

2010 Fire Service Happenings!

7th Annual Blaine House Conference for First Responders

March 26th & 27th, Lookout Pt, Northport ME

Central Maine Fire Attack School

April 17th & 18th, Oakland ME

NFA Maine State Weekend

April 24th & 25th, Emmitsburg, MD

Emergency Preparedness Conference

April 29th & 30th, Augusta Civic Center

Cumberland County Fire Attack School

May 1st & 2nd, Gorham ME

Western Maine Fire Attack School

May 15th & 16th, Bethel ME

**7th Annual Maine Fire Protection Services Commission
Blaine House Conference for First Responders**

Friday & Saturday March 26th & 27th, 2010

Lookout Point, Northport Maine

Friday 9am – 1pm
Chief John J Salka Jr, FDNY
Five Alarm Leadership

<http://www.fivealarmleadership.com/>

Saturday 9am – 1pm
Dr Howard Cross
Leadership: The Seductive Lie

<http://www.howardcross.com/>

Prepare now to lead in the coming decade. Join the members of the Fire Commission for Maine's 7th Annual Blaine House Conference for First Responders. This promises to be Maine's premier fire services leadership event for 2010. Two full days of vendors, presentations, workshops, and fire responder networking.

Blaine House Conference Highlights also include:

Best Practices Awards

Fire Commission Meeting & Roundtable Discussions

Additional information will be available at our Feb 2nd Legislative Breakfast!

Coming to a fire or rescue department near you!

"Y2Thirteen" Narrowbanding read about this

FCC Mandate for public safety radios at:

<http://www.maine.gov/oit/> (Jan 5th 2010)



A standardized 40 hour training program for all full-time emergency dispatchers hired as of January 1st, 2008 has been implemented. The first class was held in mid-December at the Criminal Justice Academy in Vassalboro and several more are planned for 2010. The week long program, designed by the National Academy of Dispatch, provides state-wide and consistent training on basic dispatch skills. These include telecommunication rules, telephone and radio communication, incident formation gathering, and dispatcher responsibilities. All dispatchers are eligible and are encouraged to complete the program. For additional information visit Maine's E911 Emergency Services Communication Bureau at: <http://www.maine911.com/index.shtml>

It's all about - Recruitment & Retention

Maine's Length of Service Award Program LOSAP

Visit the Fire Commission's interactive LOSAP page at:

<http://www.maine.gov/dps/fmo/commission/LOSAP091.HTM>



LOSAP's are annuity based saving programs for volunteer and on-call emergency services personnel.

New from the Maine Fire Chiefs Association

Website at <http://www.mainechief.com/>

International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC)

national legislative items for review

[FIRE and SAFER Reauthorization Bill](#)

[HSAs for Volunteers](#)

[Volunteers and W-2 Reporting](#)

[Volunteer and EMS Jobs Protection Act](#)

[Rural and Volunteer Assistance Programs](#)

[VCOS Legislative Focus Fact Sheet](#)

**De-appropriations & Cash Sweeps to the
Maine Fire Marshal's Dedicated Accounts**

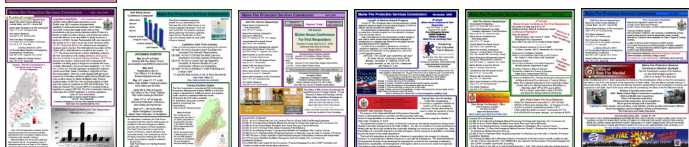
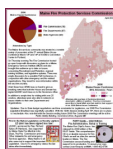
**What does this mean for the future
of Maine's fire service community?**

Over the past 5 fiscal years the Maine State Fire Marshal's Office (SFMO) has had over **\$4,000,000 removed from their dedicated revenue fund accounts**. SMFO dedicated funds are generated by Maine citizens and business who pay fire premium fees and taxes. **These revenues are paid by law to accounts dedicated to fund and support SMFO activities**. Fire prevention, fire cause determination, research activities, documentation for arson convictions, and fire services training are just a few of the valuable services lost when dedicated revenues are misappropriated. We need to work to reverse the ability of the Legislature to divert SFMO dedicated revenues. Dedicated funds ensure that our State Fire Marshal's Office has the resources to **"Fight fire with Facts"** for Maine citizens and businesses.

The Maine Fire Protection Services Newsletter is going on its third year of publication.

Previous copies are available at:

<http://www.maine.gov/dps/fmo/commission>





To:

From:

Monthly Fire Commission meetings:
Tuesday, Feb 2nd, 1pm, State House, Augusta
(same day as the Fire Commission's Legislative Breakfast)
Thursday Evening: March 25th Lookout Pt, Northport ME
In conjunction with the 7th Annual Blaine House Conference

*State of Maine
Juvenile Fire Safety & Intervention
Protocol*



*Office of State Fire Marshal
Department of Public Safety*

**Maine's
JUVENILE FIRESETTER PROGRAM
GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

- To educate the public regarding the dangers of children & fire.
- To provide fire safety/science/prevention education to families participating in the program.
- To see that needed psychological services are provided to individuals and families in the program.
- To develop and maintain a network of inter-agency cooperation, jointly addressing the problem and relieving the risk associated with juvenile firesetting behavior.



For more information
visit the home page for Maine's
Juvenile Fire Setter Program at:
<http://www.mainejfs.com>