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Arson Awareness Week 2002
By Capt. Mark Dougovito, State Fire Marshal

Governor John Engler has proclaimed May 5-11, 2002, as Arson Awareness Week in Michigan. This year’s theme, Arson is NOT a Victimless Crime, focuses on the violent crime of arson and the tremendous effect on its victims.

It has been said that arson is nothing less than domestic terrorism. Terrorism is something that we have become all too familiar with of late, and whether it comes from within or from the outside, the results are the same: death, injury, and destruction in the billions of dollars. Arson can occur anywhere, at any time, and can have tragic, long term effects on everyone it touches. The loss of human life is compounded by the loss of revenues and jobs when a business is lost to an intentionally set fire.

In 2000, Michigan fire departments reported 38,705 fires (data is limited because not all departments were on-line with the new reporting system). Almost one-quarter (24.5%) of those reported fires were incendiary or suspicious (under investigation), causing 46 civilian deaths, 177 civilian injuries, 195 fire service injuries, and costing $196 million in damages.

Understanding the problem in our communities is the first step in coordinating successful programs to help combat arson.

Fire Investigators Announce Retirement

Spl/Sgt. Don Harris, having served the Department of State Police for 24 years, announced his retirement effective December 8, 2001. Don enlisted in the department in June, 1978, graduating from the 94th Recruit School. Upon graduation, he was assigned to the Detroit Freeway Post, where he served as the post accident investigator. He also served on the Criminal Investigation Narcotics and Fugitive Teams before transferring to the Fire Marshal Division, Northville office, in May, 1994. During his tenure with the Fire Marshal Division, he conducted code inspections of regulated facilities and aboveground storage tanks, before becoming a full-time fire investigator.

Don is a native of Niles and served three years in the Army prior to enlisting with the Michigan State Police.

Upon his retirement, Don will continue to work in the investigation field with AAA.

Spl/Sgt. David Stayer announced his retirement effective February 20, 2002. He served the Department for 25 years, the last 14 in the Fire Marshal Division conducting code enforcement inspections and fire investiga-

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# Fire Deaths

## 5 Fire Deaths Reported in February 2002

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Send fire death information to Collene Shaner at shanercf@michigan.gov or by fax to 517.322.2908

## Fire Deaths - Three Year Comparison

### 2000/2001/2002

![Fire Deaths - Three Year Comparison](chart.png)

- **2000**: 166
- **2001**: 144
- **2002**: 14

## Fire Fact of the Month

900 people were killed and almost 2,500 were injured in fires started by cigarettes and other lighted tobacco products during 1998.

Source: NFPA
Fire Chief Remembered
By Spl/Sgt. Jerry Briolat, Region 4, White Cloud Sub-Unit

I recently found myself in the company of those who have become the patriotic symbol of the American people. Unfortunately, I had to share their company at a funeral for a friend, Ray Ebel. Ray passed away while assisting a neighboring community fire department (Fremont Fire Department) on a structure fire. Ashland-Grant Township and Holton Fire Departments were also on scene. Ashland-Grant Assistant Fire Chief Keith VanSimgel initially discovered Ray’s medical situation while at the fire scene. Others rallied quickly, but to no avail.

I have personally had the pleasure of working with Ray on a couple of different fire investigations. Ray’s department still holds the distinction of having the quickest response time for a state fire marshal in this part of the state. I was about ½ mile out when he requested that the state fire marshal’s office investigate a structure fire in the city of Newaygo. I’ll never forget the look on his face when he emerged from around the side of the smoldering home and saw me sitting in the driveway. I told him that the fire was supposed to be out before I got here. He said that it would have been had I arrived in the timely manner he was accustomed to. Touché, Ray.

The following is a blended reprint of two articles written by Sally Q. Jones of the Newaygo County Today Newspaper located in Fremont, Michigan. Owner and Publisher, Don Noordyk, graciously gave permission for a reprint of those two articles.

Raymond Alvin Ebel, 62 of Newaygo died unexpectedly on Monday, Feb. 18. Ebel, Chief of the Newaygo Fire Department, was assisting at a fire on Austin Pine Trail (Bridgeport Township, Newaygo County) when he collapsed at approximately 4:15 p.m. (from an apparent heart attack). He was later pronounced dead at Gerber Memorial Hospital. Ebel had served on the fire department for the past 35 years, and had been chief of the department for the past four years.

