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**Around Montana**

**Bozeman Firefighters Raise Money At Firehouse Subs**

<http://www.kbzk.com/.../bozeman-firefighters-raise-money-at-f...>



Local firefighters spent a few hours at Firehouse Subs in Bozeman Saturday, but not just to chow down. They were raising money for next month's 24th Annual Scott Firefighter Stair climb. It's an event in which teams of firefighters from around the country race up 69 flights of stairs inside Seattle's Columbia Center. Five Bozeman firefighters are heading to Seattle. The stair climb is coming up on March 8th. "Firehouse Subs is donating 20% of their profits and every little bit helps when you're looking for a cure for cancer," said Thaddeus Josephson, Bozeman Paramedic Firefighter.

The entire process supports the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Bozeman firefighters raised over \$400 on Saturday.

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Or Kathy Craig at [katheryn.craig@montana.edu](mailto:katheryn.craig@montana.edu) (406) 771-4335

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### **Red Lodge Fire Rescue Position Announcements**

Red Lodge Fire Rescue (RLFR) is accepting applications for positions on the seasonal fuel mitigation crew. The RLFR fuel crew generally works 40 hours per week with opportunities for overtime pay on local, regional, and national wildland fire engine assignments. Up to 4 temporary seasonal positions will be hired.

Primary duties will include removing forest fuels from the landscape to reduce wildfire risk. Additional duties may include responding to wildfires, miscellaneous station work, and other duties as assigned. Qualified applicants must work well with others in a physically demanding work environment. Wildland firefighting experience, chainsaw experience, NWCG S-130/190 and S-212 is preferred. Other necessary training will be provided to successful applicants. The temporary seasonal position is full time from mid-May through October with a salary range of \$14.00 - \$15.00 per hour.

Applications due by April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015. For questions about the positions, please email Jon Trapp at [jon@redlodgefire.com](mailto:jon@redlodgefire.com) or call (406) 446-2320. Applicants should include a cover letter, resume and at least two references. Send submissions to:

Red Lodge Fire Rescue  
PO Box 318  
Red Lodge, MT 59068

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### **IAAI Training Opportunity Coming to Great Falls**

#### **Electrical Aspects of Fire Investigation**

**Instructor:** Dave Cusatis IAAI-CFI, IAAI-CI

**Where:** Great Falls Fire Rescue Charles C. Carrico Regional Training Facility, 1900 9th Street South Great Falls MT, 59405

**When:** Thursday March 12th, 2015 8am-5pm Lunch Provided

#### **Description:**

This course addresses the critical skills essential to the effective investigation and evaluation of fires involving potential electrical causes. This course utilizes state of the art techniques, practices, protocols and standards to assist investigators to properly and effectively evaluate electrical systems and associated components to ascertain their role in a fire.

Students will be provided with a basic knowledge of electrical faults and failures of electrical components and circuits, as well as a working knowledge of the National Electrical Code (NEC) and how it applies to the fire investigations.

The use of 'Arc Mapping' will also be discussed and how it can be effectively used to assist in fire origin determination. Participants will also be able to demonstrate a general knowledge of electricity, electrical circuits, systems and arc mapping principles through a series of instructor led 'hands-on' practical exercises.

**Register online at firearson .com**

Click on training and certifications.

Scroll down to classes and events.

Click on Electrical Aspects of Fire Investigation

Or to register by phone call 1-410-451-3473

**Cost:**

Montana Chapter Members: \$100.

Montana Non-Members: \$200.

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**Around the Nation**

**3 Pa. Firefighters Hurt Battling House Fire**

<http://www.firerescue1.com/fire-attack/articles/2110329-3-Pa-firefighters-hurt-battling-house-fire/>

CHESTER COUNTY, Pa. — Three firefighters were hurt while battling a 2-alarm fire in Chester County Sunday night

The fire began at a home on Highland Hill Lane in Charlestown, Pennsylvania around 7:15 p.m. A family was inside the home at the time but got out safely.

The flames were intense and heavy smoke could be seen throughout the second floor when firefighters arrived. They were able to bring the flames under control at 9:08 p.m.

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**Fire Chief Saves Boy Who Collapsed During Soccer Practice**

<http://www.firerescue1.com/fire-products/fire-CPR/articles/2109640-Fire-chief-saves-boy-who-collapsed-during-soccer-practice/>

The chief, who is also the soccer coach, started CPR and revived the boy; he was taken to the hospital and will be OK

CRESSKILL, N.J. — A New Jersey fire chief and pre-K recreational soccer team coach helped save a 4-year-old boy who collapsed on the floor during practice Wednesday.

