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Remember!
Fire burns!
Always be
cautious with
open flames.

82ND CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

The 82nd NSFA Training Conference to be hosted by Fallon/Churchill Fire Department in Fallon, Nevada is shaping up to be a great conference. The conference will start off Wednesday with the annual golf tournament and lunch at the Fallon Golf course. Wednesday evening will continue with a reunion dinner and poker tournament held at the Jim Allison Fire Station.

Thursday will start at the Churchill County High School with manipulative skills followed by conference opening ceremonies and key note speaker. After lunch with the vendors, breakout sessions will begin with classes on vehicle extrication, rope rescue, hazardous materials, and EMS course. Thursday night will progress to dinner at the Fallon Trap Club with a trap shoot.

Friday will again start with the manipulative skills competition and transition into training classes. Of course there will be live burn props from the State Fire Marshal Office and we are working with Fallon NAS Federal Fire to add their F18 live burn prop. Friday will conclude with a bar-b-que dinner and horse-shoes at the Churchill County Fairgrounds.

A memorial walk will be held Saturday morning to pay tribute to all of our fallen firefighters. After the memorial and business meeting we will have the water fight and monkey drills in the High School parking lot. Saturday will conclude the



conference with a banquet dinner at the Fallon Convention Center, followed with an auction and entertainment.

The spouses program is also well looked forward to with events planned for a corks and canvases class as well as a tour of Churchill Vineyards winery and distillery.

We are currently working with several of the local hotels and RV parks to establish conference rates for lodging.

These are just some of the highlights we are looking forward to for the 2017 NSFA conference and hope to see you all here.

Michael Miller | Firefighter FCFD

VOLUNTEER FIRE STATION 83 IN IN- DIAN SPRINGS RECEIVES FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE YEAR AWARD



On Wednesday August 10th, State Representative James Oscarson, and the Clark County Fire Department honored volunteer Fire Station 83 in Indian Springs for its designation by the Nevada State Firefighters Association as Fire Department of the Year.

The ceremony took place at Station 83, located at 715 W. Gretta Lane in Indian Springs, about 50 miles northwest of Las

Vegas. State Assemblyman James Oscarson presented Fire Station 83 with a state proclamation recognizing its service to the community and its designation as Nevada's 2016 Fire Department of the Year. The Clark County Fire Department command staff was represented by Fire Chief Greg Cassell, Deputy Fire Chief and Chief of Operations Roy Session and Assistant Fire Chief Larry Haydu. Also attending the ceremony was Nevada State Firefighter's Association Acting Vice President Mark Flesher.

Station 83 serves the town of Indian Springs with a population of about 1,200 and an 18-square-mile area. It was awarded the top designation out of 85 eligible volunteer and small municipal fire departments in the state. Station 83 has 12 volunteers overseen by Fire Chief Gary Judd and Assistant Fire Chief Matthew Pinkerton.



"Volunteer fire departments play a vital role in protecting the health and safety of rural communities in Clark County and throughout the state," said Com-

missioner Brown, who represents Commission C in the northwest valley, which includes Indian Springs. "It is my privilege to recognize Station 83 for the hours of dedicated service that its members provide the community round the clock and on a volunteer basis."

"Volunteer firefighters get called away from their families at all hours of the day and night to respond to a wide variety of



emergencies including traffic accidents, fires and hazardous materials incidents," said Clark County Fire Chief Greg Cassell. "We are thankful for the service that Station 83 provides the community, and are very proud of their personnel for receiving statewide recognition as Fire Department of the Year."

Clark County has about 190 volunteer firefighters and 13 volunteer fire stations in rural areas, including Moapa Valley, Blue Diamond, Mountain Springs, Goodsprings and Searchlight, and Kyle Canyon and Cold Creek at Mount Charleston. About 60 of the County's volunteer firefighters are wildland certified. All volunteer firefighters are required to complete nearly

100 hours of firefighter training to respond to structure fires, medical emergencies and hazardous materials incidents. On-going training also is required upon certification as a volunteer.

STATE MOBILE FIRE TRAINING PROPS AND NFPA 1403

While the delivery of fire service training has dramatically changed through the years from printed manuals to self-paced web classes and even interactive web video, the demand for hands on instruction hasn't. Because of this reason and diminishing training funds for departments across the state that the necessity for mobile props is as great as ever. Unfortunately many of the props available through the Nevada State Fire Marshal's Office are vastly under used or simply not being properly operated. These training devices are free to Nevada departments and need to be better promoted by chiefs and firefighters alike. While their use can be a stimulating and measureable asset to the requesting department, that education is only as good as how it

is being conducted.

