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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, Fire Chief, Huachuca City Fire Dept.

Greetings friends and "family"! What a crazy world; the economy is beating us up and our departments, communities and kids are suffering as budget cuts take their toll on "unessential" services. I am saddened as I get emails daily from friends whose prevention budgets are being slashed. I'm heartened too, when I hear about those departments and agency who are finding alternative ways to spread the word of safety.

This may be one of the few times the smaller agencies may fare better than their neighboring large departments. Often small departments are savvier at pinching pennies; to quote Bob Dylan, "When you ain't got nothing, you got nothing to lose". I'm feeling pretty blessed to be a chief in a town with sufficient budget reserves to keep us from having to do any drastic slashing for at least a couple years. I'd like to ask all of our members to share what they are doing to maintain a level of prevention and education services during these troubled times. For those of you who've always provided services without a budget line, this should be easy! Send your ideas to Arizona Fire & Burn Educator's Association afbea@att.net so we can share them with membership

AFBEA Board Election Results

Two positions were up for re-election, they were the Treasurer's and Presidents position. Since there were only one person nominated for each position under our by-laws they were automatically elected.

Our new Treasure is Mark Genz, Huachuca City Fire Department. Mark was serving as our Secretary and has left that position to take over the position of Treasurer.

Janet Morlock-Ward, Huachuca City Fire Department has been re-elected as President for another two year term. She will be naming a new Secretary in the near future

The Board would like to thank Tanja Tanner for her work as our Treasurer for the past four years. She has done an outstanding job putting our finances together and getting us set up with Quick Books which has made our billing and collections much easier to manage.

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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 7955 Tempe, AZ 85281-0032 or email them to afbea@att.net

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

Speaking of troubled times, I don't know about your part of the country but in my corner of Arizona firearm and ammo sales are on the rise. I don't have any problem with our right to bear arms; but am concerned that we may have a new group of gun owners who don't understand the importance of firearms safety. I know gun-safety has been a taboo for many educators, either their agency or the schools they visited felt the topic inappropriate for school age children. Those of you who work for law enforcement agencies are likely to have a bit more leeway with this topic. I believe we need to step up; with both youth and adult audiences. Fire service can partner with law enforcement to provide FREE gun locks and safety information through "Project Child Safe", information is available at projectchild-safe.com in addition to the gun lock program there is downloadable information for adults and children. More resources are available through National Shooting Sport Foundation (nssf.org/safety) including a free DVD with McGruff based lessons for younger kids and age appropriate video for older youth and adults. Don't forget Eddie Eagle who is alive and well at the National Rifle Association website (nrahq.org/safety/eddie). Remember to talk to your school/program host about the topics you wish to include in any presentation before the event.

Not all of our schools have gone to year 'round schedules yet...so where can we teach and reach during the summer months? Our friends at Cottonwood Fire Department host "Vacation Fire School" to teach kids safety; an idea I plan to borrow this summer. You can visit your community's Summer Recreation Program, the library's kid's corner and tag on to summer events in local parks. Schedule with local civic groups such as the Lion's Club, VFW and Rotary to share safety with adults and *maybe* secure funding to help offset budget losses.

If you don't have the resources for face-to-face education how about a mini Safety Newsletter to place on tables at your local restaurants; you can pack a lot of safety tips on a single sheet of paper. Who doesn't read whatever is sitting on the table while waiting for a slow server or for a meal from an understaffed kitchen? It's pretty quick and easy for an educator to type up a few timely safety articles. Change out your newsletter every week or two to keep ideas fresh. Talk to local businesses about sponsoring your safety news to offset costs, including a printer will insure your news is cheap to publish. Suggested topics for June...outdoor fire safety, water safety, home-alone-kids, ATV's (maybe the bike shop that teaches ATV classes will sponsor this edition), travel tips, firearms. Printing it on color with an eye-catching logo at the top will draw attention to your publication. In addition to restaurants you may want to place copies in waiting rooms for doctors, child services, city services and health departments.

