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Around Montana

Home Destroyed In Paradise Fire

<http://www.kpax.com/story/28334501/fire-burning-in-paradise-closes-highway-200>





PARADISE - A home was reduced to a pile of smoldering ruins Monday night in Paradise. Firefighters responded to a home that was completely engulfed in flames just before 8 p.m. and arrived to find flames reaching between 50 and 75 feet into the air. No one was in the home at the time and no injuries were reported. Crews quickly worked to prevent flames from spreading to nearby buildings. The blaze, alongside Montana Highway 200 prompted officials to briefly close the road and re-route traffic around the fire scene. Firefighters extinguished the fire at around 9:30 p.m. and the road was reopened. {The highway was closed} because of the height of the structure, the collapse zone was well into the highway. And with fire apparatus and fire personnel we had to shut it down. So it was diverted," explained Plains-Paradise Rural Fire District Assistant Chief James Russell. Responders from Plains-Paradise Rural Fire District, the Plains City Fire Department, the Sanders County Sheriff's Office and the Montana Highway Patrol all responded to the scene. Officials say that the rental home is a complete loss and that the cause of the blaze is still being investigated.

Update:

PARADISE - Montana Highway Patrol Trooper Ryan Janes says a house fire in the small town of Paradise was put out around 9:30 p.m. Monday, and that traffic on Highway 200 returned to normal around the same time. Trooper Janes says that firefighters from Plains and Paradise responded just before 8 p.m. to a house fully engulfed in flames near Highway 200. An occupant said she and her kids were able to escape safely, but the home is a total loss. They are missing a dog.

Previous Story:

PARADISE - A structure fire burning in the town of Paradise has shut down Montana Highway 200 in both directions. The Montana Department of Transportation shut down the road about 8:30 p.m. on Monday because of firefighting efforts in the areas, and traffic is being re-routed. Witnesses tell us fire trucks from all over the area are on the scene. Jessica Cardinale tells us the fire is quite large and looks like it might be spreading. "There's a second hand store and what looks like a restaurant that's closed next to the building." Cardinale added, "there's a bunch of houses that back up next to the buildings, a

bunch of trailers. It looked like it was starting to spread so they've started to evacuate the area.”

She also mentioned some trees had caught fire. We will have more information as it becomes available.

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Emergency Crews Tackle Grass Fire Along Stuckey Road in Great Falls

<http://www.krtv.com/story/28310518/emergency-crews-responding-to-grass-fire-along-stuckey-road>



PHOTO CREDIT: ODY PROCTOR (KRTV)

GREAT FALLS -- Emergency crews were dispatched to a reported grass fire along Stuckey Road at about 2:45 p.m.

It happened just north of the Northwest Bypass in Great Falls.

The fire was contained to less than half of an acre, and did not damage any nearby buildings, although a power pole was damaged.

No injuries were reported.

Crews had the fire out within an hour.

A firefighter at the scene noted that the fire burned very close to about 200 gallons of diesel oil.

Officials are still working to determine the cause of the fire, which was fueled by gusty winds. It was the second grass fire of the day; crews responded earlier to fire in Black Eagle.

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Black Eagle Crew Responds To Grass Fire

<http://www.krtv.com/story/28299567/black-eagle-crew-responds-to-grass-fire>



BLACK EAGLE -- Black Eagle Volunteer Fire Department is at the scene of a small fire at 3101 Black Eagle Road. Initial reports indicate that it was a scheduled burn that got out of control. There are no reports of injuries or damage to buildings. We will update you if we get more information.

UPDATE: Firefighters responded shortly before 11 a.m. and worked for about two hours to put out the flames and monitor hot spots. Crews from Sand Coulee and Gore Hill fire departments were also on scene providing mutual aid. No buildings were threatened by the fire but one vehicle sustained minor damage. The fire burned about a half-acre. No citations were issued.

