It turns out Superstorm Sandy was not the last insult to be hurled at the Jersey Shore. A wind driven fire (30 mph) which began underneath the boardwalk near the Kohr’s Ice Cream stand, caused by faulty wires, nearly engulfed the entire boardwalk. Luckily heavy equipment was available to cut a “firebreak.” A lack of a reliable and steady water supply caused firefighters to draw from the salty waters of the Barnegat Bay several blocks away. (continued of page 2)
Ocean County Prosecutor Joseph Coronato (center) who led the investigation into the fire, came to tag the degradation over time and damage caused by the wave action of Sandy to the electrical conduit running underneath the boardwalk as the possible cause of the blaze.

What escaped the wrath of Hurricane Sandy and what did not, was reduced to smoldering rubble for four contiguous blocks. Quick (IC) action elected to cut a “firebreak” through a portion of the post Sandy restored boardwalk using a nearby construction company backhoe. Division personnel on the scene reported fireground heat that called for donning turnout gear a half a block away.
Following his appearance on scene the night before, Governor Chris Christie and DCA Commissioner Richard Constable, III leave the Seaside boardwalk heading back to the state capital to begin the process of lining up assistance to rebuild, this time after the worst fire on the Seaside boardwalk since the known Freeman Amusement pier fire on June 9, 1955.

“Firebreaks” are a common prevention technique in wildland fire practice. Quick action by Command and Control authorities on the scene deployed it to prevent the spread of the wind driven flames and saving everything north of it.
Join us for the NJDFS/IAAI/Kean University 11th Annual Juvenile Firesetter Conference at Middlesex Fire Academy.

The theme, “Using Resources Within Your Community Network,” is the focus of this year’s edition, with Joanne Foster, formerly with the City of London, England Fire Brigade, leading off this important seminar.

11th Annual New Jersey Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Conference

Using Resources Within Your Community Network

For Fire Service, Law Enforcement, Mental Health, Social Service and Educational Professionals

Conference Coordinator Paul Elenio has assembled an enviable roster of Juvenile Firesetter experts making the event the most popular in the field in the tri-state area. Register by November 22.

For More Information:
paul.elenio@dca.state.nj.us
The Division has introduced a voluntary compliance program for certification in Limited Access Highway Deployment and it has already received an endorsement by the National Highway Traffic Administration as a model program for national adoption. To enroll your department contact:

Mike.Gallagher@dca.state.nj.us (south) Timothy.Weiss@dca.state.nj.us (north)

There are upcoming meetings to complete the Division Pro Board Certification. The fall course semester is officially online for its second year. There are 14,000 seats available spread over 130 training courses. Please be reminded that course evaluations serve an important function. They are read and have a direct impact on course selection and instructors.

The Labor Day fire in Delanco that consumed a 300,000 square foot cold storage facility featured 7,000 solar panels, atop a metal-deck-over-steel bar-joists roof covered in rubber, was one that the fire service warned might occur. The solar panels that were not engulfed and destroyed by the fire remain active as they did during the fire, inhibiting attack. It is a wake up call for the policy issues surrounding solar deployment for regulators and the insurance industry as well.

The Registration and Inspection Management System continues its rollout with support from the software vendor to address specific problems that arise. This is the first major effort to bring the entire LHU registration and inspection system in the state in line with other state services online functions. Follow-up training is being conducted on-site, via webinar and by individual tutorials hosted at the Division headquarters.
The Millburn Fire Department announced that it is offering free, comprehensive fire safety surveys to residents of Millburn and Short Hills.

“Our job is to fight fires, but we’d much rather prevent a house fire from happening at all,” said J. Michael Roberts, Chief of the Millburn Fire Department.

“By taking advantage of this complimentary inspection, many township residents will dramatically decrease the chances that an accidental fire will endanger them, their families, and their homes.”

Information about the inspection program is outlined in a glossy brochure that accompanied the recent distribution of township property tax bills. Chief Roberts’ idea to begin offering the safety surveys came after the Stanford, Connecticut fire of Christmas Day 2010, which tragically claimed the lives of three young girls and their grandparents.

“Something that seems harmless and innocuous like a flat-screen television placed too close to a wall, or a cardboard box stacked atop a radiator can in fact be a recipe for disaster,” Chief Roberts said.

“We urge township residents to schedule their free visit. At the resident’s convenience, we will dispatch a courteous, certified fire inspector to check fire extinguishers and ensure that smoke alarms are in working order.”

