the office and seek your assistance. We are looking for excess fire equipment, i.e., fire bells, brass extinguishers, nozzles, helmets, etc. Please let us know if you have items that you would like to contribute. Thanks

## **Carbon Monoxide**

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## *FEMA Supports CPSC Release of Carbon Monoxide Guidelines For First Responders*

**EMMITSBURG, MD:** - The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has joined with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) in announcing a new document to help first responders being called to residential carbon monoxide incidents. The new document, titled: Responding to Residential Carbon Monoxide Incidents-Guidelines for Fire and Other Emergency Responders is available at

<http://www.cpsc.gov/LIBRARY/FOIA/FOIA04/os/Resident.pdf>

"This CPSC guideline is designed to help emergency response personnel act quickly and accurately when responding to carbon monoxide emergencies," said U.S. Fire Administrator R. David Paulison. " Carbon monoxide is a real threat to all of us -- as events like generator use during the recent blackouts and now the need for winter heating have demonstrated. I am pleased to join with the CPSC to ensure our first responders get this information."

The new document will help responders:

- 1) Ensure their own protection from carbon monoxide when entering an occupancy;
- 2) Confirm whether a carbon monoxide hazard exists;
- 3) Make a preliminary assessment of potential sources of elevated carbon monoxide;
- 4) Give advice to the occupants on how to prepare a home for re-entry;
- 5) Promote carbon monoxide awareness and safe practices throughout a community

On March 1, 2003, FEMA became part of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. FEMA's continuing mission within the new department is to lead the effort to prepare the nation for all hazards and effectively manage federal response and recovery efforts following any national incident. FEMA also initiates proactive mitigation activities, trains first responders, and manages the National Flood Insurance Program and the U.S. Fire Administration.

## **Training**

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## *Training of Nation's Emergency Responders Emphasizes Leadership, Technology And Best Practices*

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** - Resident enrollments for the nation's emergency responders, offered by the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), has increased nearly 10 percent since fiscal year 2001. More dramatic is the increase in distance learning and Web-based training enrollments through FEMA's Emergency Management Institute <http://www.training.fema.gov/emiweb/>, which climbed to 182,000 in fiscal year 2003, a 120 percent increase over 2001.

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EMI curriculum continues to emphasize “all hazards” preparedness, leadership, new technology and best practices in a complex post-9/11 environment.

“The training philosophy we had before Sept. 11, 2001, continues to be solid. Emergency officials realize they need to continue training throughout their careers, especially now that terrorism and other man-made emergencies must be dealt with,” said Michael D. Brown, Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Emergency Preparedness and Response. “This training and its continued growth is critical because, as President Bush notes, our first responders are the first line of defense in homeland security.”

Classes are conducted 47 weeks a year at EMI. The institute is located at the Maryland-based National Emergency Training Center, overseen by the U.S. Fire Administration, part of FEMA.

While EMI has been offering an “all hazards” training curriculum since 1981, the events of Sept. 11, 2001, heightened awareness and boosted demand for both classroom and on-line training, according to the institute’s educators. That fresh look includes a new commitment to training a broader group of officials as part of a community’s emergency response system. Not only emergency managers and firefighters - who make up about a quarter of students - participate in the various EMI course offerings, so do officials from mayors’ offices, public works, emergency communications, schools and public health. An increasing number of students are also coming from law enforcement.

One of the biggest new components in EMI courses is public health. SARS and the anthrax attacks in 2001 have heightened awareness of the enormous emergency management challenges that such threats pose and how overall emergency response planning must integrate health issues. More health-related courses have been added to the curriculum, and more health professionals are enrolling in traditional emergency management courses. Exercises and training done by EMI are now done in collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control and the U.S. Public Health Service. In addition, in some of the integrated emergency management courses where participants might normally deal with natural disasters, the events written into the exercise include bio-terrorism attacks or significant mass casualty events such as a plane crash.

Classes at EMI last from two days to two weeks, and students come from all over the U.S. Students pay no tuition or lodging costs and are generally reimbursed for their travel expenses.

In addition to resident classes at EMI, each year 190,000 firefighters, emergency officials, private citizens, educators and others take EMI distance learning courses via the Internet and some 85,000 more students get training off-campus.

This year, EMI began offering courses at the Noble Training Center, in Alabama. The center, a former Army hospital turned into a training center, moved from HHS to FEMA with the creation of the Department of Homeland Security. Training there will focus on preparedness for mass casualty events.

