

COUNTY FIRE PREVENTION ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

DIVISION UPDATES – February 2011

- The DFS Spring 2011 training brochure will be posted on our web page on or before March 7th. First registration period will begin March 7th by self-registration on the web, 2nd registration period will begin March 21st. Classes will begin April 1st. People will be restricted to two classes the first registration period, and will increase to a "total" of six during the 2nd registration period. All registration is conducted through the web.
- In October of last year, the Division of Fire Safety notified all Fire Officials and Fire Chiefs of under-odorized propane that was shipped from a plant in Morris, Illinois. At that time there was no indication that any of the shipments (railcars) were delivered to facilities in New Jersey. Yesterday, the Consumer Product Safety Commission issued a "voluntary recall" in cooperation with the manufacturer, Aux Sable Liquid Products, of Morris, Ill. This recall, which can be viewed at: <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prerel/prhtml11/11102.html> indicates that shipments were made to New Jersey. Therefore, the Division of Fire Safety is again advising all fire code enforcement officials having jurisdiction over a bulk propane facility to ensure that the operators of that facility are aware of this situation. In addition, the Division is advising all fire chiefs to ensure that proper safety precautions are taken when responding to any incident that involves or possibly involves propane. If anyone becomes aware of under-odorized or non-odorized propane please notify the Division of Fire Safety at 609-633-6106 and the LP-Gas Safety Unit at (609) 633-6835 immediately.
- Burn Awareness Week, February 6-12, 2011 observed the first full week in February, is designed to provide an opportunity for burn, fire, and life safety educators to unite in sharing a common burn awareness and prevention message in our communities. Burn Awareness Week, celebrated early in the year, is an excellent opportunity to kick off a year full of burn awareness education. For the full announcement and links to resources, go to: <http://www.ameriburn.org/preventionBurnAwareness.php>. Additional resources are found at <http://www.ameriburn.org/Preven/Prevention.htm>. Tips to help keep children safe are found at <http://www.thefreelibrary.com/During+Burn+Awareness+Week,+February+6-12,+Shriners+Focus+Attention...-a058937222>
- The New Jersey Fire & Emergency Medical Services Institute will host a summit of leaders of volunteer fire companies and first aid squads to discuss the looming crisis of volunteer shortages in local communities. It will be held on Saturday February 26th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Middlesex County Fire Academy. The goal of the Summit is to develop a series of recommendations leading to more effective volunteer recruitment and retention by local emergency service organizations. This Summit precedes a national summit, "Preserving the Future of the Volunteer Fire Service to be held in Washington, DC" in March sponsored by the Volunteer and Combination Chiefs Section of the IAFC. The discussions will also support the Institute's 2010-2011 *Legislative and Policy Agenda*. The Institute will ask that the State of New Jersey conduct a study to document the value of volunteer fire and EMS services to residents of the state, and to recommend new and innovative proposals for increasing volunteer recruitment and retention in New Jersey. Go to <http://www.1strespondernews.com/webpages/events/?count=1&ID=b9eceb57-e831-4410-b45f-c4295ccae843> for the full press release. Registration information and background materials will soon be available on the Institute's website, <http://www.njfemsi.org/>

- On January 14th, the third round of the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) awards for FY '10 was announced. SAFER grants provide funding for hiring new firefighters, rehiring laid-off firefighters, and programs for recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighters. There was one award to a New Jersey Fire Department: Collingswood Fire Department, \$377,917 for hiring. The fourth round was announced January 21st. Trenton Fire Department was awarded \$13,685,436 for hiring. For additional information, go to <http://www.firegrantsupport.com/content/html/safer/SearchAwards.aspx?year=2010>
- The anticipated revenue for 2011 is now on form site. All fire officials should have received an email explaining that they need to go into the link provided them in the email and put in their LEA code so they can produce their own document from the DFS.
- There are several ICC National Certification Examinations and FEE66 Fire Inspector I Based on 2006 International Codes testing for **new inspectors** scheduled. The next tests will be held at the Saturday, March 12 2011, 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM at Burlington County Emergency Services Training Center, 53 Academy Drive, Westampton, NJ 08060, Saturday, June 11 2011, 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM at Bergen County Fire Academy (Law and Public Safety Institute, Police, Fire & EMS), 281 Campgaw Road, Mahwah, NJ 07430, Saturday, September 10 2011, 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM at Monmouth County Fire Academy, 1027 Hwy 33 East, Freehold, NJ 07728 and Saturday, December 10 2011, 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM at Somerset County Emergency Services Training Academy, 402 Roycefield Road, Hillsborough, NJ 08844. The cost of the exam is \$180. The information bulletin may be obtained from ICC at www.iccsafe.org/exams or call 1-888-422-7233, ext. 5524. This information will also be posted on the DFS Website at www.state.nj.us/dca/dfs.
- The next meeting of the NJ Fire Safety Commission will be held on Thursday, March 17, 2011, 10 AM at the Middlesex County Fire Academy, 1001 Academy Drive, Sayreville, NJ.