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## Assistant Chief Convicted in Training Death of Fire Fighter

By Ken Little, Utica Observer-Dispatch

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Alan G. Baird III was found guilty of criminally negligent homicide in May by an Oneida County Court jury for his role in the death of Lairdsville Fire Department trainee Bradley Golden.

Baird, 30, faces a maximum prison term of up to four years when he is sentenced on the felony conviction July 8 by Judge Michael L. Dwyer, although jail time is not mandatory. (See editor's note.)

The seven-man, five-woman jury deliberated about eight hours before coming back with the verdict. Baird was found not guilty of second-degree manslaughter and second-degree assault in the case, which has attracted nationwide attention.

Emotions were on edge in the crowded courtroom, filled equally with Golden and Baird family members and supporters. The verdict was announced to subdued silence. Tears began to flow freely moments later. "I wish it had been a different charge, but at least he got something for taking my baby away from me," said Carol Roberts, the victim's mother. Bradley Golden's uncle, Doug Ellis, said the tragedy will remain with his family "for years and years and years."

"I really think the man did a lot

wrong and he's got to pay the price," said Ellis, who added he hopes Baird "sits in his cell" and thinks about his actions every day.

Baird listened to the verdict without a show of emotion. Tears were welling in his eyes as he quickly left the courthouse with lawyer Robert P. Moran Jr., pursued by a legion of microphones, television cameras and reporters.

"I'm going to move on," Baird said as he removed a pair of glasses to wipe his eyes. Baird's parents, Alan Baird II and Candy Baird, sat through the entire trial on a front-row courtroom bench.

"It's disappointing for my son. He put up a good fight and I give him credit for being man enough to stand up for his rights. He's got a lot of guts, unlike a lot of people in the district," the senior Baird said.

Baird, a Lairdsville assistant fire chief at the time of the exercise, admitted he planned the "live burn" training exercise at a vacant farmhouse on Route 5 in Westmoreland and ignited a first-floor sofa bed that burned out of control. The fast-spreading blaze caused the death of Golden, 19, and severely burned Lairdsville fire fighters Benjamin Morris and Adam Croman.

*Editors Note: On July 8, 2002, former Lairdsville fire fighter Alan G. Baird III was sentenced to five years probation, the first 75 days of which he'll serve in jail, for the Sept. 25 training death of 19-year-old Bradley Golden. Baird is also prohibited from working for or having contact with any fire department and must serve 100 hours of community service.*

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# Fire Deaths

## 8 Fire Deaths Reported in June 2002

Name	Age	Sex	Date of Fire	Cause of Fire	Responding Fire Dept	Cause of Death	Smoke Detector Present	Smoke Detector Operational
Thorp, S.	50	M	1/2/02	arson	none	undetermined	NA	
Odell, W.	80	M	2/26/02	accidental	Saginaw Twp/	thermal	No	
Miller, C.	50	M	3/9/02	accidental	Grand Rapids/4112	asphyxia	yes	no
Rasmussen, T.	57	M	4/11/02	undetermined	Green Oak Twp/4703	smoke inhalation	unknown	
Ranta, A.	81	M	5/5/02	accidental	West Iron Co FD/3609	smoke inhalation	NA	
Joyce, A.	10	F	6/1/02	accidental	Kalamazoo/3909		Yes	no
Weston, Y.	69	F	6/5/02	accidental	Kimball Twp/7411		Yes	yes
Hill, R.	38	M	6/2/02	undetermined	Beecher FD/2502	smoke inhalation	no	

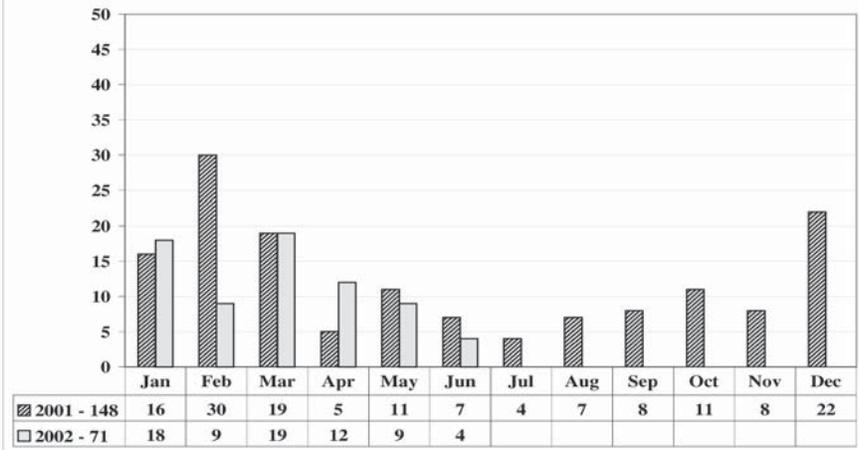
Send fire death information to Collene Shaner at [shanercf@michigan.gov](mailto:shanercf@michigan.gov) or by fax to 517.322.2908

### Fire Fact of the Month

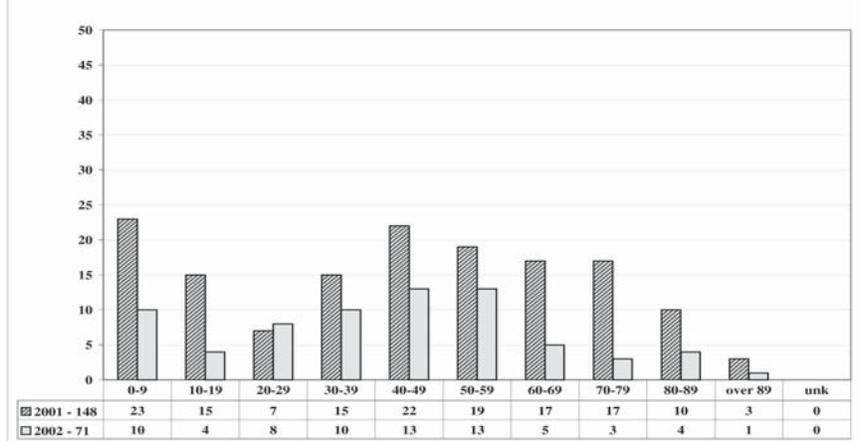
Based on 1994-98 annual averages, upholstered furniture ranks first among items first ignited in civilian home fire deaths. Cigarettes were the heat source in 42 percent of those fires.

Source: NFPA

Fire Deaths by Month - Two Year Comparison



Fire Deaths by Age - Two Year Comparison



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But Baird testified that he was not in charge at the scene, indicating Westmoreland Chief James Kimball was incident commander and Croman was a safety officer on the second floor with Golden and Morris. All were aware a fire was to be lit on the first floor he said.

In earlier prosecution testimony, Kimball, Croman, Morris, and Lairdsville Fire Chief Lance Croman testified they did not know Baird planned a first-floor fire, which quickly spread up the stairs of the old farmhouse.