Burn props are designed to provide as real as safely possible fire scenarios. That means that no you are not going to have the same color, buoyancy, and density to the smoke. No you are not going to have the same level of blistering heat and yes you can only utilize prebuilt in designs for forcible entry or ventilation. This is not a bad thing at all and a mindset instructors need to change amongst the fire service. Instructors should be able to utilize the props in a safe manner that teaches repetition and prevent a situation where a mistake could be critical. We all know that each fire situation that we are placed in a present different obstacles, these props are designed to prepare us to deal with these situations by building good habits and build a better understanding of applicable methods. Police officers spend hours drawing and holstering their weapons. We don't hear them complain because the stress levels are not high enough to be realistic or that they don't have someone to point their weapon at, the merely understand the principal and benefit of repetition and muscle memory.

The safety features and functional areas of each of these props needs to be fully understood prior to ever taking possession of the prop. Train the

trainer courses for these simulators are designed to familiarize the operators of the props in their functions and setup. This is a key point that is underestimated by many instructors. Remember that all instructors as well as designated safety officers per NFPA 1403 need to be fully trained in the use and safety features of each prop they will be utilizing. Because someone several years ago attended a train the trainer course and ran the controls once does not mean that they are compliant with NFPA 4.6.12.1. This standard states that they "shall be trained in the complete operation of the system and props." Make sure you are in compliance with this standard. These props will not be delivered to agencies with no formal training on the use and function of the prop. Always remember the safety of your students is on your shoulders as an instructor.

Whenever NFPA is brought up amongst firefighters, some cringe and others may not fully understand them enough to cringe yet. However NFPA regulations are not a bad thing and fire personnel need to change the way we view and implement these standards. This is no exception with NFPA 1403: Standard on Live Fire Training Evolutions. (2012 ed.) Unfortunately as an instructor I see too many instances where 1403 is not enforced or simply misunderstood.

While portions of NFPA 1403 seem daunting and overkill, they are recognized as a standard in our industry and error on the side of safety. With the increase in mobile fire props offered by the Nevada State Fire Marshalls Office as well as the City of West Wendover's burn trailer, it is important that instructors throughout the state become familiar with 1403 and how it explicitly details training fires on mobile props. If you have any questions regarding 1403 and have any questions over the material covered in this standard talk to the any of the instructors or call the Fire Marshalls Office directly.

Currently within the state there are 4 different live fire burn props available. These props are the LPG tank, LPG tree, Car fire, and Burn trailer. Each of the live fire props are available and are operated by state instructors. The state also has three smaller LPG tank props available and they can be operated by personnel from local agencies. Whether a state instructor comes with the prop or not, it is the requesting department's responsibility to ensure compliance with 1403.

Training is a vital key in success or failure within the fire service. While we cannot recreate every emergency presented to responders, we can provide a tool to assist in the preparation and

delivery of fire suppression, rescue, forcible entry, and ventilation techniques. Training begins when we recognize the need for improvement and reinforce our already acquired skills and knowledge. Take time to schedule one of these props at your department and gain the necessary training to successfully operate them. Safety and training go hand in hand and one will fail without the other, so let's make sure we are successful in all fire ground operations and utilize these props to their full and safe potential.

JEFF MOOSMAN RECEIVES INSTRUCTOR EXCELLENCE AWARD.

I would like to thank the NSFA board and contributors for awarding me with the Dave Drew Instructor Excellence Award for the 2016 NSFA Conference. Receiving this award is an Honor and I am grateful to have been chosen against the nominees this year who have contributed immensely to the fire service, which has set the "bar" so high.

Being given the opportunity to teach at the conference this year was a challenging yet ex-

citing task. I am very passionate about Technical Rescue, whether it is teaching to others or attending classes to further my education. For these opportunities I would like to thank Assistant Chief- Mike Heidemann, the previous Fire Chief- Rob Mathias, and the current Fire Chief- Tim Rutherford. These individuals have believed in me and aided greatly in attending all the educational training that is required to exceed in this growing and ever changing field. I would also like to thank my Platoon who has always been there to help me. I am proud to serve with such a compassionate and professional crew, anytime I want to exercise new techniques or try something new my platoon is always willing to get "Hands On" with training.



I am Humble for this amazing Honor, Thank you.