“Look for hidden dangers that might lead to potential fire hazards,” Roberts said.

“I was enormously impressed by the thoroughness of the survey. My electrical outlets were overloaded, particularly the one connecting my air conditioner, the box for the extension cord already exhibiting signs of a meltdown,” wrote Sagamore Road resident E. Betty Levin in a letter to the editor.

Levin noted that with guidance and hands-on assistance from fire safety inspector Rick Staeger, she was able to put safe new power strips in place and install up-to-date smoke detectors.

To Chief Roberts’ knowledge, very few townships nationwide are offering a free inspection program of this kind.

“There’s simply no reason not to take advantage of this opportunity,” he said. “Your safety and peace of mind, and that of your family, are well worth the time it takes to give us a call.”

Established in 1876, the Millburn Fire Department is comprised of 47 career and 11 volunteer firefighters who work out of two stations in the township.

Responding to an average of 2,000 calls per year, each firefighter is certified in basic and advanced firefighting, and approximately half of the firefighters are N.J. State Emergency Medical Technicians.

Contact: tpizzano@millburntwp.org
**FIRE FOCUS: THE NEWSLETTER OF THE NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF FIRE SAFETY**

**FALL COURSES REPRESENT THE WIDEST ARRAY OF SUBJECTS FOR STATE FIRE SERVICE**

**FALL 2013 COURSES OFFER THE OPTIMUM AMOUNT OF SELECTION OF TOPICS IMPORTANT TO THE STATE FIRE SERVICE.**

### FALL 2013 TRAINING COURSES

**FOR**
- Fire Officials
- Fire Inspectors
- Fire Instructors and Firefighters

Presented by
- New Jersey Department of Community Affairs
- Division of Fire Safety
- In Cooperation with Kean University

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**REGISTER TODAY!**

**KEAN UNIVERSITY REGISTRATION LINK**

**NJDFS REGISTRATION LINK**
ATTENTION NJ FIRE DEPARTMENTS

PEOSH Fire Service Update

Please join us at one of six locations throughout NJ for a PEOSH Fire Service Update. PEOSH representatives from the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development (Safety) and NJ Dept. of Health and Senior Services (Health) will be providing information on what PEOSH Enforcement is looking for when they inspect Fire Departments. PEOSH will also provide details on their cooperative services including Consultation and Training which can help you comply with their adopted rules. Some topics that will be discussed include:

- NJAC 12:100 SUBCHAPTER 10 STANDARDS FOR FIREFIGHTERS
- TRAINING REQUIREMENTS
- TURNOUT GEAR
- FIRE APPARATUS
- RESPIRATORY PROTECTION
- HAZARD COMMUNICATION
- CONTROL OF HAZARDOUS ENERGY
- BLOODBORNE PATHOGENS
- AND MANY MORE

There will be time for questions and answers following each training session.

~REGISTRATION WILL BE CONDUCTED VIA EMAIL ONLY~

[Email must include the following]

1. Name and Contact Phone Number.
2. Name and Physical address of your Fire Department
3. Which Training Session You Wish To Attend (Time and Location)

- Attendance will be kept confidential -

SESSIONS AVAILABLE (Each location has a 2:30 & 6:30 session. Each session lasts approximately 2 hours):

- **Thursday, October 24, 2013**
  Passaic Co. Public Safety Academy
  200 Shady Lane
  Clarksboro, NJ 08020

- **Thursday, November 14, 2013**
  402 Roycefield Rd
  Hillsborough, NJ 08844

- **Thursday, November 21, 2013**
  Gloucester County Fire Academy
  200 Shady Lane
  Clarksboro, NJ 08020

- **Wednesday, November 20, 2013**
  Monmouth Co. Fire Academy
  800 Main St
  Manasquan, NJ 08736

- **Tuesday, November 19, 2013**
  Morris Co. FF & Pol. Training Acad.
  500 West Hanover Ave
  Parsippany, NJ 07950

- **Monday, December 2, 2013**
  Ocean Co. Fire & EMS Training Ctr.
  200 Volunteer Way
  Waretown, NJ 08758

PROGRAM PRESENTED BY THE NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF FIRE SAFETY
2012 STATE FIRE STATISTICS SHOW HOME FIRES STILL MAJOR CAUSE OF FIRE FATALITY