Golden joined the Lairdsville company in early September and was acting as a drill “victim” with Morris. Golden died of asphyxia caused by smoke and super-heated air, trial testimony showed.

A pre-sentence investigation will be completed on Baird and forwarded to Dwyer with a sentencing recommendation from the district attorney’s office. In March, Baird turned down a plea offer to criminally negligent homicide that included six months in Oneida County jail and five years probation.

Baird would also have been required to speak with other fire fighters about mistakes he made September 25.

Coluzza would not speculate about Baird’s sentence.

“We need to talk about the case over at our office and we need to be in touch with the family of Bradley Golden,” he said.

Jury members declined comment after the verdict.

“The jury obviously worked a long, hard time and seriously considered all the issues in this case. I’m gratified they found there was criminal conduct on the part of the defendant,” said prosecuting First District Attorney Michael Colluzza, who was assisted on the case by Assistant District Attorney Stacey L. Scotti.

Twice as they deliberated, jurors asked Dwyer to explain the charge of criminally negligent homicide, a lesser count they were allowed to consider. Baird faced a maximum sentence of five to fifteen years if convicted on the manslaughter count.

“During the course of his testimony, he admitted the elements of manslaughter second,” Coluzza said.

The criminal conviction of Baird sends a message that New York State training standards must be established for fire fighters, Coluzza said.

“I think there should be state-mandated standards that are compulsory,” he said. “If it saves one life or prevents a person from being terribly injured, it is worth enactment by the legislature.”

Golden family members said they will work toward seeing a state law passed.

“As a family, we will fight for that,” said Christine Golden, the victim’s sister-in-law.

Twenty-five prosecution and seven defense witnesses took the stand over five days of testimony. The high-profile trial lasted eight days.

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## Fire Department LEIN Access Reminder

A reminder concerning LEIN access to fire departments:

Fire departments may have LEIN access pursuant to MCL 28.214, Section 4 of the LEIN Policy Council Act. However, prior to access, a Memorandum of Agreement regarding Fire Department LEIN Access must be signed by the fire

department and the law enforcement agency providing the LEIN service.

A copy of the signed agreement shall be filed with the CJIS Policy Council, and copies shall be kept on file at the law enforcement agency and the fire department.

The agreement form and

instructions may be requested from LEIN Field Services Section, CJIC at [MSPLEINFDD@michigan.gov](mailto:MSPLEINFDD@michigan.gov).

*Editor’s Note: See the April 1999 issue of Fire TIES for complete information on LEIN Access for Fire Departments*



### NFIRS Bulk Import Utility Available

By Mary Nemeth, NFIRS Program Manager

The Bulk Import Utility (BIU) is now available to Michigan fire departments. The Utility enables fire departments **using vendor software** to send their data directly through the Internet to Michigan's partition on the USFA federal server without having to send a disk or an e-mail attachment to the state. The Bulk Import Utility will be monitored by the state on a daily basis.

**NOTE:** The Bulk Import Utility **does not** affect fire departments using the USFA Client Software since those departments are already sending their data directly through the Internet.

In order to begin using the Utility, your department will need to register with Mary Nemeth, State Program Administrator, by

going to [www.nfirs.fema.gov](http://www.nfirs.fema.gov).

Go to Home Page, User Registration, and complete the requested information:

**Username** (preferably your five-digit FDID)

**State** (MI)

**Password** (your choice). SAVE.

Once the State Administrator receives this information, the user will be notified by e-mail that the department has been activated.

(If your department participated in the Bulk Import Utility beta testing, you may already be registered.)

Enter the Bulk Import URL <https://www.nfirs.fema.gov/tools/> in the browser's address bar and hit Enter. The NFIRS Tools home page will be displayed. Select the "Bulk Import Info" link which

contains pertinent information on the use of the BIU.

**NOTE:** The website address must start with **https** **NOT** **http**.

For further information on the Bulk Import Utility, log on to our web site at [www.michigan.gov/msp](http://www.michigan.gov/msp), click on Services to Governmental Agencies, State Fire Marshal, Statistics, NFIRS 5.0.

If you have questions, contact:  
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TX: 517.322.1939  
FAX: 517.322.2908

For 2000 Statewide Fire Statistics and the Michigan Fire Service Directory log on to [www.michigan.gov/msp](http://www.michigan.gov/msp), click on Services to Governmental Agencies, then go to State Fire Marshal.

## Michigan Fire Service EXPO



### "FIRST EVER" Michigan Fire EXPO Scheduled

The **Michigan Fire Service EXPO** is scheduled for June 18-22, 2003, at the Amway Grand Plaza in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The **EXPO** is a joint effort of statewide fire service organizations and allied state agencies that are involved with the delivery of fire-related services in Michigan.

The **EXPO** is a result of recognizing the potential benefit of "Improved Communication, Cooperation and Coordination" for the Michigan fire service. Incorporating a variety of activities, seminars, workshops, exhibits and meetings, and **targeting all fire related disciplines**, the **EXPO** fosters an atmosphere where fire service professionals can come together to collectively deal with all aspects of the fire problem. Educational programs will focus on fire fighting, investigation, inspection, extrication, education, and management. Vendors will display and demonstrate the latest in products and technologies for the continuous improvement of fire fighter safety and effectiveness.

Mark your calendars today! Visit the EXPO web site at [www.mi-fire-expo.org](http://www.mi-fire-expo.org) for continuously updated information on this "FIRST EVER" **Michigan Fire Service EXPO!**

#### The Michigan Fire Service EXPO is brought to you by:

MI Arson Prevention Committee  
MI Association of Fire Chiefs  
MI Chapter, IAAI  
MI - DEQ - Storage Tank Division  
MI - DNR - Forest, Mineral and Fire Management  
MI - DCIS - Bureau of Safety and Regulation  
MI - DCIS - Emergency Medical Services  
MI - DCIS - Office of Fire Safety

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MI Fire Inspectors Society  
MI Fire Service Instructors Association  
MI Professional Fire Fighters Union  
MI State Firemen's Association  
MI State Police - Emergency Management Division  
MI State Police - Fire Marshal Division

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## Safe at Home Update

By Colleen Mohr, Public Education Coordinator, State Fire Marshal's Office

We recently had the opportunity to practice what we preach and formally recognize those who have been instrumental in the success of the *Safe at Home*, Fire Safety for Everyone Program.

As we look forward to our second year of the program, we know without a doubt that our first year was so successful because of the support of the

Michigan State Firemen's Association and the Michigan Professional Fire Fighters Union. Their dedication to, and continuing support of, public fire safety education in Michigan has enabled us to train 665 fire safety educators from 345 fire departments, with more training sessions to come. It is a partnership we are very proud of

and hope will continue in the coming years. We know the ultimate success of *Safe at Home* lies with the fire department educators who deliver the program; however, without the financial support to get the program off the ground in the first place, we would not have been able to distribute the program to so many fire departments in our first year.