Coach Chris Ulshoefer, who is the fire chief in Bergen County's Cresskill, was at the opposite end of the gym at Bryan Elementary School when the boy fell. He heard commotion and saw the boy's mother run, screaming, toward him.

"She was screaming for someone to dial 911," Ulshoefer said. He said he ran over to find the little boy prone on the hardwood floor, unconscious.

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### **3 Dead After Car Runs Red Light And Crashes Into Ambulance In Battle Creek**

<http://fox17online.com/2015/02/24/3-dead-after-car-runs-red-light-and-crashes-into-ambulance-in-battle-creek/>



BATTLE CREEK, Mich. — Three people are dead — including a patient who was being rushed to the hospital — after a car ran a red light and crashed into an ambulance, police say. At this point, officers are saying alcohol may have been involved. The crash happened early Tuesday at around 1:00 a.m. at the intersection of North Avenue and Garfield Avenue. Police say an ambulance was on its way to the hospital with its flashers and siren on with a cardiac arrest patient in the back. A car ran the flashing red light at the intersection and struck the ambulance. The adult female driver of that car was killed on impact, and a male passenger also died. The patient was transferred to another ambulance and rushed to the hospital, but that patient did not survive. Police say both high speeds and alcohol may be factors in this crash.

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### **Tire Warehouse Burns Near BWI Airport**

<http://www.firehouse.com/news/12048089/tire-warehouse-blaze-still-burning-near-bwi-airport>



Firefighters remain on the scene of a tire warehouse blaze near BWI.

**Photo credit:** Anne Arundel County Fire Department

LINTHICUM, Md. (WUSA9) -- Firefighters are keeping a close eye on the smoldering remains of a tire fire near BWI Airport.

The smoke from the fire at K & K Tires in the 800 block of Oregon Avenue in Linthicum could be seen for miles around, including from the Baltimore Beltway.

Crews were called to the scene at approximately 8:30 p.m., say Anne Arundel County fire officials. They found fire coming from a shed on the property.

There were 42 firefighters on the scene with units from Anne Arundel County, BWI Airport and Baltimore City. Firefighters had to battle both the flames and the bitter cold.

Crews tried to keep the fire from spreading to other nearby businesses in the industrial area. No one was hurt.

Officials have not determined the cause of the fire at this time.

Tire fires can be very difficult to control. Tire fires threaten air, soil and water pollution as tires break down into hazardous materials, according to the EPA.

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## **Grants**

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## **Town Pump Charitable Foundation**

Mission Statement: The Town Pump Charitable Foundation was established in 1999 with the mission of providing financial support to Montana charitable or governmental organizations with a priority of supporting/meeting basic needs and education for Montana citizens.

Qualifications/Requirements: In general, an organization seeking financial support from the Foundation must be a 501(c)(3) or governmental entity. The grant must be used for charitable purposes and primarily for the benefit of Montana citizens. The organization must be able to provide a copy of the IRS determination letter showing non-profit status or provide evidence of governmental status.

Contact Information: If your organization is interested in seeking financial support from the Town Pump Charitable Foundation please send a brief letter outlining your mission, the project you want to support, the amount of funds you are requesting and a copy of your IRS determination letter. Also include the name and phone number of the contact person. Please do not send videotapes, CD's or an extensive presentation binder, if we need further information we will contact you with our questions. Please allow two to three weeks for processing. Send your letter of request to:

Town Pump Charitable Foundation  
Attn: Grant Committee  
P.O. Box 6000  
Butte, MT 59702

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### **Walmart's Local Giving Program**

Walmart's Local Giving Program helps local organizations and government (including FD's) with grants from \$250-\$2500. I know some departments have been successful in obtaining this grant. One idea for utilizing this grant is for new or updated AED's for your fire department or local ambulance service?

For more information click the link below.

<http://foundation.walmart.com/apply-for-grants/local-giving>

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### **Upcoming Training Opportunities**

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Visit our training calendar and webpage here:

<http://www.montana.edu/wwwfire/Training.html>

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### **NFA - Strategy and Tactics for Initial Company Operations**

Curriculum: Incident Management

STICO is designed to meet the needs of Company Officers responsible for managing the operations of one or more companies during structural firefighting operations. STICO is designed to develop the management skills needed by company officers to accomplish assigned tactics at structure fires.

Location: Butte Silver Bow Public Archives

When: February 28 - March 1 2015

Tuition: Free

\*Registration Deadline of 15 students before 45 days of the start day of the course! Register Early!