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Two Butte Firefighter Laws On Chopping Block

http://mtstandard.com/news/local/two-butte-firefighter-laws-on-chopping-block/article_00fb8e71-ddb7-59f7-957a-690c1bd4bdf4.html

Lawmakers at every level spend much more time enacting new laws than striking old ones, but Butte-Silver Bow commissioners are about to whack two from the books. Both involve the county's paid firefighters – one putting age restrictions on new hires and another prohibiting firefighters from holding other jobs or making money on the side. Jeff Miller, the county's director of fire services, said the Fire Advisory Committee came across them during an initial review of local laws that apply to the department. "I think you will find that with a lot of ordinances written in 1976 and 1977 during the (city-county) consolidation, and so much has changed," Miller said Monday. One of those laws says all applicants for paid firefighter positions must be at least 18 years old and not older than 34. A proposed change before the council would remove the maximum age limit because it conflicts with Montana law – specifically a Montana Supreme Court ruling issued in 2009. Miller said the limit was removed from one section of the municipal code when the law was changed but the advisory committee came across another reference to it. The state's high court said a state law requiring new firefighters to be 34 or younger was unconstitutional. The decision stemmed from a Butte man's lawsuit after he was denied an appointment to the Butte-Silver Bow Fire Department in 2005 because of his age. A Butte district judge ruled against the man's challenge, but he won the appeal. "It was an archaic and foolish law," Rick Sherwood, the man's attorney, said after the Supreme Court ruling. The other proposal before council would repeal an entire section that prohibits outside employment. It says it is "in the interest of the public health, safety, welfare and morals" of the department that members "be solely engaged in and devote their exclusive time and service to such department." "It shall be unlawful for any active member of the paid fire department to be otherwise or engaged for profit in a regular and usual course of employment, occupation or livelihood," it says. Miller said it has never been enforced. "I really don't know what the history is behind it and I have no idea why they put it in there but we have never used it," Miller said. "It has never been enforced." Lots of firefighters have part-time jobs on their days off, he said, and it has never been a problem. "We've had guys come in for fires and it's never been an issue, even on holidays, when you need them," Miller said. He tells all new hires "this is your primary job," he said, and they all know that. The changes are expected to clear the council's Judiciary Committee this Wednesday, which would make them eligible for final passage March 18.

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Butte Archives Honors Firefighting History

<http://www.kxlf.com/story/28284188/butte-archives-honors-firefighting-history>



BUTTE - The Butte Archives is hosting an exhibit that honors Butte's firefighting history. The exhibit features many items and relics from the Butte Fire Department's past on display in the lobby of the Public Archives building on West Quartz Street, as well as historic photographs of some of Butte's infamous past fires. Organizers of the exhibit say the archives building is an appropriate place for the exhibit, because the building was the location of Butte's first fire department.

"There's firemen's equipment, there's firemen's stories, there's great photographs. It's just a fabulous display and anybody that remembers the fire season of the 70's will really appreciate this exhibit," said Archivist Irene Scheidecker.

The free exhibit will remain on display throughout March.

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Two Rescues In Two Days Keep Gallatin County Search & Rescue Busy

<http://www.kbzk.com/story/28314416/two-rescues-in-two-days-keep-search-rescue-busy>

Gallatin County Search and Rescue were busy with two rescues in two days.

Today, a 22-year-old female college student from Missouri suffered an ankle injury while cross-country skiing 1.5 miles south of West Yellowstone.

At approximately 2 p.m., Sheriff's Search and Rescue in West Yellowstone received a cell phone call from skiers indicating that the woman had fallen and possibly suffered a broken ankle.

Deputies responded to the injured skier's location on the Rendezvous Ski Trail system and promptly escorted her via snowmobile, to the Hebgen Basin Fire Department for a preliminary evaluation.

Rescuers were also kept busy on Sunday, when a call came in around 6:10 p.m. of a 47-year-old Bozeman man needing assistance on a closed forest service road in the Hyalite Canyon area.

