

COUNTY FIRE PREVENTION ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

DIVISION UPDATES – April 2011

- The NFIRS Unit is getting ready to prepare the next installment of the annual fire report, “Fire in New Jersey 2010”. Please make sure that your NFIRS reporting is up-to-date for 2010 before April 15, 2011 in order for your department’s data to be included in the report. If you are not sure if your department is up-to-date please contact the NFIRS Unit at (609) 984-3476 or email Supervisor Heather Puskar at hpuskar@dca.state.nj.us.
- There has been a change to the current DFS 2011 training course brochure regarding administrative reciprocal credit. The Division of Codes & Standards will accept the following DFS courses for administrative credit towards renewing a UCC license: Intergeneration Workplace; Cultural Sensitivity; Leadership: A Self Analysis; Recognizing and Preventing Workplace Harassment; Handling Difficult Situations and Training and Supervising the New Workforce.
- The School Fire Drill amendment to the fire code that reduces the number of monthly drills from 2 to 1 appeared in the NJ Register on February 7th as an adoption. On March 7th an administrative correction appeared. Fire Officials are not to enforce the school security drill (see attached).
- The New Jersey Weekend Program at the National Fire Academy will held be on June 11-12, 2011. Attendees will have the opportunity to choose between nine two day courses. Course description and application information may be found at http://www.state.nj.us/dca/divisions/dfs/pdf/spring_2011_brochure.pdf or www.keanfiresafety.com.
- A Notice of Rulemaking Petition was published in the March 7, 2011 NJ Register regarding amendments to the Fire Equipment Contractor’s regulations. Amendment to Fire Equipment Contractor’s Certification requirements submitted for proposal in the March 21, 2011 edition of NJ Register. (NICET is transitioning to a computer based training exam format and pass/fail scoring will no longer be able to furnish test scores on specific elements).
- Fire Departments are warned to only purchase SCBA cylinders that are recognized by the SCBA manufacturer for use in their units. Over 11,000 cylinders have recently been sold to NJ fire departments that cannot be used because they void the SCBA NIOSH certification. These cylinders are being sold at a significantly reduced price. If you have any questions contact your SCBA manufacturer (see attached).
- The Homeland Security & Fire Safety Conference will be held at Kean University, 1000 Morris Avenue, Union, NJ on June 23, 2011. Details to follow.

- “FIRE IS” New Jersey Educator Symposium will be held on May 17, 2011 at Kean University- Kean Hall, 1000 Morris Avenue, Union, NJ. This course will provide fire service professionals with a comprehensive overview of the “Fire Is” fire safety education curriculum. The goal of this program, is not only reaching middle school-aged children as they begin to understand fire, but their parents/guardians and care givers as well. The curriculum is centered on a home-based learning system employing television, the internet, and public volunteers to put a new face on fire safety (also see page 29 of spring catalog for additional course offerings).
- We expect a shipment the ABC 7 Save-A-Life smoke detectors sometime in early April. Once the detectors have been delivered to our warehouse, we will create a pick-up schedule and forward that via e-mail to fire departments and fire prevention bureaus within the Channel 7 viewing area (all counties north of Burlington). Pick-ups will be as in years past, one per month. Fire departments will be required to contact Charlie Luxton via e-mail cluxton@dca.state.nj.us to arrange for a pick-up. Contact information will be included in the schedule and e-mail including Kinder Morgan’s policy. Fire department members will be required to be in uniform and have a marked vehicle to enter KM property. If this requirement is difficult for some, they can contact Charlie for an alternate method of delivery.
- DFS is hosting a NFA/FEMA Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Specialist 1 program in Hudson County on Monday, May 23rd and Tuesday May 24th at a site to be determined by our partners, North Hudson Regional Fire and Rescue and the Hudson County Fire Prevention Assoc. This class is open to members of NHRFR and the Hudson County Fire Prevention Assoc. Once they have taken the spots they wish, attendees outside of Hudson County will be advised based upon availability. Class size will be no more than 30 students. There will be no charge to attend this class. Coffee and lunch will be provided each day by our partners in Hudson County. Registration will be through Amy Tanski at the Harrison Fire Department and secretary for the Hudson County Fire Prevention Association. Registration information will be available on the Hudson County web site shortly. Amy can be reached at atanski@townofharrison.com for more information.
- Just a reminder, when a fire official retires or vacates the position, they need to notify us in writing indicating so; this will enable me to send a “Notice of Vacancy”. Also, All newly appointed fire officials need to send Marylain Kemp mkemp@dca.state.nj.us the following documents: Appointment Letter; Resolution appointing the FO by name or if civil service appointment, a copy of same; FO certification card; LEA Ordinance if updated within the past year; and e-mail address for new FO for the portal.

- The DFS Spring 2011 training course brochure is now posted on our web page. First registration period began 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.
- 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 on 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](tel: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, May 19, 2011, 10 AM at the Monmouth Junction F.D. 573 Ridge Road Monmouth Junction, NJ.