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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

As we head into 2007 and our second year of our efforts to see that fire-safe cigarettes are sold throughout the country, I wanted to provide you with a brief update. Below are links to some of the latest news on the website — <http://www.firesafecigarettes.org/> as well as the blog and NFPA’s website.

California fire-safe cigarette mandate takes effect January 1

<http://www.nfpa.org/newsReleaseDetails.asp?categoryId=488&itemId=32118>

Photos from the Second International Conference on Fire-Safe Cigarettes at Harvard School of Public Health

<http://www.firesafecigarettes.org/itemDetail.asp?categoryId=89&itemId=1228&URL=Research/Conferences>

New Coalition Member: Congressional Fire Services Institute

<http://www.firesafecigarettes.org/categoryList.asp?categoryId=57&URL>About%20the%20Coalition>

Latest News on Australian Effort

<http://firesafecigarettes.org/itemDetail.asp?categoryID=103&itemId=1502&URL=In%20the%20news/International/Australia>

Members in Action: Polyurethane Foam Association, International Association of Black Professional Fire Fighters and the International Fire Marshals Association

<http://nfpaweb2.gvpi.net:8085/itemDetail.asp?categoryID=109&itemId=1572&URL=About%20the%20Coalition/Coalition%20members%20in%20action>

Lawrence H. Sedgwick, Jr., The Fire Chief of Prince George’s County Fire/EMS Department in Maryland, Has Issued A Statement In Support of Fire-Safe Cigarettes

<http://firesafecigarettes.blogspot.com/>

I hope you can call in. I look forward to a terrific year and appreciate your joining with us to reduce the fires and devastation caused by cigarette-ignited fires.

MOVING FORWARD

Our goal for 2007, shy of getting the tobacco companies to just do this on their own, is to get similar legislation passed in as many of the remaining 44 states as possible. This is an aggressive agenda and we look forward to your ongoing support.

Lorraine Carli
Vice President - Communications
National Fire Protection Association
1 Batterymarch Park
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Bridging The Gaps For Organizational Success



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REGISTRATION FORM

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Executive Director
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2007 EXECUTIVE COUNCIL August 1- August 5, 2007

Sheraton Birmingham Hotel
2101 Richard Arrington Jr. Blvd. North
Phone: 205-307-3037
Fax: 205- 307-3045



<input type="checkbox"/> IABPFF Delegate	(\$120.00)	(\$160 after July 1)	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> IABPFF E-Board	(\$100.00)	(\$140 after July 1)	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Retired Members	(\$60.00)	(\$80 after July 1)	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Guest	(\$60.00)	(\$80 after July 1)	\$ _____
		Total Due	\$ _____

Registration includes General Session, Materials and Luncheon(s).

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ ST: _____ ZIP: _____

Chapter/Organization Name: _____

Chapter Address: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ Chapter Phone: (____) _____

E-mail address: _____

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Please return your registration form with fee by July 1, 2007. No personal checks will be accepted after July 1, 2005. Toll free contact, 877-213-2170.

Make checks payable to: IABPFF and return to: IABPFF Treasurer Samuel Aubrey Jr.
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BLACK FAMILY SUMMIT

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Black Family Summit (BFS), under the auspices of the Institute of the Black World 21st Century, is to provide a mechanism for Black organizations to convene and strategize for planned change and advocacy efforts that benefit Black families and communities.

OVERVIEW

In October 2005, The Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan and Leonard G. Dunston convened the BFS's inaugural meeting as part of the Millions More Movement at Howard University in Washington, D.C. The BFS met to explore how the organizations could work cohesively to address challenges facing Black families and Black communities. It was decided to focus special attention on organizing a collective response to address the needs of survivors of Hurricane Katrina. Consequently, in January 2006, the BFS came together in New Orleans, Louisiana over the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday weekend to explore and strategize on how to identify, support, and respond to the needs of survivors of Hurricane Katrina. On August 29, 2006, the first anniversary of Hurricane Katrina, the BFS met again at Howard University to concretize its plan to respond to some of the pressing issues still impacting Hurricane Katrina survivors. The outcome of this meeting was the Post Katrina Stress Project in collaboration with the All Healers Mental Health Alliance.

