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GoFundMe fundraiser started for man burned in fair demolition derby incident

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CEDARBURG — A man's first time participating in the Ozaukee County Fair's demolition derby put him in the hospital with first, second and third-degree burns after his car started on fire.

A GoFundMe fundraiser was started to help 22-year-old Grant

of Cedar Grove with his medical bills.

It was asked that only his first name be used.

Sgt. Eric Weisenberger of the Cedarburg Police Department reported that the incident

occurred on Friday after 8 p.m. when Grant's vehicle's fuel tank was damaged during one of the rounds of the derby, which resulted in fuel leaking throughout the vehicle.

Grant took the vehicle into the pit area and, upon trying to turn over

the engine, the vehicle ignited with him inside.

"One of his best friends rushed to his aid and pulled him out," Weisenberger said, adding that others also assisted.

Weisenberger added that Grant was still on fire after being pulled out of the vehicle, but was put out by people nearby.

The car fire was extinguished by the Fredonia Fire Department, which had a fire engine on standby during the derby, said Cedarburg Fire Chief Jeff Vahsholtz. Other members of fire departments in Ozaukee County who were on site at the fair, including the Cedarburg Fire Department, responded to the scene.

A Cedarburg ambulance transferred Grant to Ascension Columbia St. Mary's Regional Burn Center in Milwaukee.

Vahsholtz said Grant was conscious and alert the whole time.

A GoFundMe was started for Grant by his aunt Jamie Pauly and his friend Collin Wilcox.



Pictured are, from left, Chuck Bakalars, injured demolition derby participant Grant, Jake Bohlmann and Collin Wilcox.

— SUBMITTED PHOTO

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Pauly said her nephew just completed the third heat in the derby when the fire occurred. She thanked Wilcox for pulling Grant out of the burning car and his other friends, Chuck Bakalars and Jake Bohlmann, for also stepping up to help.

“Grant wouldn’t be here today if it wasn’t for them!” Pauly said. “We know that the medical bills will be pouring in at some point and we want to make sure Grant will be able to take this money raised and use it towards those bills. We thank you for all of your support.”

Pauly said on Monday that Grant was doing better; he was walking around the hospital floor and was eating and drinking. There is no set date for his release.

To donate to the GoFundMe fundraiser, visit <https://bit.ly/3OsaUN5>.



~WAUTOMA, CEDARBURG, NEWS GRAPHIC

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Biden administration tells 9/11 families that attack mastermind, 4 others could be spared death penalty.

The Pentagon and FBI have notified some of the families of victims of the 9/11 attacks that suspected terrorist mastermind Khalid Shaikh Mohammed and four other defendants could be spared the death penalty under plea agreements being considered by the Biden administration.

The notice came in the form of a letter, obtained by the Associated Press, that was sent to 9/11 families as the government explores how to resolve the more than decade-long prosecution of the alleged terrorists.

“The Office of the Chief Prosecutor has been negotiating and is considering entering into pre-trial agreements,” the letter informs families, adding that while no plea agreement “has been finalized, and may never be finalized, it is possible that a [pre-trial agreement] in this case would remove the possibility of the death penalty.”

The Associated Press reports that in the letter, dated Aug. 1, military prosecutors pledge to consider the views of the 9/11 families before accepting any plea deals, and the note asks recipients to respond to the FBI’s victim services division by Monday with any comments or questions about the potential agreements.

Military prosecutors are considering plea agreements that may spare Khalid Shaikh



President Trump emphatically stated that he would NOT allow any plea deals.

After pondering what this month’s article will include, Vincent Forras was astounded by the current administration’s desire to lessen the penalty deserved and earned by this monster. Vinny’s inspiration for remembering what happened that terrible day and the efforts of those like Gear Up Foundation to honor the memory of loved ones lost as a living tribute through the brotherhood of firefighters around the world is once again enhanced and galvanized. I thought is a good idea to share their story in photos as I ask you to NEVER FORGET.

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CONFERENCE FOR FREE TO FIREMAN IN GUAYAQUIL ECUADOR.- Members of the foundation held at the **Catholic Polytechnic University Salesian UPS** in Guayaquil covering **The Toxic Twins and Hazmat Awareness** presented by **Chief Paul Nelson**. Firefighters from all over Ecuador arrived was delivered brilliantly by **Chief Nelson** along with fulfilling the foundation’s pledge to honor **GOD** in all we do. Partners of the foundation **Rescue Jim Academy Maiko Bautista and Frank Maikool Junior Bautista**, both instructors for **Gear Up**, set up a static display of a high angle rescue on stage as a prop for the attendees. Simultaneous English to Spanish translation was provided expertly and caringly by **Sgi Eventos**. **GEDEON International group** provided the new testament to every participant in keeping **Gear Up’s** commitment to honor and deliver the word of **GOD** at all of their events.



MUTUAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH CIVIL ENGINEERS.- Members of the foundation held an important set of meetings with **Civil Engineers of Guayaquil** led by **Ing. Guillermo Pacheco** and joined by **Chief Paul Nelson, Monica Carrera and Vincent Forras** and signed a “mutual cooperation” agreement prompted by the prediction of **Vincent Forras** that included dire warnings of an upcoming earthquake to add to the terrible monsoon rains that have been occurring causing biblical flooding.



CONTAINER OF EQUIPMENT DELIVERED TO EL CARMEN FIRE DEPARTMENT.- The container that was packed and sent by **Ron Naab and his wife Ann** and their teams in **Wisconsin** that arrived over a month ago in **Ecuador** was finally delivered to **El Carmen** towards the end of **March**.



The National Fire Sprinkler Association Wisconsin Chapter (www.nfsawi.org) is a nonprofit trade organization composed of fire sprinkler contractors, manufacturers and suppliers. NFSA Wisconsin Chapter is dedicated to educating and informing fire officials, building officials, architects, engineers, the public, and elected and appointed officials of the vital role that fire sprinklers play in fire protection.

