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NEWSLETTER

Burn Camp Report

Shining the
Light of Friendship
for 25 years



2019 Accomplishments

29th Annual Fire Safety Recognition Luncheon Awards

22nd Annual Fire Safety Newspapers in Education





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Thank you!

The Professional Fire Fighters of Wisconsin Charitable Foundation continues to lead Wisconsin forward by providing education, reducing risk, and supporting burn survivors, fire fighters, and communities. I am proud of the difference we make in the lives of many and look forward to making a greater impact in 2020. Of course, nothing is possible without incredible supporters, programming, and a team that gets the work done.

As we experience growth and continue to make an ever-greater impact in communities throughout our state, I assure you our priorities have not and will not change. The people we serve will always come first, our supporters will always be appreciated, and we will always work tirelessly to make a difference by delivering high-quality burn survivor support, fire prevention and safety, fire fighter support, and community support programming.

Our team works hard to accomplish an incredible volume of work every day. Through the hard work and dedication of our incredible team comprised of our Executive Director, Michael Wos; Program Coordinator, Eric Salzwedel; Interns Arel Estrada and Aine King; Board of Directors; committees; and volunteers we continue to make a difference and change lives.

On behalf of myself, our board of directors, staff, and everyone at PFFWCF. Thank you for all your support, be safe, and have a happy new year!

Sincerely,

Mahlon Mitchell, Chairman

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT



The Heart of Every Community

The work of the Professional Fire Fighters of Wisconsin Charitable Foundation (PFFWCF) is at the heart of every community across Wisconsin. We're champions of safety, education and support for the people we serve. We're Wisconsin's sons, daughters, brothers, sisters, friends and neighbors.

Where there is an event to honor a fallen fire fighter or raise funds for the family left behind, you'll find us. Where there is a burn survivor trying to navigate life beyond their injuries, you'll find us. Where there is a group of kids eager to learn how they can help keep their family and their home safe, we'll be there.

We're proud leaders of a coalition of champions across the state – including partner organizations, industry professionals and the public – who work every day to support our fire fighters, burn survivors and communities healthy, safe and strong.

The PFFWCF works to build strong and safe communities all across Wisconsin. The work of the Fire Fighters Foundation focuses on fire safety education and risk mitigation, as well as supporting fire fighters, burn survivors and communities.

Our accomplishments this year have made an impact in the lives of many and as we look towards 2020, we are excited to make an even greater difference in the lives of the people we serve.

However, we need your support. None of what we do is possible without incredible people to both run and support our programming. Please think of us for your year-end giving and join us in being a champion of fire fighters, burn survivors and safe communities.

Many Thanks,

Michael J. Wos, Executive Director
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2019 Accomplishments

PROGRAMMING

Achieved overall goal of increasing participation, engagement, and support by 25%.

Over the next year we will continue to improve and refine programming plan.

COMMUNICATIONS

Working to increase communications and update message strategy.

Communication and Message Strategy Goals

To make the work of PFFWCF more broadly accessible to a general audience while still delivering complete information about the organization and its programs

To bring an element of warmth and fun; more of an emotional/human appeal

To replace and/or avoid confusing acronyms and wordiness

To establish and build on a stronger and more compelling leadership position for PFFWCF

To establish a framework from which concise, consistent and compelling messages flow

To increase impact and engagement among target audiences

To make meaningful introduction to new audiences

FUND DEVELOPMENT

Increased communications and engagement with donors and supporters throughout the year.

DATA

Working to better track fire-related deaths, injuries, and property loss in Wisconsin.

Fire Related Deaths

At the time of this publication there have been 46 fire deaths reported in the media compared to 34 during the same time last year.

PRACTICE FIRE SAFETY

PROGRAM REPORT

Highlights of 2019 Programming Accomplishments

BURN SURVIVOR SUPPORT PROGRAM

"Supporting Burn Survivors of all ages and in all stages of recovery"

- Announced \$100,000 pledge to support the new UW Burn Center at University Hospital in Madison over the next 5 years.
- Planned 2020 Burn Ball to be held 2/1/2020 to support our pledge.
- Held Winter Leadership Retreat for Young Adult Burn Survivors.
- Held 25th Annual Summer Camp for Burn Injured Youth or "Burn Camp".
- Provided grants, assistance, and scholarships to send burn survivors and staff to attend World Burn Congress in Anaheim, California, the American Burn Association conference in Las Vegas, and much more!