Red flags warning throughout much of the country are telling us we have our work cut out for us this summer, whether teaching our communities to be Fire Wise or putting out the season's fires. Be safe, be healthy and bless you all for what you do.

Public Information Officers

We would like to ask all Public Information Officers to add AFBEA to your email list. When you have information that you are passing along to your community there just may be some information that we can use in our newsletter and that we may be of interest to our members that we can pass along. The email address to add is afbea@att.net

UP COMING TRAINING

State Fire School

Mark your calendars State Fire School will be held September 10-13, 2009. They will be offering two NFA course this year for Public Educators the two classes are; Fire Prevention for High Risk Populations: Age and Disability Factors and Preventing Fire Risks Based on Socioeconomic Factors: Rural and Urban Settings. Each class is 12 hours long and will run back to back during State Fire School. When you register you will automatically be signed up for both classes. See class descriptions below;

High Risk Populations: Age and Disability Factors: This course will provide an overview of the knowledge, skills, and process required to conduct successful risk reduction efforts among older adult populations and very young children. Students learn to focus on the factors that contribute to high fire incidence with the older adult and very young populations. Course content includes* personal beliefs and observations about the aging process;* developing sensitivities about growing older;* characteristics and challenges associated with addressing risk among older adult and very young population groups;* the risk reduction process for older adult populations; and* fire safety plans/messages targeting high-risk populations based on aging. Participants take a short multiple-choice exam on key course concepts.

Preventing Fire Risks Based on Socioeconomic Factors: Rural and Urban Settings: This course will develop ideas and plans to address the high fire incidence among populations based on socioeconomic factors. Students learn to focus on the socioeconomic factors that contribute to high fire incidence among populations in rural and urban areas. Values, attitudes, and behaviors as well as social and economic characteristics will be evaluated. Effective change techniques, existing programs, and community collaboration are reviewed to develop effective solutions to community high-risk target groups. Course content includes* how socioeconomic factors play a significant role in high incidence of fire, fire deaths, and fire injuries;* attitudes, values, and behaviors of population at high risk for fire;* poverty and low education levels may explain up to one-third of the variation in fire deaths; * reaching into neighborhoods to create change for populations that are at high risk for fire; and* program issues for high-risk groups in rural and urban groups. Participants take a short multiple-choice exam on key course concepts.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Characterization Through Clowning & Puppetry Camp

By, Stacy Figueroa Committee Chair

I am looking to hear from anyone out there that may have a topic in mind to teach or bring out to Bullhead Characterization Camp 2010, which will be held February 1-4, 2010. I received a few showing interest through the camp evaluations but would love to hear anyone and everyone's ideas. We are all going through a tough economy right now, so if there are some of you out there with some new creative ways of getting our public educated, without the big programs, I would love to hear from you. Keep in mind we still want to see and learn how to do the big programs, so come on Arizona....holler at me and bring your program out the Camp 2010!!

Please contact me with your ideas, programs, classes you want, classes you want to teach. I am working on the conference daily. I look forward to hearing some great class ideas, you can reach me at fizles406@msn.com

AFBEA Grant Review Committee

Larry Tunfross, Bullhead City Fire Department

The committee received a Ken Fovargue Grant request in April. The information was e-mailed to the committee members and they all agreed to approve the grant request. Tracy Koslowski and the Drexel Heights Fire District were awarded \$500 for their Fire Fit Cadet Program. This is a new program for Drexel Heights. Maybe we can get Tracy to write something in a few months and share the program with our members.

Training Committee

By Veronica Rubio, Northwest Fire District

The Training Committee is working on ways to offer inexpensive training to all of you, to accomplish this we need your assistance. At our last Quarterly Meeting we had a discussion on whether we should continue with the Desert Southwest Conference especially under the current circumstances of most of our budgets. With our budgets being eliminated or decreased in size we thought it would be a good idea to see what our members think about how we can accomplish getting training to all of you.