- 1 firefighter died in the line of duty.
- 398 firefighter injuries were reported.
- 85 civilians lost their lives as a result of fire.
- 88% of all civilian fire fatalities occurred in residential properties.
  - (55%) in 1 or 2 family dwellings
  - (33%) in multifamily dwellings
- 230 civilians were reported injured as a result of fire.
- 444 civilians were reported revived by fire departments using an automatic external defibrillator.
- 24,720 fires were reported.
- 14,443 structure fires were reported.
- 80% of all reported structure fires involved residential properties.
- 56% of reported residential fires occurred in 1 or 2 family dwellings.
- 300 fires were reported intentionally set in residential properties.
- 78% of all reported vehicle fires involved passenger vehicles.
- 9 civilian fire fatalities occurred in vehicles.
- 46 passenger vehicle fires were reported intentionally set.
- 2,047 acres were reported burned.
- 365 school fires were reported.
- 8% of all reported incidents were fire incidents.
Every 23 seconds, a fire department responds to a fire somewhere in the nation. U.S. public fire departments responded to 1,375,000 fires in the United States. These include 480,500 structure fires, 202,500 vehicle fires, and 692,000 outside and other fires.

Nationwide, a civilian fire death is reported every 3 hours 4 minutes. There were 2,855 civilian fire deaths.

Nationwide, a civilian fire injury is reported every 32 minutes. There were 16,500 reported civilian fire injuries.

On average, home fires kill seven people every day nationwide. Roughly 1,000 home structure fires are reported each day. There were 395,000 homes fires causing 2,380, or 83%, of civilian fire deaths.

Fires occur in vehicles at the rate of one every 156 seconds. Vehicle fires caused 11% of the fire deaths and 6% of civilian injuries.

Roughly half of the reported fires were reported as “outside or other.” A total of 692,000 fires were reported as outside or other fires.

Only 4% of fire department responses were to fires. Seven percent were to false alarms. More than two-thirds (68%) of all responses were medical aid calls.

Fire Department Responses by Incident Type - 2012

In 2012, United States fire departments responded to 2,238,000 false alarms.
- 713,000 resulted from a system malfunction
- 167,500 were malicious
- 1,044,500 were unintentional, and
- 313,500 were other, such as bomb scares.

Traditionally the Overall Winner’s poster of the annual NJDFS-NJFPPA Poster Contest served as the expression of a student’s view on how to prevent fires, using the annual National Fire Protection Association fire prevention theme as a guide.

From 2014 onward the Overall Winner will be featured on the top fold of the New Jersey Fire Safety Calendar which will allow a more robust presentation of not only the Division winning artwork of other entrants but a chance to be included in the calendar format, as opposed to that of the traditional poster, fire prevention concepts and themes seen through our student artists eyes.

The impact of seeing those concepts through the school age artists is bound to have an influence on other children, who are oftentimes the victims of fire.

All of the artwork in this calendar was submitted for the 2012-2013 New Jersey Fire Safety Poster Contest. This program is cooperatively organized by the New Jersey Division of Fire Safety and the New Jersey Fire Prevention & Protection Association. The featured posters were selected from a pool of nearly 6,000 entries statewide.

The NJ Division of Fire Safety and NJ Fire Prevention Association would like to thank the program’s generous sponsors:

Atlantic City Electric
City Fire Equipment Company
Fire & Safety Systems Company
Monmouth County Fire Prevention & Protection Association
New Jersey Chapter of the American Fire Sprinkler Association
and
The Joshua Marcus Group

Thank you to the thousands of dedicated teachers and students throughout New Jersey who participated in this year’s contest!
In addition, the calendar format reinforces fire safety practices by including standard fire prevention messages throughout the days and months of the calendar year and in particular specific dates, such as Burn Awareness Week and of course, National Fire Prevention Week that carry with them the urgency of the fire safety education message.

Local sponsors are also acknowledged for the generous support the poster contest receives.
DIVISION CONDUCTS 2013 STATEWIDE NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK TOUR

NFPA National Fire Prevention Week comes to Martin Luther King, Jr. School in Jersey City, where 2012-2013 NJFPPA-NJDFS Poster Contest Overall Winner Shymaine Armstrong is joined by (left to right) Dennis Nuber, Jersey City FO, Susan Pabon, Jersey City Fire Prevention, Dan DeTrolio, Chairman, NJ Public Education Advisory Council, Linda Sabbia-Fiore, Art Instructor MLK, Jr., Cleopatra Winograd, Principal MLK, Jr., Aryran Harper NJ DFS-NJFPPA Division 6 winner, Shymaine Armstrong, Chief of Department Jersey City Fire Department, Darren Rivers, Acting Director New Jersey Division of Fire Safety and Acting State Fire Marshal.

