

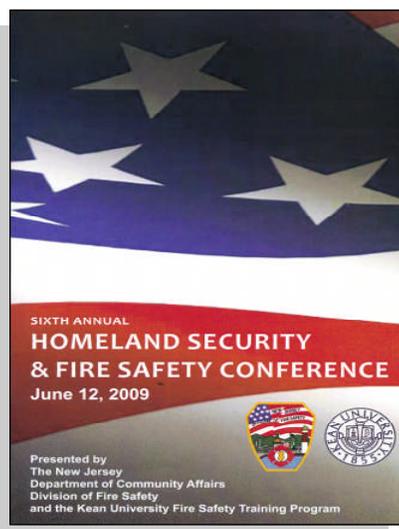
H1N1 PANDEMIC FOCUS OF HOMELAND SECURITY CONFERENCE

Nearly 300 fire service personnel gathered at Downs Hall on the Kean University campus for the New Jersey Division of Fire Safety's Sixth Annual Homeland Security Conference this month.

NJDFS Director and State Fire Marshal Lawrence Petrillo opened the seminar by saying its purpose was to give fire service members a dissenting view that another 9/11 type disaster is unlikely. Petrillo was followed on the dais by several speakers who put forth evidence in favor of that idea.

Delaney cautioned that results of his research show that given the anticipated return of the H1N1 flu virus, the first responder corps could be decimated in terms of their ability to respond, should there be, as is expected, a resurgence of the virus during the coming flu season later this year.

Captain Delaney made the point very specifically that one of the unforeseen hazards of H1N1 may very well be an inability to maintain even minimal emergency response to a disaster occurring



Captain John Delaney, Jr. of the Arlington County, Virginia Fire Department was quick to challenge that assumption by way of a study he conducted in pursuit of his MA in fire science. Captain Delaney asserts in his research that there may be degrees of so-called "response willingness" on behalf of firefighters relative to a natural or man made disaster.

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H1N1 PANDEMIC “HOT” TOPIC AT NJDFS-HSC CONFERENCE

during the onset of that possible pandemic. Delaney contrasted that impact with the one the 9/11 disaster at the Pentagon had on his department. His research model shows there could be a 50 percent or higher attrition rate affecting emergency response personnel felled by the flu. A startling statistic!

Captain Delaney’s report was followed by a first hand account of the recent successful prosecution of the so-called “Fort Dix Six,” presented by Michael A. Hammer, Jr., Chief of the US Attorney for New Jersey Anti-Terrorism section.

The investigation says Hammer, was the result of the sort of close cooperation between local, state and federal agencies that are critical in a post 9/11 world.

Hammer noted to enthusiastic applause the recent sentencing of four of the defendants to terms of life plus 30 years. He mentions also that close inter-agency cooperation was key, as is maintaining a readiness posture across the board for law enforcement, state fire and emergency services.

Director Petrillo acknowledged the assistance of Kean University president Dr. Dawood Farahi and its Fire Safety Training Program administered by Karen Grant on the Division’s behalf for hosting the conference for the past six years.

Information on next year’s conference will be posted on both the Division’s website www.state.nj.us/dca/dfs/ and Kean’s www.keanfiresafety.com.



NJDFS Director Lawrence Petrillo with Captain John Delaney, Jr. Arlington County, VA Fire Department



IF YOU COULD NOT ATTEND..

OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS VIDEO SEGMENTS OF THE CONFERENCE WILL BE POSTED TO THE DIVISION WEBSITE AND A DVD WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE. PLEASE CHECK THE WEBSITE OR LOOK FOR FURTHER DETAILS IN STATE FIRE MARSHAL MESSAGE .

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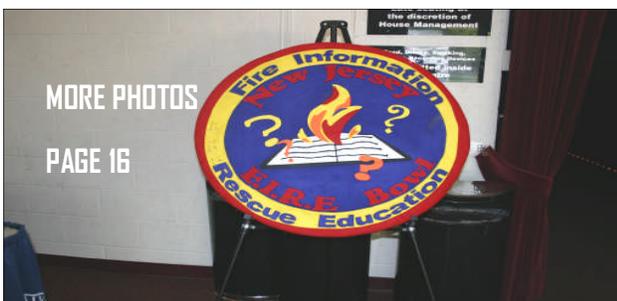


P.S. #14 OF BAYONNE 2009 STATE FIRE BOWL CHAMPS

On May 19, 2009, the team from Public School #14 of Bayonne defeated the Belleville Middle School Girls in the hotly contested New Jersey FIRE Bowl State Championship. Under the bright lights of Kean University's Wilkins Theater, both teams rose to the challenge and quickly answered difficult questions on Fire Safety, Fire Science, and the History of Firefighting in America.