Normally most of our conferences are three days worth of workshops on a variety of topics but we are looking at doing more regional and topic specific training. To find out what your needs are and to get your suggestions and ideas we have put together a survey that we would like you to participate in.

Please go to the following link and fill out the survey, it will only take a few minutes of your time and it would help us tremendously. This is your chance to tell us what you want in the way of training. So please take the few minutes that it will take to fill out the survey, we need your input.

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/Default.aspx>

Arizona Public Information Officers

By Larry Tunforss, Bullhead City Fire Department

In March we met at the ASU Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication in downtown Phoenix. The meeting included a few updates and a tour of the facility.

The next meeting of the AIOA will be Wednesday, July 22, 2009. This meeting will start early at 8:30 a.m. to noon. The meeting will be in Flagstaff at the Law Enforcement Administrative Facility (LEAF) at 911 E. Sawmill Road. The agenda will be sent out prior to the meeting but will include passing our by-laws. If you need the by-laws e-mailed to you, please contact Sandy Ranyor at Sandra.raynor@usdoj.gov

Please review the By-laws prior to July 22nd as we will vote on them during the July meeting. All the comments received were incorporated into this final draft version.

Any questions let me know.

Arizona Youth Firesetter Task Force

Beverly Burns, Tempe Fire Department

The Arizona Youth Firesetter Task Force is working on putting together a data base to help those of use who work with youth firesetters. The data base would consist of information on the juveniles who go through your programs. The idea behind the data base is that we are missing kids who's families move around from community to community. This way we would be able to see if they had ever gone through a program before or had set a fire before. It would also help in finding out what our firesetting program is in our state along with helping communities who are looking for funding for their programs by knowing what their problem is and compare it to other communities in the state.

The task force would like to invite you to attend their next meeting which will be held on August 20, 2009 at the Franklin Police & Fire Academy located at 1645 W. McDowell Road, Phoenix at 1:30 PM.

If you have any questions regarding the task force you can contact Lori Schmidt, President at lschmidt@scottsdaleaz.gov

NEW MEMBERS / MEMBERS ANNIVERSARIES

New Members

Ray Gillan, Poudre Fire Authority, CO
Debra Trimble, Picture Rocks Fire District
Billie Moon, Picture Rocks Fire District

Anniversaries

April	Jack Miller, 12 yrs	July	Paul Cimino, 22 yrs Carol Gross, 22 yrs Mike Ullman, 19 yrs Henry Sanchez, 14 yrs Barbie Barrett, 5 yrs Georgia Bramwell, 3 yrs Eric Brown, 3 yrs Mike Erfert, 3 yrs Autum Hartsoe, 3 yrs Kayla Holiman, 3 yrs Rick Contreras, 2 yr Joe Doerksen, 2 yr Nan Edens, 2 yr Gina Enders-Stenner, 2 yr Steven Fernandez, 2 yr Karen Hauca, 2 yr Nancy Milbradt, 2 yr Michelle Pease, 2 yr Ken Smith, 2 yr	Aug	David Acero, 15 yrs Dennis Karstetter, 13 yrs Crystal Taylor-DeSheen, 10 yrs Veronica Rubio, 8 yrs Jared Saylor, 5 yrs Liam Engelhardt, 4 yrs Virgil Esmont, 2 yr Mike Foster, 2 yr
May	Ken Rice, 4 yrs Kim Miller, 2 yr Leilani Salazar, 2 yr				
June	Stewart & Polly Elson, 22 yrs Sarah King, 22 yrs Janet Morlock-Ward, 19yrs Mark Genz, 19 yrs Mark Gaillard, 17 yrs Frank Molina, 11 yrs Don Howard, 10 yrs Marty de Masi, 6 yrs Maria Herriage, 6 yrs Joe Ketterle, 4 yr Kevin Figueroa, 3 yrs Stacy Figueroa, 3 yrs Mike Tellef, 3 yrs Barbara Rice, 3 yrs Shonna Moorman, 2 yr Karen Alexander, 2 yr				