Take Care of Yourself and Others

By Martin M. King, State Coordinator, National Fire Sprinkler Association – Wisconsin Chapter

It just seems like a couple months ago that I wrote about firefighter health and safety. You may ask why the Wisconsin representative from the National Fire Sprinkler Association is writing about health and safety. Well, fire sprinklers systems play an important part in safety for you and others. There are also health benefits from fire sprinkler systems. This we will discuss later in the article. Also, after more than forty years involved in the fire service I have learned what I should have done regarding my health.

Regarding health there are many things that one can do to help live a long a productive life. The first starts with what we eat and drink. I know you have heard the lectures. Eating healthy will lead to that longer, productive lifestyle. Bring more fruits and vegetables into your diet. Watch your red meat and fried food intake. Drink more water during the day. These are all things that we should do but get replaced by what is easy. This also does not mean that you should not indulge in alcohol, steak, brats and fried food, but everything in moderation.

The next is exercise. Getting at least 30 minutes of exercise daily is important. This does not mean that you need to hit the heavy weights. It could be as easy as taking a walk after lunch or dinner. I remember shifts at Station 1 where we would go for a 30-minute walk twice a day. Almost all the station went and walked. Good for the heart and digestion, as well as comradery for the shift. This was started by a couple members and grew as people enjoyed the leisurely walk ad talks. When the weather was inclement, they would use the treadmill or do steps in the station. I regret now not taking part on those days to stay in shape (Hey! Round is a shape) because I know it contributed to issues later.

I remember reading the IAFF/IAFC Labor Management Wellness Fitness Initiative back in 2000. This initiative had a simple goal that fire service personnel would live a long and productive retirement. It looked to keeping you healthy during later years of life, so you are able to enjoy those golden years. I remember

too often fire department members that died within the year of retirement. While that is not as common, we are still encountering the stress and dangers of our predecessors.

Stress is the #1 cause of heart disease within our group. The going from zero to response without warming up is similar to starting in the middle of a large workout. It moves our heartrate from normal to high levels. This is worsened by environmental stressors, heat or cold, as well as exertion from fighting the fire or emergency medical treatment. While we cannot change the emergency, we can change how we respond. While additional responses may not be always available, we need to ask for more early and often. Lastly, we need to look at prevention efforts to assist in reducing the stress load on the fire service.

Fire sprinklers are the answer. The question is how do we get enough resources to the scene in a timely manner? How do we retain and recruit to maintain current staffing levels? How do we work within the budget to maintain safe staffing levels for the level of requests? How do we reduce stress and health risk to the fire service? The response is always a worry about the cost, but you can pay now or pay later. Not that we should not worry about cost, but no one is doing a cost-benefit analysis. They only do an evaluation on how it affects their bottom line. We need to look at the potential losses versus the future costs. Fire sprinklers have been proven to reduce costs, reduce on scene time, reduce response requirements, reduce property loss, reduce restoration time and save lives.

Fire Sprinklers save lives, property, water, money, jobs, the environment, and more. For more information on how fire sprinklers save lives and property, please visit our website www.firesprinklersbuylife.com or contact Marty King at king@nfsa.org. or visit the National Fire Sprinkler Association at www.nfsa.org or their website on fire sprinklers at www.firesprinklersbuylife.com or the Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition at www.homefiresprinkler.org.

Three injured while fighting food truck fire in Sheboygan

Three people were injured while trying to extinguish a food truck fire Monday, the Sheboygan Fire Department said. Firefighters called it a gas explosion. Just before 6 p.m. Monday, Sheboygan County Dispatch Center received a

report of a fire in a food truck in the 2100 block of North 3rd Street in Sheboygan. When firefighters arrived about three minutes later, crews found the fire was extinguished but three people had suffered severe burns. An additional ambulance

was requested. The fire department said patients were given Advanced Life Support on scene and then quickly taken to a local hospital. Sheboygan Fire Department would like to remind people when using a flammable gas for cooking to

ensure all safety precautions are in place. An exact dollar amount on the damage to the food truck was not immediately available.

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INFORMATION

Law suits & legal issues in the fire & EMS services

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Publishers Note: Normally the Dispatcher carries Wisconsin News; however, we feel that many times we can learn from our brothers and sisters across the USA and hopefully not have the same concerns. **Stay safe and smart in your actions.**

~ Bob Arndt, Publisher, RFLD Chief retired

Class Action Lawsuit Blames Utilities for Deadly Maui Wildfire

A class action lawsuit has been filed against Maui Electric Company, Limited, Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc., Hawaii Electric Light Company, Inc., and Hawaiian Electric Industries, Inc. alleging they bear responsibility for the tragic Lahaina Fire on the Island of Maui. At present at fire has claimed at least 99 lives, destroyed 2700 buildings, burned over 2,000 acres and caused damages estimated at over \$5 billion.

Monica I. Eder and Rede S. Eder are the named plaintiffs in what undoubtedly will become a mass tort lawsuit. The complaint was filed electronically on Saturday, August 12, 2023 in Hawaii's First Circuit Court and blames the electric companies for not taking adequate precautions prior to the fire, and for causing the initial fire at 6:37am on August 8, 2023 that eventually led to the conflagration.

The suit alleges negligence, gross negligence, private nuisance, inverse condemnation, and strict liability for ultra hazardous activities. The complaint contains numerous photographs and maps detailing the fire and its aftermath. The following abbreviations are used in the complaint: Maui Electric Company, Limited (MECO); Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc. (HECO); Hawaii Electric Light Company, Inc. (HELCO); and Hawaiian Electric Industries, Inc. (HEI).