OUR NEXT ENDEAVOR: 2007 PUBLIC POLICY

Building on the momentum of our previous efforts and recognizing the changes and opportunities presented as a result of the recent national elections and the beginning of Black History Month, the BFS will convene a Public Policy Institute on **Thursday, February 1, 2007** at **Howard University; Armour J. Blackburn University Center; Reading Lounge; 2397 Sixth Street, NW; Washington, DC 20059; Phone: 202-806-7513.**



The objectives of the Public Policy Institute are (1) to identify priority policy issues and recommendations that can be shared with policymakers, and (2) to decipher the mechanisms used to monitor the progress made relative to these recommendations. The intended outcomes are (1) a policy report that presents the collective positions and policy statements of the organizations, along with contact information, and (2) a specific collective advocacy agenda with a plan to monitor its progress.

WHAT WE NEED FROM YOU

We are asking each organization to do the following in preparation for the meeting:

1. Provide a short paragraph (75-100 words) for each of your organization's identified priority policy issues that (a) states the policy issue, (b) your organization's position on the issue, and (c) your organization's policy recommendation for that issue;
2. Provide a one-page statement describing your organization and appropriate contact persons.

In turn, we will pull this information together to be disseminated to the invited Congressional Black Caucus members and/or staffers in attendance.



“SAVE THE DATE”

IABPFF Annual Day on Capital Hill

March 28-30, 2007

March 28:

You should schedule your travel arrangements to arrive in DC early for Congressional Fire Service Institute Seminars. 1300-1700 hrs.

1900: Pre-Hill update & assignments - IABPFF host hotel (?)

March 29:

0700: Departure for the Hill for CFSI Seminars:

0800 – 1300 hours (locations TBD)

1315 - 1600: Visits with Senate & House representatives

Presentation of “Issue Papers”

1700 – 1845: General Reception

1900 - 2200: 19th Annual National Fire & Emergency Services Dinner

March 30:

0800 – 1200: Bi-Annual CFSI National Advisory Committee Meeting
(President Brewington & PAC Chair Faye Davis or designees)

NOTE: March 28th Seminar, March 29th Reception & Dinner and March 30th NAC Mtg. will be held at the Hilton Washington Hotel. Transportation will be provided.

If you have plans, even tentative plans to attend, please hit me back ASAP, to complete the hotel accommodations. If your plans are only for a day trip on either March 28th or 29th please hit me back. ALL seminars are free and there is no need to register. Members attending the Dinner will have to register and pay appropriate fees; \$275.00 per person, \$2750.00 per table of 10.

ATTIRE: Class A/Business.

IAFC HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE OUTREACH MEETING INVITATION

January 29, 2007

Chief Johnny Brewington, President
International Association of Black Professional Fire Fighters

Dear Chief Brewington:

IAFC Human Relations Committee will be hosting an outreach meeting at the IAFC headquarters on February 16-17, 2007. The meeting will go from 8 am to 5 pm on Friday, February 16 and from 8 am to 1 pm on Saturday, February 17.

We feel that it is important to centralize our efforts and get input from organizations representing diversity and other fire service groups. We would like to invite you or a designated representative from the International Association of Black Professional Fire Fighters to participate in the meeting. If you are available to join the group, please contact Elena Slavinsky to confirm your participation and get information on the hotel arrangements.

We look forward to getting your input as we seek solutions to assist the fire service in achieving a diverse work force.

Sincerely,



Chief Rhoda Mae Kerr, Chair
IAFC Human Relations Committee



BARBADOS THANKS & APPRECIATION



The Caribbean region want to thank Brother Nakia Baskerville for the donation of seventy-three distress signal units (PASS) devices for the Barbados Fire Service. This gift came at a very significant time when our rescue team was to be deployed for World Cup Cricket.

It was through the efforts of President Brewington that Brother Patrick McDermott, President/CEO, International Fire Training Force and his team of instructors came to Barbados and conducted several training courses including Hazardous Material, search and rescue and high angle rescue for members of our department. It is our hope that the International Fire Training Force will be our primary training partners as we strive to develop our officers skills and technique to meet the demands of serving the public and visitors of Barbados.

On behalf of the Chief Fire Officer, senior officers and all members of the Barbados Fire Service, especially the members of the Rescue Unit, I want to express our thanks and appreciation to our President Brewington, Brother Patrick McDermott and his team of instructors, Brother Nakia Baskerville and the entire IABPFF family who has been so kind to us and has contributed in every way possible to our continuing professional development.

Neal Smithwick, Caribbean Regional Director

PHOTO OPPORTUNITY



International Fire Training Force; Patrick McDermott, President/CEO conducted a 10-day in-county, Mexico training session with over 40 different cities in attendance. Training sessions conducted were: auto extrication, ropes and knots, and search and rescue. International Fire Training Force has provided training to our Caribbean Region and is reaching out to Ghana.