\*Register online at <http://www.montana.edu/wwwfire/register.php> or email [jonathan.marshall@montana.edu](mailto:jonathan.marshall@montana.edu)

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### **Montana Mutual Aid Agenda For February 28<sup>th</sup> – March 1<sup>st</sup>**

Meeting Agenda for February 28<sup>th</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015

Thanks to Sue Mergenthaler and the Eastgate Fire Department Crew for hosting

#### **Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

1000hrs      Call to Order – Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance

Recognition of Eastgate Fire Chief Ken Mergenthaler (Eastgate Fire Trustees)

Thank you to Sue Mergenthaler

Introductions of Guests and Hosts and Session Notes

1020hrs      Montana Mutual Aid – Purpose and Approach

Montana Fire Service Mutual Aid - History Review, Additions, SWOT

Montana Mutual Aid - High Line, Brandon Brunelle

Montana Mutual Aid - West - Gary Mahugh, Ed Burlingame

Montana Mutual Aid - East - Jerry Prete

Montana Mutual Aid - North Central – Joe Zahara

Montana Mutual Aid – Southern Zone –

Montana DES Update - Director Brad Livingston , MT DES(invited)

Montana Mutual Aid Communications – Ed Burlingame

Montana Fire Services Training School – John Culbertson(invited)

Montana State Fire Chiefs Association – Rich Cowger(invited)

Montana State Volunteer Fire Fighters Association – Bob Hanson(invited)

Montana Mutual Aid - MT DNRC - Greg Archie, Dave Hamilton(invited)

Montana Mutual Aid – Command Support Operations, Watch Desk, staffing

Montana All Threat Intelligence Center – Bryan Costigan – Open Source Briefing

Montana Wildland Fire –Fire Behavior Estimates, Fire Chief Sonny Steiger (ret.), Wolf Creek(invited)

1230hrs Lunch - MMA SWOT Inputs

1300hrs Command Strategy and Tactics and Smart Practices – Flex Block

**Report on Fire Dynamics Research – Dan Madrzykowski, P.E.- Lessons Learned** – Dan a fire protection engineer with the Fire Fighting Technology Group of the National Institute of Standards and Technology in Maryland. Dan has been a friend of Montana Fire Fighters for many years. We welcome him back to Montana.

**Applying NIST Fire Dynamics Research – A conversation about fire dynamics, strategy, tactics and command - Dan Madrzykowski** This will be a concurrent conversation integrated with the NIST Fire Dynamics presentation.

1530 Break

1545 **Fire Dynamics Research, Strategy, Tactics and Command, continues**  
Madrzykowski

1830hrs Dinner(working)

1900hrs **Fire Dynamics Research, Strategy, Tactics and Command, continues**  
Madrzykowski

2030 Adjourn

**Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015**

0730hrs Breakfast

0800hrs **Fire Dynamics Research, Strategy, Tactics and Command, continues**  
Madrzykowski,

0930hrs Break

1100hrs Montana Mutual Aid – Watch Desk, Opportunities Ed Burlingame, Brian Crandell

1130hrs Good of the Order, Thank Yous and Closings - Thank yous to Sue and Crew - Thanks for Showing Up. Snacks for the road (thanks, Sue and crew)

**Next MMA meeting - November 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at Eastgate FD(starts at 1000hrs)**

**Fire Chief Ken Mergenthaler - UAL FLT 93 – NWA FLT 253**

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### **NFA - Leadership I for Fire and EMS: Strategies for Company Success**

Curriculum: Management Science

This 2-day course presents the company officer with the basic leadership skills and tools needed to perform effectively in the fire service environment. The course includes techniques and approaches to problem-solving, ways to identify and assess the needs of the company officer's subordinates, methods for running meetings effectively in the fire service environment, and decision making skills for the company officer.

Course Instructor: Brian Crandall, Former Fire Chief, Training Officer and FSTS trainer

Course Location: Flathead County OES, 625 Timberwolf Pkwy, Kalispell

Course Date: March 14 & 15, 2015

Course Time: 0830-1600 Saturday & Sunday

\*Register online at <http://www.montana.edu/wwwfire/register.php> or email [jonathan.marshall@montana.edu](mailto:jonathan.marshall@montana.edu)

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### **DES Coordinator's Workshop**

Location: Fort Harrison, Helena

When: March 17-18

Register/Contact: Marschal Rothe 406-324-4776 [mrothe@mt.gov](mailto:mrothe@mt.gov)

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### **Advanced Critical Incident Stress Management**

Location: Choteau

When: March 30-31

Register/Contact: Carol Staben-Burroughs [carent@montana.net](mailto:carent@montana.net)

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### **NFA Leadership II for Fire & EMS: Strategies for Personal Success**

*Leadership II for Fire & EMS: Strategies for Personal Success* provides the company officer with the basic leadership skills and tools needed to perform effectively in the fire service environment. The course addresses ethics, use and abuse of power at the company officer level, creativity in the fire service environment, and management of the multiple roles of the company officer.

