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Mission Statement

The Arizona Fire and Burn Educators Association is committed to assisting the communities of the State of Arizona in promoting fire and life safety education. In support of this mission, AFBEA does the following:

- ◆ Provides the public of all ages and abilities with the appropriate behaviors to prevent fire or life safety hazards
- ◆ Effectively educates them in the skills necessary to protect themselves and other when confronted with a fire or life safety hazard.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



By: Janet Morlock-Ward

Greeting Fellow Education & Fire Service Professionals and thank you continuing to fight the fight to keep kids and community safe! I know most of you know exactly what you're doing for Fire Prevention Week/Month and have scheduled your school and community events. This year's theme is "It's Fire Prevention Week- Stay Fire Smart! Don't Get Burned!" I know you'll be able to wrap your ideas around it and wow your community! Don't sweat it if you can't buy all the fancy give-a-ways, make some coloring sheets on the copier (or better yet get a local print shop to do it for you) buy some inexpensive stickers or friendship bracelets (www.orientaltrading.com has cool red, white and blue one's costing 4.99 for 72) to remind them you were there and make it happen!

It may be a bit harder for you to indulge your Life Safety passions right now as you struggle to keep you job funded, but now's the time to work harder to show that you believe in, care about and are important to your organization.

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AFBEA Loses a Member

In Memory of a Long Standing AFBEA Member

On July 20, 2009 we lost one of our long time supporters and members. Frank Javier Moline was laid to rest on July 28, 2009 at Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Mesa.

Frank Molina was the Fire Marshal for Salt River Fire Department, he had been a member of AFBEA since 1998. He supported our group by attending meeting when he could and most importantly by sending his people to attend our conference and workshops.

Frank had been fighting cancer for several years, we would like to take this time to express our deepest sympathies to his family and his department, they are all in your thoughts and prayers. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

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AFBEA Website

Check out our website at <http://www.afbea.org>. The website contains the meeting minutes, by-laws and copies of past newsletters. We have a children's page for kids to download coloring sheets and activities. We also have pages on emergency preparedness and juvenile firesetters.

While on the website make sure you check the Events section for upcoming training.

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The Newsletter Needs Your Help!

Please send any local stories of interest, local events, new station openings, new teaching methods, promotions, or anything to share with everyone. The newsletter should provide a means of sharing to all of AFBEA's membership.

Please send your correspondence to: AFBEA, P O Box 7227 Goodyear, AZ 85338 or email them to afbea@att.net

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

I know many departments are scaling back or worse eliminating Public Education positions to balance budgets. The economy isn't your department's fault. I don't think it's happening in AZ yet (hopefully never), but on the east coast they are shutting down fire stations because they cannot pay firefighter's to staff them, I'm sure prevention staffs were long-gone before they started boarding up the firehouses. Understand that what's happening in the fire service isn't directed at you personally; your Chief gets that you're important, but somewhere up in the government hierarchy there are people that may not. Trust that Prevention Specialists aren't losing their jobs because chiefs don't believe in what we do. I had the opportunity to speak with a number of fire service leaders at the AZ Fire Chief's Association conference; of course I brought up AFBEA and prevention/education whenever the conversation allowed it. Your chiefs love you and love what you do and it's breaking their hearts to reduce staffing and services.

It seems the education/prevention programs that are suffering the least are the ones where the educator wears more than one "hat", such as prevention/inspection, prevention/suppression, maybe prevention/hazmat...you get the picture. Don't be afraid to learn new skills and fall back on old ones. You may only be allowed a small portion of your work schedule for education, but it's far better than having your programs shelved entirely. Public Education is included in the "16 Firefighter Life Safety Initiative"; don't forget to remind people that every fire that is prevented through education reduces the risk of firefighter injury and loss of life by reducing the number of times firefighters are exposed to high risk situations.