The man had been hiking from the South Cottonwood Trailhead into the Hyalite area when he

ran into difficult snow conditions. He found himself having to “post hole” every step to walk through the snow. He became extremely fatigued, nearly ran out of water, and was quickly becoming hypothermic. Oncoming darkness was also a factor.

The man had an emergency beacon that he activated to summon help, he was able to communicate with the emergency beacon company via text message, who then relayed the information to rescue personnel.

Rescuers from Sheriff's Search and Rescue responded to the Langohr Trailhead in Hyalite Canyon. Using snowmobiles they quickly located him with the help of the accurate coordinates given by his emergency beacon. He was treated for being extremely cold, packaged in a specialized rescue sled, and transported to the trailhead.

Sheriff Gootkin would like to point out that this is a good example of not waiting too long to make a call for help.

“It is much better for the rescue volunteers to come get you in the daylight than to wait until you are in serious trouble at midnight,” he said.

“It may be your ego that gets bruised but it saves your mom and our rescuers unneeded worry and work,” Gootkin.

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Seeley Lake Firefighter Shawn Ellinghouse Truck Stolen!

<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10204782954204938&set=o.70644859198&type=1>



Let's help Shawn Ellinghouse find his truck! It was stolen while he was at the Scott Firefighter Stairclimb! It had all his fire gear and personal belongings. Shawn is a firefighter with Seeley Lake. If you see his vehicle, please call 406-677-4144! Montana fire plates AJT 754.

Let's get this out to as many people as we can!

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Pa. Firefighter Dies of Injuries Sustained in Collapse

<http://www.firehouse.com/news/12052198/pa-firefighter-dies-of-injuries-sustained-in-blaze>



Jeff Buck

Photo credit: Courtesy photo

Six days after being trapped in a house blaze, a teenage firefighter has died of his injuries. Jeff Buck, 18, a member of Lawrence Township Fire Company and a senior at Clearfield Area High School, died Monday.

"The Clearfield County Department of Emergency Services along with the Lawrence Township Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 regrets to announce the passing of Firefighter Jeffery Scott Buck. Firefighter Buck was critically injured while fighting a structure fire Tuesday, March 3 and has passed away from his injuries. The Clearfield County Department of Emergency Services extends its most sincere condolences to family, friends and brother firemen," read a statement.

Buck was transported to UPMC Altoona. Hospital representatives could not comment on Buck's death.

The community and the fellowship of first responders rallied around the young man and his family for a week. In Philipsburg, a Boots for Buck drive on Saturday netted more than

\$9,000 on Saturday. On Sunday, Rescue Hose and Ladder in Curwensville pulled in more than \$3,500 with a breakfast buffet. A GoFundMe page set up for him raised \$4,415.

Buck's loss is hitting his fellow firefighters hard.

"For now, we all need a little privacy," said Lawrence Township company spokesman Jeremy Ruffner.

They are not the only emergency personnel feeling the pain.