Funeral services were held for Chief Ebel at 11 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 22 at the Resurrection Life Church in Newaygo. In a tribute to Ebel, fire fighters from throughout Michigan organized and arrived with more than 120 fire trucks and fire vehicles. Two trucks were parked at the entrance of the church, ladders extended and touching at the top, with a flag flying below. All who entered for the service, entered under this patriotic arch. Several hundred fellow fire fighters marched under the arch, down the church driveway, and to the church as honor guard for Ebel. Nearly 800 people were in attendance for the ceremony.

The mayor of Newaygo, Ronald Armstrong, issued a proclamation ordering flags to be lowered to half-staff from 10 a.m. Tuesday until 2 p.m. Friday. In the proclamation he stated: “On behalf of the citizens of Newaygo, we express our sorrow and deep sympathy to the family of Mr. Ebel. We thank the family for Ray’s outstanding contribution to the City of Newaygo.”

Newaygo City Manager Rich Blachford stated, “On an average, Ray was in here (at city hall) three times a week. He was community minded, always wanted to stay in touch. He was a real gentleman, with a good feel for this community.”

Jason Derks, who had served on the fire department for the past ten years with Ebel, stated that he was “a major part of the department, and played a large role in general.” He added that Ebel was the “best historian of fires in the area… he’ll be missed; he was a good chief… he did a job well, and committed his life to the fire department.”

Ebel owned and operated Ebel’s Body Shop in Newaygo, was Chief of the Newaygo Fire Department, a former Newaygo City Council member and was active in the Newaygo Museum/Historical Society.

Fremont Fire Chief Rusty Boeskool stated, “He was a good guy, even tempered. We will miss him. He died doing what he loved.”

In Memorium

Ray Ebel

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Raising the awareness of our citizens to help identify potential arson activity can have a significant and immediate effect on the reduction of arson in our communities. These are just some of the indicators that are easily recognizable and reportable to law enforcement authorities.

We urge you to promote Arson Awareness Week in your community; to make people aware of its devastation and destruction; and to make every effort to prevent it, not just May 5-11, but all year long.
Year 2000
Statewide Fire Statistics
Overview

The following information was compiled from data provided by the 863 fire departments that participated in NFIRS 5.0 - Michigan’s fire incident reporting system. *This is the first statewide report using NFIRS 5.0. Data is limited since many departments were not on-line in 2000. Detroit data is included.

Michigan fire departments reported 38,705 fires for 2000.

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Reported fires resulted in the deaths of 166 civilians and 3 fire fighters during 2000. In addition, fires caused 710 civilian injuries and another 510 fire service on-duty injuries.

The reported estimated value of property & contents involved in fires in 2000: $1.4 billion

The reported estimated loss of property & contents involved in fires in 2000: $612.8 million

Intentional fires (incendiary) and fires under investigation (suspicious) accounted for 9,492 of the total number of fires. These fires also accounted for 177 of the civilian injuries, 46 civilian deaths, and 195 fire service injuries.

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In addition to fires, many fire departments voluntarily submitted 233,662 non-fire incidents through NFIRS 5.0 which included: 144,577 EMS/rescues; 20,385 non-fire emergencies -- power lines down, gas leaks, spills, etc.; 31,262 false alarms; and 37,438 other public service, good intent, and mutual aid calls.

If you have any questions, please contact the Fire Reporting and Analysis Unit, Mary Nemeth, nemethm@michigan.gov
TX: 517.322.1939 FAX: 517.322.2908

Michigan Fire Service Directory is located at www.mspfmd.org.
To submit changes to the directory, please contact Mary Nemeth at nemethm@michigan.gov
Public Education Update
By Colleen Mohr, Public Education Coordinator, State Fire Marshal’s Office

Safe at Home Curriculum
Work has been completed on the development of the next module for the Safe at Home Fire Safety Program. Module 5, Senior Citizen Fire Safety, will be mailed out this month to departments who have previously attended training.

This module has been developed in much the same way as the elementary curriculum - encouraging repeated visits to the senior population in every community. Lessons are delivered seasonally - summer, spring, fall, and winter - with each lesson focusing on fire safety issues specific to each season. Lessons include information on heating, cooking, and decorating issues, use of smoking materials, storm safety, smoke alarms/carbon monoxide alarms/sprinkler systems, proper storage and use of flammable/combustible liquids, burn prevention and treatment, electrical safety, and home escape planning, to name a few.

Many of the transparencies used in the elementary curriculum can be used with these lessons. There will also be handouts for some lessons.

It is imperative that we continue to reach out to our senior citizen population with the same intensity that we focus on our elementary schools. In 2001, 33% of those who died in fires in Michigan were 60 years of age and older - as compared to 26% for those 19 and under.