Course Instructor: Brian Crandall, Former Fire Chief, Training Officer and FSTS trainer  
Course Location: Flathead County OES, 625 Timberwolf Pkwy, Kalispell  
Course Date: April 25 & 26, 2015  
Course Time: 0830-1600 Saturday & Sunday

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### **Save The Dates: FSTS Spring Training Symposium With Captain John Ceriello, FDNY**

May 2-3, 2015

John Ceriello is a 27-year veteran of the New York City Fire Department, 14 of those years was spent in Special Operations Command. He is a Captain and currently assigned to Division of Training. He has been an integral part in the FDNY & NIST Wind Impacted Fires Project that introduced stairwell pressurization, wind control devices and high-rise nozzles into the field. He also was part of the implementation of new concepts of ventilation and flow-path control

to the FDNY. John is on Underwriter Laboratories advisory panel for a number of projects including their most recent research on horizontal and vertical ventilation.

Summary of the presentation-

There has been a lot being said lately in the American fire service on the research of fire behavior. A tremendous amount of information has been streaming across fire publications and on-line sources. It's a lot for the firefighter and chief to be able to absorb and process. John Ceriello has been involved with this research since 2006 when the FDNY reached out to NIST to better understand the effects of wind when a high-rise structure is on fire. With John's knowledge and time in the field the attendee will have a unique combination of science and practical fire-ground knowledge to tap into. He will be able to express the true essence of what the latest research means to all levels of the fire service from probationary firefighter to Chief of the Department. John will use a multi media presentation to show how and more importantly why it's so important to take heed in the latest research so intelligent decisions can be made on the fire ground where it counts the most.

Location: Montana State University, Strand Union Building, Bozeman, MT

Cost: \$75 (includes lunch on Saturday)

Times: 0900-1700 Saturday, 0800-noon Sunday.

\*Parking permit will not be required; ample parking available.

To Register, Please visit: <http://www.montana.edu/wwwfire/register.php>

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### **NFA Wildland/Urban Interface Firefighting for the Structural Company Officer**

*Wildland/Urban Interface Firefighting for the Structural Company Officer* identifies operational activities and safety concerns for structural company officers assigned to a Wildland/Wildland Urban Interface incident. Topics covered include Introduction to Wildland/Wildland Urban Interface firefighting, interface environment, wildland fire behavior, command and control issues of wildland/urban interface firefighting, and tactics.

**Course Time:** 1900 - 2200 Friday, 0830-1630 on Saturday

**Note:** Saturday will involve actual WUI visits and simulations

**Equipment Required:** Wildfire PPE, Portable radio

**Personal Requirements:** Currently serve as or aspire to serve as a company level fire officer with interest in how to safely and effectively perform in the WUI fire environment.

**Course Instructor:** Brian Crandall, Former Fire Chief, Training Officer and FSTS trainer

**Course Location:** Smith Valley Fire District, 3426 Highway 2 West, Kalispell

**Course Date:** May 1st & 2nd , 2015

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### **NFA Leadership III for Fire & EMS: Strategies for Supervisory Success**

*Leadership III for Fire & EMS: Strategies for Supervisory Success* provides the company officer with the basic leadership skills and tools to perform effectively in the fire service environment. The course covers when and how to delegate to subordinates, assess personal leadership styles through situational leadership, discipline subordinates, and apply coaching/motivating techniques.

Course Instructor: Brian Crandall, Former Fire Chief, Training Officer and FSTS trainer  
Course Location: Flathead County OES, 625 Timberwolf Pkwy, Kalispell  
Course Date: May 16 & 17, 2015  
Course Time: 0830-1600 Saturday & Sunday

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## **Events**

### **Hebgen Basin Fire Chief Scott Waldron to Retire**

Come celebrate Chief Waldron's retirement Saturday February 28<sup>th</sup> at the Branch Holiday Inn 315 Yellowstone Ave., West Yellowstone starting at 18:30.

Please RSVP with number attending to [sgrube@hbrfd.com](mailto:sgrube@hbrfd.com) or [dfleming@hbrfd.com](mailto:dfleming@hbrfd.com).

Rooms available at the Days Inn, 301 Madison Ave., 406-646-7656 or 800-548-9551. Mention Waldron's retirement to receive \$75 plus tax room rate.

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