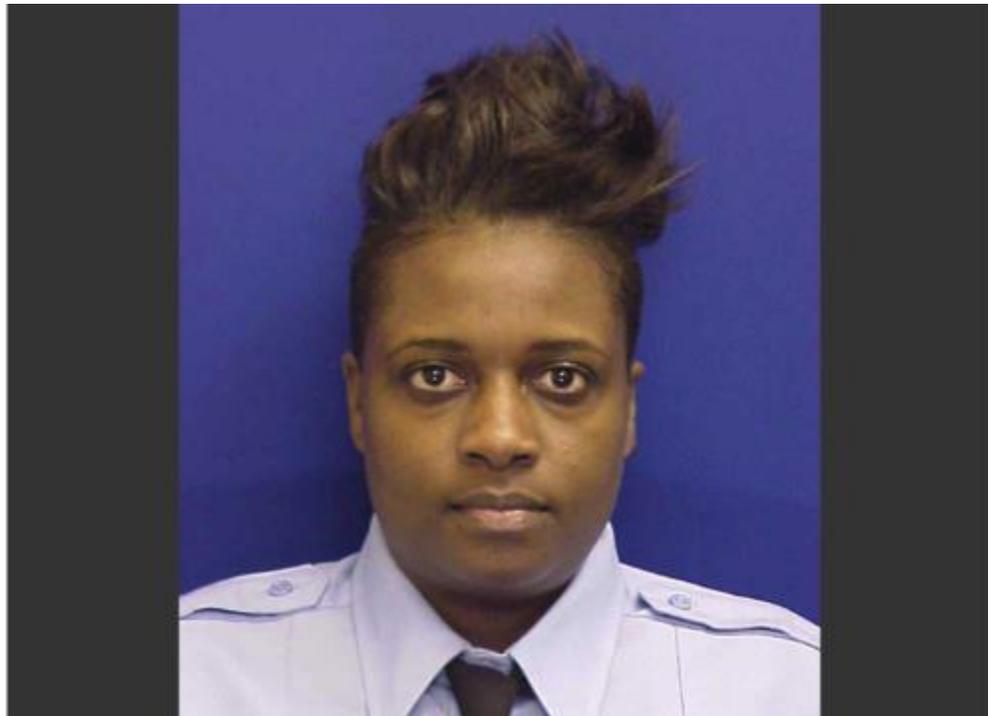
"He will be missed by many. Rest in Peace brother, we got it from here," Reliance stated on its Facebook page.

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Multitude of Errors Uncovered in Philly LODD Probe

<http://www.firehouse.com/news/12052253/multitude-of-errors-uncovered-in-philly-lodd-probe>



Philadelphia Firefighter Joyce Craig Lewis.

Photo credit: Philadelphia Fire Department

A Philadelphia Fire Department investigation found delayed responses, tactical errors, and communication failures at the scene of the December blaze that killed Firefighter Joyce Craig, according to internal documents obtained by The Inquirer.

The report reinforces accounts from firefighters that indicate critical time passed before commanders realized that Craig was unaccounted for and in grave danger.

As other firefighters have said, Craig was pulled from the house 17 minutes after her first Mayday alarm sounded, when firefighters found her by chance.

"The circumstances surrounding this incident have identified real training deficiencies within the Philadelphia Fire Department," Deputy Fire Chief Richard Davison, who was assigned by the department to review the fire, wrote in the critique.

He added that such deficiencies are not new for the department.

The report found that too often, the training firefighters receive ends once they leave the academy, and those basic skills are not reinforced until after "a negative outcome" like Craig's death on Dec. 9 in a West Oak Lane basement fire. It stressed the need for a "renewed emphasis on training and basic firefighting skills and procedures."

In the report, Davison does not name any individual officers or firefighters besides Craig. He does not recommend any punishment, saying the report is not about "assigning blame." Firefighters union president Joe Schulle said that while he was encouraged by the report's recommendations for further training - something that the union has been requesting for years - he felt the report lacks the detail necessary to provide a thorough accounting of the fire.

"It didn't give a sense of what it was like on the fire ground that night," he said. "It's talking very broad terms. All the questions remain unanswered."

Those questions, he said, include how the fire grew out of control, how Craig was lost, when it became known she was missing, and how long it took to muster a concerted effort to retrieve her.

It is unclear when Davison's report was completed, or if the department had planned to release it publicly. Fire Commissioner Derrick Sawyer did not respond to requests for comment Monday.

Officials have yet to publicly provide an explanation of Craig's death, and have repeatedly declined to give details on their investigation, which they say is continuing. The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, the Philadelphia Fire Marshal's Office, and the Medical Examiner's Office are also investigating the deadly fire.

Craig was the first female firefighter to die in the line of duty. She was working an overtime shift with Engine 73 - not her usual posting - when the alarm rang for a fire on the 1600 block of Middleton Street. She was one of the first inside the house as part of a three-member attack team working a hose line.

