



**Nevada State
Firefighter's Association**

the PUMPER

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**SUMMER 2015
ARTICLES WELCOME**

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Remember!
Keep all
matches until
they are DEAD
cold.

2015 CONFERENCE RECAP

From all the comments and observations it seems that the 2015 NSFA Training Conference held in Virginia City was an overwhelming success. The training tracks offered a wide variety of choices for everyone from the new firefighter to the seasoned veterans. Larry Haydu pre conference classes on Wednesday that concluded on Friday. Students attending the class earned the Incident Safety Officer certificate from the National Fire Academy. Thursday morning started out bright and early with the manipulative skills competition, the participation was very spirited yet with 11 competitors giving it their all. Larry Ogden from Hawthorne Army Depot Fire Dept. emerged as the victor, with Tony Zevnick also from Hawthorne Army Depot a close second. The water fights were won by the Hawthorne Army Depot Fire Department and North Lyon County Fire Dept. finished second. Larry Ogden continued to show his skills by winning the Monkey Drill and Nick Manskie from Fallon/Churchill finished second. The NSFA board continued to dominate the trap shoot competition with Mark Flesher and Dan Bria from L.N. Curtis battling it out for first and second place with Mark finishing on top. The team of Ogden and Jesse Richardson won the horse shoe tournament by coming out on top followed by Rob DuFresne and Kip Allander in second place. The mileage trophy was won by Lee Engine Company and once again retained the trophy for the



most scholarship ticket sales followed by Fallon/Churchill VFD. A "cornhole" tournament held Wednesday evening. Mike Heide-mann and Ralph Hamman were victorious again. Wednesday night a Black Jack tournament was held at the Red Dog with Tony Zevnick taking first place. Ralph Hamman from Fallon/Churchill was honored by receiving the Dave Drew Fire Instructor of the Year Award and Fallon/Churchill VFD was the recipient of the Fire department of the Year. The Hawthorne Army Depot Fire Dept. defended their "tailgate award" given to the department that best represents the spirit of the fire service via participation, competitions and camaraderie.

Gina Goldbach-Hall opened the conference with a presentation entitled, "How to Empower Yourself and Light Your Own Flame.". Break put sessions followed and included: What's Wrong and What's Right with Today's Fire Service? Presented by long time supporter Jim Powell, The Future of the Fire Service – Mission Based or Tradition Oriented.

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GOLF TOURNA- MENT

I hope this finds you all safe and well and enjoying your summer. I want to throw a big shout out to everyone in Virginia City, You all put on an awesome conference! Thank you all for your hard work and dedication.

As many of you may or may not know the N.S.F.A. has been sponsoring an annual fundraising golf tournament. We call it the FIREFIGHTERS CUP! We've held the tournament for the last two years at the Dayton Valley Country Club in Dayton. As I'm sure you can imagine we always have a great time, but our turnout has been a little short.

time of year, we have been holding it in September. What we would like to do is get our numbers up, is ask you, what ideas do you have? Location, time of year, we're really up for anything that can help. The Board and I really believe this little tournament could be a great fundraiser for us, We just need a little help getting it Tee'd up the best way!!! So please send me your thoughts and ideas, I can be reached at rmcknight@nsfa.org. Looking forward to hearing from you!

- Richard McKnight

state, particularly in rural areas. These men and women put their lives at risk in order to ensure the safety of their neighbors and communities. H.R. 2535 has been referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means. Please be assured that I will keep your strong support in mind should it be considered by the full House of Representatives.

- Mark E. Modei
Member of Congress

MESSAGE FROM MARK E. AMO- DEI

As you may know, H.R. 2535 was introduced by Representative Richard Hanna from New York. The bill would allow for volunteer emergency responders to be eligible for a \$1,000 refundable tax credit. In order for a responder to be eligible for this credit he or she must have served in the position for more than six months, provided more than forty hours of active service, or been physically stationed at an emergency station in anticipation of an emergency situation.

Like you, I recognize the immense importance of volunteer emergency responders in our



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FINE AWARDS

We're not sure if the small turnout is due to the location or the

2015 CONFERENCE RECAP (CONT.)

Presented by Chief Darryl Cleveland, The Art of Reading Smoke by Dave Dodson, Wildland Fire Assessment Program-train the trainer instructed by Ron Roy/Division Chief Douglas Co. Wa. Fire District #2, and Pre-Hospital Assessment and Treatment of Burns by Mary Martinet of U.M.C. Lions Burn Center in Las Vegas.

Live fire training was offered via the Nevada State Fire Marshal Division and included the West Wendover Burn Trainer and the propane tank B.L.EV.E. prop. A new prop was also added this year – a live car fire training prop which was purchased through a grant and is now available to be utilized throughout the state through the SFMO.

Six scholarships were awarded this year and the recipients were recognized at the banquet on Saturday night. Amber Spinuzzi from Yerington High School was the choice for the L.N. Curtis Memorial scholarship in the amount of \$1,250.00 and Mackenzie Nelson from Moapa Valley was awarded the \$1,000.00 Lee Engine Company Scholarship. Other \$1,000.00 scholarships were awarded to Thomas Swartz – Lowry, Shelby Blakey – Churchill Co. H.S., Donovan

Brumm – Lowry, and Cydney Johnson West Wendover (North Sevier H.S.).