Please use this program and let us know what you think!

Safe at Home Training
Additional training classes are being scheduled for late April/early May. Due to time considerations, training sessions will be scheduled on a regional basis only.

Because we are still in the process of finalizing dates and locations, we are unable to print them in this issue. We will post the dates and locations on our web site at www.mspfmd.org. We will also be mailing training information to fire departments by the first week of April.

Training will follow the same format as before - 3 hour sessions covering the curriculum set-up, educational theory and communication theory. You must complete the training to get the curriculum, which is free to each fire department.

If you have questions regarding the training schedule, please contact me at 517.322.1750 or at mohrc@michigan.gov.

Curriculum Errata
When you receive the new senior citizen module, you will also be receiving a correction for the elementary module - Module 4, Lesson 5. We inadvertently left out some information when referring to “In Michigan, It Is Against The Law To...” Our apologies if this has caused any problems when delivering the lesson.

Residential Sprinkler Trailer
The Residential Sprinkler Demonstration Trailer will once again be ready for fire departments to use this summer. If you are interested in using the trailer this summer, please contact me for reservations.

The trailer is required. A training session is scheduled for
Thursday, April 25, 2002 at
Windsor Township Emergency Services in Dimondale (Eaton County), beginning at 1:00 p.m. Training is expected to last approximately 3 hours. Contact me if you are interested in attending this training. There is no charge and all materials will be provided.

Michigan State Firemen’s Association 127th Annual Conference - June 2002
The Michigan State Firemen’s Association 127th Annual Conference/Convention will be held June 20-23, 2002 at the Comstock Inn and Conference Center in Owosso.

In conjunction with the conference, and with the assistance of the Owosso Fire Department, the State Fire Marshal’s Office will be conducting a special fire prevention demonstration. This demonstration will focus on preventing fires - and what happens when you don’t. Please join us in Owosso for this important, life-saving demonstration.

It is imperative that we continue to reach out to our senior citizen population with the same intensity that we focus on our elementary schools.
Fire Marshal Division Welcomes New Investigators

Spl/Sgt. John Byrne has been named to fill the vacancy created by the recent retirement of Sgt. Don Harris in the Northville Regional Office.

John joined the Michigan State Police in June, 1993, graduating from the 108th Recruit School. Upon graduation, he served as a trooper/trooper investigator assigned to the Jackson Post, and a detective/trooper with the Criminal Investigation Division, Diversion Investigation Unit, and with the Field Detective Division, Criminal Investigation Unit. Promoted to detective sergeant in January 2000, he was assigned to the Field Detective Division at Second District Headquarters in Northville.

Prior to joining the Michigan State Police, John was a police officer for the City and County of Denver, Colorado and was a blackhawk helicopter pilot for the U.S. Army.

John attended Oakland Community College and Wayne State University, pursuing degrees in Criminal Justice. John and his wife Jennifer have two children and reside in Birmingham.

Spl/Sgt. Michael Waite has been assigned to the Richmond Post, filling the vacancy created by the retirement of Sgt. David Stayer.

Mike entered the department in January, 1982, graduating from the 97th Recruit School. Upon graduation, he was assigned to the St. Clair Post. Subsequent assignments have been at the Wakefield, Romeo and Richmond Posts.

During his career with the State Police, Mike has received specialized training as an accident investigator, evidence tech, SCAN and Advanced SCAN, Reid Interview and Interrogation, Advanced Reid School, and attended the Basic Detective School. He also served as a Special Investigator for the St. Clair County Medical Examiner’s Office, and received extensive training in the field of child abuse and sexual assault.

He received the Certificate of Merit Award from the St. Clair County Sheriff’s Department, and was named Trooper of the Year at the Romeo and Richmond Posts, as well as District Trooper of the Year.

He is currently a member of the St. Clair County and Macomb County Detective Association, the St. Clair County Child Death Review Team, and the Medical Examiner’s Association.

Mike also holds an Associates Degree in Criminal Justice from Bay College in Escanaba.

Spl/Sgt. John Byrne

Spl/Sgt. Michael Waite

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...tions, mostly in the Macomb/St. Clair County areas.

He began his career with the Department in 1977, graduating from the 93rd Recruit School. During his career, he has served at the West Branch, Detroit Freeway, Bay City, Alpena, St. Clair and Richmond Posts.

Dave graduated from Macomb Community College with a degree in Criminal Justice in 1975, and Northwood University with a degree in Business Administration in 1996.