On June 5, 2002, at their annual convention in Lansing, Capt. Mark Dougovito (right) presented a plaque to President Paul Hufnagel (left) and Secretary/Treasurer Terry Chesney (holding plaque) of the Michigan Professional Fire Fighters Union in appreciation of their support of the Safe at Home Program. Also pictured is Colleen Mohr, Safe at Home Program Manager.



On June 21, 2002, at their annual conference in Owosso, Capt. Mark Dougovito (left) presented a plaque to outgoing President Warren Collisi (right) and incoming President Cliff Messing (center) of the Michigan State Firemen's Association in appreciation of their support of the Safe at Home Program.

## Safe at Home Success = A Happy Ending

While we are talking about the success of *Safe at Home* in its first year, we have another very important "success" to report.

Collins Elementary second grader Jason Wojtylko was recently awarded a Certificate of Recognition from the State Fire Marshal's Office and the Markey Township Fire Department (Roscommon County) in recognition of his quick action in reporting a fire. Jason and his classmates participated in the *Safe at Home* Program at their school, learning what to do in case of a fire. He put his training into practice when his family's

motor home caught fire in early March. Markey Training Officer Glenn Bromm said Jason heard a fire alarm his dad had installed in the motor home and knew how to get out fast and get help. The vehicle burned very quickly and Jason's quick action helped keep anyone from getting hurt. Jason was presented with his certificate and a toy fire truck donated by a local K-Mart store during a Collins Elementary Spring Concert.

If you have a *Safe at Home* success like this one in your community, please submit it to us for publication. We will also

provide a certificate of recognition, detailing the actions taken by the student, for presentation to the student by your fire department.

We share far too many fire related tragedies - let's start sharing some of the good stuff that comes from our public fire safety efforts.



Markey Township Fire Chief Dwaine Moore presents Jason Wojtylko with a State Fire Marshal Certificate of Recognition. Training Officer Glenn Bromm (right) looks on.



Sgt. Neil Sweeney

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### Documentation + Cooperation = Positive Results

By S/Sgt. Cornelius "Neil" Sweeney, Caro Post Sub-Unit, State Fire Marshal's Office

On Sunday morning, February 14, 1999, The Michigan State Police Fire Marshal Division responded to the scene of a fatal house fire at 1830 Caldwell Road, Imlay City, MI. This was the home of David and Beverly Balfour. Beverly Balfour had been located within the home, deceased.

Upon my arrival, I contacted Fire Chief Ted Wells of the Goodland Township Fire Department and Detective Phil Thick of the Lapeer County Sheriff Department. Chief Wells advised that upon receiving the alarm and stepping out the door of his residence, a mile to the west, he could see flames above the tree-tops. Chief Wells drove directly to the scene and observed the front portion of the two-story home completely involved in fire. Flames were exiting the opened front door and windows of the bedroom where the body of Beverly Balfour was later discovered. Fire personal also noted the back door of the residence was open. Chief Wells advised his first attack team noted looking through the bedroom window and observing a body lying on the bed. First responding fire personnel also noted that the back door to the home was open.

Detective Thick reported that he had made contact with David Balfour, who advised he had left the residence at 6:30 a.m. to go out to the barn to do chores. Balfour advised that 10-15 minutes later, he heard the next door neighbor screaming his name, hollering that the house was on fire. Balfour informed Det. Thick he had attempted to enter the house through the back door to save his wife but was

driven back by the heat and smoke. Balfour advised he opened the back door in an attempt to clear the smoke, however, it seemed to make things worse.

In a follow-up interview prior to the fire scene investigation, Balfour advised he obtained morphine from his neighbor, whose wife had died from cancer, and that his wife had taken a drink to her bedroom the evening before, which looked like morphine and whiskey, for her back pain. Balfour also advised there should be two ether cans in her bedroom, which she used for the treatment of cold sores, and that the morphine and whiskey bottle should be on the kitchen counter or table. Examination of the kitchen found several other plastic pill bottles, but no morphine or whiskey bottles.

Balfour informed the investigators that he sleeps on the couch in the living room; and when he woke up around 5:45 a.m., he did not see or smell anything unusual. He advised that he sat at the kitchen table and drank a cup of coffee, took his medication, then left the house at 6:30 to go out and do chores. In a later interview, he changed his departure time to 6:15 a.m.

During the investigation, it was noted that Balfour had burns to his face and forehead. He advised that these were the result of treatment for skin cancer. He later changed this story and advised the burns were received while attempting to crawl back into the residence to reach his wife, then standing up to exit the residence.

During the investigation it was learned the Balfour's had been married for 30 years but were in the process of a divorce with a

court date set for 2-16-99, two days after the fire. Balfour explained he and his wife had made up and the divorce proceedings were not going to take place on the 16<sup>th</sup>. Follow-up investigation revealed that this information was not true and that Balfour had made statements to others that he would kill his wife before she got a dime of his hard earned money. Interviews with family members revealed Mrs. Balfour would often open a bottle of pop, drink a small portion, and place the open bottle in the refrigerator for later use.

Examination of the scene showed an ignitable liquid burn pattern in the area of the bedroom where the body of Beverly Balfour was located. This burn pattern ran across the bed and lower body of Beverly Balfour, out the bedroom door and into the living room.

One of the first arriving fire fighters had taken a photo of the scene upon his arrival. This photograph was later shown to the jury, and it allowed the jury to better understand and correlate with the scene examination as it was explained to them.

Lapeer County Prosecutor Byron Kenschuh and Chief Assistant Tim Turkelson spent weeks preparing for the expert testimony, as well as the other overwhelming circumstantial evidence. In addition, they introduced the testimony of four inmates of the Lapeer County Jail whom David Balfour had told that he had killed his wife, giving her enough morphine to kill a cow, then setting the house on fire to cover up the homicide and collect the insurance money. All of this information matched the autopsy

results and scene examination.

Following a jury trial that lasted three weeks, a Lapeer county jury found David Balfour guilty of First Degree Premeditated Murder, Arson of a Dwelling House, and Insurance Fraud. He has been sentenced to mandatory life in prison.

In summary, the investigation/documentation of a fire STARTS when the tones go out, NOT

when the investigators/detectives arrive at the scene. All fatal fires should be treated as a homicide crime scene until proven otherwise. To a jury, one photograph can truly be worth a thousand words. It not only educates the investigator, prosecutors, and jurors, but it takes away the defense strategy that the fire department did not do a proper job of suppression and let the fire

get out of control.

**Two things to remember:** The camera captures what the eyes and mind forgets; and we, as professional fire fighters and investigators, are only as good as the information we gather. Ask yourself, does the information I am receiving correlate with what I am seeing at the scene?