New Breed Chapter of IABPFF was honored and awarded the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Servant Leadership Award at a program given by New Life Christian Center. The award was presented to Chief Kinley Hullom and the Black Firefighters of Jackson, Tennessee in honor of dedication and commitment to the victims of Hurricane Katrina.



Members of the Progressive Firefighters Association of Miami-Dade hold a press conference to show their support for a member who was wrongly suspended.



Tribute To Our Past



Left to right: Chief Sherman George, Mrs. George, Members of FIRE (back), and President Addington Stewart attend the Second Annual King Dream Conference Organization Award.



Heartfelt condolences to the family of Brother Angelo Primas, an Executive Board Member of the Oakland Black Firefighters and retired Battalion Chief for the Oakland Fire Department who died in his sleep at his Oakland home.



Fire Officer 132 Bishop of the Barbados Fire Service; who was invited to Jamaica with International Fire Training Force by Patrick McDermott, President/CEO; giving a training presentation to members of the Jamaica Fire Service.



Stentorians participating in the 22nd LA Annual MLK parade.



The Executive Board of Jacksonville Brotherhood of Firefighters meet with Mayor John Payton and Director John Kleman of the Jacksonville Fire Department to discuss the current racial issues that exist within the department under the current administration. Adrian Johnson, President (middle rear); Brian Ragin, Vice President (far right); Elizabeth Henderson, Secretary (rear right); and Phillip Hopkins, Sargent-at-Arms.



Left to right: Fishing Outing Brother's Sharp, Wapples, Edwards and Washington.



(Left to Right): Murfreesboro Fire Department employees Cpt. Thomas McAdoo, Cpt. David Wade, Cpt. Ted Pertiller, Cmdr. Cumby Gaines, Assistant Chief Allen Swader; Firefighter Mary Madding and Firefighter William Murray representing black supervisor positions within the department.



Deputy Fire Chief Eugene Campbell, Jr. of the Las Vegas Fire & Rescue department was promoted effective January 8, 2007



Possible 2008 convention hotels.



Battalion Chief Garret L. Dyer was promoted to Deputy Chief and assigned as Chief Training Officer, Fire and Rescue Academy for the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department.



Members of the Barbados Fire Serve First Response Rescue Team who were trained in High Angle and Search and Rescue techniques by International Fire Training Force; Patrick McDermott, President/CEO and his team of instructors.



(Left to Right): Station Officer Wilfred Marshall, Deputy Chief Fire Officer Blackman, and Divisional Officer Rice at the presentation of the PASS device.



State Representative Charles "Don" Clemons, Jr. and founding member of the Firebird Society has been voted Chairman of the 19-member Connecticut General Assembly Black and Latino Caucus.



Everyone Goes Home Whistle-Stop Tour for Firefighter Safety: Raising Public Awareness. March 29-May 5, 2007. San Francisco; Sacramento; Los Angeles; San Diego; Phoenix; Chicago; Nashville; Atlanta; Tampa; Miami; Charlotte, NC; Washington, D.C.; Philadelphia; New York City; Hartford; Providence; and Boston.

SECOND NATIONAL LINE-OF-DUTY DEATH PREVENTION SUMMIT

On behalf of Hal Bruno, Chairman, the Board of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation and the Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives Program Team, I would like to extend to you an invitation to the Second National Line-Of-Duty Death Prevention Summit which will be held in Novato, California, March 3-4, 2007, at the Fireman's Fund Insurance Company headquarters.

The 2007 Summit will convene, by invitation, three hundred of America's Fire Service leaders who will work to develop a plan for implementation of the blueprint mapped out in the first summit. As a fire service leader, I am counting on your expertise and knowledge to help in the development of this plan. I hope that your schedule will permit you to participate in this critically important 2007 National Summit.

Space is filling up quickly, so please as soon as you can respond to Christine King, Program Manager, Everyone Goes Home(tm) Program, indicating whether or not you plan to attend this event and she will then follow-up with full details.

I appreciate your commitment to firefighter safety and your help in the national goal to significantly reduce line-of-duty deaths and injuries.



Thanks,

Ronald Jon Siarnicki, Executive Director
National Fallen Firefighters Foundation

Remember To Be Safe So That "Everyone Goes Home"
Omnis Cedo Domus

LAFD HIGHLIGHTS CONTRIBUTIONS OF BLACK FIREFIGHTERS

During February, the men and women of the Los Angeles Fire Department ask you to join them in recognizing the many societal contributions of African-Americans, including those who now, and in the past, have proudly served as firefighters.