At first, the firefighters saw only light smoke, but then a basement door was opened and flames shot up.

In an interview last week, Craig's coworker Nyree Bright described a chaotic and confusing fire scene in which Craig's Mayday alarm went unheeded, and those who could have rescued her were not told she was missing.

The findings of the report similarly indicate confusion on Middleton Street. After the fire suddenly shot up from the basement into the upper floors, the incident commander told Davison that assignments for his firefighters had to be improvised.

The report also noted some confusion inside the house - there were problems with the deployment of the hose, the basement door was not shut when it should have been, and there was poor communication with the incident commander outside.

In the interview, Bright said she left the house after her mask malfunctioned. Her lieutenant, disoriented by the sudden smoke and flames, also left. Craig was still inside.

And although her Mayday alert was sounding, Bright and other sources have said, no one sent in a rescue team.

The report was vague about who knew Craig was missing and when. But it stresses the need for a new system for keeping track of firefighters.

"It has been repeatedly documented that not knowing who is actively operating on the fire ground, what they are doing, and where they are doing it is contributing to firefighter deaths," Davison wrote. That, he wrote, is the primary responsibility of the incident commander.

The incident commander told Davison that there was difficulty coordinating both rescue efforts and "fire suppression operations."

The second-in-command, who was directing firefighters on the other side of the house, said he did not know where Craig was or whether she had been rescued, and added there was a "lack of fire-ground communications."

The next company sent in after Craig's told Davison they had been ordered to fight the fire and search for Engine 73's dropped hose.

Department sources have told The Inquirer that these firefighters and other responding companies were not informed Craig was missing.

The report said the department needs to retrain its battalion chiefs and officers in how to respond to a Mayday call.

"Mayday training is a matter of life or death," Davison wrote. "Once a Mayday is transmitted, the officer must be aware of the many things that must take place."

According to the report and department sources, problems with the Middleton Street fire began as it was dispatched.

A nearby ladder company responding to a medical call asked to be detoured to the fire and a dispatcher said no, sources said. And the ladder company assigned to replace it got lost on its way to Middleton Street, taking 17 minutes to arrive.

Ladder companies are charged with rescue operations and ventilation, which is crucial to clear homes of smoke and help engine companies putting water on the fire navigate the building. The ladder companies' delays meant that not enough firefighters were available to properly ventilate the house, leading to quickly worsening fire conditions and preventing a coordinated rescue effort.

Davison wrote that such tactical confusion spoke to larger problems in the department.

"We seem to have lost focus that coordinated operations of ventilation and extinguishment are the key components to a successful fire-ground operation," he wrote. He added that the department's approach to ventilation is outdated and recommended retraining.

In addition, he said, all firefighters need to receive regular training on how to fight basement fires - and, beyond that, "back-to-basics training."

He wrote that he hopes the department's "upper management" will act quickly upon the "lessons learned."

"The lessons are not new," he said, "but are serious enough to highlight to prevent similar future tragedies."

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Off-duty Conn. FF Helps Blast Victim

<http://www.firehouse.com/news/11874272/off-duty-conn-ff-helps-blast-victim>

An off-duty Stamford firefighter helped rescue a resident Monday after an explosion tore through the man's garage and set the house on fire around noon.

Rocco Terenzio was on his day off and working across the street from 30 Northridge Road on a home-improvement job. He said the man, Henry Calam, apparently was working with a grinder, and it appeared a spark set off fumes in the garage.

"The explosion shook me, then I saw a ball of flame coming out," Terenzio, a professional Stamford firefighter, said. "It was some kind of explosion. I ran up to the garage and yelled to the neighbors to call 911, I didn't have my phone with me."

Terenzio began searching for the man and found him dazed and inside his home. He had left the garage, which is attached to the residence.

"I kind of walked him out to the street, and the ambulance got here in two minutes," Terenzio said. Calam was later taken to Stamford Hospital with what were described as minor injuries and cuts.