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## ***Incident Management***

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### ***USFA Advocates Development of Incident Management Teams***

**Washington, D.C.** - The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) today announced a training “roadmap” for the Nation’s fire and emergency services that wish to develop local and regional/metropolitan Incident Management Teams (IMTs). This recommendation comes in part as a result of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between USFA, the International Association of Fire Chiefs/National Fire Protection Association Metropolitan Chiefs. The MOU signed in 2002 is designed to:

- \* Establish metropolitan area IMT regional overhead teams based on the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) models;
  - \* Develop IMT capability;
  - \* Develop and train IMTs to support command;
  - \* Provide mutual aid staff - unified command training and development;
- and
- \* Utilize the Integrated Emergency Management System.

This IMT training roadmap, developed in partnership with USFS, also supports Homeland Security Presidential Directive 5 (HSPD-5), which states: To prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from terrorist attacks, major disasters, and other emergencies, the United States Government shall establish a single, comprehensive approach to domestic incident management. The objective of the United States Government is to ensure that all levels of government across the Nation have the capability to work efficiently and effectively together, using a national approach to domestic incident management.

“The USFA Incident Management Team training roadmap is a result, as well as the next step, of the MOU signed in early 2002 with the Metropolitan Chiefs,” said R. David Paulison, U. S. Fire Administrator. “Today’s fire service leadership is faced with extremely complex response requirements.

The IMT roadmap will ensure all departments will have the necessary incident management support they need, if they need it to further protect their residents and cities.”

The IMTs have been designed to assist local emergency services and support unusually large, complex, or long-term emergency incidents, when requested. An all-hazards IMT consists of emergency service officers from appropriate disciplines (fire, rescue, emergency medical, hazardous materials, law enforcement) trained to perform the functions of the Command and General Staff of the Incident Command System (ICS). These functions include Command, Operations, Planning, Logistics, and Administration/Finance, as well as Safety, Information, and Liaison.

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### ***Incident Management Teams (continued)***

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Members of the initial responding departments often fill these functions; however, the size, scope, or duration of an emergency incident may indicate the need for an IMT to support them. The local Incident Commander can request, through standard mutual aid procedures, an IMT to help support management of the incident.

“The operations of IMTs are highly dependant on the local community needs, available resources, and the level of training/experience,” said Charlie Dickinson, Deputy United States Fire Administrator and former chief of the Pittsburgh Bureau of Fire. “Local jurisdictions may establish, train, and control IMTs at their respective levels. The USFA and USFS will work together in delivering training to develop the IMTs.”

USFA and USFS are also working together in delivering specialized training to develop “Type 3” IMTs for regional or state level incidents. Type 3 IMTs are recommended for States and large metropolitan areas with multiple jurisdictions and mutual aid agreements (such as the DHS Urban Area Security Initiative locales). Members of Type 3 IMTs are appointed by a state or metropolitan authority having jurisdiction, and respond as a team to support or assist a local IMT at major incidents that may have national implications.

For further information regarding the IMT efforts, or any USFA program, visit [www.usfa.fema.gov](http://www.usfa.fema.gov).

## ***Pay Raise***



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### ***Pay Raise***

President Bush on Friday signed into law the omnibus-spending bill, which includes a 4.1 percent average pay raise for civil servants and military personnel. House lawmakers passed the legislation in early December and the Senate approved the bill.

## ***Sasebo Fire Skills***

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### *Sasebo crowds watch as firefighters show their skills*

By Greg Tyler, Stars and Stripes  
Pacific edition, Thursday, January 8, 2004

SASEBO NAVAL BASE, Japan — Perhaps it was the spring like weather in mid-winter.

Perhaps it was the tradition of the thing. Or perhaps it just was fun.

Whatever the draw, a thick crowd of spectators converged on downtown Sasebo on Tuesday, packing Albuquerque Bridge and lining both sides of an adjacent street, to watch local and base firefighters celebrate — just as they do every January — the start of a new year.

Like many celebrations, the event included a parade. Perhaps not surprisingly, considering who was doing the celebrating, this parade was well-supplied with bright red, shining fire engines. Swelling the ranks: a few marching bands from local schools and platoons of firefighters in sharp dress uniforms from more than 30 municipal fire department branches.

“We have two of our fire engines out here in the parade today along with several of our personnel,” said Scott Rhode, Sasebo Naval Base Fire Department chief. “Each year we’re invited to the parade and ceremony held earlier in the day, as well as the demonstrations and fireworks staged right after the parade.”

