



# Burning News

RESERVE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT JULY 2009

Firefighters R Hot!  
WE FIGHT WHAT  
YOU FEAR

## FAMILY DAY JULY 25th—11:00 A M YA'LL COME!

STATISTICS OF FIRE  
CALLS FOR MAY

FIRE CALLS:

EMS CALLS:



**"REKINDLES"**

Happy  
Anniversary!

23 Years

Kirt Tregre

16 Years

Ryan Millet

Fireworks on the  
River – July 3rd

St. Peter Church

Parking Lot

6:00 –till 10:00 pm

Fireworks @ 9:00 p.m.

Boiled  
Shrimp & Crab  
& Trimmings  
Hamburgers



### Inspirational Thoughts

Prayer is love on its knees!

Think about the difference between thankfulness and praise. Thankfulness is us-centered; when things work out the way we want, we're thankful. Praising is God-centered; praise means becoming aware of God in your life right now. Praise takes our eyes off our problems and puts our focus back on God, who is with us in this and every challenge. He is a light no matter how faint at times, that even the dull gray mist cannot extinguish.

### Think About It... Creation or Evolution?

A little girl asked her mother, "How did the human race come about?" the mother answered, "God created Adam and Even and they had children and so all mankind was born." Two days later she asks her father the same questions. The father answered, "Many years ago there were

monkeys and we developed from them."

The confused little girl returned to her mother and says, "Mom how is it possible that you told me that the human race was created by God and Dad says we developed from monkeys?"

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## Preventing Deaths & Injuries of Fire Fighters Working Above

Firefighters are at risk of falling through fire-damaged floors. Floors may fail within minutes of flame contact. Carpet, ceramic tile, and lightweight concrete, and similar floor coverings may increase the danger of firefighters because of the added weight being supported by the floor system and the insulation these materials provide that may cause the floor to not feel warm, despite the fire underneath.

All wood based construction materials are subject to failure when exposed to fire. Fire fighters must use extreme caution when operation on any flooring system potentially exposed to fire. To minimize risk when working above fire damaged floors, NIOSH recommends that fire departments and fire fighters take the measures identified below. Many of these prevention measure are from the NIOSH *Alert Preventing Injuries and Deaths of Fire Fighters due to Truss System Failures (NIOSH 2005)*. Lightweight truss systems and engineered wood floor joists have similar fire degradation risks.

- Conduct a thorough fire size-up and communicate the findings to all personnel on-scene before entering the building. Incident commanders and company officers should be trained and experienced in structure fire size up to avoid putting fire

fighters at unneeded risk of working above fire-damaged floors.

- Do not enter a structure, room or area when fire is suspected to be directly beneath the floor area where fire fighters would be operating, or if the location of the fire is unknown.

- Never assume structural safety of any floor (regardless of the construction) having a significant fire under it.

- Conduct pre-incident planning inspections during the construction phase to identify the type of floor construction. If pre-planning is not conducted, assume residential construction and small commercial buildings built since the early 1990s may contain engineered wood I-joints.

- Report construction deficiencies noted during pre-planning to local building code officials. For example, engineered floor joints should only be modified per manufacturer specifications—usually limited to cutting to length and removing pre-cut knockouts for utility access. Report damaged or cut chords or webs to building officials.

Develop, enforce, and follow standard operational procedures (SOPs) on how to size up and combat fires safely in buildings of all

construction types.

- Provide training on identifying signs of weakened floor systems (soft or spongy feel, heat transmitted through floor, downward bowing, etc.). Make fire fighters aware that all floor types can fail with little or no warning.

- Use a thermal imaging camera to help locate fires burning below or within floor systems, but recognize that the camera cannot be relied upon to assess the strength or safety of the floor. Fire fighters should be trained on the use of thermal imaging cameras, including limitations and difficulties in detecting fire burning below floor systems.

- Immediately evacuate and if possible use alternate exit routes when floor systems directly beneath the floor where fire fighters would be operating are weakened by fire.

- Use defensive overhaul procedures after fire extinguishment in structures containing fire-damaged floor systems of all types.

- Consider becoming active in the building code process and influence requirements for fire resistance of floor and ceiling systems to further fire fighter safety and health.

### "REAL" Definitions?

**ARBITRATOR**—A cook that leaves Arby's to work at McDonald's

**AVOIDABLE**—What a bullfighter tries to do

**BURGLARIZE**—What a cook sees with

**BERNADETTE**—The act of torching a mortgage

**COUNTERFEITERS**—Workers who put together kitchen cabinets

**ECLIPSE**—What an English barber does for a living

**EYEDROPPER**—A clumsy ophthalmologist

**HEROES**—What a guy in a boat does

**LEFTBANK**—What a robber did when his bag was full of money

**MISTY**—How golfers create divots

**PARADOX**—Two physicians

**PARASITES**—What you see from the top of the Eiffel Tower

**PHARMACIST**—A helper on a farm

**POLARIZE**—What penguins see with

**PRIMATE**—Removing your spouse from in front of the TV

# WORK PLACE SOLUTIONS...Cont'd

An example of such training is available at [www.woodaware.info](http://www.woodaware.info).

- Builders, contractors, and owners should consider protecting all floor systems, including engineered wood I-joists, by covering the underside with fire-resistant materials (Underwriters Laboratories 2008)
- Builders, contractors, and owners should consider incorporating sprinkler systems into residential constructions. Sprinkler use reduces the chances of both residential and fire fighter fatalities (USFA 2008).

## Creation or Evolution?

The mother answers, "Well, dear, it is very simple. I told you about the origin of my side of the family and your father told you about his side."

## THE TIES OF MARRIAGE ARE NOT SLIP KNOTS

## DRIVE CAREFULLY!

Not just cars are being recalled by their maker!

## HEY FIRE!

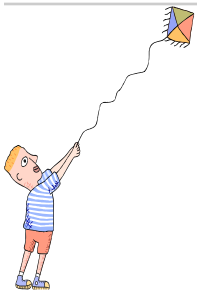
One day a blonde noticed her house on fire. So she called the fire department. She said, "HELP, HELP! My house is on fire!"

The fireman said, "Okay, tell us how to get to your house."

The blonde replied, "In a big, red fire truck, you idiot!"

## Budget Cuts

Due to the recent budget cuts and the rising cost of electricity, as well as the current market conditions, the light at the end of the tunnel has been turned off. We apologize for any inconvenience.



## Children's Corner



### DUST TO DUST

On the way home from church a little boy asked his mother, "Is it true, Mommy, that we are made of dust?" "Yes, darling." "And, we go back to dust again after we die?" "Yes, dear." "Well, Mommy, when I said my prayers last night and looked under the bed, I found someone who is either coming or going!"

### FIFTY STARS AND THIRTEEN STRIPES

Color the United States of America flag. Cut it out and mount it on a cardboard handle. Play a patriotic song, and march in a parade with flags held high!

BLUE: justice  
 RED: courage  
 WHITE: purity

Thirteen red (X) and white (O) stripes for the thirteen original colonies. Today, there are fifty states.

X red  
 O white  
 X red  
 O white  
 X  
 O