MEMBER REPORTS

Congratulations to the following AFBEA Members:

Merry Shanks, Verde Valley Fire District

Merry was awarded a scholarship to attend the NFPA Annual Conference being held in Chicago, IL June 7-10, 2009. She will be able to attend various workshops on a variety of topics. Out of the 100's of applications sent in Merry was one of 31 chosen.

Beverly Burns, Tempe Fire Department

Beverly will be retiring from the Tempe Fire Department effective June 29, 2009 after 26 years with the Department. She has been an active member of AFBEA since 1987 when AFBEA was formed, she has served as it's Treasurer and President and currently serves as the Membership Chair. She is looking forward to her retirement and plans to continue teaching at the National Fire Academy and participating in AFBEA projects. Her and her husband Dan plan on traveling around the country in their 5th Wheel and spending more time with the Grandchildren.

NEWS AROUND ARIZONA

The Drowning Prevention Coalition of Central Arizona has a new name, it's now the Drowning Prevention Coalition of Arizona. The coalition has been around since 1989 and this last year they expanded their efforts to include the entire state of Arizona. They are looking for people from around the state who have an interest in drowning prevention to join them.

The Drowning Prevention Coalition is a community based organization that exists to provide a forum to prevent drowning and water-related incidents through education, legislative action and enhanced product safety.

Through research and years of practice, we have learned that preventing drowning is a three pronged approach;

Block It is important to put barriers between children and water to help slow or prevent access

Watch: Eye to eye supervision with children around all bodies of water is key.

Learn: Take CPR classes and teach children to swim at appropriate age.

If you are interested in participating with the Coalition please contact Lori Schmidt at lschmidt@scottsdaleaz.gov. Please check out their website at <http://www.preventdrownings.org>

News Articles Needed

We are always looking for articles on what is going on in your department, new programs you are implementing or community projects you have been involved in. This is your newsletter and a place where you can show off your department and the efforts you are making in your community. Send articles to afbea@att.net

NEWS AROUND ARIZONA (cont'd)

Verde Valley Fire District



Verde Valley Life & Fire Safety (LAFS), a combined group of dedicated Fire, EMS and Forest Service representatives from the Verde Valley, presented their outdoor safety message to approximately 3000 kids in the Verde Valley schools throughout the month of April. While our fall message targets indoor fire prevention and life safety, usually tied to the NFPA theme, the spring program targets outdoor safety. This year, we added a little more education about keeping our woods safe, as well as yourself, and reminded kids to be prepared as they set out for summer adventures with their families. We introduced a wildland firefighter, explaining why they need equipment that is different from the firefighters the kids see every day in town.

Smokey Bear is celebrating 65 years, so we gave a little history of how he became so famous, and addressed the “burning” questions of whether it is Smokey Bear or Smokey “THE” Bear. We usually end our presentations by getting the kids up and dancing. This was no exception, and Smokey proved that even at 65 he still has some impressive break dance moves left in him.



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2009 Quarterly Meeting Dates

June 4th	Verde Valley Fire District
Sept 18th	Casa Grande Fire Department
Dec 3rd	Scottsdale Fire Department

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

Congratulations Grant Winners

2008 Assistance to Firefighters Grant
Buckeye Valley Rural Volunteer Fire District
Camp Verde Fire District
Clay Springs—Pinedale Fire District
Elfrida Fire District
Goodyear Fire Department
Peoria Fire Department
Regional Fire & Rescue Department, Inc
Snowflake Volunteer Fire Department
Town of Fountain Hills
Town of Wickenburg

2008 SAFER Grant
Sonoita-Elgin Fire District
Yuma Fire Department