Quoting from the complaint:

- Defendants had specific knowledge of the risk of wildfire on Maui. HEI submitted a 2022 request for funding from the public utilities commission to offset the \$189.7 million HEI would need to spend to bolster its power grid statewide, which included wildfire- prevention measures.
- Jennifer Potter, a member of the Hawaii Public Utilities Commission just nine months ago, and who lived in Lahaina on Maui, confirmed that Defendants knew about the wildfire risk to Maui: "There was absolutely knowledge within the state and within the electric industry that fire was a huge, huge concern on the island of Maui, and even more so than any of the other islands[.]"
- In fact, Defendants indicated in their funding request that "[t]he risk of a utility system causing a wildfire ignition is significant" and that Defendants sought funding, in part, to guard against their facilities being "the origin or a contributing source of ignition for a wildfire."
- On Friday, August 4, 2023, the National Weather Service in Honolulu ("NWS") posted on X, formerly known as Twitter, that Hawai'i could experience "indirect impacts" from Hurricane Dora from Monday, August 7, 2023 through Wednesday, August 9, 2023, including "Strong and gusty trade winds" and "Dry weather & high fire danger."
- Two days later, on Sunday, August 6, 2023, NWS posted a warning on X: "Strongest winds in yellows & oranges on map result from significant pressure differences between high & low pressures. Combined w/ dry conditions, these winds pose a serious fire & damaging wind threat. Stay alert!" NWS also posted an update on Hurricane Dora on X, which included the following warning: "While Hurricane Dora passes well south with no direct impacts here, the strong pressure gradient between it & the high pressure to the north creates a threat of damaging winds & fire weather (due to ongoing dry conditions) from early Mon to Wed."
- On Monday, August 7, 2023, NWS issued an updated warning for the Hawaiian Islands, as reported in The Maui News. This warning contained both a High Wind Watch and a Fire Warning for the leeward portions of the state, which included Lahaina. The warning cautioned that damaging winds could blow down power lines and that any fires that developed would likely spread rapidly.

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About Curt Varone

Curt Varone has over 40 years of fire service experience and 28 as a practicing attorney licensed in both Rhode Island and Maine. His background includes 29 years as a career firefighter in Providence (retiring as a Deputy Assistant Chief), as well as volunteer and paid on call experience. He is the author of two books: *Legal Considerations for Fire and Emergency Services*, (2006, 2nd ed. 2011) and *Fire Officer's Legal Handbook* (2007), and writes the Fire Law column for *Firehouse Magazine*.

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FIRE LAW INFORMATION

- On Tuesday, August 8, 2023, the NWS issued both a High Wind Warning and Red Flag Warning for portions of the Hawaiian Islands, including West Maui. Specifically, the NWS warned the following: “High Wind: 30–45 mph winds, gusts up to 60 mph . . . Red Flag: High fire danger with rapid spread. NO outdoor burning. Stay safe & cautious!”
- Per NWS, a Red Flag Warning “means that critical fire weather conditions are either occurring now or will shortly. A combination of strong winds, low relative humidity, and warm temperatures can contribute to extreme fire behavior.”
- Despite Defendants’ knowledge about these Red Flag and other warnings, Defendants left their power lines energized. These power lines foreseeably ignited the fast-moving, deadly, and destructive Lahaina Fire, which destroyed homes, businesses, churches, schools, and historic cultural sites. The fire killed scores of people and ruined hundreds—if not thousands—of lives.
- This deadly fire also displaced thousands of people, who lost their homes, forcing them to live in shelters, campgrounds, hotels, and cars.
- Defendants knew that the high winds the NWS predicted would topple power poles, knock down power lines, and ignite vegetation. Defendants also knew that if their overhead electrical equipment started a fire, it would spread at a critically fast rate to the Plaintiffs’ and Putative Class Members’ properties, without warning and without sufficient time for them to safely evacuate themselves and their loved ones, to gather their pets, or to collect their other possessions.
- Defendants also knew that their overhead electrical infrastructure did not use available technologies to mitigate fire risk, including non-expulsion fuses, covered conductors, underground power lines, composite power poles, and fiberglass and other non-wood materials.
- On August 8, 2023, at approximately 6:37 a.m., someone reported a brush fire near Lahainaluna Road. Authorities ordered evacuations minutes later, at 6:40 a.m., in the area surrounding Lahaina Intermediate School and closed Lahainaluna Road between Kelaweia Street and Kualua Street.
- At approximately 9:00 a.m. on August 8, 2023, the Maui Fire Department declared the three-acre Lahaina brush fire 100% contained. However, power outages negatively impacted the ability to pump water, so authorities asked the public to conserve water in West Maui. The authorities kept Lahainaluna Road closed between Kelaweia and Kualua Streets, while HEI responded to a downed power line in the area.
- Later the same day, at 4:45 p.m., Maui Now reported that “[a]n apparent flareup of the Lahaina Fire forced the closure of Lahaina Bypass around 3:30 p.m. Evacuations are occurring in the vicinities of Lahainaluna Road, Hale Mahaolu and Lahaina Bypass... Multiple roads, including Honoapi’ilani Highway from Hokiokio Place to Lahaina Bypass, are closed due to downed power lines.”
- Together, the initial fire that started on August 8, 2023, at 6:37 a.m. and the later flare-ups of that fire at 9:30 a.m. and 4:45 p.m. comprise the Lahaina Fire.
- Plaintiffs are informed and believe that the Lahaina Fire caused and/or contributed to the destruction of the town of Lahaina, killing scores of people and destroying hundreds of homes and businesses.
- The Google Earth map image below depicts the location where the Lahaina Fire reportedly started. One of the Defendants’ power substations is located near where both the initial three-acre fire started and where authorities reported a downed power line early on August 8, 2023.
- Defendants owed a duty to design, construct, inspect, repair, and maintain their power poles, power lines, transformers, reclosers, and other electrical equipment adequately. Defendants also owed a duty to maintain and operate their power lines, overhead electrical infrastructure, and equipment properly to ensure they would not cause a fire. These duties included deenergizing their power lines during Red Flag Warnings to prevent fires and conducting adequate vegetation management, such as clearing vegetation, trees, and tree limbs that could come into contact with their power lines and equipment. In addition, Defendants knew that their electrical infrastructure was inadequate, aging, and/or vulnerable to foreseeable and known weather conditions. Defendants failed to fulfill each of these duties.
- As an electric utility, Defendants were engaged in a dangerous activity and, accordingly, owed the public a heightened duty of care to avoid foreseeable risks attendant to this activity, including the risk of fire. This heightened duty included exercising a very high degree of care and prudence, such as ensuring the safe transmission of electricity over their infrastructure during high-wind events and monitoring weather conditions that would affect their electrical infrastructure (i.e., forecasted high winds and Red Flag Warnings).
- Defendants also owed the public a duty to mitigate damage to their electrical infrastructure from high winds, specifically, to prevent a wildfire. Defendants further owed a duty to design and construct their power poles and power lines to perform safely and not fail during foreseeable wind events that would endanger Plaintiffs’ and Putative Class Members’ lives and property.
- Unfortunately, Defendants failed to take these steps, and on August 8, 2023, Hawaii News Now reported that “[m]ore than 30 downed power poles” were “reported on Maui.”
- Michael Wara, a wildfire expert who directs the Climate and Energy Policy Program at Stanford University said the pattern of the Lahaina Fire “suggests that a spate of small ignitions combined to form a bigger blaze” and “the only real source of that is power lines.”
- The catastrophic losses from the Lahaina Fire could have been prevented had Defendants implemented a PSPS [public safety power shutoffs] prior to the fire starting and taken other reasonable steps to prevent their electrical equipment from igniting the fire.
- In addition, the Mayor of Maui noted that downed power poles added to the chaos surrounding the Lahaina Fire, as downed power poles with live wires still attached cut off two important roads, leaving only the narrow highway passable.
- As a result, Defendants have caused Plaintiffs, the Putative Class Members, and their community to suffer devastating property damage, economic losses, and disruption of their homes, businesses, livelihoods, and mental well-being. Life will never be the same for the thousands of victims and survivors of the Lahaina Fire.

