

COUNTY FIRE PREVENTION ASSOCIATION MEETINGS
DIVISION UPDATES – March 2011

- The DFS Spring 2011 training course brochure will be posted on our web page on or before March 1st. First registration period will begin March 7th, limit two classes. Second registration period will begin March 27th, limit four additional classes. Classes will begin April 1st. Course descriptions are available at www.state.nj.us/dca/dfs and www.keanfiresafety.com. Reminder that in order to register for a class, you will need to login to your myNEWJERSEY account. If you do not have a myNewJersey account, please call (908) 737-0230 for technical assistance only, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. No telephone registrations will be accepted. **WEB-BASED REGISTRATION PROCESS:** Go to www.state.nj.us; click on login located in the upper left hand side of the screen; complete the fields for log on ID and Password and click on the “Log On” button; check that you are clicked on the “myNewJersey” tab which is located on the left side of the screen under “The State of New Jersey”; click on “NJ Firefighters Certification” located under DCA Applications; click on the gray rectangle “Register for Course” on the Division of Fire Safety Personal Information screen.
- **Reminder:** It's time to change your smoke alarm battery! Daylight savings time begins at 2 a.m. on March 13th.
- The House on February 16th passed an amendment that would restore the funding for the SAFER and FIRE Grant programs back to their FY 2010 levels, which stood at \$420 million for SAFER and \$390 million for FIRE. HR 1, the Fiscal Year 2011 Full Year Continuing Resolution Act, initially contained over \$100 billion in cuts compared to the president's FY11 budget request, including reduced funding for the FIRE grant program to \$300 million and eliminated all funding for the SAFER grant program.
Rep. Bill Pascrell (D-NJ) introduced an amendment to restore funding for the FIRE and SAFER grants to the FY 10 levels. The House approved that amendment by a vote of 317-113. For more information go to:
<http://www.firegrantsupport.com/content/html/safer/SearchAwards.aspx?year=2010>
- The Federal Emergency Management Agency and the National Commission on Children and Disasters are announcing a new public awareness campaign to help keep children and families safer from the threat of home fires. To view the entire document, please go to www.ready.gov/kidsfiresafety/index.html.
- The United States Fire Administration released a special report recently examining firefighter injuries sustained on the fireground or while responding to or returning from a fire incident. The report may be found at the following site:
www.usfa.dhs.gov/media/press/2011releases/022211.shtm

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- NFPA's Education Messages Advisory Committee has recently updated their Education Message Document (EMD). The intent of the EMD is to provide NFPA, fire department public educators, and other fire safety advocates with a guide for the presenting of standardized fire and burn safety messages to the general public. The document may be found at the following link:
[www.nfpa.org/assets/files/PDF/Public%20Education/EMAC September 3 2010.pdf](http://www.nfpa.org/assets/files/PDF/Public%20Education/EMAC%20September%203%202010.pdf)
- FYI, the Division of Fire Safety receives numerous phone calls from business owners after receiving fire code violations from local enforcing agencies that are not providing them with an explanation of the code requirements. In order to better serve the public, Fire Officials/Inspectors are reminded they should be explaining code violations in order to achieve compliance. If necessary, business owners may be directed to our website at www.state.nj.us/dca/division/dfs where a link to the 2006 IFC-NJ Edition and the New Jersey Uniform Fire Code Administrative Code, Title 5, Chapters 70-76, can be viewed at www.lexisnexis.com/njoal/ for their clarification.
- 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.