Plans are in the works for next year's conference in Hawthorne co-hosted by the Hawthorne Volunteer Fire and Hawthorne Army Depot Fire Departments. We are sure that it will be an event that you do not want to miss. Hope to see you all there to continue the tradition and camaraderie of the fire service and challenge you all to try and bring a new firefighter to the conference that have not attended before so they can carry on the long standing traditions of the fire service that many of you were instrumental in building and implementing.

- Michael Heidemann – Executive Director, N.S.F.A.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

This past year has been a busy year for the NSFA board of directors. I have spent a large amount of time updating our membership database. Each member plays an important role to our organization and having up to date member information is very important.

Currently the database is being updated with information that was collected from conference in Virginia City. In a continued effort to keep the database up to

date it is important that each department keep their memberships updated yearly. Also include if possible email address and years of service with the NSFA with your membership lists.

Contact information for each of our board members is located on the website. Any changes or updated membership lists can be emailed to me directly at turresti@nsfa.org.

Members may also log onto our website and enter their information to subscribe to our newsletter as well as receive important updates from the NSFA.

- Tiffany Urresti

911 CHALLENGE



Hawthorne Army Depot Fire Department Issues Challenge to All Nevada Fire Depart-

ments to Come and Compete With Us and Honor Our Fallen Brothers and Sisters.

The community of Hawthorne, proclaimed "America's Patriotic Home" will hold the 5th Annual 911 Memorial Mt. Grant Challenge on Saturday, September 12, 2015.

Each year participants who are up to the Challenge, attempt to scale the rigorous 17 mile hike up Mt. Grant, the highest point in Mineral County. The begin-

larity of the hike, the committee will offer a "Half" Challenge this year. Participants will have the



opportunity to tackle the last 9.11 miles of the Challenge. There will be limited entries for the "Half" so be sure to sign up early.

On Friday, September 11, the community will hold a parade and memorial service, while participants can pick up their registration packets and enjoy a meal with other hikers. Proceeds

from the event help support the Veteran's Memorial Park, the site of Friday evening's festivities.

Registration is available on Active.com/ 911 Memorial Mt. Grant Challenge 2015 or can be accessed through the organization's website, 911challenge.org. The cost is \$75 for individuals and \$50 per person for a team of 4. For additional details please consult the web-



ning elevation is 4250 feet and the finish line, located at the top of the mountain is 11,239. "The feeling you get when you reach the top of that mountain is indescribable," stated Hawthorne Army Depot Fire Chief Rob Mathias, a 2014 finisher. At the finish line participants are awarded a finisher's coin, photo ops and a breathtaking view.

Because of the increasing popu-

911challenge.org

WILDLAND FIRE



AND YOU!

Every year, wildfires burn across the U.S., and more and more people are living where wildfires are a real risk. Nearly 45 million homes abut or intermingle with wildlands and more than 72,000 U.S. communities are now at risk. But by working together residents can make their own property – and their neighborhood – much safer from wildfire.

Before a wildfire threatens your area...

In and around your home

- Clear leaves and other debris from gutters, eaves, porches and decks. This prevents embers from igniting your home.
- Remove dead vegetation and other items from under your deck or porch, and within 10 feet of the house.
- Screen or box-in areas be-

low patios and decks with wire mesh to prevent debris and combustible materials from accumulating.

- Remove flammable materials (firewood stacks, propane tanks) within 30 feet of your home's foundation and out-buildings, including garages and sheds. If it can catch fire, don't let it touch your house, deck or porch.
- Wildfire can spread to tree tops. Prune trees so the lowest branches are 6 to 10 feet from the ground.
- Keep your lawn hydrated and maintained. If it is brown, cut it down to reduce fire intensity. Dry grass and shrubs are fuel for wildfire.
- Don't let debris and lawn cuttings linger. Dispose of these items quickly to reduce fuel for fire.
- Inspect shingles or roof tiles. Replace or repair those that are loose or missing to prevent ember penetration.
- Cover exterior attic vents with metal wire mesh no larger than 1/8 inch to prevent sparks from entering the home.
- Enclose under-eave and sof-

fit vents or screens with met-



al mesh to prevent ember entry.

- Creating an emergency plan
- Assemble an emergency supply kit and place it in a safe spot. Remember to include important documents, medications and personal identification.
- Develop an emergency evacuation plan and practice it with everyone in your home.
- Plan two ways out of your neighborhood and designate a meeting place.

During the time a wildfire is in your area...

- Stay aware of the latest news and updates from your

local media and fire department. Get your family, home and pets prepared to evacuate.