Jeff Moosman

MACY MYERS RECEIVES \$1,000 SCHOLARSHIP

Macy Myers received a \$1000 dollar scholarship at the NSFA Conference in Hawthorne Nevada. She gives her statement: "As a graduate from Churchill County high school. The past four years has been filled with clubs, academics, athletics and lots of hard work. I was the secretary of national honor Society, president of the Rotary interacts service club, and a member of the HOSA, future health professionals. I graduated among the top of my class as co-valedictorian.

My hard work on the varsity soccer team and playing year-round club soccer led me to Sierra Nevada college where I am excited to play at the next level.

At Sierra Nevada college I will double major in biology and outdoor adventure and leadership. In ODAL I get to "study" my favorite hobbies like hiking, rock climbing, rafting and many more outdoor activities.

At the end of all this I aspire to be physicians assistant. Because my father has been a firefighter for all my life this scholarship means a lot to me. I would

like to take this time to not only think that associates for this scholarship, but your service as well."

TRAVIS FLESHER IS AWARDED WITH THE BILL & LOU CURTIS SCHOLARSHIP

Travis Flesher received the Bill & Lou Curtis Memorial scholarship totaling \$1250. He said some words about his life and where expects to be in the future: "I would like to thank everyone who supported me through my early life, Including my dad, mother, and my brother. My father has been a firefighter for a very long time and a member of the NSFA for almost just as long.

When I was little, I was always taught to follow my dreams and do what ever makes me happy. And for me, that one thing that made me happy was Filmmaking. Starting when I was about seven years old I have been filming random things. Short videos, making sketches, and being a big goof ball. Later this developed to be a much larger fascination in my life. I started to respect the art of it. I knew I wanted to do this for a living.

I'm going to be attending UNLV for a bachelors in Film. After that will get a job in the industry making films with the big guys. I want to do what I love, and for me, that is just filming. To be more specific, I aspire to be a cinematographer. The person who chooses how the film looks and feels.

But these are all aspirations, and none of this would have happened if it wasn't for my family for supporting me 110%."



Macy Myers and Travis Flesher

BENEFITS FOR VOLUNTEERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

I would again like to tell everyone how much I appreciate and care for volunteers. I know sometimes it seems there is just

so much training, meetings, paper work and expectation thrown at you it is over whelming. I know there are a lot of times you feel like throwing your hands up and say that's it I quit. But you don't and that's what I admire about each and every one of you. I know there are times that you feel like there is no appreciation for what you do. This is far from the truth. As the past President of the NSFA the board and I appreciate each and every one of you. The board works hard all year long trying to get every benefit for the best deal we can. The company that puts these packages together for you work hard and put in several hours a day trying to get you and your family the best coverage for Life Insurance, Discount Cards, Health Insurance, Pre Pay or load as you go credit card. Did you know they will also get you the best deal on your Auto and Homeowners Insurance? Well guess what they will.

These are not your normal Insurance salesman. These guy's care and love the Volunteers and their families. They respect and admire what you do. They know you don't get paid for what you do this is why they spend countless hours searching for the best deals for you and your families. Getting in their car and driving through our state trying to meet with each department. We the NSFA board didn't ask them to do this they came up

with the idea and ran with it. It always seems like we say heck nothing will happen to me or my family. I don't need that. Well I hope you don't need it either but some things are out of our control. Please do me a favor go to the web site below and look at what all they offer. Give them a call. They aren't telemarketers or car salesman. They are your best friend. Make that call there not going to keep you on the phone for hours they will get the information they need and get you the best deal ever. They Care Because You Care

I hope you're all doing well and your love ones also. Please don't just read this and put it off do what is right for you and your family. The call you make today could pay off tomorrow.

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- Steve McClintock, Past President NSFA

VOLUNTEERING A FAMILY AFFAIR

All who volunteer or have volunteered in the Fire / EMS service know pagers sound off at any time of the day.

When a new volunteer prospect

is being recruited or asking how to become a volunteer some standard answers are, commitment to training, responding to calls, have you ever been a firefighter before? It is as important for the new prospects family to be involved in the knowing the commitment being a volunteer firefighter.