FIRE PREVENTION PROGRAM

"Preventing fires and burns through education and risk mitigation"

- Produced 22nd Annual Fire Safety Newspaper and distributed 550,000 copies statewide.
- Wisconsin Fire Sprinkler Coalition - Continued our work to identify and overcome barriers to the acceptance of fire sprinklers. Conducted side-by-side fire sprinkler demonstrations at events such as: Metropolitan Home Builders Association; Madison Bratfest; Professional Firefighters of Oshkosh Local 316 Fire Ops 101, and more.
- Held 29th Annual Fire Safety Recognition Luncheon.

FIRE FIGHTER SUPPORT PROGRAM

When those who protect and serve are in need, the Fire Fighters Foundation will be there. Fire fighters work in the heart of every community every day to keep those they serve safe. When Wisconsin's fire fighters are facing physical or mental health issues, personal tragedy or loss, or other challenges, it is our duty – and our honor – to help our brothers, sisters, families and communities in need. Fire fighter support programs include, but are not limited to: Disaster Assistance, Wisconsin State Fire Fighter's Memorial Support and Professional Fire Fighters of Wisconsin Honor Guard support.

- Provided over \$85,000 in assistance to fire fighters and their families this year so far.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT PROGRAM

Continuing our work to reduce risk and enhance the work fire fighters do in their communities both on and off duty.

Making an Impact Across Wisconsin



The Professional Fire Fighters of Wisconsin Charitable Foundation (PFFWCF) is working to create a fire-safe and burn-free Wisconsin through education, risk mitigation, and support of Burn Survivors, Fire Fighters, and Communities across Wisconsin. We accomplish our work through four areas of programming: Burn Survivor Support; Fire Prevention and Safety; Fire Fighter Support; and Community Support.

We support Burn Survivors of all ages and in all stages of recovery. Whether it is providing burn prevention, awareness, and advocacy; supporting burn care in Wisconsin; supporting burn survivors through grants and scholarships; or through aftercare and support programming –like our Winter Leadership Retreat for Adult Burn Survivors, Summer Picnic, and Summer Camp for Burn Injured Youth that includes an Explorers camp for burn injured youth under the age of 7, Youth Camp (ages 7-12), Teen Camp (13-17) and Young Adult Leadership Program (YALP) for ages 18-21, we are there to support burn survivors. We continue our efforts towards a fire-safe and burn-free Wisconsin through our Fire Prevention and Safety Programming. Over 550,000 copies of our Fire Safety Newspapers in Education were distributed this fall across Wisconsin. Thank you to the schools, communities, and fire departments for utilizing this life saving program.

Through the Wisconsin Fire Sprinkler Coalition (WFSC) we are overcoming the barriers to fire sprinklers. The Wisconsin Smoke Alarm and Fire Education (WisSAFE) Coalition continues to educate communities and provide free smoke alarms to fire departments through a partnership with the American Red Cross. However, we can't do this alone. We know we can make a greater impact by those who utilize and practice Fire Safety in their community and at home. With that, we had our 29th Annual Fire Safety Recognition Luncheon this fall to recognize those who are making that impact in their community.

We support fire fighters so they can better protect and serve their communities each day. Whether career or volunteer, we are there to support them in their time of need. We provide disaster assistance; work to improve fire fighter health, safety, and wellness; and honor the traditions of the job and those who made the ultimate sacrifice by assisting the Wisconsin State Firefighters Memorial and the Professional Fire Fighters of Wisconsin State Honor Guard.

We also support communities by reducing risk and enhancing the work fire fighters do both on and off duty. Thank you to those of you who continue to support our programs. It is because of people like you that add the fuel to our mission and vision. And it is because of you that we can continue to better serve Burn Survivors, Fire Fighters and Communities across Wisconsin.

Yours in Fire Safety,



Eric Salzwedel, Program Coordinator
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PROGRAMMING HIGHLIGHTS



The Young Adult Leadership Program (YALP) had another amazing year for 2019

YALP members started each day with physical activities including a BodyPump body weight circuit training instructed by Gina Euler and a Self Defense Class by Jeff Ponasik of 5 Element Fusion. Sherri Kayaks offered an instructional Paddle Boarding experience to promote new ways to incorporate healthy active lifestyles. This year's focus was to develop decision making, time management, team building, and interpersonal skills. These were explored with Jenny Crawford an HR specialist through a Budget Egg Drop experiment.