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## Volunteer Incentive Program (VIP)

### (VIP) Notice - On-Campus PILOT Delivery Prevention Solutions for Small Departments and Communities

The United States Fire Administration's National Fire Academy is currently seeking students to participate in the new VIP six-day prevention course entitled "Prevention Solutions for Small Departments and Communities." This course was designed and developed for volunteer and/or combination department emergency services personnel in communities with populations of 25,000 or less. This course will be piloted on-campus at the National Fire Academy **December 15-20, 2002**.

**Scope of Course:** This course is designed to enable the student to identify and apply prevention strategies in his or her own community. Content areas include: Fire History and Background; Identifying Risks; Prevention; Prevention Tools; Influence: A Needed Change Tool; and Creating a Prevention Marketing Plan. NOTE: The course content and materials are drawn from the three 2-day outreach courses (see Student Selection Criteria).

**Course Objective:** This course

is ideally suited to small town America, and seeks to build a prevention base for emergency responders in communities of 25,000 or less.

**Student Selection Criteria:** A total of 25 students may be selected for the pilot offering. For this course to be effective, students should have taken **NO MORE THAN ONE** of the following 2-day courses (which are the basis for this VIP version):

1. Fire Prevention for First Responders and Small Departments
2. Prevention & Mitigation Advocacy for Small Departments
3. Marketing Fire Prevention in Your Community

This course is open to all emergency services personnel in **volunteer** departments or those individuals who are the **only career person** in a volunteer department, including allied professionals. Those emergency services personnel currently or previously serving in operations (suppression, EMS, etc.), as well as those who seek to learn about more effective ways of combating

the fire problem, are welcome. Personnel with little or no prevention background will benefit significantly.

Send or fax your application directly to the following person for review:

Mr. Terry Glunt, VIP Program Manager

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terry.glunt@fema.gov  
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The FEMA Form 75-5 General Admissions Application can be downloaded from the NFA Web site at: <http://www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/fire-service/nfa-bt1c.cfm#75-5>.

In addition to your application, please provide confirmation, such as a local census report, to confirm the population size your department serves.

ALL applications must be received by October 11, 2002, by 4:00p.m.

Stipend monies are available for this course.

This course is designed to enable the student to identify and apply prevention strategies in his or her own community.

### Fire Science Classes Coming to Grand Rapids Area

The SWMFSC,....offers a fire science one-year Certificate and a two-year Associate in Applied Science degree program.

The Southwest Michigan Fire Science Consortium (SWMFSC) is excited to announce it will begin offering fire science classes in the Grand Rapids area this fall. The SWMFSC, a collaborative effort of five southwest Michigan colleges, offers a fire science one-year Certificate and a two-year Associate in Applied Science degree program. Consortium colleges include Glen Oaks Community College (Centreville), Kalamazoo Valley Community College (Kalamazoo), Kellogg Community College (Battle Creek), Lake Michigan College (Benton Harbor), and Southwestern Michigan College (Dowagiac). KVCC serves as the administrative host.

The recently revised program is designed to reflect the roles and responsibilities of today's fire fighters and fire officers and

includes Fire Fighter I & II and Emergency Medical Technician-Basic certification. Rounding off the technical requirements are Fire Prevention, Building Construction, Fire Service Tactics, Fire Cause Determination, Instructional Techniques, and Incident Management. These six technical requirements will be offered in the Grand Rapids area on a rotating basis to make it easier for fire fighters to pursue career-focused higher education.

New general education requirements, chosen for both degree requirements and career applicability, can be taken at a local in-district college and transferred to KVCC. A list of courses approved for transferability will be available to students. The degree program is based upon 39 technical credit hours and 24 general education credit hours.

Fire fighters that already possess Fire Fighter I & II certification (with Haz Mat Ops) or a current EMT-Basic license may get a jump-start on the program by applying for equivalency credit. Students that accumulated credits under the previous program are encouraged to contact the program manager and request a transition audit.

Those interested in knowing more should contact:

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<Departments> <Fire Science>

## MI Fire Service Instructors Association

### Safer Emergency Vehicle Response

By Kevin Sehlmeier, Western VP, Michigan Fire Service Instructors Association

Many police and fire responders from across Michigan came forward to share their stories of emergency response problems and concerns.

It seems that emergency vehicle response gets harder every day! Two years ago, at a Michigan Fire Service Instructors Association meeting, this problem was discussed. An idea of a short video was proposed to educate the public. Eastern VP John Jefferies and Western VP Kevin Sehlmeier took on the project. After looking for financial support for the project, John Jefferies approached the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority (MMRMA) about a grant to produce the video.

MMRMA provided the funding and a crew to shoot and

produce the video. John Jefferies wrote the scenarios and coordinated the video shoot on location in Port Huron. With the help of the Port Huron Police and Fire Departments' on duty crews and vehicles, the video was shot over two days. Many police and fire responders from across Michigan came forward to share their stories of emergency response problems and concerns. A big thanks to the friends and family members of John Jefferies who spent many long hours serving as extras and providing their vehicles for the video.

The video, "Go Safely: Heed

**the Sights and Sounds of Danger,"** is approximately eight minutes long. It is our goal to present this video across the state of Michigan. For this to happen, we need your help. The target audience is public and cable television channels, driver training classes, and civic groups. To get a copy for your area, send a letter of request on your department letterhead to:

MMRMA  
14001 Meniman  
Livonia, MI 48154.

Thanks for your help.

## Fire Safety Recalls

**Mosquito Traps** - In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), The Coleman Company Inc., of Wichita, Kansas., is voluntarily recalling about 136,000 Mosquito Deleto™ Traps. The mosquito trap's propane regulator can leak propane or allow an overflow of propane gas, both of which pose a fire hazard to consumers. In addition, the fuel hose attachment sold with the Back Home™ System can become damaged and leak propane, which poses a fire hazard to consumers.

Coleman has received 28 reports of traps melting or catching on fire as a result of propane leaking, and seven reports of damage to the propane

**Drip Pans** - In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Dollar Tree Stores, Inc., of Chesapeake, Va., is voluntarily recalling about 294,000 drip pans. These drip pans are used under the burners of kitchen ranges to catch food that drips while cooking. The hot burners can ignite the drip pans and pose a fire hazard.

Dollar Tree Stores has received

**Disposable Lighters** - In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), L.A. Lighter Inc., of Azusa, Calif., is voluntarily recalling about 1,800 disposable cigarette lighters. The lighters may have child-resistant mechanisms that do not meet federal safety standards. Young children may be able to operate these lighters, which could pose a fire hazard.

L.A. Lighter has not received

fuel hoses. No injuries have been reported.