The Championship event was hosted by Fox News and My-9 News Anchorman Harry Martin, whose broadcast-quality performance gave the FIRE Bowl a professional touch. This marked the third consecutive year Harry Martin has served as the FIRE Bowl emcee. Also making appearances were State Fire Marshal Lawrence Petrillo and Kean University President Dr. Dawood Farahi.

Dr. Farahi, whose University hosted the event, kicked off the program with a music video about Kean University's growing profile and distinguished graduates, including honorary alumni Richie Zambora, a founding member of Bon Jovi, whose song "My Home Town" accompanies the video. The New Jersey FIRE Bowl, a program that has just concluded its fourth year, had its largest turn-out for student participation ever. The ever-expanding FIRE Bowl program saw over 100 students from three schools districts competing throughout the spring. The participating districts were from the cities of Bayonne, Belleville, and Camden.



MORE PHOTOS

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The Winners

1st Place Teams – P.S. # 14 (Bayonne)***

Belleville Middle School Girls

2nd Place Teams – John M. Bailey School (Bayonne)

Belleville Middle School Boys

3rd Place Teams – Veterans Memorial Middle School (Camden)

Woodrow Wilson School (Bayonne)

1st Place Individuals – Stephanie Bloschak and Hannah McMullan

2nd Place Individuals – Ebony Coleman and Rogelio Quispe

3rd Place Individuals – Alexandra Domanski and Ali Hajihaidari

These awards were presented at the FIRE Bowl Championship by an extremely generous group of sponsors. The 2009 FIRE Bowl sponsors were: Michael Morganti from IMTT – Bayonne, Daniel DeTrolio from Hartz Mountain Industries, William Lavin of the NJ State FMBA, and Marc Kiempisty of Joshua Marcus Group. Without their dedication to the FIRE Bowl, the program would not have been able to complete a successful fourth year of competition.

The 2010 FIRE Bowl is already shaping up to be the biggest ever, with commitments from over 20 schools in 5 school districts throughout New Jersey. Anyone wishing to get involved or obtain more information can contact Charles Lavin at the NJ Division of Fire Safety at CLavin@dca.state.nj.us.

STATE FIRE MARSHAL MESSAGE NOW APPEARING IN YOUR FIRE STATION EMAIL INBOX

State Fire Marshal Lawrence Petrillo notes the debut of the Division of Fire Safety's latest fire service outreach effort: State Fire Marshal Message.

The email is designed to compliment the Division's ongoing digital outreach initiatives including its website and a move toward online registration for training classes for both Firefighter and Code Enforcement Certification.

State Fire Marshal Message is designed to assist local public education efforts within the state by providing traditional fire safety advice, prevention procedures and disaster awareness in digital form.

"We need to reach people with our traditional fire safety, prevention and emergency awareness messages where they obtain most of their information. For most of us it now arrives via email or we find it on the Internet," said Petrillo.

He also stresses the fact that the Internet is more a local information source than ever before, and, that a fire safety message in digital form can have immediate impact.

For example, a "side by side" live wet tree dry tree burn video clip posted to a municipal or community information website shows how vital keeping decorative trees well watered is.

Also a picture of an overloaded outlet is an effective way of conveying a fire hazard.

NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF FIRE SAFETY

FIRE SAFETY FACTS



STATE FIRE MARSHAL MESSAGE

LAWRENCE PETRILLO, DIRECTOR June 2009

Please forward to Public Education: [PREMIER EDITION]

The New Jersey Division of Fire Safety and The State Fire Marshal celebrate over 25 years in support of the state fire service. Firefighter Certification and Training, State Fire Code administration and Public Education are a firm part of that equation. Today, the support is increasingly taking on a digital form.

Our website, our e-newsletter [Fire Focus](#) and now our email outreach, [NJDFS State Fire Marshal Message](#) are designed to assist the state fire service by supporting its use of local Internet opportunities.

Personal fire safety and emergency readiness messages have always been in front of our time honored roles of life and property protection. Digital framing allows for placement locally online.

The times demand **NJDFS** use the most cost effective and efficient public education paths. The Internet now provides the fire service the means to post timely public safety reminders and readiness advisories to their own and other local websites.