I want to thank the Arizona Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) for its support and partnership with AFBEA, especially Phil Melee and Paul Wobosel. These guys get what we're doing and are with us all the way when it comes to community safety. When the enrollment in the Pub Ed classes at State Fire School fell below the NFA requirements they found state funding to allow the classes to stay on the schedule in spite of attendance being a bit low. Paul is taking care of us by facilitating a number of NFA off-campus offerings (See "NFA-Classes" article) throughout the state and is "holding my hand" to guide me along the path of understanding how the process works. The FMO is also working with us to certify the Educator I & II classes.

AFBEA will be assisting the OSFM with the statutory requirement to provide the Department of Education (DOE) with a Fire and Life Safety Curriculum. There are several mandated curriculum elements at all grade levels that tie very directly into our efforts. Bev Burns, who recently retired from Tempe FD, has been working on a state curriculum in her "free-time" for the past year and will be working with Paul at OSFM on this. We are asking for input from all of our AFBEA members help with this curriculum, contact Bev or myself with your ideas. To look at the DOE standards go to the Arizona Department of Education website "Standard and Assessments" section (www.ade.state.az.us/standards/contentstandards.asp). Bet you are teaching to the standards already!

Thanks for all you do,
Janet Morlock, AFBEA President

October 5-11, 2008
National Fire Prevention Week



Fire Safety Advocates will spread the word to their communities that with a little extra caution, preventing the leading cause of home fires—cooking, heating, electrical and smoking materials—is within our powers. For more information go to <http://www.nfpa.org>

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Characterization Through Clowning & Puppetry Camp

By Stacy Figueroa, Camp Chair

Mark Your Calendar's the 23rd Educational Characterization through Clowning and Puppetry Camp will be held February 1-4, 2010 at Bullhead City, Arizona. Registration fees are \$200 for AFBEA Members and \$240 for Non-AFBEA Members (which includes one year free membership to AFBEA). Hotel will be Harrah's, Laughlin, NV – rates \$22.00 plus tax for Sunday – Thursday. \$70 plus tax if you come in on Saturday.

This is a hands on Camp. Expect to work, share and steal ideas. Networking is the Key. Bring your programs to share and have qualified professionals critique them. Pack your puppets, props, costumes and make up. Don't forget your video camera, tapes and charged batteries! If you have never attended the AFBEA Characterization Camp before it will be an entirely new experience. You will be able to work in skill level groups - that will be lead by experienced instructors from across the U.S. Each level will have specific teaching objectives to meet.

We are now taking registration, you can register online at <http://www.afbea.org/Events.htm> just click online registration and you will be taken to the form.

NEW MEMBERS / MEMBERS ANNIVERSARIES

New Members

Holli Sandeen, Sun City West Fire District

Anniversaries

September

Kathy Black, 18 years
Beverly Burns, 22 years
Kyle Clay, 3 years
Leo Gardunio, 18 years
Gregory Hernandez, 2 year
Troy Jones, 3 years
Tracy Koslowski, 12 years
Craig MacDonald, 3 years
John McCaffrey, 3 years
Donna McCullough, 3 yrs
John McGinn, 3 years
Henry Molina, 3 years
Larry Nielsen, 22 years

October

Robert Lockhart, 2 year
John McDonald, 2 year
Linda Niles, 8 years
Vincent Palandri, 2 year
Justin Swenson, 7 years

November

Janet Boberg, 10 years
Susan Clark, 2 year
Justin Kraus, 2 year
A Lyle Meador, 2 year
Tiffani Nichols, 2 year
Jeff Warren, 2 year
Jack Yeager, 5 years

December

Jeremy Beatty, 6 years
Jeff Boyd, 3 years
Jim Dykens, 14 years
Clinton Gerber, 2 year
David Greenleaf, 2 year
Renee Hamblin, 2 years
Kevin Makil, 18 years
Robert Marshall, 16 yrs
Paul McDonough, 2 year
Cheryl Miskiel, 3 years
Jay Ruoff, 19 years
Valorie Russell, 16 years
Daryl Staley, 4 years