The recalled Mosquito Deleto™ Traps were sold as a part of the Portable System and the Back Home™ System. The traps are about 24 inches high, have a green or gray base and top, a black center, and attach to either a 1 lb. propane cylinder or a 20 lb. propane cylinder with a hose. The traps have two sets of model numbers: 2950-800 and 2950-801, which can be found on a label on the front of the trap above the words, "WARNING: For outdoor use only." The recalled Back Home™ System traps include a 5-foot rubber hose that connects to 20 lb. propane cylinders. The Portable System

seven reports of the drip pans catching fire. No injuries have been reported.

The recalled drip pans were sold in various sizes, ranging from 6- to 9- inches in diameter. The SKU Number 845289 is either on the pan or on a cardboard insert in the package. All of the drip pans are black.

Dollar Tree Stores sold these drip pans nationwide from April 2002 to May 2002 for about \$1.

any reports of incidents. This recall is being conducted to prevent the possibility of injuries.

The recalled lighters are made of metal, come in different colors, and have a top that resembles a pencil across a protractor and triangle. To open the port and ignite the flame, consumers press on the pencil. The lighters, which are about three inches high, 7/8 inches wide and 1/4 inch deep, have a ruler along the side. A label on the lighter has the UPC

and Back Home System™ mosquito traps were manufactured in the U.S.

Home centers, mass merchandisers, and hardware stores sold these products from March 2002 to July 2002 for between \$170 and \$200. The products were sold nationwide, except for California.

Consumers should stop using the mosquito traps and propane hoses immediately. Consumers should contact Coleman at 800.257.5299 anytime so that a representative can help determine whether their trap needs to be replaced, repaired, or can continue to be used. For more information, consumers can log on to the company's website at [www.coleman.com](http://www.coleman.com).

Consumers should stop using the drip pans immediately and return them to the store where purchased for a refund. For more information, consumers can contact Dollar Tree Stores, Inc., at 800.876.8077 between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm ET Monday through Friday.

code 7 63052 20108 5 and the words, "MADE IN CHINA" and "SLIDE PUSH."

Retailers and distributors nationwide sold these lighters between December 2000 and May 2001 for about \$5.

Consumers should stop using these lighters immediately and contact L.A. Lighter at 800.499.4708 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. PT Monday through Friday to receive a full refund.



# Michigan Fire Fighters Training Council

## Council Members

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## MFFTC MEETING SUMMARY

By Gregory Kirt, Director of Training

**Members Present:** The June 12, 2002 meeting of the Michigan Fire Fighters Training Council (MFFTC), was held in Lansing at the General Office Building in Cafeteria Conference room "B". Council members present: Chairman Michael J. Burke, Vice Chair Kenneth W. Eagle, Gerald B. Alward, William D. Anderson, Terrence H. Chesney, Capt. Mark A. Dougovito and Thad N. Taylor.

**Staff Present:** Gregory Kirt, Director of Training; Gary Crum, Region 2 Supervisor; Mary Egner, Recording Secretary; and James Porcello, Programs Administrator.

**Region 3 Supervisor Returns from Sick Leave:** Deward Beeler returned to work in May. He is doing well and is expected to make a complete recovery.

### Annual Training for MFFTC

**Coordinators:** Training Coordinators received updates on MFFTC programs and services. Current year issues were reviewed and updates were provided for the new training year, which begins October 1, 2002. Training Coordinators will be scheduling an MFFTC update with each County Training Committee. Instructors and other interested fire service personnel are also encouraged to attend.

### 2003 Terrorism and State

**Training Grants Applied for:** Application has been made for an \$80,000 Terrorism Training Grant and a \$25,000 State Training Grant for the 2003 training year. If approved, the grants will be used to pay for NFA developed Terrorism Courses and other NFA courses delivered in Michigan.

**Instructor Applications:** Council approved 18 Probationary

Instructors and 26 upgrades to Certified Instructor.

### Fire Fighter I & II Testing —

**Update:** Since changing over to the new Essentials of Fire Fighting 4th Edition curriculum and the use of a commercial test bank for the written tests, "preliminary results" indicate an increased failure rate for some classes while others are unaffected. This update is intended to let everyone know that MFFTC is aware of the testing issues and is compiling data from all 2002 classes and challenge exams for analysis. As in 1994 with the adoption of the Essentials of Fire Fighting 3rd Edition curriculum, the first year is being used as a pilot. Feedback from instructors, students and others, along with test results will be reviewed and used as the basis for recommendations to Council. If Council determines changes are necessary, they should be implemented at the start of the 2003 training year.

### Meeting Attendance &

**Activities:** The Director participated in the following: April 11-13, Fire Department Instructor Conference, Indianapolis, IN  
April 12, National Fire Academy, Region V TRADE Meeting, Indianapolis, IN  
April 12, North American Fire Training Directors, Indianapolis, IN  
April 18, EXPO, Executive Committee, Lansing  
April 18, Joint Fire Service Council, Lansing  
April 24, Western Michigan Association Fire Chiefs, Jackson  
May 7, Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs, Delta Twp, Eaton Co

May 14, State Emergency Response Commission, E. Lansing

May 16, EXPO, Executive Committee, Lansing

May 16, Joint Fire Service Council, Lansing

June 5, Michigan Professional Fire Fighters Union Conference, Lansing

**Meeting adjourned.**



**Course Manager Paperwork Submittal**

By Gary Crum, Region 2 Supervisor

**Q.** As the Course Manager for a Fire Fighter course, I would like to make sure that I submit the required paperwork in the proper time frame. Can you give me a quick refresher?

**A.** Like all MFFTC courses, you must submit the Course Application (FMD-110) to your Region Supervisor a **minimum** of 6 weeks prior to the start date.

\* When submitting the FMD-110, you will also need to submit the Instructor Schedule.

\* If you need videos, you will need to include the Video Schedule (FMD-104) with the Course Application.

\* Remember to have the County Training Chairperson sign your application if you are requesting funding for your course.

\* You **must** contact your Training Coordinator prior to submitting any of the above paperwork for Fire Fighter or Fire Officer courses. The test dates must be scheduled with the Training Coordinator **before** final course approval is given.

\* After the third class session, a copy of the Student Roster (FMD-102) must be submitted to the Region Supervisor.

\* If a course change or cancellation is made, you must submit the Course Change/Cancellation form

(FMD-111) to the Region Supervisor.

\* You must submit an Exam Request (FMD-230) for your course at least six weeks, but not more than 12 weeks, prior to the examination date.

\* If you are going to have challenger/retest students included in your exam, you must submit their Challenger Test Application (FMD-215) or their Notification of Examination Results with your Exam Request.

\* All of the final paperwork is to be completed on the day of the exam and will be collected by the Training Coordinator.

If you have any questions regarding these procedures, please contact your Training Coordinator for assistance. All forms can be obtained from our website: [www.mfftc.org](http://www.mfftc.org).