Each monthly edition of the [NJDFS State Fire Marshal Message](#) contains video public service announcements (mpegs)—fire safety and readiness brochures(pdf)s—(mp3s) of fire safety and emergency readiness psa(s).

In turn, they can be posted to your own or other local municipal, non-profit, social service or corporate websites, or, just forwarded to your local contacts as an FYI. To encourage optimum participation we provide "help desk" type support information and technical assistance available on a per inquiry basis at:

fireprevention@dca.state.nj.us

This e-mail contains advisory, consultative and deliberative material and is intended only for the person(s) named as recipient(s).

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THIS MONTH'S FIRE SAFETY LINKS

June is National Home Safety month and to focus public attention on its *fire* safety component, NJDFS Fire Marshal Message is providing both a pdf. brochure on Dryer Safety and a link to the Home Safety Council, which along with the US Fire Administration provides fire safety material, copyright cleared for local distribution.

We encourage local fire service members to take full advantage of these two resources:



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'PREVENTING DRYER FIRES'

Over 14,000 fires each year are found to have a laundry area origin. A portion of those, 4,000, showed lint build-up in either the appliance itself or the exhaust vent to have been the cause. The NJDFS brochure, "Preventing Dryer Fires." is available by email request only for you to post for download, print out locally, or, forward to local municipal, non-profit, social service, business or corporate website for posting. Microsoft Publisher copies available by request for local emblem insertion.

fireprevention@dca.state.nj.us

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POST IT NOW NFPA FIREWORKS SAFETY LINK

<http://www.nfpa.org/assets/files/PDF/Public%20Education/FireworksSafetyTips.pdf> (Ctrl + Click)

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STATE FIRE MARSHAL MESSAGE

Sight, sound and motion can combine says Petrillo, in a compelling and instructive way.

State Fire Marshal Message currently goes to nearly 1,000 individual email addresses statewide.

Volunteer who may not have personnel as time to the public education pre-fire departments typically may find especially useful, since they need only forward the information.



departments not have personnel assigned full important education task prevention and member provide, the resource

Petrillo acknowledges that the federal US Fire Administration points the way in this regard as the agency now routinely posts important fire safety and awareness hints to social networking sites such as Facebook and Twitter.

In addition the initiative meets a "green" standard by taking the "paper" distribution path out of the equation, since there is no longer a need to supply local jurisdictions with paper copies of fire safety material. Though as digital documents they can be printed out locally if required. The State Fire Marshal Message also features a support available at:

fireprevention@dca.state.nj.us.

This electronic GPO provides technical support to fire service members who wish additional guidance on posting fire prevention, fire safety and disaster



NEW JERSEY WEEKEND
AT THE
NATIONAL FIRE ACADEMY
JUNE 27-28, 2009



As it has done for many years the New Jersey Division of Fire Safety and the National Fire Academy, located in Emmitsburg, Maryland hosted New Jersey Fire Service members for a two day intensive training session, called: "New Jersey Weekend."

Participants, representing all levels and functions of both professional and volunteer departments



statewide commit to a weekend's worth of training, including such courses as: "Fire Behavior in a Single



Family Occupancy" and "Emergency Response to Terrorism: Strategic and

Tactical Considerations for Supervisor."

All courses are held in the campus-like setting of the nation's sole national training center. A centerpiece of the campus, is a memorial to those who have given their lives in the line of duty.



National Fallen Firefighters Memorial

14TH ANNUAL WOMEN IN FIRE SERVICE RETREAT

Fire Service Women of New Jersey, Inc., was formed in 1996 and its membership includes women fire service members from all across the state.

Many fire companies now commonly have women members who continue to contribute to and provide an equal share of effort to the firefighting task. Part of that task is staying current on firefighting procedures. This year's retreat was held at the Atlantic County Fire Academy.

Participants, after hearing from keynote speaker and Emergency Management expert Jo Jordan, moved on to training sessions covering all aspects of typical firefighter situations including: "Confined Space Awareness", "Methamphetamine Labs" fires and "Live Burn" which reviewed search and rescue procedures in a "live burn" environment.

For more information please contact Grace Forrester NJDFS Training and Certification Unit. :

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The Fire Service Women of New Jersey website:

www.fswnj.org

(photos by Charlie Luxton)



STATE FIRE MARSHAL URGES OUTDOOR GRILL SAFETY: CITES RECENT NFPA RESEARCH AS A CALL TO ACTION

State Fire Marshal Lawrence Petrillo is calling on the state fire service to remind citizens of the importance of prudent grilling procedures during the summer months.