YALP members visited with the residents at Heritage Senior Living Center engaging with hand games, laughter yoga, and finger-painting projects. Walworth Co. provided QPR Suicide Prevention Training and guest speaker Sam The No Handed Bandit shared his story and helped debrief discussions regarding tough topics. YALP members attended a therapeutic riding workshop at SMILES INC working to improve communication skills, build self-esteem, and confidence in their outdoor horseback riding arena. Interactions with the youth campers included meal time conversation, movie night commadore, night watch, and low ropes course to help build leadership and maturity skills.

It's great to see the increasing numbers of returning YALPers and new members each year. Thank you for all the continued support to make this young adult burn survivor program happen, as it's critical for young adults to continue to have great support. I'm looking forward to seeing what YALP 2020 brings.

Cali Perterleus

2019 YALP Co-Director



Advocacy

9/24/2019 Executive Director Michael Wos and other fire service leaders testified before the State of Wisconsin Senate Committee on Government Operations, Technology, and Consumer protection in support of Senate Bill 195 relating to the display and sale of novelty lighters. The law would restrict novelty lighters from being displayed out front in retail spaces and would also prevent minors from buying them.



Wisconsin Fire Sprinkler Coalition

Side-by-side fire sprinkler demonstration at Oshkosh Firefighters Local 316 – Fire Ops 101

Executive Director (and Oshkosh Fire Fighter / Paramedic) Michael Wos, shows decision makers and legislators the power of fire and the benefits of fire sprinklers firsthand at Local 316's Fire-Ops 101 event on 9/14/2019. Pictured left to right is Bill Wymann, President and CEO of the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation; State Representative Gordon Hintz from the 54th Assembly District; Amy Resop, Legislative Liaison to US Senator Ron Johnson; and Executive Director Mike Wos.



World Burn Congress

My experience attending the Phoenix World Burn Congress was one I will never forget. I often feel alone and misunderstood because of the scars I have-and have been going through multiple surgeries recently which have left me struggling more than usual prior to my trip. From the moment I stepped off the plane I was anything but alone. I was greeted with hug after hug and smile after smile. I met the bravest, most beautiful people I've ever had the pleasure of knowing. I made friendships that I know will last much longer than the pain these scars caused will.

I also was lucky enough to attend a session discussing hidden scars which is something I struggle with on a daily basis as a burn survivor. This session helped me realize that my scars aren't small nor are they insignificant.

The best part of my trip was really just being in the presence of 1000 of the most beautiful people in the world! I came home a different person with a new outlook on the world as well as a new found confidence in myself and my scars! I strongly advise any survivor to attend this Conference. I want to thank the PFFWCF and the donors for making my trip possible!

Hope Henkel
Burn Survivor

FIRE PREVENTION PROGRAMMING



Fire Sprinkler Saves

Fire Sprinklers Extinguish Deep Fryer Fire at Smith Bros. Coffee House

Oil in a deep fryer caught fire Monday morning at the Smith Bros. Coffee House in downtown Port Washington, activating fire sprinklers in the eatery. The coffee house is attached to a Duluth Trading Co. clothing store.

The Port Washington Fire Department responded in the early morning of October 21st. Upon arrival, fire crews saw that fire sprinklers extinguished the fire. Crews shut off the water to the sprinkler system and mopped up the water. Both businesses reopened later that week. No injuries were reported.

A fire sprinkler contained a fire at an assisted living home on S. Brookline Drive in the City of Madison on October 14 shortly after 3 p.m. The sprinkler allowed on-site staff to deploy a fire extinguisher and put the fire out. When City of Madison Fire Department Ladder Company 2 arrived on scene, firefighters determined that the fire was caused by an older, recalled dehumidifier that malfunctioned. There were no injuries.
Source: City of Madison Fire Department

A single fire sprinkler kept a fire from spreading at the recently opened Sports Bar & Grille in Fond du Lac early in the morning on Monday, August 25. A fire in a bucket caused by rags that spontaneously combusted activated a fire sprinkler.

Report Fire Sprinkler Saves at www.sprinklersaves.com



NEVER PLUG A HEATER INTO A POWER STRIP

You may have seen this circulating around Social Media, but we wanted to ensure you stay safe this winter. The weather is getting colder, and people are pulling out their space heaters. We just wanted to remind you that you should NEVER plug a heater into a power strip. These units are not designed to handle the high current flow needed for a space heater and can overheat or even catch fire due to the added energy flow.