**Q.** What can I do to avoid having paperwork returned from the MFFTC upon completion of a course?

**A.** The best suggestion is to **take your time** when completing the paperwork. Many Course Managers delay the processing of their courses by simple mistakes.

Perhaps the largest percentage of mistakes comes from the failure to submit the *Instructor Activity & Payment* (FMD-250) form. This is used for **ALL** courses, whether the program is funded or not. This form allows us to make payments to the instructors along with tracking their activity.

Some of the other common problems that require your attention are:

\* Insure that all of the bubbles are filled in on the pink examination scan sheets. Remember that these must be filled in with a #2

pencil.

\* The instructor must initial the box on the back of the pink scan sheet.

\* Return all examination booklets for exams not administered by a Training Coordinator.

\* All final paperwork must be submitted within 30 days of the course completion.

\* If your course is funded, make sure that everyone who is listed on the FMD-250 has submitted a W-9 to the state. If you need a W-9, please contact your Training Coordinator or Region Supervisor.

If you have questions pertaining to the programs and services provided by the Michigan Fire Fighters Training Council that you would like addressed in this column, please contact your MFFTC Region Supervisor listed on the back page of *Fire TIES*. If you have a question, no doubt there are many others who probably have the same question. We look forward to hearing from you!



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**NOTE:** Previous *Issues & Answers* columns are posted at [www.mfftc.org](http://www.mfftc.org).

# MFFTC Registered Training

**Special Attention: FF-I and/or II courses are retained on this list based on "End Date" to allow scheduling of retests and challenge tests. All other courses appear on this list based on "Start Date".**

Start Date	Time	End Date	Co.	Location	Course Manager	Phone
<b>FIRE FIGHTER – BASIC</b>						
<b>Fire Fighter I</b>						
06/15/02	7:00pm	10/19/02	63	Farmington Hills	Thomas Shurtleff Jr.	248.426.4400
07/08/02	6:30pm	10/28/02	63	Novi	Thomas Johnson	248.349.2162
08/22/02	6:00pm	12/14/02	82	Garden City	John Smilnak	734.462.4770
<b>Fire Fighter II</b>						
08/24/02	9:00am	12/07/02	82	Garden City	John Smilnak	734.462.4770
<b>Fire Fighter I &amp; II</b>						
08/22/02	9:00am	10/25/02	82	Garden City	John Smilnak	734.462.4770
08/22/02	8:30am	12/06/02	33	Lansing	Larry Elliott	517.483.1346
09/03/02	9:00am	11/15/02	63	Auburn Hills	Ronald Deadman	248.232.4580
<b>Fire Fighter I &amp; II Exam</b>						
08/17/02	8:00am	08/17/02	73	Saginaw	Raymond Wilson	989.792.9691
09/07/02	8:00am	09/07/02	27	Watersmeet	Lorraine Schwarz	888.879.6459
09/14/02	8:00am	09/14/02	25	Swartz Creek	Deward Beeler	888.879.6458
09/21/02	8:00am	09/21/02	49	St. Ignace	Lorraine Schwarz	888.879.6459
09/28/02	7:45am	09/28/02	33	Lansing	Gary Crum	616.647.0844

Start Date	Time	End Date	Co.	Location	Course Manager	Phone
<b>RESCUE</b>						
<b>Advanced Vehicle Stabilization</b>						
08/17/02	8:00am	08/17/02	47	Brighton	Kevin Gentry	810.225.0200
<b>SUPPRESSION</b>						
<b>Building Construction: Principles</b>						
09/04/02	7:00pm	10/28/02	09	University Center	Donald Couturier	989.686.9020
<b>Managing Co. Tactical Operations - Decision</b>						
09/07/02	8:00am	09/08/02	33	Okemos	David Harper	517.347.5055
<b>Managing Co. Tactical Operations - Tactics</b>						
09/06/02	6:30pm	09/07/02	06	Omer	Edward Rohn	989.653.2603
<b>Introduction to Wildland Fire Suppression</b>						
09/23/02	6:00pm	09/30/02	74	Port Huron	John Jeffries	810.989.5753

Start Date	Time	End Date	Co.	Location	Course Manager	Phone
<b>APPARATUS</b>						
<b>Apparatus &amp; Pump Operations - FF I&amp;II</b>						
09/16/02	8:00am	10/05/02	63	Farmington Hills	Thomas Shurtleff Jr.	248.426.4400

Start Date	Time	End Date	Co.	Location	Course Manager	Phone
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>						
<b>Mutual Aid Tanker Shuttle</b>						
09/04/02	6:00pm	09/18/02	48	Newberry	Robert Schwarz	906.226.8174

Start Date	Time	End Date	Co.	Location	Course Manager	Phone
<b>DRIVER TRAINING</b>						
<b>Driver Training</b>						
09/09/02	8:00am	09/09/02	82	Detroit	William Jones	313.237.3170
09/14/02	8:00am	09/15/02	47	Brighton	Donald Hall	810.229.6640
09/16/02	6:30pm	09/17/02	36	Iron River	Thomas Ivey	715.479.9811
09/23/02	8:00am	09/23/02	82	Detroit	William Jones	313.237.3170
09/23/02	8:00am	10/05/02	63	Farmington Hills	Thomas Shurtleff Jr.	248.426.4400

Start Date	Time	End Date	Co.	Location	Course Manager	Phone
<b>TERRORISM</b>						
<b>Emerg. Resp. to Terrorism: HazMat</b>						
08/19/02	8:00am	08/20/02	82	Detroit	William Jones	313.237.3170
<b>Emerg. Resp. to Terrorism: SCCO</b>						
08/21/02	8:00am	08/22/02	82	Detroit	William Jones	313.237.3170
09/18/02	8:00am	09/19/02	82	Detroit	William Jones	313.237.3170

Start Date	Time	End Date	Co.	Location	Course Manager	Phone
<b>FIRE OFFICER</b>						
<b>Fire Officer I</b>						
09/04/02	6:30pm	02/05/03	46	Adrian	Antonio Garcia Jr	517.263.2161
09/09/02	9:00am	11/18/02	63	Auburn Hills	Ronald Deadman	248.232.4580
09/10/02	7:00pm	11/19/02	63	Auburn Hills	Ronald Deadman	248.232.4580
<b>Fire Officer II</b>						
08/29/02	8:00am	12/19/02	82	Taylor	Larry McCray	
09/04/02	7:00pm	12/18/02	63	Auburn Hills	Ronald Deadman	248.232.4580