Petrillo also encourages fire service members to visit the link provided for the National Fire Protection Association study by Martin Ahrens for additional detailed information on barbecue fires.

“I think this information is important for the fire service to consult and incorporate into whatever local public education efforts they are contemplating during the summer months. I encourage both fire prevention units and regular firefighters to read the study.”

Petrillo offers these barbecue safety hints for general public education purposes suitable for posting on local public safety department, municipal, social welfare, recreational, cultural and educational websites:

- Before using a grill, check the connection between the propane tank and the fuel line. Make sure the venturi tubes - where the air and gas mix - are not blocked.
- Do not overfill the propane tank.
- Do not wear loose clothing while cooking at a barbecue.
- Be careful when using lighter fluid. Do not add fluid to an already lit fire because the flame can flashback up into the container and explode.
- Keep all matches and lighters away from children. Teach your children to report any loose matches or lighters to an adult immediately. Supervise children around outdoor grills.

- Dispose of hot coals properly - douse them with plenty of water, and stir them to ensure that the fire is out. Never place them in plastic, paper or wooden containers.
- Never grill/barbecue in enclosed areas - carbon monoxide could be produced.

Make sure everyone knows to Stop, Drop and Roll in case a piece of clothing does catch fire. Call 911 or your local emergency number if a burn warrants serious medical attention.

Petrillo warns that summer, especially in New Jersey with its ample recreational resources including 132 miles of coastline and pristine woodlands, beckons many to outdoor cooking.

“I hope that fire service personnel set aside some part of the day to read this important study online, and seek to incorporate the information into fire-fighting strategies year round,” says Petrillo

The link to the National Fire Protection Association research paper appears below:

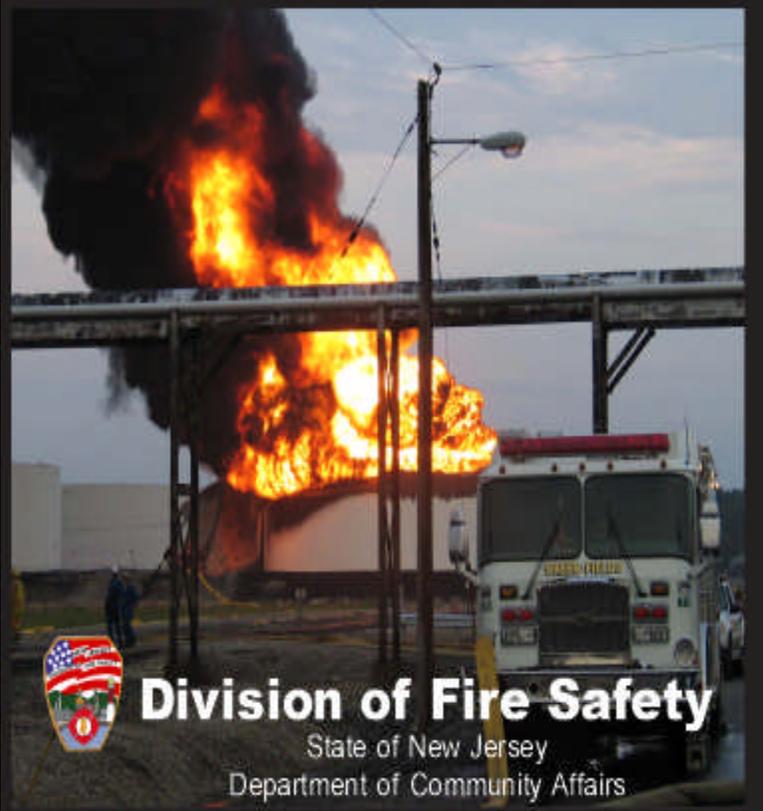
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National Fire Protection Association
The authority on fire, electrical, and building safety

CONSISTENT NFIRS DATA REPORTING KEY TO CONTINUING OPERATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR FIRE DEPARTMENTS

FIRE IN NEW JERSEY 2007



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IN CASE OF FIRE



The online publication "Fire In New Jersey" is compiled by Heather Puskar, Supervisor, New Jersey Division of Fire Safety. NFIRS Unit presents the most comprehensive look at reported instances of fire in the state. The data is critical for the New Jersey State Fire Commission, which sets fire fighting and fire code policy via the Division for the state.

The State of New Jersey participates in the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS). The Division of Fire Safety's Fire Incident Reporting Unit receives incident data from fire departments throughout New Jersey.