Tanja Tanner, 7 years
Tina Tarin, 2 year
Larry Tunforss, 17 years

Training

National Fire Academy (NFA) Classes Coming Your Way

Janet Morlock

Paul Wobosel joined us at the AFBEA Quarterly in June and offered us the opportunity to partner with the OSFM on off-campus delivery of National Fire Academy Classes throughout AZ. To keep these classes on the schedule and funded we need 20 students enrolled in each. For information on course content go to the U.S. Fire Administration website (www.usfa.dhs.gov/nfa/) and reference the course code. Watch your email for more information from Bev Burns, our AFBEA publications guru, on class content and how to register! In addition to the Prevention/Education Classes there are two general fire service offerings on the list below. Big thanks to the host departments, Paul and Bev for your efforts! We are hoping the success of these classes will insure funding for more out-reach classes in 2011.

Class Code	Class Name (2-day unless except R132)	Host Dept	When
F275	High Risk Populations: Age/Disability	Fire School	September 10-13, 2009
F276	Socioeconomic Factors: Rural/Urban	Fire School	September 10-13, 2009
F344	Methods of Enhancing Safety Ed	Pine-Strawberry	September 25-26, 2009
F344	Methods of Enhancing Safety Ed	Bullhead City	November 16, 17 2009
F347	Community Risk Issues/Prev. Interventions	Tempe	January 14, 15 2010
R132	Fire and Life Safety Plans Review (6-day)	Bullhead City	February 8-13, 2010
F290	Training Operations in Small Departments	Huachuca City	March 20-21, 2010
F275	High Risk Population: Age/Disability	Verde-Valley	April 12-13,2010
F344	Methods of Enhancing Safety Ed	Northwest	August 10-11, 2010
F276	Socioeconomic Factors: Rural/Urban	Rio Rico	October 28, 29, 2010



Drug Use In Schools—More Common Than You Think

Casa Grande Fire Department, 3305 N Piper Ave

Station #503 Training Center

September 18, 2009

Instructed by : Lynn Browne-Wagner, RN, BSN, Northland Pioneer College

This training will be offered after the AFBEA Quarterly Meeting, the meeting starts at 9 AM and Lunch will be provided. Ms. Browne-Wagner will be talking about the Drugs of Abuse, (Crits, Crack, Hysteria, Nitrous Oxide, Paradise, Cocaine, Dental Floss, LSD, Witch Hazel, Heroin, Twist, Marijuana) and Where and How they are hiding it. Training will start after Lunch.

RSVP Isabel Vasquez, Fire Prevention Officer

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Members Report

Bullhead Fire prepares Community First Aid Trailer, by Larry Tunfors

Two years ago, the Bullhead City Fire Department purchased four FEMA trailers for just about \$3,000.00 each. They started out as trailers for Hurricane Katrina families. The fire department has used the trailers for a variety of things, including temporary housing during station remodeling. One is currently loaned to the BMX track, two are reserved for future use in Public Education and one has been set up as a Community First Aid Trailer.

“There was not a lot to do to on the inside besides a thorough cleaning and disinfectant”, said Emergency Medical Services Division Chief Steve Duncan. “Valley View Medical Center and Western Arizona Regional Medical Center provided the trailer with all of the medical supplies we will need.” This was a great help because nothing had been budgeted for a first aid trailer.

The trailer is designed to be set up at community events like the Corn Fest, Rotary Burro Bar-B-Q, the Fire Prevention Fair, the River Regatta, Hardyville Days, and the Cancer Walk. The trailer was first used in May for the Bullhead City Annual Cancer Walk at Mohave High School. It is fully functional with a kitchen area, restroom, and a rest area. The expanding living room makes a nice big area to provide care. The generator will run the trailer plus heating and cooling systems.

The Community First Aid Trailer is scheduled to be at the Third Annual River Regatta in Bullhead City August 29th. The trailer will start at the regatta’s launch beach at the Community Park, and move to the Rotary Park for the afternoon.

The trailer is normally staffed with Bullhead City Fire Department members who volunteer and hospital employees who volunteer. For the Regatta, the Bullhead City Certified Emergency Response Team will be assisting with staffing.