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WSFIA President's Report

by Dan Schmocker

The executive board and area chairs met on Monday, July 24th, at the Chula Vista Resort in Wisconsin Dells for the regular quarterly meeting. Some of the topics of discussion included:

- Addition of past WSFIA presidents to the website
- Addition of Lifetime members to the website
- Updated file access on the website for the general members
- DSPS updates to the building and fire codes
- Regional code and public education training sessions
 - o NW Wisconsin one day conference in Altoona on April 29th
 - o Wisconsin/Michigan combined summit in Iron Mountain on May 6th
- Members who attended the NFPA conference in Las Vegas from June 19th – 23rd

Registration is now open for the annual WSFIA Fire Prevention Professionals Conference which will be held October 17th – 20th in Wisconsin Dells. You can register and view the training topics for each day on the WSFIA website. If there are organizations that would like to sponsor the conference, information can




International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) Director of Health & Safety Sean DeCrane will be the keynote speaker for the annual WSFIA Fire Prevention Professionals Conference at the Chula Vista Resort in Wisconsin Dells on Wednesday, October 18th.

be found by visiting <https://wsfia.org/sponsor%2Fvendor-options>.

The WSFIA membership drive is continuing. The WSFIA membership is based on a January 1st to December 31st calendar year. The cost is \$45.00 for annual membership. For more information, visit <https://wsfia.org/membership>.

Civilian home fire deaths are on the rise in

Wisconsin. As of July 31st, there have been 38 civilian home fire deaths in the state. The number of civilian home fire deaths for that same period in 2022 was 36. The number of civilian home fire deaths in 2022 was a ten-year high. Smoke alarms and public education help to reduce civilian home fire deaths. Be an advocate for Community Risk Reduction (CRR) efforts to help reduce injuries, deaths, and property losses from home fires.



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AGENDA (*Subject to change) *CE credits have been applied for*

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17

8:00 am – 12:00 pm Public Education Class | *Marcia Geisler*

8:00 am – 3:00 pm Advanced Legal Aspects of Code Administration for Building Officials and Inspectors | *Michael Mannan*

Lunch

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm Public Education Class | *Brittany Brown*

1:00 pm – 4:30 pm Sprinkler Acceptance | *Ed Ruckreigel*

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

8:00 am Opening Ceremonies

8:45 am Keynote Speaker | *Sean DeCrane*

10:15 am Human Trafficking | *Dawn T. Fielder*

12:00 pm Lunch

1:15 pm Break-out Sessions

- > Cold Formed Steel | *Pat Ford*
- > Managing Hydrogen Hazards | *Kevin Jeffries*
- > Public Education Framework | *Meri K Appy*

3:00 pm Break-out Sessions

- > Group H Occupancy | *Kevin Jeffries*
- > Sprinkler Antifreeze Systems | *Ed Ruckreigel*
- > Carbon Monoxide Awareness | *Charon McNabb*

6:00 pm Vendor's Reception

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19

8:00 am Fire Stopping | *Dan Schmidt*

9:45 am When the Code Isn't Enough—The Path from Reaction to Prevention | *Brittany Brown*

11:30 am Board Meeting / Working Lunch

1:15 pm Break-out Sessions

- > Nightclub Disaster—Station Nightclub | *Jason Knecht*
- > Change of Occupancies | *Bill Sullivan*
- > JFS Intake and Interview

3:00 pm Break-out Sessions

- > SPS 361 | *D.A. Mattox*
- > Numerical Modeling of Smoke Transport in High Rise Building —Case Study | *Muthu K. Selvaraj*
- > Burn Injury Prevention | *Lori Mickelson, RN*

6:00 pm Banquet and Awards Ceremony

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20

8:00 am NFPA LINK | *Meredith Hawes*

9:45 am Active Shooter | *Chief Lipski*

11:45 am Conference Concludes

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WISCONSIN SOCIETY OF EMERGENCY SERVICES INSTRUCTORS, INC.
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August 24, 2023