For the water demonstration, each fire engine took on enormous quantities of water. The fire trucks were parked in a single row along the lip of the sloping concrete retaining wall at water’s edge, on the side of the canal next to the parks.

The crews unrolled hoses and nozzles — and at the designated moment, cranked up the pressure and fired off long, steep arching strands of water. The bridge served as impromptu bleachers full of folks enjoying the five- to 10-minute show.

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*Greg Tyler / S&S*

Personnel from a Sasebo city fire detachment hold a hose nozzle steady as a powerful flow of water comes to an end in the canal.



*Greg Tyler / S&S*

Fire engines from about 30 Sasebo City Fire Department detachments on Tuesday gathered near the Albuquerque Bridge in Sasebo, Japan, while personnel from each unit aimed hose nozzles firing streams of water, creating massive arches streaming through the air and falling into the canal that flows under the bridge.

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## ***Sasebo (continued)***

At its most impressive, almost 30 arching arms of water reached into the air in unison, each giving off peripheral spray and filtering the afternoon sunshine, creating occasional slivers of rainbows.

The celebration is in early January each year; otherwise, Rhode said, “There isn’t a specific designated name for the activities through the afternoon or a specific date they always do this. ... It’s the local fire departments’ day to celebrate the new year and we’re always honored to participate.”

The parade route was along the downtown street next to a city canal. The distinctive suspension footbridge spanning the waterway is named for Albuquerque, N.M. — Sasebo’s sister city. The footbridge connects the base’s Nimitz Park and the Sasebo City Central Park to the rim of Yonka-cho, a bustling open-air shopping mall.

## ***Flame Broiled***

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## ***Flame Broiled ... Have it Your Way***



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A recent fire at a Burger King facility on Aviano AB, Italy.

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## From the OSHA Files

The below OSHA citations are actual citations issued to fire departments. These were not from any Navy fire departments, but these citations can be used as a learning tool for our departments. Please read the citations ... then evaluate your department, to determine if this type situation could occur in your fire department.

### ***Citation 1.1: Type of Violation: SERIOUS***

The incident management system did not meet the requirements of NFPA standard 1561, on Fire Department Incident Management and did not establish written standard operating procedures, applying to all members involved in emergency operations.

### ***Citation 1.2: Type of Violation: SERIOUS***

29 CFR 1910.134(g)(4)(ii): The employer did not ensure that at least two employees were located outside the immediate dangerous to life or health (IDLH) atmosphere.

### ***Citation 1.3a: Type of Violation: SERIOUS***

The fire department did not establish written standard operating procedures for a personnel accountability system in accordance with Section 2-6, 1995 edition of NFPA 1561, standard on Fire Department Incident Management System, that provides for the tracking and inventory of all members operating at an emergency incident.

### ***Citation 1.3b: Type of Violation: SERIOUS***

All members operating at an emergency incident did not actively participate in the personnel accountability system, as referenced in NFPA 1561, section 2-6, 1995 edition.

### ***Citation 1.4: Type of Violation: SERIOUS***

The employer did not review and evaluate the physical capability of each employee annually to determine their ability to perform duties which may be assigned.

### ***Citation 1.5: Type of Violation: SERIOUS***

29 CFR 1910.134(a)(1): When effective engineering controls were not feasible or while they were being instituted, appropriate respirators were not used: City of XXXX Fire Chief did not wear a SCBA in an atmosphere considered to be Immediately Dangerous to Life or health (IDLH) when he went onto the roof of the structure fire.

### ***Citation 1.6a: Type of Violation: SERIOUS***

29 CFR 1910.134(c)(1)(ii): The written respiratory program did not include worksite specific procedures for medical evaluations of employees required to use respirators.

***Don't Let This Happen in Your Fire Department !!***

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## DC Prohibits Hand-Held Cell Phone Use

The D.C. City Council has passed a law prohibiting the use of hand-held cell phones by drivers in DC (this includes WNY and Bolling Air Force Base). Exemptions will only be made for emergency situations. The law is scheduled to take effect in July, with violators facing a \$100 fine.

*What is the law for your installation or your local area ?*

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**We are in the process of transitioning to NMCI and new email addresses. Our new email address format will be: [firstname.lastname@navy.mil](mailto:firstname.lastname@navy.mil)**

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## Interesting Quote

"A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty." -- Sir Winston Churchill

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