Start Date	Time	End Date	Co.	Location	Course Manager	Phone
<b>HAZARDOUS MATERIALS</b>						
<b>Haz Mat First Responder - Awareness</b>						
09/30/02	12:00pm	09/30/02	82	Garden City	John Smilnak	734.462.4770
<b>HazMat First Responder - Operations</b>						
08/24/02	8:00am	09/21/02	35	Tawas	Gerald Hunt	989.739.8587
09/19/02	6:30pm	09/28/02	29	Ithaca	Kenneth Smith	810.236.2012
<b>Incident Command System</b>						
08/26/02	8:00am	08/27/02	82	Detroit	William Jones	313.237.3170
08/28/02	8:00am	08/29/02	82	Detroit	William Jones	313.237.3170
09/05/02	8:00am	09/06/02	82	Detroit	William Jones	313.237.3170
09/05/02	9:00am	09/06/02	63	Auburn Hills	Michael Sabol	248.232.4580
09/24/02	9:00am	09/25/02	82	Garden City	John Smilnak	734.462.4770
09/28/02	9:00am	09/29/02	63	Auburn Hills	Michael Sabol	248.232.4580
<b>Clandestine Drug Lab - Awareness</b>						
08/15/02	6:00pm	08/15/02	25	Flint	Dennis Lacey	810.742.2158
09/16/02	8:00am	09/17/02	82	Detroit	William Jones	313.237.3170

## Michigan Hazardous Materials Training Center Training Advisory

Applications are now being accepted for the following courses for September 2002. Please contact the Michigan State Police, Hazardous Materials Training Center, for further information at 517.322.1190.

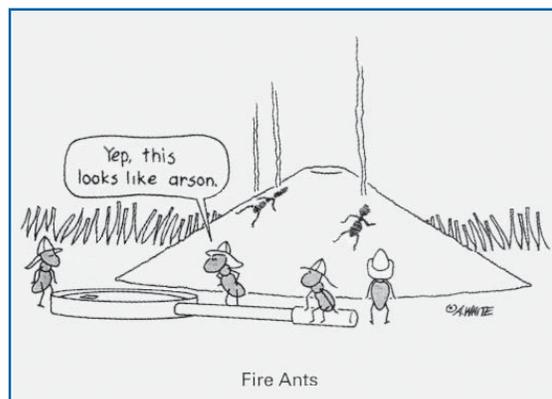
Course Name	Dates	Cost
Chemistry of Hazardous Materials	Sept. 3-5	\$195
Hazardous Waste Operations 8-hr Refresher		
HAZWOPER	Sept. 6	\$95
ERTHMI 165.15	Sept. 9-13	\$495
Railroad Tank Car Specialty	Sept. 17-19	\$395
Hospital Decontamination for WMD Incidents	Sept. 20	\$50
Structural Collapse Rescue - Technician	Sept. 23-26	\$675
Cargo Tank Training Trailer	Sept. 27	\$50

Start Date	Time	End Date	Co.	Location	Course Manager	Phone
<b>HEALTH/SAFETY</b>						
<b>Fire Fighter Safety &amp; Survival</b>						
09/07/02	8:00am	09/08/02	29	Ithaca	Kenneth Smith	810.236.2012
09/14/02	9:00am	09/15/02	09	University Center	Donald Couturier	989.686.9020
09/28/02	8:00am	09/29/02	33	Okemos	David Harper	517.347.5055

Start Date	Time	End Date	Co.	Location	Course Manager	Phone
<b>INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT</b>						
<b>Educational Methodology</b>						
09/17/02	9:00am	09/18/02	63	Auburn Hills	Ronald Deadman	248.232.4580
09/28/02	8:00am	09/29/02	76	Sandusky	Tom Dickensheets	810.679.4824
<b>Instructor Orientation - IFSTA</b>						
09/21/02	9:00am	09/21/02	63	Auburn Hills	Keith Weisgerber	586.778.7623

Start Date	Time	End Date	Co.	Location	Course Manager	Phone
<b>MANAGER/SUPERVISOR DEVELOPMENT</b>						
<b>Records &amp; Reports</b>						
09/28/02	9:00am	09/28/02	09	University Center	Donald Couturier	989.686.9020

This month's smile!



Fire Arts

## MFFTC Regional Retests Scheduled 4th Edition FF-I, II and I & II

The Michigan Fire Fighters Training Council (MFFTC) has scheduled regional retests at Lansing, Watersmeet, Swartz Creek and St. Ignace. Individuals who need to retake the written and/or practical stage of a **4th Edition** Fire Fighter I, II or I & II exam may apply. Challenge applicants will also be accepted; however, retest candidates will be given priority if space becomes limited.

Each MFFTC Region Supervisor will be registering test candidates for the test(s) in their respective region. To schedule a retest, applicants must submit a written request and a copy of their "Notification of Fire Fighter Examination Results". (*Applicants must include their mailing address, phone number, fire department name and FDID number*). Pre-service students may apply to retest if the original Regional Training Center assumes responsibility and liability for the pre-service student while retesting. This must be in

writing on RTC letterhead and accompany the written request and copy of Examination Results.

The MFFTC implemented the International Fire Service Training Association (IFSTA) Essentials of Fire Fighting **4th Edition** curriculum on October 1, 2001.

Implementation of the new curriculum necessitated changes in the written and practical examinations.

An individual who has failed a FFI, II or I & II written and/or practical examination based on the Essentials of Fire Fighting **4th Edition**, must retest in a **4th Edition** exam. A **3rd Edition** retest candidate **cannot** retest at a **4th Edition** curriculum test site.

All requests received less than **(6) six weeks prior** to the test date will be returned.

Applications will be handled on a first come, first served basis so please apply early.

All applicants will be notified in writing whether or not they are scheduled for a test.

### 4th Edition Curriculum Regional Retest Schedule

- Saturday, Sept. 7, 2002 8:00 am Watersmeet FD, Watersmeet, MI  
Apply to: Lorraine Schwarz - Region 1 Supervisor  
Michigan Fire Fighters Training Council  
1504 W. Washington St., Suite A  
Marquette, MI 49855  
Questions: 888-879-6459
- Saturday, Sept. 14, 2002 8:00 am Swartz Creek Area FD, Swartz Creek, MI  
Apply to: Deward Beeler - Region 3 Supervisor  
Michigan Fire Fighters Training Council  
411B E. Genesee  
Saginaw, MI 48607  
Questions: 888-879-6458
- Saturday, Sept. 21, 2002 8:00 am St. Ignace High School, St. Ignace, MI  
Apply to: Lorraine Schwarz - Region 1 Supervisor  
Michigan Fire Fighters Training Council  
1504 W. Washington St., Suite A  
Marquette, MI 49855  
Questions: 888-879-6459
- Saturday, Sept. 28, 2002 8:00 am Lansing FD Training Academy, Lansing, MI  
Apply to: Gary Crum - Region 2 Supervisor  
Michigan Fire Fighters Training Council  
588 3 Mile Road NW  
Grand Rapids, MI 49544  
Questions: 877-475-0844

## For Sale

**1989 Grumman Pumper**, 1250 GMP pump, 1000 gal water tank, Cummins 300 HP engine, Allison auto trans, all aluminum and custom cab.