This data enables the Division of Fire Safety to identify trends in causes of fires, fire losses, failures in equipment and structural components throughout the state, and to address problems with code modification and educational programs, along with tracking possible criminal and terrorist trends. Data submission to the Division is mandatory for any department receiving a Federal Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG).

The Fire Incident Reporting Unit has received data consistently for twelve months each year from 2004 to 2008 from 467 fire departments. State Fire Marshal Lawrence Petrillo publicly commends those departments and has published a list of them to encourage all reporting units to join them.

Please check the Division website for a link to a list of those departments.

We encourage all fire departments to submit their incident data on a monthly basis to the Division's Fire Incident Reporting Unit. Please contact Supervisor Heather Puskar at (609) 324-7715 or hpuskar@dca.state.nj.us

THE NEW JERSEY STATE FIRE COMMISSION

The New Jersey Fire Commission was formed by an act of the New Jersey State Legislature in 1983. Since inception, the state has ranked among those with the lowest instance of fire injury and fatality nationwide. Commission membership is comprised of select representatives of the General Assembly, as well as key industry and state fire service officials, who are all appointed by the Governor.

The Commission steers state fire safety policy and procedures in their advisory role for the Governor, the Legislature and the State Judiciary, through the New Jersey Division of Fire Safety and the office of the State Fire Marshal.

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The NJDFS 2009 Fire Safety Education Poster Contest awards ceremony was held recently at the Springfield Fire Department. This year's competition drew entries from all over the state, demonstrating creative and artistic ability, coupled with an excellent grasp of fire safety education messages.

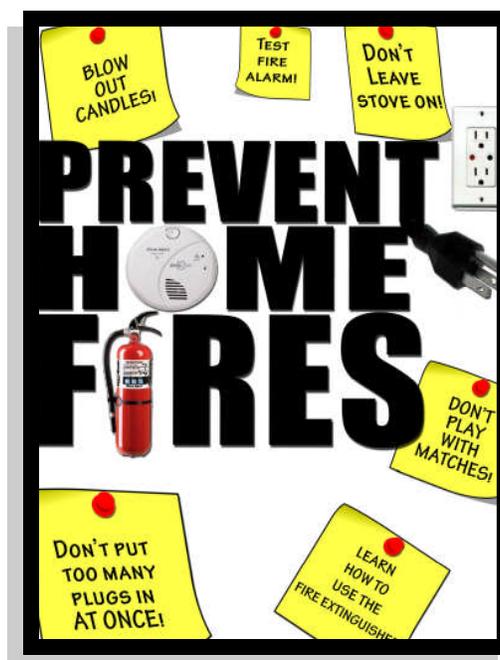


The contest which is co-sponsored annually by the New Jersey Fire Prevention and Protection Association . www.njfpfa.org and the Division of Fire Safety, attracts hundreds of entries in several categories. The winners of each category receive laptop computers, the cost of which is underwritten by Local 696 of the Sprinkler Fitters Union www.sprinklerfitters696.org.

Additional corporate sponsorship of the contest is provided by Atlantic City Electric www.atlanticcityelectric.com and the Joshua Marcus Group of Clark www.joshuamarcusgroup.com. This year's overall winning poster as in past years will be distributed statewide to assist the Division's public education efforts statewide.

The theme for the 2009-10 Fire Safety Education Poster Contest is: "Stay Fire Smart, Don't Get Burned" For entry details for your jurisdiction contact Charles Lavin, Coordinator: clavin@dca.state.nj.us

NJDFS ANNUAL FIRE SAFETY EDUCATION POSTER CONTEST OVERALL WINNER
COLLEEN COONEY-MORRIS KNOLLS HIGH SCHOOL-DIVISION 4



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DIVISION SIX

Diana Tenecela
Branch Brook School
Newark



2009 DIVISION OF FIRE SAFETY POSTER CONTEST



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Bergenfield



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High School
Scotch Plains



NJDFS F.I.R.E.BOWL 2009 STATE CHAMPIONS!



PS #14 Bayonne Champions are joined by (l to r): New Jersey Division of Fire Safety Director Lawrence Petrillo, Harry Martin, emcee and MY 9 /Fox News Anchor, Daniel Del Trulio, Hartz Mountain Industries, William Lavin, Director NJ Fireman's Mutual Benevolent Association, Charles Lavin, NJDFS F.I.R.E. Bowl, Marcus Kiempisty, Joshua Marcus Group, Michael Lopez, Bayonne Fire Department.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE COMPETITION WILL BE POSTED TO OUR WEBSITE OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS...

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