Dave is a member of the International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI) - National Chapter and is a current board member of the IAAI Michigan Chapter.

The Fire Marshal Division congratulates Don and Dave on their retirement and wishes them the best in their ongoing investigation careers.
Coming Soon!

The “first ever”
Michigan Fire Service Expo
June 18-22, 2003
Amway Grand Plaza
Grand Rapids, MI

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- Arson Prevention Specialist
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- Fire Fighters - Wildland
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- Fire Safety Engineers
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The “first ever” Michigan Fire Service EXPO is sponsored by the following organizations:

International Association of Arson Investigators, MI Chapter
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MI Fire Fighters Training Council
MI Fire Inspectors Society
MI Fire Service Instructors Association
MI Professional Fire Fighters Union
MI State Firemen’s Association

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- Forest, Mineral & Fire Management
MI Dept. of Consumer and Industry Services
- Bureau of Safety and Regulation
- Emergency Medical Services
- Office of Fire Safety
MI Dept. of State Police
- Emergency Management Division
- Fire Marshal Division

Mark your calendars now!

Don’t miss this opportunity to attend the “first ever” Michigan Fire Service Expo.
### Fire Deaths in Michigan

#### 10-Year Comparison

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Smoke Alarm Use in Fatal Fires - 2001

- None or Unknown: 36%
- Present: 64%

Operation When Smoke Alarm Present - 2001

- Not Operational: 15%
- Operational: 47%
- Operation Unknown: 38%

Fire Deaths by Category
Two Year Comparison

- Residential: 136 (94%) (2001) vs 150 (90%) (2000)
- Other: 3 (2001) vs 7 (2000)
**Michigan Fire Fighters Training Council**

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**MFFTC Meeting Summary**

**By Greg Kirt, Director of Training**

**Members Present:** The February 14, 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, D/F/Lt. Thomas Sands, representing Capt. Edmund K. Burke and Thad N. Taylor. Excused: William D. Anderson and Terrence H. Chesney.

**Guests:** Everett Eagle; Robert Perry, Schoolcraft College; and John Robinson, Upper Peninsula Fire Chiefs Association.

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

**New Council Employee:** BreeAnn Barnhill has been hired as the new Curriculum Services Technician, a position that has been vacant since last October. Ms. Barnhill previously worked for the Fire Marshal Division as a General Office Assistant. Welcome aboard BreeAnn, we look forward to working with you!

**Interest Strong in Terrorism Courses:** In addition to strong interest in the four new Emergency Response to Terrorism train-the-trainers, there has been a dramatic increase in scheduling of the Emergency Response to Terrorism: Basic Concepts course as well. Please watch Fire TIES and the MFFTC web site at mfftc.org for the availability of terrorism training courses.

**WARNING - Clandestine Drug Labs Increasing Threat to Emergency Responders:** Clandestine drug labs in Michigan are increasing at an alarming rate in urban and rural areas. The manufacture of the illegal drug methamphetamine involves the use of hazardous materials. Deadly poisonous gases are emitted during the manufacturing process and fires and explosions often result. All fire fighters are again urged to attend the MFFTC four (4) hour Clandestine Drug Lab Awareness course for their personal safety.

**Regional Retests Scheduled for FF I & II:** Regional retests for Fire Fighter I & II have been scheduled. The schedules will be listed in Fire TIES and posted on the MFFTC web site at mfftc.org. Please be aware that there is a difference between the test for the old 3rd Edition curriculum and the new 4th Edition curriculum. If you have questions, please contact your respective MFFTC Region supervisor.

**MFFTC Web Site Busy:** The MFFTC web site has been very busy, averaging 40-50 visitors a day. Numerous positive comments have been received. If anyone has suggestions for improvement, please email the webmaster or contact any Council member or staff member.

**MFFTC Recommends Driver Training Refresher Course:** Volunteer Fire Insurance Services (VFIS) recently released a four (4) hour driver training refresher course. The new course correlates with the current MFFTC driver training course that was also developed by VFIS and adopted by Council in 1998. MFFTC staff has evaluated the new driver training refresher course and found it to be of high quality.

Council recommends Michigan fire departments use the new VFIS driver training refresher course, or a course of comparable quality and content, to augment the MFFTC driver training course. The driver training refresher course would be taught in-house by fire departments and would NOT be registered with the MFFTC. It is also recommended that fire departments be sure to keep accurate and complete records of the training.