To All Our Members, Colleagues, and Associates in the Emergency Services, Greetings:

In March 2023, Wisconsin 2023 Senate Bill 118 and Assembly Bill 111, which seek to amend the content of fire service training throughout the state, were introduced. Although the Senate bill died in committee, the Assembly bill is scheduled for public hearing. The Board of Directors of the Wisconsin Society of Emergency Services Instructors (WSESI) has adopted the following Statement of Position regarding the Senate bill, and hereby reiterates that position regarding the Assembly bill:

The Wisconsin Society of Emergency Services Instructors opposes the passage of 2023 Assembly Bill 111, for the following reasons:

- Wisconsin's Fire Service Training curricula are developed according to national consensus standards, in which job performance requirements (JPRs) are carefully defined, and do not distinguish between career, paid-on-call, and/or volunteer responders.
- Those few JPRs which address issues historically faced by career firefighters or officers comprise a small portion of the curriculum in the scope of the Bill, and thus does not create sufficient disparity to warrant a legislative remedy.
- The Bill seeks to require that "Programs directed towards fire fighter officers shall differentiate based on whether the training is for volunteer fire fighting officers or paid, full-time fire fighting officers." The extensive curriculum in use does not differentiate between these types of organizations because the fire or emergency incident does not differentiate who is responding to mitigate it.
- Interoperability measures between responder agencies, such as the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS), are possible in large part due to the uniformity in training received by those agencies through a statewide curriculum.
- The Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS), through its Fire Service Education Office (FSEO) and its Fire Service Advisory Committee, has worked for decades to develop and maintain its curricula to make it complete, relevant, current, and respected in the fire service at large through its accreditation. This bill would set a dangerous precedent by mandating substantial revisions that can potentially dilute, weaken, or render obsolete its content, with no regard for the existing standards within the discipline.

WSESI, as a member organization of the Wisconsin Fire & EMS Coalition (WFEC), will continue to pursue advocacy of legislative issues primarily through WFEC meetings and activities. The WSESI Board of Directors encourages member organizations to rely upon consultation with WFEC in developing legislative answers to their challenges.

Sincerely Yours,

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WSESI NEWS BRIEFS

- **WSESI WEBSITE** – The migration to Vista x Wix has been completed, and the fun can begin – as we all familiarize ourselves with the new features of our website platform. Please be encouraged to visit the pages of our website to look in on the features in place AND under development as we go forward.
 - **63rd ANNUAL INSTRUCTORS CONFERENCE** – coming to Blackhawk Technical College in Janesville **February 16-18, 2024!**

The Conference webpage has our bullet-point lineup of programs and will continue to have details added in the next few weeks.

National Fire Academy (NFA) two-day course Health and Safety Program Manager (HSPM) – Please feel free to submit student information if you are planning to attend this course; it will secure your place in the class! Limit 30 students. www.wsesi.org/annual-conference
 - **LIVE LINKS** to our events, and any sent in through our associates, will be posted on the WSESI Events webpage: www.wsesi.org/events
 - **WSESI MEMBERS: VISIT OUR REPOSITORY** for information on our Inventory Retirement campaign, which will continue from now through the end of the calendar year 2023. More details are posted on our Repository webpage (found under the ‘Members Zone’ tab): www.wsesi.org/repository
 - **ALSO FOR MEMBERS ONLY:** The Society Documents page in the Members’ Zone includes a PDF of the official WSESI Member Directory. This will be exclusively for the networking use of our members, and like other Society documents, will be password protected. Members -- please take a moment to visit this page to view your own information to ensure that all of it is up to date. Thanks!
 - **VISIT OUR LINKS PAGE** to check out the many online resources available from our colleagues around the state and across the country. This includes Wisconsin Fire & EMS Memorial (WFEM), Wisconsin Rapids, WI a memorial honoring all first responders in the State of Wisconsin. www.wsesi.org/links
 - **STATEWIDE FIRE SERVICE EVENTS** – WSESI will continue to share information that we receive regarding events and programs of Wisconsin’s Fire / Emergency Services organizations throughout the year ahead. Please be encouraged to advise us of any of your agency’s / organization’s plans for events in the coming months, or of any changes that you are aware of. Thanks!
 - **WISCONSIN FIRE & EMS COALITION (WFEC)**, hosted by Professional Firefighters of Wisconsin (PFFW), has been on hiatus during the summer recess of the Wisconsin State Legislature. The next meeting will be held **Monday, October 23** from 10:00 AM to noon.
 - Please see the Statement of Position on previous page adopted by the WSESI Board of Directors regarding **Senate Bill 118 and Assembly Bill 111**. Although no further action regarding the Senate bill is called for at this time, the Assembly bill is scheduled for public hearing **September 7** in Madison. Meanwhile, the issues surrounding this bill deserve to be discussed actively among the emergency services community. Please feel free to join that discussion via our new Members’ Forum, or by email at our Contact Us webpage: WSESI Members' Forum
<https://www.wsesi.org/directors-contact-us>
- Information on current legislative activity will be posted on our Links page: www.wsesi.org/links
- Our representation in the Coalition relies on our members being active in our advocacy of public policy issues. Contact President Jim Austad, or WFEC delegates Jim Flanagan or Kevin Gerarden.
- **Having trouble downloading documents?** Call 920-235-5494 to request a paper copy of any Society forms or documents – or email your request to kgerarden@wsesi.org.
 - **NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING:** Tuesday, October 24, 2023 – via teleconference (unless otherwise announced).



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It should be noted that including the cost of the wall and engraving It costs nearly \$395 for each name and an average of 6 names per year.

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The Memorial operates on the with the support of many volunteers and proceeds from Legacy Stone Sales, Donations and Merchandise Sales.