The Electrical Safety Foundation International says heating equipment is the second leading cause of home fires in the U.S. with more than 65,000 fires being attributed to them each year. The ESFI reports the fire result in hundreds of deaths, thousands of injuries and millions of dollars in property damage.

FIRE PREVENTION PROGRAMMING

29th Annual Fire Safety Recognition Luncheon



Burn Camp Director - Melissa Kersten and Burn Camp Staff of the year recipient - Melita Gress



Joe Vorce Career Safety Award recipient, Michael Romas and PFFWCF Executive Director, Michael Wos.



Pictured Left to Right: PFFWCF Executive Director - Michael Wos, NFSA Wisconsin State Coordinator - Marty King, Dan Gengler Fire Sprinkler Advocacy Award Recipient - City of Madison Fire Inspector - Ed Ruckriegel, and former Wisconsin Regional NFSA manager - Dan Gengler



PFFWCF Support Award Recipients Laurie Laz and Jim Hirsch of Paul Davis Restoration of South Central Wisconsin

Congratulations to our Award Winners

We appreciate everyone who attended our 29th Annual Fire Safety Recognition Luncheon held on Monday October 14th at DOC's Commerce Smokehouse presented by Wisconsin Chapter - National Fire Sprinkler Association! Thank you to our Emcee Brian Niznansky and our special guest speaker Samoana Matagi aka The No-Handed Bandit.

Congrats to our Award Winners!

Thank you all for your support of our programs and helping our efforts of creating a Fire-Safe and Burn-Free Wisconsin!

Dan Gengler Fire Sprinkler Advocacy Award
City of Madison Fire Department

PFFWCF Corporate Responsibility Award
Old Style Beer

PFFWCF Support Award
Laurie Laz and Jim Hirsch of Paul Davis Restoration of South Central Wisconsin

Joe Vorce Career Safety Award
Michael Romas

Larry Ceretto Fire Safety Education Award
Green Bay Metro Fire Department

Summer Camp For Burn Injured Youth Staff of the Year Awards
Melita Gress & Patrick Holvick

Summer Camp for Burn Injured Youth Milestone Awards:
5 years- Angelo Aquirre, Melissa Franken, Cali Peterleus
10 years- Jenna Jordan and Jeff Jordan
25 years- Andrea Williams

22nd Annual Fire Safety Newspapers in Education

Over 550,000 print copies of our Fire Safety Newspapers in Education Program (NIE) went out the beginning of October during Fire Prevention week. This includes over 400 schools, 100 Fire Departments, a handful of organizations, and in every subscriber of the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel and Gannett Newspaper in Wisconsin.

Even though this program is launched during Fire Prevention week, the content within our Newspapers in Education Program can be used year-round. In fact, it is highly encouraged to teachers, families, and fire departments. If you would like to receive print copies, we have less than 2,000 left. Please email Eric at eric@pffwcf.org if you would like to receive some for your department, school, or organization. There is NO COST to you!

FIRE POSTER CONTEST This year 1st-12th grade students will be able to enter in our Fire Safety Poster Contest. Prizes awarded for 1st-3rd place in each grade level!

FIRE SAFETY TEACHER ESSAY Win up to \$1,500 for your classroom to put towards Fire Safety and Fire Prevention in your classroom and school. Details in our NIE program.

This couldn't be possible without our amazing **Sponsors and Supporters** of this life saving program! **Thank You:** Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, We Energies, Wisconsin Chapter - National Fire Sprinkler Association, Bosanko Brothers for Charity, Ascension Columbia St. Mary's, FM Global, UW Health, TruWatch, Paul Davis Restoration of South Central Wisconsin, National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), Wisconsin Insurance Alliance and the Burn Center Golf Invitational.

Deadline: Dec 20, 2019



Digital version of our NIE program at www.pffwcf.org under Fire Prevention



BURN SURVIVOR PROGRAM

BURN CAMP REPORT



SHOW YOUR INNER GLOW

Another summer camp is in the books, marking this a quarter-century of celebrating and supporting burn survivors in the State of Wisconsin. What a wonderful week—making new friends, trying new things, and showing our ‘Inner Glow.’ We always end each camp week with an eye toward the future, but I think it’s important to highlight a few moments that made Burn Camp 2019 special. As I pause to reflect on it all, my heart is full of gratitude for our volunteer staff, our campers, our camp parents, and our generous donors.