Acting Director Kramer requests and receives a personally autographed copy of the 2014 NJDFS-NJFPPA Fire Safety Poster Contest Calendar from overall winner Shymaine Armstrong.

2013-2014 NJDFS-NJFPPA Scholastic Fire Safety Poster Contest information
The Division schedules appearances at high-traffic community events during NFPA National Fire Prevention Week at the Middlesex County College Health and Safety Fair and at the Kean University Community Health and Safety Fair.

Each appearance allows Division personnel to speak directly with the public on fire safety issues and to provide them with takeaways that they can refer to at home.

Similar outreach occurs statewide at various fire departments making sure the message of “Prevent Kitchen Fires” resonates in the local community.
DIVISION CONDUCTS 2013 STATEWIDE NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK TOUR

The Division of Fire Safety and the Department of Health joined public education forces during NFPA National Fire Prevention Week alerting the public to the dangers of portable generator use at the Toms River Home Depot. Nearby Ortley Beach suffered catastrophic Superstorm Sandy damage and consequent widespread generator usage for weeks after the storm hit.

New Jersey Department of Health Commissioner Mary E. O’Dowd joins Acting Director William Kramer, Jr. in noting specific generator safety operating tips with the warning of carbon monoxide poisoning from misuse topping the list of possible hazards.

The Division offers a brochure FREE as a download from the website. FDs or FOs can have their logo – Maltese imprinted on the brochure.

CONTACT: fireprevention@dca.state.nj.us
PARTNERS IN PREVENTION: Pictured from left to right: Judy Czuba, Fire Official Chris Czuba, Patricia Dziubek (Vice Principal, Midtown Community School), Fire Inspector Robert Veverka, Dr. Patricia McGeehan (Superintendent of Schools), Joyce Lynch (Fire Prevention Bureau), Fire Inspector Craig Buonomo, Ravikha Nayakrit (Fire Prevention Bureau), Firefighter James Keenan, and Gregory Rogers, Chief of Department, Bayonne.

The long standing partnership between the Bayonne Schools and the Bayonne Department of Fire Prevention was reason enough for the New Jersey Fire Prevention and Protection Association to note the partnership at the Association’s annual awards dinner.

The partnership also extends to the New Jersey Division of Fire Safety, as Bayonne students have won seven NJDFS (F.I.R.E.) Fire Information and Rescue Education Bowls and have been Division winners in three out of the last five NJFPPS-NJDFS Scholastic Poster Contests.
Affordable Care Act
The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA or ACA), is one of the most significant reforms to the U.S. health care system in over a generation. Since its passage, the federal government and others have been analyzing the act and determining how to implement this legislation, but one thing is clear: it will have a significant impact both fire department administration and operations. The legislation is extensive, with many moving pieces, and public opinion about the bill is highly polarized. Therefore, it’s critical that fire department leaders fully understand the facts.

Communications
Communication technology and applications are a lifeline for first responders. IAFC works actively with the response community, government and industry to get it right.

EMS
The world of EMS is rapidly changing and IAFC is there to ensure the voice of fire-based EMS is heard.

Federal Taxation
The tax system can be complicated. IAFC works to make sure that fire department leaders understand the ins and outs of taxation issues and fights to preserve firefighter benefits.

Fire Prevention
Fire prevention legislation needs to be led by the experts...not politicians or private interest. The IAFC educates elected officials on the issues and on-the-ground impact. Whether it’s sprinklers, campus fire safety or other fire prevention issues, IAFC keeps policy focused on public and responder safety.

Grant Funding
Now more than ever, the local fire service needs access federal support of its all-hazards mission. IAFC fights to ensure that federally funded programs remain a viable option for fire departments increasingly charged to “do more with less.”

Hazardous Materials
The national hazardous materials landscape is one that touches every community. From rail and trucking lines to pipelines and holding tanks and from each car on the road to each house on the street, hazardous materials are a part of our daily lives. Local first responders must have a leading voice in national policies that shape hazmat handling, transportation, training and response.