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† IN MEMORIAM †

- Retired Firefighter John O. Roach; Town of Union Fire Department; 07-10-2023
- Retired Firefighter Duane R. Klang; Cazenovia Area Fire Department; 07-14-2023
- Active-Duty Firefighter-Paramedic Jeremiah "JD" Dunn; Milwaukee Fire Department; 07-19-2023
- Retired Lieutenant Nicholas "Nick" Charles Meyer; Fitchburg Fire Department; 7-21-2023
- Retired Firefighter and 1st Responder Gary LaVern Engen; Eleva Fire Department; 07-25-2023
- Retired Firefighter and First Responder Richard Dean Weiland; New Lisbon Fire Department & New Lisbon First Responders (Founding Member); 07-25-2023
- Retired Chief-EMT Gary Pollpeter; Germantown Fire Department; 07-29-2023
- Active-Duty Assistant Chief Brian J. Wasson; Township of Westfield Fire Department; 8-02-2023
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Please join us in recognizing fire safety excellence at our 32nd annual Fire Safety Recognition Luncheon on Monday, October 9th at the SportClub in Milwaukee, WI. Fire safety leaders will be recognized for their incredible contributions to fire safety and prevention initiatives in communities across Wisconsin.

We are now accepting nominations for the below awards. Please consider nominating a deserving fire department, individual, or organization for their work promoting fire safety and supporting the cause and programming of the Fire Fighters Foundation. Follow the QR code below or visit the Fire Safety & Prevention tab on our website (www.pffwcf.org).

Dan Gengler Fire Sprinkler Advocacy Award – Recognizes people and organizations for their work to advocate for and overcome the barriers to fire sprinkler systems in the future generations of homes. This award is named after Dan Gengler, one of the founders of the Wisconsin Alliance for Fire Safety, a retired Deputy Chief with the Milwaukee Fire Department, and former North Central Regional Manager with the National Fire Sprinkler Association. Dan built just about everything we do today. He has not only made fire safety and fire sprinkler advocacy his life's work, but his passion.

PFFWCF Corporate Responsibility Award – Recognizes a company or organization that has gone above and beyond to help the Fire Fighters Foundation work towards our mission of championing support for burn survivors, fire fighters, and safe communities statewide.

Legislator of the Year Award – Recognizes an elected official who has gone above and beyond to help us promote fire safety in Wisconsin.

Bosanko Brothers Support Award – Recognizes those who support us year after year. They are the backbone of this organization and provide significant support that makes a difference in the lives of the people we serve. Formerly referred to as the PFFWCF Support Award, this award was newly renamed after the Bosanko Brothers this year. The Bosanko Brothers are the embodiment of support and have spent decades supporting the mission of the Fire Fighters Foundation and formerly the Wisconsin Alliance of Fire Safety.

Joe Vorce Career Safety Award – Recognizes an outstanding individual who represents Joe's courageous attitude and dedication to promoting fire-safety across Wisconsin. The Joe Vorce Career Safety Award is named for a person whose commitment to fire safety is accentuated by their dedication and loyalty to the mission of the Fire Fighters Foundation. Joe was a charter member of the Wisconsin Alliance for Fire Safety who helped shape many of the Alliance's programs and their direction.

Joe, a committed volunteer, was sadly taken from us in 2004 after a courageous battle with cancer.

Larry Ceretto Fire Safety Education Award – Recognizes a fire department whose commitment to fire safety has attained the high level of quality and integrity that had been characteristic of one of Wisconsin's most admired in the fire service: Larry Ceretto, retired Deputy Chief of the Milwaukee Fire Department, retired Milwaukee Area Technical College dean of the Fire Science Program, and person of classic distinction. His dedication to duty and loyalty to the missions of his commitments accentuate the core purpose of the Fire Fighters Foundation.

Media Award – Recognizes members of the media who go above and beyond to promote messages of fire safety and highlight the work that the Fire Fighters Foundation does to serve as a champions for burn survivors, fire fighters, and safe communities all around Wisconsin.

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One injured in brush fire incident in Waukesha

WAUKESHA — One person suffered minor burns during a brush fire on Sunday evening. The Waukesha Fire Department was dispatched shortly after 10 p.m. to East Moreland Boulevard, west of the railroad tracks, for a reported brush fire. The fire was around or near a homeless encampment, the Fire Department said. The Fire Department said it was reported as an accidental fire.

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MINNEAPOLIS, MN (July 30, 2023)

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We extend our condolences to the Germantown Fire Department and the Gary Pollpeter family with the passing of Retired Fire Chief Gary Pollpeter due to a fall on July 29th. In addition, we mourn the loss of Newburg Fire Department's 50+ year member Curt Schuenemann, who passed away on August 2nd.

Our Annual Fall Meeting and banquet will be on Sunday, November 5th at the Allenton Fire Station. More information will be forth coming in October. This is the annual meeting and we will have elections for all 4 offices—President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The Nominating Committee consist of Adam Risse of Silver Creek, Steve Schmidt of Port Washington, Aaron Olson of Campbellsport, and Kenny Asselin West Bend. Anyone interested in filing one of these positions should contact a member of the Nominating Committee.

On September 7th there will be a hearing by the Assembly Committee of Colleges and Universities in regards to AB-111 which is intended to create different training curriculum between volunteer and paid firefighters. The Wisconsin State Fire Chiefs Association along with the Wisconsin Society of Emergency Services Instructors opposes this move to create different standards, different certifications and different class formats for volunteer and paid officers. The WSFCA believes that this legislation would affect MABAS, accreditation, which has been a task to get, having to have different test banks, and an additional stress on technical colleges. Both organizations are of the belief that “Fire doesn’t know the difference between volunteer, paid-on-call or career firefighters.”

Most disappointing is that Assemblyman Rick Gundrum and State Senator Dewey Strobel are co-sponsors of this legislation. We think they are doing this thinking they are helping volunteers instead of putting their lives at stake.