**New Advanced Vehicle Stabilization Course Adopted:** Council adopted a new six (6) hour Advanced Vehicle Stabilization course, effective May 1, 2002. This new course is expected to improve the margin of safety for rescuers and increase the survival rate of victims by reducing the time required for extrication. Invitations to the train-the-trainers will be limited to instructors who are already certified to teach the basic Vehicle Extrication course.

The developers of the new course are Chief Raymond Haring from Elmwood Township Fire Department, Leelanau County and George Lutz who is now employed by the MFFTC as the Testing and Certification Specialist. Three pilot deliveries of the new course were completed and final adjustments were made before adoption. Council approved certificates for the students who successfully completed the pilot deliveries. Council sincerely appreciates the efforts of the course developers, the agencies who hosted the pilot deliveries and the many individuals who assisted with the effort.

**Instructor Applications:** Council
Instructor Evaluations & Probationary Instructor Status

By Lorraine Schwarz, Region 1 Supervisor

NFA Fire Officer Prerequisites and Cut off Date

Q. What is the deadline for completing the “old” Fire Officer Program?

A. Certifications for the “old” NFA Fire Officer I & II will not be issued after September 30, 2003. Individuals in the old series must complete their certifications before the cutoff date.

Prerequisites for completion of the NFA Fire Officer I & II certification include:

* Membership on a Michigan fire department or a fire fighter with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.
* A minimum of 3 years of fire service experience by the cutoff date of September 30, 2003.

* Completion of the required courses.
* Submission of the Fire Officer I, II, III Application Form which must be properly filled out, signed by the applicant and his/her fire chief and accompanied by the proper certificates.

PLEASE NOTE: Applications submitted by personnel without a minimum of 3 years of fire service experience will not be honored.

Explorer & Cadet Students

Q. My fire department is interested in having students from the Boy Scouts of America Explorer program attend our FFI & II class. What are the procedures that we should follow?

A. The minimum age requirement for students in a FFI &II class is 18 years of age or older on the first scheduled date of training. The exception to this is when a fire department cadet program or fire department Boy Scouts of America Explorer program sponsors individuals. These students must be 16 or 17 years of age (no exceptions). All requests for this exception must be on letterhead from the chief of the sponsoring department and include a dated copy of the charter or resolution of the local unit of government authorizing an explorer or cadet program within the fire department. All requests must be directed to the MFFTC Region Supervisor for review and approval and on file with the MFFTC Lansing office.

Department cadets and explorers are not allowed to challenge the FFI, FF II or FF I&II written or practical skills examination.

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!

NOTE: Previous Issues & Answers columns are posted at www.mfftc.org.

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**APPARATUS & PUMP OPERATIONS - FFI & II**

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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.” Note: 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 re-testing. This must be in writing on RTC letterhead and accompany the written request and copy of Examination Results.


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This will be the last opportunity to re-test for the 3rd Edition Fire Fighter I, II or I & II exam. 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.

### 3rd EDITION Regional Re-Test Schedule:

- **Saturday, June 8, 2002, 8:00 AM**
  Alpena Air National Guard Base, Alpena, MI
  Apply to: Lorraine Schwarz - Region 1 Super.
  Michigan Fire Fighters Training Council
  1504 W. Washington St., Suite A
  Marquette, MI 49855
  Questions: 888-879-6459

- **Saturday, June 15, 2002, 8:00 AM**
  Forsyth Township FD, Gwinn, MI
  Apply to: Lorraine Schwarz - Region 1 Super.
  Michigan Fire Fighters Training Council
  1504 W. Washington St., Suite A
  Marquette, MI 49855
  Questions: 888-879-6459

- **Saturday, June 22, 2002, 8:00 AM**
  Lansing FD Training Center, Lansing, MI
  Apply to: Gary Crum - Region 2 Super.
  Michigan Fire Fighters Training Council
  588 3 Mile Road NW
  Grand Rapids, MI 49544
  Questions: 877-475-0844

- **Saturday, June 29, 2002, 8:00 AM**
  Swartz Creek Area FD, Swartz Creek, MI
  Apply to: Deward Beeler - Region 3 Super.
  Michigan Fire Fighters Training Council
  411B E. Genesee
  Saginaw, MI 48607
  Questions: 888-879-6458

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### Overview of Revised Part 74 Fire Fighting Standard

**Date:** May 4, 2002  
**Time:** Registration 8 - 8:30 a.m.  
**Program** 8:30 - 12:00 noon  
**Cost:** $10  
**Location:** Bangor Twp FD

Attend this special safety and health seminar, designed for fire fighters, to obtain valuable information on revision to Part 74, Fire Fighting Standard, and how to comply with state and federal requirements. Program Leader is Lee Jay Kueppers, Occupational Safety Consultant, CET Division, Michigan Department of Consumer and Industry Services. Agenda includes: Part 74 - Fire Fighting; Highlights of the standard; Overview of the most cited violations in the fire service; and CET Services.