Homeland Security
Fire departments are the first line of defense against man-made and natural threats to our nation; therefore, fire chiefs need to be on the front line of national policy discussions regarding preparedness, response, resiliency, funding, training, and more.

PSOB Program
The IAFC is committed to ensuring that federal survivor benefits remain funded, accessible and fair, and to helping survivors understand the resources available and how to apply for them.

Volunteer and Combination
The Volunteer and Combination fire service stands as the backbone to many of America’s communities. The IAFC is committed to ensuring that volunteer and combination chiefs are involved in national policy discussions and is working to protect their ability to serve their communities.

Wildland Fire
The IAFC led the charge to ensure local fire and emergency service leaders had a voice in national wildland fire policy and programming. The local fire and emergency services need to remain an integral part of the national wildland fire framework so that they can successfully work with their federal and state counterparts to combat one of the fastest growing natural threats to the U.S.

(From the IAFC website)
HONORING HOMETOWN HEROES ACT
H.R. 2386 was introduced on June 14, 2013 by Congressman John Larson (CT-1).
Summary: The bill amends the U.S. flag code, allowing Governors to declare the flag to be flown at half-staff in the event of a first responder line-of-duty death.

FIRE SPRINKLER INCENTIVE ACT
S. 1163 was introduced on June 13, 2013 by Senator Thomas Carper (DE).
Summary: The legislation amends the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to include automated fire sprinkler systems as section 179 property and classify certain automated fire sprinkler systems as 15-year property for purposes of depreciation.

FISCAL YEAR 2014 DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT
H.R. 2217 was introduced on May 29, 2013 by Congressman John Carter (TX-31).
Summary: The bill makes appropriations for programs and activities of the Department of Homeland Security for Fiscal Year 2014.

SAFE BUILDING CODES INCENTIVE ACT
H.R. 1878 was introduced on May 8, 2013 by Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart (FL-25).
S. 924 was introduced on May 9, 2013 by Senator Robert Menendez (NJ).
Summary: The bill would provide an additional funding for post-disaster grants under a program administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency to states that adopt and enforce state-wide building codes.

FIRE POLICE FAIRNESS ACT
H.R. 1828 was introduced on May 6, 2013 by Congressman Joe Courtney (CT-2).
S. 876 was introduced on May 7, 2013 by Senator Richard Blumenthal (CT).
Summary: The legislation would extend coverage under the Public Safety Officers’ Benefits (PSOB) program to fire police officers.

CAMPUS FIRE SAFETY EDUCATION ACT
S. 750 was introduced on April 17, 2013 by the late Senator Frank Lautenberg (NJ).
H.R. 1609 was introduced on April 17, 2013 by Congressman Bill Pascrell, Jr. (NJ-9).
Summary: The legislation establishes a grant program at the Department of Education to make awards to institutes of higher education for fire prevention and education programs.

THE HONORABLE STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES COLLEGE FIRE PREVENTION ACT
H.R. 1437 was introduced on April 9, 2013 by Congresswoman Marcia Fudge (OH-11).
Summary: The legislation directs the Secretary of Education to make competitive demonstration grants to institutions of higher education, fraternities, and sororities for up to half the cost of installing fire sprinkler systems, or other fire suppression or prevention technologies, in student housing and dormitories owned or controlled by such entities.

VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY SERVICES RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION ACT
H.R. 1009 was introduced on March 6, 2013 by Congressman Peter King (NY-13).
S. 506 was introduced on March 7, 2013 by Senator Susan Collins (ME).
Summary: The legislation modifies the federal tax code to make it easier for fire departments and local governments to provide recruitment and retention incentive to volunteer emergency response personnel through length of service award programs (LOSAPs).

VOLUNTEER RESPONDER INCENTIVE PROTECTION REAUTHORIZATION ACT
S. 501 was introduced on March 7, 2013 by Senator Charles Schumer (NY).
Summary: The legislation exempts from federal income tax any property tax benefit and up to $600 per year of any other type of benefit that a state or local unit of government provides to volunteer emergency responders as a recruitment or retention incentive.*

(From CSI)
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The total break down included 42 volunteer, 28 career, and 11 wildland agency firefighters.

There were 4 multiple firefighter fatality incidents claiming a total of ten firefighters.

Fifteen firefighters died in duties associated with wildland fires.

Activities related to emergency incidents resulted in the deaths of 45 firefighters.

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