Drexel Heights Fire District’s Fire Fit Cadet Program By Tracy Koslocowski

Drexel Heights Fire District (DHFD) rolled out a new program this summer called Fire Fit Cadets. The program was created for middle school student’s ages 12-14 years who met twice a week for three weeks. The three main goals of the program were to: 1) Expose the kids to the fire service 2) Encourage healthy living by exercising and eating right and 3) Educate them on safety behaviors for injury prevention.

The academy provided a better understanding of the fire service with an exciting and packed schedule of hands-on learning. Classes designed especially for cadets included ladders, fire extinguishers, fire streams, ropes and knots, Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), first aid, nutrition, and physical fitness. The academy also intertwined skills throughout the program like being a team player and having a strong work ethic.

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Drexel Heights Fire District's Fire Fit Cadet Program (continued from page 6)

DHFD Peer Fitness Trainers designed the physical fitness component which included calisthenics and a fire ground circuit. The cadets participate in the physical fitness at the beginning of every class for 45

minutes. Tucson Medical Center is a community partner who is providing two nutritional classes as part of the program. During those classes Cadets did some taste testing to peek their interest in healthy eating.

Safe Kids Tucson was another community partner who integrated an injury prevention piece on motor vehicle safety. Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of accidental deaths for this age group. Cadets saw a demonstration of the Jaws of Life being used on a crashed vehicle and learned about injuries associated with vehicle crashes when occupants aren't wearing their seat belts.

At the conclusion of the program, Fire Fit cadets participated in a graduation ceremony. They demonstrated some of their new skills to their family and friends and then received a certificate of completion from the Fire Chief. The program would not be possible without the help of the Arizona Fire & Burn Educators Association (AFBEA). DHFD received the Ken Fovargue Grant from AFBEA to help get the program started this year. The department hopes to be able to offer this program every summer.

Forest Service Celebrates Smokey Bear's 65th Birthday

The USDA Forest Service celebrated the 65th birthday of an American icon – Smokey Bear – and released the new Smokey Bear Story "big book." This bilingual (English and Spanish) illustrated educational book introduces Smokey Bear and fire prevention messages to a new generation of American children. Smokey Bear's trademark message, "only you can prevent wildfires," is one of the longest running PSA campaigns in U.S. history. For more on this story please visit the USDA website at http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/!ut/p/s.7_0_A/7_0_1OB?contentidonly=true&contentid=2009/08/0375.xml

A Message from the U.S. Fire Administrator about Novelty and Toy like Lighters

The United States Fire Administration (USFA) joins other national fire organizations in their support to ban the sale and distribution of novelty and toy like lighters. These organizations include the Congressional Fire Services Institute, the National Volunteer Fire Council, the National Association of State Fire Marshals, the International Fire Marshals Association, the International Association of Arson Investigators, and the Prevention Advocacy Resources and Data Exchange (PARADE) network.

Novelty and toy like lighters are linked to incidents of deaths, injuries, and property loss across the Nation. For decades the fire service and caregivers have taught children to avoid lighters and that they are tools, not toys. But children are attracted to novelty lighters because they look like toys such as animals, miniature cars, mobile phones, doll accessories, fishing lures, stacks of coins, markers, and cameras. It is nearly impossible for a child, and oftentimes an adult, to distinguish between what is a toy and what is a lighter. For more on this discussion please visit the Chief's Corner at the USFA website <http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/about/chiefs-corner/080409.shtm>

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2009 Quarterly Meeting Dates

Sept 18th	Casa Grande Fire Department
Dec 3rd	Scottsdale Fire Department

Meeting starts at 9:00 AM, Lunch will be provided.

\$\$\$ Membership Dues Are Now DUE! \$\$\$

If you did not receive an invoice by email (they were sent out in June) please contact us so that we can resend the invoice to you. In order to keep your membership current all dues must be received by the end of the year.

If you are not sure if your dues have been paid or have any questions please contact Beverly Burns at afbea@att.net