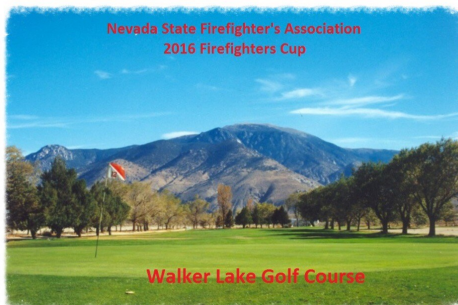
For the past 29 years my family has listened to my pager sound off at all hours of the day and night. I have left the table in the middle of our Holiday meals to respond to a fire or accident. I have left the house at 1:00 AM returning at 6:00 smelling of fire, take a shower and get to work. I got home that night, had some dinner and fell sound asleep in a chair.

It's not easy being the family of volunteer firefighter. I, along most all reading this are blessed with families who have supported us by keeping that holiday meal warm, waking up at all hours of the night as we get out of bed to respond or helping us with the community events the department puts together to raise money for the department or someone in need.

A volunteer firefighter's families are also volunteers. They learn what questions to ask, they know we cannot and will not discuss all the details of a call. Most all are calls are for our neighbors in need. They are the first to step up asking if there is

NSFA FIRE- FIGHTER'S CUP BENEFITTING HAWTHORNE LITTLE LEAGUE

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Please join us for the NSFA Firefighter's Cup Benefitting Hawthorne Little League to benefit the Hawthorne Little League on September 10, 2016. We will have a great day of golf at the beautiful Walker Lake Golf Course in Hawthorne, NV (www.walkerlakegolf.com). The event will include a 4-person scramble, box lunch and awards receptions following the golf.

[Register now](#) and remember to invite your friends to play. Just click on "Tell a Friend" and you can send them a link to this site automatically.

Thank you for your support of the Hawthorne Little League.

MESSAGES FROM YOUR PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF DI- RECTORS

I hope everyone is doing well and enjoying your summer. Our annual conference in Hawthorne was a success as always thanks to the help of a few dedicated department volunteers and the community. I want to thank all of those department members and family members of the various Hawthorne area departments that gave their time and efforts to support the NSFA and try to make your conference a good one. As the fall and winter months approach us, I hope everyone will begin to plan on attending next year's conference in Fallon. The city of Fallon, and the Fallon Churchill Volunteer Fire Department have an outstanding conference planned. We also need to keep in mind that we need a new location for 2018 to host the conference. Please talk amongst your departments and let's find a suitable location soon so they have ample opportunity to plan. Your board will continue to look at all avenues for training locations, and ways to make your conference continue to be a great training and networking

opportunity for all. Thank you for your dedication to your communities, departments, and your fellow firefighters.

- Ben Jenkins, NSFA President

911 CHAL- LENGE REGIS- TRATION UN- DERWAY

This year will mark the 6th Annual 911 Memorial Mt. Grant Challenge. As the day of the event approaches committee members and volunteers are working out the details of quite a few enhancements to this year's event.

Although the event is not a "timed" event, those who are the first (2nd or 3rd) to make it up the mountain typically earn "bragging rights." This year, in honor of the late Cliff Cichowlaz, medals will be awarded to the top three men and women who complete the full Challenge and arrive at the finish line first. This award recognizes the competitive spirit of participants who train to race against the clock. It is recognized, however, that for many this is not a race, and all finishers will be awarded coins at the top.

Again this year a "Half" Challenge will be offered for those who prefer not to tackle the full

17-mile hike on Saturday, September 10. Those who enter the "Half" Challenge will be transported to a designated starting line where they will tackle 9.11 miles of the route and ascend to the top. Participants of the "Half" Challenge will also receive a finisher's coin, t-shirt and support and encouragement along the way. This route includes numerous switchbacks and elevation climbs and offers those great "views" that bring entrants to the event each year.

Once again a Main Street Parade is being slated to include flag raising and a memorial service at the Veteran's Park on Friday evening. Proceeds from this event are earmarked for the Veteran's Memorial Park and help defray the cost of maintaining the big American Flag that welcomes everyone at the entrance of the community. In addition to a 911 Remembrance, registrants will be able to pick up their packets and enjoy refreshments and entertainment on Friday evening.

Since 9/11 falls on Sunday morning, organizers are hoping to hold a Memorial breakfast to remember and honor those who lost their lives on 9/11 and to allow participants time to gather to recap the prior days' events.

For those who would like to participate, volunteer or assist in some way there are plenty of opportunities. Kirk Bausmann is

heading up the volunteer forces and Kathy Trujillo will be coordinating the parade. If you have questions regarding this event you can send an email to the group's website <http://911mt.grantchallenge.org>. Registration details can be accessed through the website or active.com.









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