The blaze in the garage quickly spread.

"There were fireworks shooting out of the garage. It was a zoo," Terenzio said. "Wild day. I guess it was a good thing I was here."

Later in the day, Calam, who is renting the home temporarily from owner Dr. Antonios Katsigiannis, inspected the damage.

"I'm thrilled to be alive. But I feel horrible about what happened," he said. Calam said he was unsure how the fire started.

Assistant Fire Chief Robert Kick said the fire moved quickly but was under control shortly after trucks got there.

"The responding firefighters were able to extinguish the fire fairly quickly considering the amount of fire on arrival," he said.

One firefighter was treated for minor smoke inhalation and released on scene.

Kick said the garage was destroyed, and there was "significant damage" to the home. About 30 to 35 firefighters responded.

Kick said the investigation into the cause of the fire was ongoing, and he could not release information on its origin.

The fire caused concern and anxiety in the quiet neighborhood, as the house has been visited before by officials and fire personnel. Police Lt. Kraig Gray said authorities were sent to the home about a month ago to investigate an unsafe condition, but no official action was taken.

Neighbors said the incident in January also involved some kind of explosion.

"It's very upsetting. It's happened before," said Maria Avitabile, a Stamford woman visiting family in the neighborhood. "It's a quiet neighborhood."

State Rep. Fred Camillo, R-Greenwich, was home at the time of the fire.

"I heard a boom, then saw an EMS truck going by, and then I saw smoke -- thick, black smoke," he said.

He said there appeared to be a pattern of unsafe activity at the home.

"If this is an ongoing thing, the town should look into it," he said, "I'm concerned for the people living in the neighborhood."

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French Olympians Among 10 Dead in Chopper Crash in Argentina

<http://www.firehouse.com/news/11874323/french-olympians-among-10-dead-in-chopper-crash-in-argentina>



PARIS (AP) — Much of France was in mourning and looking for answers on Tuesday over the crash of two helicopters in a remote part of Argentina that killed 10 people, three of them French sports stars taking part in a glitzy new reality TV show.

Olympic champion swimmer Camille Muffat, Olympic boxer and bronze-medalist Alexis Vastine, and pioneering sailor Florence Arthaud died in Monday's crash. They had been among the contestants in the reality TV show "Dropped."

The helicopters apparently collided in the air near Villa Castelli, about 730 miles (1,170 kilometers) northwest of Buenos Aires, La Rioja regional Secretary of Security Cesar Angulo told TN television. All 10 people on board — eight French nationals and two Argentine pilots — were killed.

Photographs and mobile-phone footage showed the burning wreckage of the helicopters in dry scrubland of a sparsely populated area along the Andes mountain range that separates Argentina and Chile.

The crash was believed to be one the deadliest incidents yet related to reality TV shows, a sub-genre of which involves taking celebrities and others to far-flung places to face challenges against the natural elements, both physical and mental.

French Prime Minister Manuel Valls said France's foreign ministry is in contact with authorities in Argentina to determine what caused the crash. President Francois Hollande expressed the "immense sadness" about those who died.

The Paris prosecutor's office opened an investigation for possible involuntary manslaughter, which is to be conducted by a research unit of the French air transport police, a French police official said.

The deaths were likely to place new attention on risks involved with such shows. Two years ago, TF1 — France's leading private-sector network, which aired the program — canceled the season of the "Survivor"-like show "Koh Lanta" after a 25-year-old participant died of a heart attack on the first day of filming in Cambodia.

Show producer Adventure Line Productions was behind both programs. In a statement, the company said its staffers were "devastated" and "share the deep pain of the families and loved ones."

Nonce Paolini, CEO of TF1, said: "We don't know the circumstances but what I can tell you is that, obviously, such a program was made to bring happiness to all, and I think that both the technicians and the champions were happy to do this show."

"A tragic accident has unfortunately created a terrible shock for all of us."