REMINDER that the Badger Firefighters Association will be hosting a H.I.R.T.RIT class on Sept 16th in Richfield. This will be a one-day of intense Hands On Training for those that have received basic Rapid Intervention Team training. Class will be limited to 48 participants with preference going to Badger departments that will have teams of four. We need your registrations processed A.S.A.P.

We remind our members if you get Ron Naab information about special events your department is involved with, we can post on Facebook, webpage and send out through our email list.

Jamie Miller is working on histories for each department to be included in this section of the DISPATCHER. We would appreciate your assistance in getting this put out. We need a story for the October issue of our newsletter, who is willing to submit a story to Jamie, soon?

Ron Naab is asking for volunteers to help with Legacy Stone placement and spreading 27 yards of wood chips at the Wisconsin Fire and EMS Memorial on Saturday, September 23. If you are willing to be a part of this crew, you should contact Ron.

Respectfully,

President Fred Arbuckle
Vice President Peter Manning
Treasurer Jason Ebert
Secretary Ron Naab

Badger Firefighters Association High Intensity Rescue Training



Advance RIT Rescue Training

Hands On Training [8 hours] Date: Saturday, September 16;
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Class Questions to: Troy Risse at 262/305-6420 or TroyR@slingerfd.com OR Brad Karnitz at 262/808-8508 also at brad.karnitz@newburgfirerescue.com

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Cedarburg Fire Department: The First 50 Years

By Diana Klingler

Cedarburg always had two districts; the Town of Cedarburg, set off from Grafton, became organized in 1849, with a group of about twenty men and a Board of Supervisors, who took an active part in the planning and laying out of districts. The Village of Cedarburg was incorporated in October 1874, and later with a growing population, the City of Cedarburg was incorporated in 1885. Today, the City of Cedarburg and the Town of Cedarburg are separate municipalities in Ozaukee County.

In the fall of 1866, a group of Cedarburg pioneers held a series of meetings in their homes and organized what today is one of the city's leading organizations, the Cedarburg Fire Department. The founding and rebuilding of the Cedarburg Fire Department is a story of pride, a growing population, hard work, having a vision, and teamwork.

The original members took on the project of constructing their first firehouse, by donating their time and two dollars toward the construction costs. Other community members pitched in, including a Master Carpenter, with the goal of completing the structure. By June 1867, the fire department held its first meeting at their new, but partially constructed, firehouse. Financial difficulties mounted with construction, and the decision to merge with another organization was decided in 1869. The Turn Verein was an organization of gymnasts that originated in Germany, with many of the same fire department members on their roster. The unfinished firehouse and its property were sold, and a shed in the back of the Turner House became the temporary firehouse, where the Turn Verein housed a ladder cart and hose. The fire department purchased its first apparatus, "The Metamora No. 2" in 1867 for \$800.00. This hand pumper was previously owned by a volunteer department in Milwaukee and, before that, a volunteer outfit in Chicago.



In 1875, the fire department became a separate organization once again. The state of Wisconsin served an order to build a new firehouse, which was constructed in the Fall of 1875. A new single story wood frame structure built on a lot leased from School District No. 2. In order to maintain a new rubber hose that replaced the original leather hose on the hand pumper, the station was outfitted a few years later with a hose tower that had a bell at the top.

By 1893, the Lincoln Building was built and reinforced to support the weight of the hose tower, which was moved from the old firehouse. The lower level became the engine house, with two large doors in the front of the building. The upper floor was used by the school for classrooms. Fourteen years later, an unfortunate event devastated the members of the department when a fire destroyed the firehouse and 2nd floor classrooms on April 2, 1907. Thankfully, no lives were lost. In addition to the loss of the building, the department lost a steamer, the old hand engine, hook and ladder wagon, several hose wagons, hose, and everything they possessed. Neighboring departments and citizens rushed to help, and this was probably the first time that Cedarburg, Grafton and Thiensville departments worked together to put out a fire. Little remained ... the top of the flagpole was saved and is on display today at Station 1, along with a piece of brass from the engine and some glass. A long standing legend is that the bell, which sits in front of Station 1 now, was salvaged from the fire of 1907 as well.

Yet another rebuilding for the department began... First, to help protect the community during the early stages of rebuilding a new firehouse, the department purchased a Nott Steam pumper for \$5100 and stored it in a business owner's shed until proper quarters were built.

In the fall of

1908, the department moved into its new quarters on Mequon Avenue, where the fire department occupied the lower level and City Hall occupied offices in the 2nd floor level. The new firehouse boasted a mighty tall hose tower, a boiler for heating, pipes to the apparatus floor for the steam pumper, and there were horses, owned by the City, that were stabled in the back of the station. The fire department and the Cedarburg Public Works both utilized the horses and, much like their human counterparts, they would get excited when the fire whistle sounded. Always ready at a moment's notice to be harnessed to equipment and ride off to the fire.

The building still stands today, named Station 3, next to our Station 1. All antique fire apparatus and history of the department is displayed in Station 3.

Today, with a history of 157 years, the Cedarburg Fire Department is still a continuing story of pride, a growing population, hard work, having a vision and teamwork. Since its earliest days, nearly every aspect of the Cedarburg Fire Department has been fueled by volunteers. Active, passive, and honorary members all freely give their time and talent to the department and ultimately to the City and Town of Cedarburg communities.

Symbolic of the history of our department are: Pride, Honor, Courage and Commitment. These words are etched in stone on the Cedarburg Fire Department Generations Memorial that stands at the fire station on Mequon Avenue.



America Tribute Ride

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THE 2024 AMERICAN TRIBUTE PLANS BEGIN

The scheduled date for next year's American Tribute Ride will be July 27th. A route has not been determined as of this writing. However, committee members have begun discussion about where the ride should travel next year. If there are any fire departments or veteran organizations that would consider being a host for 2024, let Ron Naab at atrchair@gmail.com know.