Annual Black Chief Officers Committee Golf Tournament

Springhill Golf Course
4000 Dauphin Street
Mobile, AL

Wednesday February 28, 2007
8:30 am Shotgun Start

Prizes:

1st Place - \$150 Gift Card per team

2nd Place - \$100 Gift Card per team

3rd Place - \$75 Gift Card per team

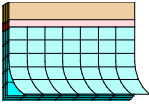
4th Place - \$50 Gift Card per team

\$25 Gift Card for Longest Drive

\$25 Gift Card for Closest to Pin

Gift Certificate (2 man best ball and 1 longest drive)

Sponsored by: MACOM/Tyco Electronics



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

LA County Hiring

http://www.lacofd.org/HelpWanted/PDF/30198A_FFT.pdf

President Oshiyemi Adelabu

Feb. 10, 2007, Milwaukee, WI

North East Region Winter Meeting Hosted by the Phoenix Society

Feb. 16-18, 2007, at the Hilton Hartford Hotel, in Hartford, CT.
<http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/hotels/index.jhtml?ctyhocn=HFDHHHF>

Fourth Annual BCOC Symposium and Meeting

February 26-March 3, 2007; Mobile, AL. The Symposium Charge And Challenge: "Mobilizing Leadership For Uncommon Challenges." Suggested Symposium Topics: Art of Communication; Fire Chief of the Future II; Encouraging The Heart; Understanding The Budget Process; The Politics of Labor/Management Relations; Panel of Founding Membership/BCOC; Where We Came From and How We Got Here; Roundtable on Cutting Edge Issues; Building An Alliance; Strengthening Ties; Public Policy "How to Develop, and Amend, Changes and Influence in Your Favor"; A View from An Elected Official-Alabama State Representative. Firefighters, company officers, and chief officers are encourage to experience this educational network.

Congressional Fire Service Institute

Seminars in Washington, DC.; March 28-29, 2007, Prior to your visit, we would encourage you to schedule meetings with your members of Congress to exchange information and share ideas on how the federal government can address the challenges of the fire services, both nationally and locally. http://www.cfsi.org/annual_dinner_2007.html

Southeast Region Spring Conference

April 11 - 15, 2007 , Omni Richmond Hotel
<http://www.iabpff.org/regions/ser/southeas.htm>

South West Spring Conference

April 26, 27, 28, 2007; Hilton - San Francisco Financial District
<http://www.iabpffsouthwestregion.org/Calendar.htm#April>

North Central Spring Conference

Hosted by the Vanguard of Cleveland
May 30 - June 2, Doubletree Hotel Cleveland South, 216-447-1300

The Soul of Cleveland

www.travelcleveland.com/pdf/soul_of_cleveland.pdf

Executive Council Meeting

August 1- August 5, 2007, Sheraton Birmingham Hotel, 2101 Richard Arrington Jr. Blvd. North, http://www.iabpff.org/ec_2007/ec.htm

Sixth Reunion - Retired & Active FFs of NY

Sept. 13 - 16, 2007, Radisson Hotel of North Charleston, 888-744 5340

Congressional Black Caucus Annual Legislative Conference

Sept. 26 - 29, 2007, Washington Convention Center, <http://www.cbcfinc.org/ALC/>

2007 National Association of Hispanic Firefighters

International Training Conference; Sept. 26 - 30, 2006
Dallas, TX. <http://www.nahf.org>

19th Biennial Convention

Detroit, MI; Summer 2008. <http://www.iabpff.org/conventn/conv.htm>

North Central Region

<http://www.iabpff.org/regions/ncr/ncr.htm>

Northeast Region

<http://www.iabpff.org/regions/ner/northeas.htm>

Northwest Region; Seattle Chapter

<http://www.sbffa.org/Newsletter.htm>

South Central Region

<http://www.webvertise.us/iabpffscr>

South East Region

<http://www.iabpff.org/regions/ser/southeas.htm>

Southwest Region

<http://www.iabpffsouthwestregion.org>

Caribbean Region

Caribbean Association of Fire Fighters - CAFF. <http://www.caff-secretariat.org/>

Black Chief Officers Committee

www.iabpff.org/regions/bcoc/bcoc.htm

Black Women in the Fire Service

<http://www.iabpff.org/regions/bwifs/bwifs.htm>

Executive Development Institute

<http://www.edionline.net/>

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