For registration information, contact Led Klida at 989.684.8504. Registration deadline is April 26, 2002.

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### Oakland Fire Training Institute of Oakland Community College

announces the following programs:

**The Principles of Fire Protection Engineering**, sponsored by the International Fire Marshal’s Association and Society of Fire Protection Engineers.  
**Date:** June 10-13, 2002

**Safe Storage & Handling of LPG**  
**Date:** April 29, 2002  
**Program Location:** Oakland Community College, Auburn Hills, MI

**Program Contact:** James Shank, 248.232.4580
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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.mspfmd.org.

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The White Lake Fire Authority in Whitehall, Michigan is accepting applications for the position of Fire Chief. Salary range $38-48,000 plus benefit package. Duties include fire and emergency response runs, recruiting, hiring, training, motivating, supervising, budgeting and managing all aspects of the 19 member part-paid department with an average 580 runs per year. Requirements include a two or four year degree in fire science, completion of the fire basic training academy, seven years experience in the fire and emergency medical service work, three years of which must have been equivalent to shift commander or higher, or an equivalent combination of education and experience. If desired, applicants may request confidentiality. Send letter of application, resume and three professional references to Bill Richards, 23600 Liberty St, Farmington, MI 48335. For additional information email brichards@ci.farmington.mi.us or call 248.474.5500 ext 214. Applications are due at the above address on May 30, 2002 by 4:00pm, local time. EOE.
Calendar of Events

April
8  MI Fire Inspectors Society, 8:00 a.m., Executive Board, 10:00 a.m., Planning Committee, Kellogg Center, East Lansing
9  MI Public Fire Education Advisory Committee, 10:00 a.m., General Office Building, Lansing
10 MI Fire Fighters Training Council, 9:00 a.m. Work Session, 10:00 a.m. Business Meeting, General Office Building, Conf. Rm. B, Lansing
10 MI Fire Service Investigators Association, 1:00 p.m., Executive Board, Fire Dept., Mt. Pleasant
11 Southeastern MI Fire Chiefs Association, 10:00 a.m., General Meeting, Troy
18 MI Fire Service Expo Executive Committee, 9:00 a.m., General Office Building, Conf. Rm. B, Lansing
18 MI Joint Fire Service Council, 10:30 a.m., General Office Building, Conf. Rm. B, Lansing
17 State Fire Safety Board, 1:00 p.m., General Office Building, Conf. Rm. B, Lansing
24 Western MI Association of Fire Chiefs, General Membership, Jackson
27 U.P. Fire Chiefs Association, 10:00 a.m. (cst), Ishpeming

May
8  MI Fire Service Investigators Association, 9:00 a.m., South Regional Meeting, Saginaw Twp. Fire Dept., Saginaw  989.792.9691
9  Southeastern MI Fire Chiefs Association, Noon, General Meeting, Madison Heights
14 MI Arson Prevention Committee, General Membership, Ann Arbor
14 MI Public Education Advisory Committee, 10:00 a.m., General Office Building, Lansing
15 State Fire Safety Board, 1:00 p.m., General Office Building, Conf. Rm. B, Lansing
16 MI Fire Service Expo Executive Committee, 9:00 a.m., General Office Building, Conf. Rm. B, Lansing
16 MI Joint Fire Service Council, 10:30 a.m., General Office Building, Conf. Rm. B, Lansing
18-20 MI State Firemen’s Association, Spring Fire School

June
12 MI Fire Service Investigators Association, 1:00 p.m., Fire Dept., Mt. Pleasant
12 MI Fire Fighters Training Council, 9:00 a.m. Work Session, 10:00 a.m. Business Meeting, General Office Building, Conf. Rm. B, Lansing
19-24 MI State Firemen’s Association, Summer Conference, Comstock Inn, Owosso
19 MI Fire Inspectors Society, Summer Outing, Webberville
20 MI Fire Service Expo Executive Committee, 9:00 a.m., General Office Building, Conf. Rm. B, Lansing
20 MI Joint Fire Service Council, 10:30 a.m., General Office Building, Conf. Rm. B, Lansing
26 Western MI Association of Fire Chiefs, General Membership, Grand Haven

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Tom Brokaw

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