

National Fire Prevention Week:

By Rick Couri

The week of October 8-14 is Fire Prevention Week and the theme for this year is "Prevent Cooking Fires – Watch What You Heat". This is the time of year that fire departments should take the lead in promoting fire safety and getting their message out in their communities and let your people know what you do. Go the schools and talk to the kids about fire safety and teach them to stop, drop and roll. Put on that PPE and SCBA and show those kids that we are not the enemy or the Martians. If you want some great information on fire prevention and National Fire Prevention Week, go to <http://www.nfpa.org>.

Did you know:

Δ Between 1999-2002, there were 114,000 reported home fires associated with cooking equipment on average per year, resulting in an annual 290 deaths and 4,380 injuries.

Δ Unattended cooling is the leading cause of home cooking fires.

Δ Three in ten reported home fires start in the kitchen – more that any other place in the home.

Δ Two our of three reported home cooking fires start with the range or stove.

Δ Electric ranges or stoves have a higher risk of fires, injuries and property damage, compared to gas ranges or stoves, but gas ranges or stoves have a higher risk of fire deaths.

Information from the nfpa.org website.

October LCFA Meeting/Training:

By Rick Couri

12 October 2006 will be our next Association meeting date and all are urged to attend and let's make this the best Association in Oklahoma. Training for the October meeting that counts toward your Volunteer Fire Fighting Practices will be Wildland Fire Fighting.

Remember, business meeting at 06:30 p.m. and training starts at 07:00 p.m. at the Kiamichi Technology Center in Poteau.

Fire Fighter Trivia:

Taken from Fire Engineering

Who was Daniel Hayes and what did he invent?

See answer on page two

LCFA Elections Coming Soon:

By Rick Couri

It won't be long until we need to think about election of new officers for the Association and we need to really look hard and long and some need to step up and take some leadership roles. President Crandell has done an excellent job and we need someone to continue in that vein. Please think seriously about who you want to be your President and let's continue to move forward in meeting the needs of the fire departments in LeFlore County.

Each department needs to be represented at meetings so that everyone has an equal voice in all matters coming before the Association.

**Support LCFA
– Attend Meetings**

Fire Prevention Week Trivia:

Taken from nfpa.org

Fire Prevention Week was established to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire, the tragic 1871 conflagration that killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures and burned more than 2,000 acres. The fire began on October 8, but continued into and did most of its damage on October 9, 1871.

Training?:

By Rick Couri

Congratulations to Spiro Fire Chief, Doug Harper, who recently attended Instructor I class and passed the final exam and now is an Instructor. You can also become an Instructor and teach within your department by contacting me as we are trying to schedule a class in February in Poteau. I will need a minimum of 15 in the class and due to changes in the curriculum I will be a student along with you to obtain my Train-The-Trainer experience so that I can then teach the new curriculum.

Also, I have scheduled a 30 Volunteer Fire Fighting Practices class in Latham/Dog Creek and due to work schedules this has been put on hold until we can work out some details. I will keep you posted on the next class.

Poteau is scheduling a Ropes I in November but I don't have the details on that now.

LCFA Training Set For 2006:

By Rick Couri

The decision was made at the January 2006 meeting to set the thirty hour volunteer firefighting practices as the training for each meeting for the coming four months. The training schedule will include:

14 Sept. 2006	Ventilation & F Entry & Ropes and Knots
12 Oct. 2006	Intro To Wildland
09 Nov. 2006	Loss Control

Each three hour class attended will get credit. The completion of all ten classes will result in Volunteer Firefighter Practices.

**Next Meeting:
12 October 2006**

Trivia Answer:

From Fire Engineering: *From Page One*

Daniel Hayes was a San Francisco firefighter who developed the first successful aerial ladder in 1868.

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Raised \$15,101.00
The highest in Oklahoma for this region.**