- Place your emergency supply kit and other valuables in your vehicle.
- Move patio or deck furniture, cushions, door mats and potted plants in wooden containers either indoors or as far away from the home, shed and garage as possible.
- Close and protect your home's openings, including attic and basement doors and vents, windows, garage doors and pet doors to prevent embers from penetrating your home.
- Connect garden hoses and fill any pools, hot tubs, garbage cans, tubs, or other large containers with water. Firefighters have been known to use the hoses to put out fires on rooftops.
- Leave as early as possible, before you're told to evacuate. Do not linger once evacuation orders have been given. Promptly leaving your

home and neighborhood clears roads for firefighters to get equipment in place to fight the fire, and helps ensure residents' safety.

- Mark Flesher

WILDFIRES AND DRONES DON'T MIX

WASHINGTON – Responding to recent incidents in which unmanned aircraft systems (UAS), also known as “drones,” interfered with manned aircraft involved in wildland firefighting operations, the U.S. Department of Transportation’s Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is supporting the U.S. Department of the Interior and U.S. Forest Service in their simple message to drone operators: If you fly, we can’t.

“Flying a drone near aerial firefighting aircraft doesn’t just pose a hazard to the pilots,” said U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx. “When aircraft are grounded because an unmanned aircraft is in the vicinity, lives are put at greater risk.”

Often a temporary flight re-

striction (TFR) is put in place around wildfires to protect firefighting aircraft. No one other than the agencies involved in the firefighting effort can fly any manned or unmanned aircraft in such a TFR. Anyone who violates a TFR and endangers the safety of manned aircraft could be subject to civil and/or criminal penalties. Even if there is no TFR, operating a UAS could still pose a hazard to firefighting aircraft and would violate Federal Aviation Regulations.

“The FAA’s top priority is safety. If you endanger manned aircraft or people on the ground with an unmanned aircraft, you could be liable for a fine ranging from \$1,000 to a maximum of \$25,000,” said FAA Administrator Michael Huerta. “Know the rules before you fly. If you don’t, serious penalties could be coming your way for jeopardizing these important missions.”

Since so many people operate unmanned aircraft with little or no aviation experience, the FAA is promoting voluntary compliance and working to educate UAS operators about how they can operate safely under current regulations and laws. The agen-

cy has partnered with industry and the modeling community in a public outreach campaign called “Know Before You Fly.”

The campaign recently reminded UAS users to respect wildfire operations. The National Inter-agency Fire Center also posted a video warning for users to, “Be Smart. Be Safe. Stay Away.”

Additionally, the FAA provided guidance to law enforcement agencies because they are often in the best position to deter, detect, immediately investigate, and, as appropriate, pursue enforcement actions to stop unauthorized or unsafe unmanned aircraft operations.

So remember this simple message around wildfires: If you fly, they can’t. Keep your drone on the ground and let firefighters and aircraft do their jobs. And, if you see someone flying a drone near a wildfire, report it immediately to local law enforcement and the nearest FAA Flight Standards District Office with as much information as possible. You can find the closest FAA office at: http://www.faa.gov/about/office_org/field_offices/fsdo/



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WRITE AN ARTICLE FOR THE PUMPER!

Would you like to write an article for a future Pumper? You can contact **Mark Flesher** at

MFlesher@nsfa.org

Please include in the E-Mail, your name and the title of your article. Please Send the article in a format fitted for The Pumper.

If any additional information is needed we will contact you through your E-Mail or phone.

OR you can submit the pumper to <http://nsfa.org/pumper/>

Just fill out the form and it will be sent automatically to the editor!

Come visit us at:
<http://www.nsfa.org/>

9/11 Mt. Grant Memorial Memorial

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Event: Saturday Sept. 12, 2015

↙ Sign-up @ www.911challenge.org ↘

Challenge yourself to complete:

- Full Challenge 17 Mile hike
- Tackle the 8 mile half challenge

Both take you to an amazing view, the peak of Mt. Grant



**Honor our Military
and
First Responders**

**9/11
Mt. Grant
Memorial
Challenge**



The Nevada State Fire Marshal Division

Presents

WUI/Fire Adapted Communities: Developing a Community Wildfire Protection Plan F0639

When:	Time:	Location:	Contact Info:
March 2-3, 2016	9:00 am – 6:00 pm	Fire Prevention Association of Nevada Nevada State Fire Marshal Division 107 Jacobsen Way Carson City, Nevada 89711	Contact: Tom Martinez Phone: (775) 684-7529 E-mail: tmartinez@dps.state.nv.us

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This 2-day course empowers the student to facilitate successful integration of a Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) into the overall Fire Adapted Community initiative. It provides the building blocks to develop, implement, and sustain a CWPP over the long-term.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The target audience for this course may include, but not be limited to, the following:

- Fire and Emergency Service Representatives.
- Community Leaders / Decision Makers.
- Commissioners, Elected Officials and other local policy makers.
- Code Officials: Building, Planning, etc.
- Environmental Groups.
- Land Managers and Foresters.
- Other key local Stakeholders.

PREREQUISITES: Successful completion of F/W0638: WUI/Fire Adapted Communities: Strategies for Developing Fire Adapted Communities

COST: No charge for Nevada first responders

REGISTRATION: Contact Josh Halterman at e-mail jhalterman@dps.state.nv.us

INSTRUCTOR: NFA Instructor