Angulo, the security secretary, said one of the helicopters belonged to La Rioja province and the other to neighboring Santiago del Estero province.

"The helicopter from La Rioja was a Eurocopter with a capacity to hold six people. It appears to have brushed against the other helicopter from Santiago del Estero shortly after takeoff," the statement from the provincial government said.

The crew had arrived Sunday in Villa Castelli, where it had previously filmed a version of "Dropped" for Switzerland and Denmark, said Mayor Andres Navarrete. The remaining victims were identified as Laurent Sbasnik, Lucie Mei-Dalby, Volodia Guinard, Brice Guilbert and Edouard Gilles, as well as pilots Juan Carlos Castillo and Roberto Abate.

The production company declined immediate comment about their roles in the show.

French Secretary of State for Sport Thierry Braillard said on the BFM TV channel that "French sport has lost three stars this morning."

Vastine, 28, won a bronze medal at the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing and lost in the quarterfinals four years later in London amid a sporting controversy that led him to break down in tears. He had reportedly vowed to win gold at the 2016 games in Rio.

Muffat, 25, won gold in the 400-meter freestyle in London, plus a silver medal in the 200-meter freestyle and a bronze in the 4 by 200-meter freestyle relay. She had since retired from swimming to focus on her personal life.

But perhaps the best known was Arthaud, 57, a pioneer in sailing. In 1990, she became the first woman to win the famed Route du Rhum race, a trans-Atlantic single-handed yacht race between Brittany and the Caribbean island of Guadeloupe.

Other "Dropped" contestants on hand included former France and Arsenal striker Sylvain Wiltord, ice skating champion Philippe Caneloro, former Olympic swimming champion Alain Bernard and veteran cyclist Jeannie Longo. None of them was involved in the accident.

"I am sad for my friends, I'm trembling, I'm horrified, I don't have words. I can't say anything," Wiltord tweeted.

Caneloro, speaking on RTL radio, said the other contestants were at their hotel Tuesday awaiting arrival of French consular officials.

Reality TV shows can appeal to former adrenaline-powered star athletes who remain often famous and beloved long after their careers are over, and are looking for new challenges or fun.

William Forgues, Muffat's companion, told i-Tele cable news channel that she was instructed not to reveal details about the show filming, but "told everybody that it was great. She was not forced (to do things). She was where she wanted to be."

"C'est la vie," he added.

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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 - 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

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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

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Advanced Critical Incident Stress Management

Location: Choteau
When: March 30-31
Register/Contact: Carol Staben-Burroughs carent@montana.net

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2015 FSTS Staff and Command Coming in April

MSU Fire Services Training School will be presenting the Staff and Command seminar Saturday, April 18st through Sunday, April 19nd at the Hampton Inn, 2301 14th St SW, Great Falls Montana. Class will begin at 8:30 a.m. Saturday morning.

This seminar is intended to assist chief fire officers, trustees, fire service area board members and administrative officials with the leadership and management of effective fire service organizations. This seminar will provide current or newly appointed chief officers, trustees, fire service area board members, administrative officers, and city/county commissioners' exposure to the fire protection challenges they face and the range of skills required for success. Participants' interest and needs will determine the content of the presentations which are informal and highly interactive.

Tuition is \$129.00 for members of a public Montana Fire Department and \$200.00 Private for private or out-of-state individuals. This includes 2 lunches, 1 dinner and handout materials.

To register please contact:

Jon Marshall at jonathan.marshall@montana.edu (406) 771-4338

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

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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

*Register online at <http://www.montana.edu/wwwfire/register.php> or email jonathan.marshall@montana.edu

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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

*Register online at <http://www.montana.edu/wwwfire/register.php> or email jonathan.marshall@montana.edu

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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 28th at the Branch Holiday Inn 315 Yellowstone Ave., West Yellowstone starting at 18:30.

Please RSVP with number attending to sgrube@hbrfd.com or 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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