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2007 National Fire/Emergency Services Exploring Conference Highlights

The 2007 National Fire/Emergency Services Exploring Conference was held June 18 - 22, with our largest turn-out to date. Posts enjoyed competitions, seminars, and demonstrations during the day and recreational activities in the evening, which included "fire house" cooking, swimming, bowling, and billiards.

The daily newsletters, "BLEVES" can be seen on the Web site www.learningforlife.org/exploring/fire.

Mr. Garry Briese, chairman of the Fire/Emergency Services Exploring Committee, successfully held the 2007 national conference and was our Master of Ceremonies for both the Opening Show and Closing Show.



Col. Richard Jaehne, conference chairman, and Chief Patrick Kenny spoke at the opening show. Col. Jaehne is the director of the fire institute. Col Jaehne related his experiences in terrorism and training to the direction of our future fire fighters today. Col Jaehne is a retired Marine with military awards and decorations that include the Navy Cross, Purple Heart, Legion of Merit, the German Honor Cross in Silver, and numerous other personal U.S. and foreign awards.

Chief Kenny has been a member of the fire service for over 25 years and inspired the Explorers' desire in fire-fighting and emergency services. Chief Kenny is a member of the Illinois Fire Chief's Educational Foundation and the Illinois Terrorism Task Force.



Chief Kenny
Illinois Terrorism Task Force



Col. Richard Jaehne
Director of Fire Institute

Explorers competed in eight team events, seven individual events, Drill Competition, and eight hands-on seminars. Awards were presented to the following:

TEAM COMPETITIONS:

Event Name	Place	LFL	Post	COMPANY	TEAM	CITY	ST
Arson Investigation	1	609	2144	Woodinville Fire Department	A	Duvall	WA
Arson Investigation	2	609	2144	Woodinville Fire Department	B	Duvall	WA
Arson Investigation	3	138	2050	Peoria Fire Department	B	Peoria Heights	IL
Bunker Gear and SCBA Relay	1	1	2100	Hoover Fire Department	A	Hoover	AL
Bunker Gear and SCBA Relay	2	609	2144	Woodinville Fire Department	C	Duvall	WA
Bunker Gear and SCBA Relay	3	10	911	Casa Grande Fire Department	B	Tucson	AZ
CPR and Movement	1	265	2902	Gerrish Township Fire & EMS	B	Roscommon	MI
CPR and Movement	2	250	627	Inver Grove Heights Fire Department	A	Inver Grove Heights	MN
CPR and Movement	3	751	28	Niles Fire Department	A	Lake Zurich	IL
Ladder Raise	1	127	99	Aurora Fire Department	A	Aurora	IL
Ladder Raise	2	85	315	Boca Raton Fire Rescue Services	A	Boca Raton	FL
Ladder Raise	3	129	118	Wauconda Fire Department	B	Island Lake	IL
Make and Break	1	1	2444	Trussville Fire and Rescue	A	Pinson	AL
Make and Break	2	85	836	Martin County Fire Rescue	A	Stuart	FL
Make and Break	3	10	911	Casa Grande Fire Department	B	Tucson	AZ
Paramedic Biking	1	227	911	Arlington Emergency Management	B	Arlington	MA
Paramedic Biking	2	274	911	Grand Traverse Fire Dept.	A	Interlochen	MI
Paramedic Biking	3	1	2444	Trussville Fire and Rescue	B	Pinson	AL
Room Search	1	610	264	Anchorage Fire Department	A	Eagle River	AK
Room Search	2	45	357	City of Ontario Fire Department	D	Lucerne Valley	CA
Room Search	3	250	547	Roseville Fire Department	B	Roseville	MN
Spinal Immobilization and Move	1	85	315	Boca Raton Fire Rescue Services	A	Boca Raton	FL
Spinal Immobilization and Move	2	250	3647	West Metro Fire Rescue District	A	Crystal	MN
Spinal Immobilization and Move	3	262	1717	City of Northville Fire Department	A	Northville	MI
Drill Competition	1	609	2144	Woodinville Fire Department		Duvall	WA
Drill Competition	2	85	315	Boca Raton Fire Rescue Services		Boca Raton	FL
Drill Competition	3	45	357	City of Ontario Fire Department		Lucerne Valley	CA



INDIVIDUAL COMPETITIONS:

Event Name	Place	LFL	Post	COMPANY	Name	CITY	ST
Bunker Gear and SCBA	1	606	444	Snohomish Fire & Rescue	Jeremy Beals	Snohomish	WA
Bunker Gear and SCBA	2	85	315	Boca Raton Fire Rescue Services	Jonathan Vought	Boca Raton	FL
Bunker Gear and SCBA	3	610	264	Anchorage Fire Dept	Kathryn Longlet	Eagle River	AK
Candidate Physical Ability Test (CPAT)	1	609	2144	Woodinville Fire Dept	Matt Gau	Duvall	WA
Candidate Physical Ability Test (CPAT)	2	250	627	Inver Grove Heights Fire Dept	Jon Pedersen	Inver Grove Heights	MN
Candidate Physical Ability Test (CPAT)	3	610	264	Anchorage Fire Dept	Kevin Coffey	Eagle River	AK
Hose Race	1	609	2144	Woodinville Fire Dept	Andrew Morford	Duvall	WA
Hose Race	2	129	118	Wauconda Fire Dept	David Buckel	Island Lake	IL
Hose Race	3	85	315	Boca Raton Fire Rescue Services	Amy Zeilinga	Boca Raton	FL
Initial Size-Up and Incident Command	1	127	99	Aurora Fire Dept	Jeffrey Kerley	Aurora	IL
Initial Size-Up and Incident Command	2	81	2100	Hoover Fire Dept	Jay Samander	Hoover	AL
Initial Size-Up and Incident Command	3	116	510	Fairview Fire Dept	Jeff Bird	Fairview Heights	IL
One-Person CPR	1	250	547	Roseville Fire Dept	Tim Picha	Roseville	MN
One-Person CPR	2	85	315	Boca Raton Fire Rescue Services	Chad Waller	Boca Raton	FL
One-Person CPR	3	45	357	City of Ontario Fire Dept	Dustin Sansone	Lucerne Valley	CA
Wildfire Shelter Deployment	1	606	444	Snohomish Fire & Rescue	Charles Erickson	Snohomish	WA
Wildfire Shelter Deployment	2	610	264	Anchorage Fire Dept	Kevin Coffey	Eagle River	AK
Wildfire Shelter Deployment	3	606	444	Snohomish Fire & Rescue	Yegor Bizyayev	Snohomish	WA
Written Examination	1	129	118	Wauconda Fire Dept	Mike Warchal	Island Lake	IL
Written Examination	2	609	2144	Woodinville Fire Dept	Matt Gau	Duvall	WA
Written Examination	3	10	911	Casa Grande Fire Dept	Matt Farmer	Tucson	AZ



Learning for Life Recognitions

Peter Hausman, Learning for Life Director
Jersey Shore Council

Jersey Shore Council, Learning for Life has used a new method to recognize the Spurgeon and Young American Awards. Previously, the Spurgeon Award was presented at the Council's Annual Recognition Dinner and the Young American Awards were presented at the Explorer Ball.

We decided to change the format and give these awards special attention. We serve two Counties in New Jersey and have made friends with both the Atlantic Cape Community College and the Ocean County Community College Presidents and have them both serving on the Executive Board. Each year we select one Spurgeon Award and one Young American Award for each county. A 4:00 pm reception hosted by the college and emceed by the College President gives us the opportunity to focus on the awards without the other 30 awards which are normally presented at the Council's Annual Dinner.

Friends, family, business associates, potential chartered partners, United Way Executive Directors, possible donors, Mayors and other politicians can be invited to honor just these recipients without taking 3 or 4 hours and costing a dinner fee. The receptions generally last less than 1 ½ hours including the 30 to 45 minute gathering and social time to enjoy the refreshments. The actual program takes less than 20 minutes including the photo taking before or after the presentations. Local media are invited but even if they don't come, they are more responsive to our press release because it is a local ceremony with local honorees.

Since the colleges are close for everyone, the attendance has been very good and local dignitaries have participated with proclamations and actually helped present the awards. The colleges' Presidents are very happy to host the reception even though it costs some money for the refreshments because they want the same kind of people to support the college and in case of the youth, maybe attend the college.

Selections for the awards are made in the fall and actually awarded in the March time frame. Awardees MUST agree to attend or we move to another candidate. We have had honorees not attend in the past and that really defeats the recognition process for the honoree and for the Learning for Life Division. This program works for us and we will continue it to set our program apart from the previous recognition process.

Compassion Capital Fund Communities Empowering Youth Program

Background: In an effort to build the organizational capacity, sustainability and effectiveness of the program and the community collaborations it serves, the Communities Empowering Youth Program is seeking faith-based and community oriented partners. Applications need to represent the whole collaboration and identify the roles of everyone involved. The lead organization and its partners must have a track record of working to provide alternatives to gang involvement, youth violence, and child abuse and neglect and generally to further foster positive youth development for children and youth in their service area. CCF plans on distributing 30 awards totaling \$7,500,000.

Eligibility: Faith-based and community organizations with proven track records of fostering positive youth development for children and youth in their area.

Due By: Applications are due by July 10, 2007

Contact: Thom Campbell at 800-281-9519 or ocs@jcn.net

For more information:

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2007-ACF-OCS-IC-0141.html>

Transitional Living Program and Maternity Group Homes

Background: The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Administration on Children, Youth and Families' (ACYF), Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB) is accepting applications for the Transitional Living Program (TLP) and for Maternity Group Homes (MGH). TLPs proved an alternative to involving runaway and homeless youth in the law enforcement, child welfare, mental health, and juvenile justice systems. TLPs must provide a safe and appropriate shelter for up to 18 months of services with adult supervision. Services such as life and interpersonal skill building, career counseling and job skills, and medical care should be offered to the youth. Maternity Group Homes provide the same services as TLPs in addition to providing parenting instruction and child care among other services. The ACF is offering 105 awards totaling \$16,000,000.

Eligibility: Faith-based and community organizations are eligible to apply.

Due By: Applications are due on July 30, 2007

Contact: Victoria Marquez at 866-796-1591 or FYSB@dixongroup.com

For More Information:

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2008-ACF-ACYF-CX-0064.html>

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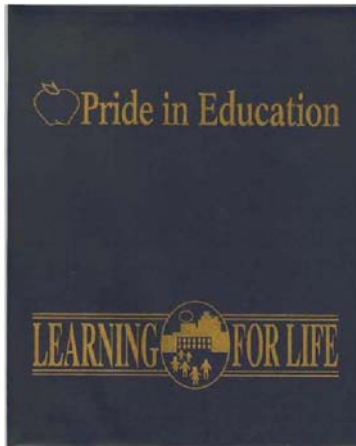
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