The committee will be meeting in October for a recap of the event and determine how the money should be distributed to Wisconsin Fire & EMS Memorial, Wisconsin's Concerns Of Police Survivors, Never Forget Honor Flight, PFFW_CF Summer Camp for Youth Burn Survivors, Fischer House-Wisconsin, and Peer Support for first responders organizations.

The American Tribute Ride Committee has been blessed with many that have sponsored, volunteered or contributed in some way to keep this fund raiser going for 20 years. Some of those that made significant contributions to the 2023 American Tribute Ride were:

- Hupy and Abraham, LLC
- Delta Defense [AKA US Concealed Carry Association]
- Crockett Septic Systems, Wisconsin Rapids
- Gordie Boucher Ford-Lincoln West Bend
- Property Loss Management
- Special "T" Pork, LLC
- Rudolph Fire Department
- Amherst Fire Department
- Wild Rose Fire Department
- Coloma Fire Department Station 2 [Hancock]



"It is very humbling and gratifying when we as a committee determine what funds we can give to support those that support our first responders and their families," said Ron Naab, Chair of the ATR. He went on to say, "It is very impressive when we have individuals and companies that willingly step forward to support our efforts."

Former fire chief honored for 25 years of service

A former firefighter in Crooked Lake was honored Tuesday with a parade of fire trucks and ambulances. Jackson Kuske is a hospice patient. His care takers wanted to celebrate his 25 years of service to the Crooked Lake Volunteer Fire Department as their fire chief. A parade of 18 trucks and ambulances drove past his home Tuesday, sounding

their sirens and honking their horns. Personal messages thanking Kuske for his many years of service played over the loudspeakers, bringing smiles to him and other attendees.

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Officials look at solutions for home hit by vehicles three times

A committee in Brown County will look at possible safety measures for a home in the Village of Suamico that's been hit by cars three different times in the past seven years. The most recent crash into Cornelius Vannieuwenhoven's home was earlier this year, when Suamico first responders say an SUV went off the road and struck the home on the 1400 block of Riverside Drive just before midnight on March 15. The driver was suspected of drinking at the time.

The crash caused extensive structural damage, estimated around \$40,000. Fire Chief and Emergency Management Director Joe Bertler says the house is on a corner, which he believes makes the house more susceptible to these crashes. Vannieuwenhoven himself said the crashes became a problem after the county changed the road.

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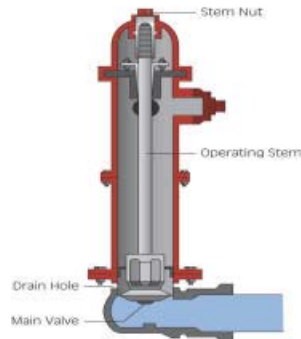
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Skill Tips

- Check hydrant and flush prior to making connections
- Consider 2 1/2" ball valve or other appliance to supplement and control hydrant operation
- Make sure discharge end of hose is connected
- Straighten out any kinks in the line

Competency

A smooth transition between tank water and a pressurized source is a key safety behavior.

Use caution when opening/closing to protect water main.

Information for this month's "Drill of the Month" is courtesy of www.firefighterclosecalls.com, which is sponsored by Gordan Graham. Gordan is a 33 year veteran of California Law Enforcement and is on of the leading experts in risk management. Check out the website for more helpful information.

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The WSESI currently serves over 200 members in Wisconsin, and welcomes new member's every year. Anyone involved in the many aspects of fire service instruction is eligible for membership in the WSESI.

<https://www.wsesi.org>



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<http://www.wsfia.org>



Wisconsin State Fire Chiefs' Association

Building on rich traditions that have shaped the organization since its founding in 1929, the Wisconsin State Fire Chiefs' Association has evolved into an active, powerful organization that works to benefit the Wisconsin Fire and Emergency Service and Wisconsin's Fire Officers. From leadership development to legislative advocacy, the Wisconsin State Fire Chiefs Association provides the resources that its members need to succeed.

<https://wsfca.com>



Wisconsin EMS Association

The Wisconsin EMS Association (WEMSA) represents and supports the views and interests of our membership in Wisconsin communities by promoting education, sharing information, and facilitating legislative action. Founded in 1973, WEMSA currently has 7,000 individual members and 375 Service/Business members representing ambulance services, first responder organizations, and allied EMS organizations. The Association is governed by a 12 member board of directors elected by the membership, and is run by 6 full-time staff members.

<https://www.wisconsinems.com>



Wisconsin State Fire Fighters Memorial

The Wisconsin State Firefighters Memorial Board of Directors has chosen to provide a unique and lasting way to pay tribute to firefighters from the State of Wisconsin who have made this ultimate sacrifice while in service to their communities. This tribute has taken the form of a Memorial Park dedicated to preserving their memory.

The vision of the WSFM was to create a park with a natural and scenic setting to house a memorial to our firefighting heroes from across this great State of Wisconsin. The serenity of the setting allows park visitors to be alone with their thoughts and emotions and at the same time realize that their loved one will never be forgotten.

<https://www.wsfm.org/default.cfm>



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<https://nfsa.org/chapters/wisconsin/>



THE DISPATCHER'S 12 PUBLICATION PARTNERS CONT.

Wisconsin Arson Insurance Council

WAIC was formed to promote communication and cooperation between fire and police departments, insurance organizations, law firms, district attorney offices, the Wisconsin Department of Justice, and any other person or organization with an interest in combating arson in Wisconsin. Previously, some local groups were formed to combat arson, but WAIC was the first such organization to establish a state-wide organization. WAIC established and still maintains the hotline for arson fire tips leading to the arrest and conviction of arsonist. The hotline remains the "heart" of WAIC's commitment to combat arson.



<https://www.wiarsonhotline.org/about>

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<https://www.badgerfirefightersassociation.com>

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MISSION STATEMENT: The mission of the Professional Fire Fighters of Wisconsin Charitable Foundation is to champion community risk reduction initiatives; promote fire safety and prevention; and deliver meaningful support to burn survivors, fire fighters and communities.

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