**1976 Sutphen** 85 foot Aerial platform with custom cab, Detroit 350 HP diesel engine, Allison auto trans, 1000 GPM single stage pump, 300 gal water tank, 100 gallon foam tank with Rockwood around the pump proportioner. Unit rebfurnished in 1987.

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94-067, Washington, MI 48094 until August 16th, 2002, 3:00 PM. May be inspected at 8100 Wicker Street, Washington 8-4. Vehicles sold as is.

**Contact:** 586.781.6161

**1996 E-One Trident-Pumper Ambulance**; 55,000 miles; Freightliner FL60 Chassis; Robwen Class A foam system/5 gal foam tank; Hale 250 gpm pump; Whelen Advantedge bars front and rear; Federal PA4000 siren; 5 speed auto; heated mirrors; hydraulic brakes, air suspension. Unit to be sold "as is" to the highest bidder. Can be inspected at 2074 Aurelius Road, Holt, MI between 8-5.

**Contact:** Chief Richard Royston at 517.694.3327 or email at [fire@delhitownship.com](mailto:fire@delhitownship.com)

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## “Who’s Minding the \$tore?” Protect Your Assets - Protect the Public



**Date:** August 29-30, 2002

**Location:** Comfort Inn, 2424 S. Mission, Mt. Pleasant, MI

**Times:** 29th: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm  
30th: 8:00 am - 12N

**Cost:** \$50

**Included:** Coffee breaks, lunch (Thursday only), handout materials

**Hosted by:** Michigan Chapter of IAAI and The Michigan Arson Prevention Committee

Presented through a partnership of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms (ATF), The International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI), The International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF), The National Fire Academy (FNA) and The National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC)

**Learning Objective:** To demonstrate that no organization is immune from fraud. During this course, it will be demonstrated that fraud can be perpetrated upon any organization, at any time. Several actual fraud examples will be described to demonstrate that point.

**This course will cover the following topic areas:**

- \* Costs that fraud exacts on our economy
- \* The questions that a fraud examiner must resolve
  - \* Profile of a white-collar criminal
- \* The elements of fraud and “The Fraud Triangle”
  - \* Fraud types and methodologies
  - \* Prevention & detection of fraud
    - \* Internal controls
    - \* Principles of accounting
- \* Follow-up investigative techniques

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Send check and application to:  
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ATT: Jim LaBuhn  
46322 Meadow Lane  
Macomb, MI 48044

**NOTE:** This program is intended to assist police departments, fire departments and community organizations in the prevention of fraud. This is not a fraud arson school.

You must book your own room at the Comfort Inn. \$65/night. Call the Comfort Inn directly at 989.772.4000.

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Department/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

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**MSP Fire Investigation 2002 Schedule**

**Vehicle Fire Investigation School**

**Dates:** October 7-11, 2002 *App. Deadline: 9/13/02*

**Tuition:** \$250

**Contact:** D/Lt. Jim Shinsky 517.322-5463 or

Spl/Sgt. Chad Coney 517.322.5783

Call 517.322.1938 for appropriate training application form.

Class information, prerequisites and registration requirements can be obtained at [www.michigan.gov/msp](http://www.michigan.gov/msp)



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**Fire Fighter/Paramedic**

The City of Alpena is establishing a hiring eligibility list for the position of Fire Fighter/Paramedic. Minimum requirements shall be but are not limited to: high school graduate; minimum age 18; State of Michigan AEMT (paramedic) license; FFTC Fire Fighter I and II certifications prior to appointment. Anticipated appointment date is 1/1/03.

Applicants who are not currently certified as a paramedic, Fire Fighter I or II must submit with their application acceptable proof that they will be so certified prior to appointment. Starting annual wage is \$30,299 and after three years is \$38,089 plus an excellent benefit package.

Employment testing will be conducted. City of Alpena employment application required. Application and further information may be obtained from Jan Canode, Personnel Assistant, City Hall, 208 N. First Avenue, Alpena, MI 49707; phone (989) 354-4158; email [janc@alpena.mi.us](mailto:janc@alpena.mi.us). The complete application packet can be downloaded at [www.alpena.mi.us](http://www.alpena.mi.us). Deadline for submitting application and other data is 9/6/02 at 4 p.m. EEO employer.

**Fire Fighter**

Cascade Charter Township Fire Department is accepting applications for the position of full time fire fighter. Applicants must meet the following minimum criteria: MI Certified FF II; MI certified awareness and operations level; completed State of MI Certified Driving Training Program; MI certified basic EMT; AED certified; High school graduate or CED; 2+ years fire fighter experience; 21 years of age or older; valid MI drivers license. Starting salary of \$34,551. Applications obtained at Cascade Twp FD located at 2865 Thornhills SE., Grand Rapids and must be submitted to the fire chief's office by 4:00 PM on August 16, 2002.

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#### MFFTC Saginaw Deward Beeler TX: 888.879.6458 FAX: 989.758.1980 [beelerd@michigan.gov](mailto:beelerd@michigan.gov)

### August

- 10 **MI Fire Service Instructors Association**, Upper Peninsula Regional. St. Ignace, 9:00 a.m.  
14 **MI Fire Fighters Training Council**, 9:00 a.m. Work Session, 10:00 a.m. Business Meeting,  
General Office Building, Conf. Rm. B, Lansing  
15 **MI Fire Service Expo Executive Committee**, 9:00 a.m., General Office Building, Conf. Rm. B,  
Lansing  
15 **MI Joint Fire Service Council**, 10:30 a.m., General Office Building, Conf. Rm. B, Lansing

### September

- 9 **MI Fire Inspectors Society**, Executive Board Meeting, 4:00 p.m., Kellogg Center, East Lansing  
10-13 **MI Fire Inspectors Society**, 53rd Annual Fall Education Seminar, Kellogg Center, East Lansing  
18 **State Fire Safety Board**, 1:00 p.m., General Office Building, Conf. Rm. B, Lansing  
19 **MI Joint Fire Service Council**, 10:30 a.m., General Office Building, Conf. Rm. B, Lansing  
21-22 **Firemen's Memorial Festival**, Roscommon  
28 **U.P. Fire Chiefs Association**, 10:00 a.m., Location TBA

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- 1 **MI Arson Prevention Committee**, Executive Committee, Brighton  
16 **State Fire Safety Board**, 1:00 p.m., General Office Building, Conf. Rm. B, Lansing  
18 **MI Fire Fighters Training Council**, 10:00 a.m. Work Session, 3:30 p.m. Business Meeting,  
MFSIA Conference, Traverse City  
18-20 **MI Fire Service Instructors Association**, Annual Conference, Traverse City

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### "Quote of the Month"

"Surround yourself with only people who are going to lift  
you higher."

Oprah Winfrey

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author if known. If we use your quote, we will credit you with submitting it.