To the dynamic staff who, for an entire week, tirelessly provided

your campers with an incredible camp experience – thank you! These counselors gave their best day in and day out – they were energized, they were exhausted, they were inspiring, they were inspired and they ate a lot of pizza. Each of these 50 volunteers strove to make sure each child had an unforgettable week. They are a terrific group, and I am grateful for each one’s friendship, dedication, professionalism, and enthusiasm.

To our campers who showed up with an unquenchable zest for life and who are the reason we do what we do – thank you! These kids were engaged and engaging, open to trying new things, and ready to get

BURN SURVIVOR PROGRAM



down and dirty. From a zip-lining canopy tour to an obstacle race, each camper gained an increase in confidence and a greater sense of their independence.

And to our camp parents who trusted, supported, and encouraged us along the way – thank you! We absolutely could not do this without you. We are grateful that you shared your greatest treasures with us for a short time this summer, and we hope to see you at upcoming events over the winter!

The beautiful thing about the PFFWCF Burn Camp is that it's more than just a place to spend a week during the summer. It's an experience that becomes a part of who each child is – it's learning and growing, having the strength and courage to try new things and be flexible. This year our theme, Show Your Inner Glow, encouraged our campers to radiate and show off their vibrant personalities. From a glow in the dark welcome back party to laser tag, Camp Timberlee was glowing for an entire week! We also focused on the inner glow with staff from Children's Hospital of Wisconsin in discussion groups about bullying and also from our teen speaker, Sam Matagi. Sam shared with us ways we can reignite our inner glow if it becomes dull. Overall our week left us all ready to radiate our light outward.

This year we were honored to have 50 campers attend camp, and we proudly welcomed ten new campers into our camp family. Ten new campers are the largest incoming group we have had in over six years! What a special way to celebrate 25 years of Burn Camp in Wisconsin!

Two future campers attended our 5th Annual Explorers Program this year. The PFFWCF's Explorers Program is a one-day camp experience for children 3-6 or for any child 7-17 that wants to learn more about camp before attending for a full week. While at camp, these littlest campers join a cabin group and get to participate in all the day's activities while their parents spend time getting to know the staff and learn more about who we are as an organization.

Yes, what a wonderful week! Thank you to everyone for being an important part of it. We can't wait to see you all again next year.



*By: Melissa Kersten, Director
PFFWCF Summer Camp for Burn
Injured Youth and Nurse Practitioner
with Ascension Columbia St. Mary's
Regional Burn Center*

**Save
these
2020
dates**

**Winter Leadership Retreat for
Young Adult Burn Survivors** / February 7-9, 2020

Burn Survivor Picnic & Backdraft Bike Tour
June 7, 2020

26th Annual Burn Camp
August 9-15, 2020

International Burn Camp

I've always wanted to find a career where I could help others. For as long as I can remember, I would try to go out of my way and put others first. Being a full-time firefighter/paramedic seemed like the perfect fit for me. Eight years ago when I first heard about the PFFWCF Youth Burn Survivor Camp, I thought it was another amazing opportunity to help others. In the 8 years of being a volunteer counselor at the camp, I have made countless friendships while being a positive role model for youth.

When I was recently selected to go to International Burn Camp in Washington D.C. this past September, I was extremely grateful. I was fortunate enough to be the chaperone for the male teenager selected by the Wisconsin camp. The week long camp in DC was one of the most amazing trips I've ever been on. Being able to network with firefighters from across North America and meet so many amazing young adults is something I will be forever grateful for.

From seeing national monuments/memorials to visiting DC firehouses, there was never a dull moment on the trip. I hope to continue being a positive role model for the young teenagers while building friendships for years to come.

Robbie Aschenbrener

Firefighter/Paramedic, City of Kaukauna Fire Dept Local #1594



FIRE FIGHTER SUPPORT PROGRAM



WSFM Final Alarm Ceremony and Final Alarm Procession

The Professional Fire Fighters of Wisconsin (PFFW) is planning a more streamlined way to perform their PFFW Memorial Service in conjunction with the Wisconsin State Firefighters Memorial (WSFM).

The ceremony will now be held the second Saturday of October as part of the WSFM Final Alarm Ceremony. This will replace the memorial service at the opening ceremonies of the PFFW Biennial Convention. The purpose of this change is to help the opening of convention be more upbeat and more about the convention itself, and to more appropriately

pay honor to those who have passed, and their loved ones.

One way we plan to improve this ceremony is to align our ceremony with the schedule of the IAFF Memorial and the National Memorial. Those who have passed in 2018 and 2019 will be memorialized in 2020. From there we will then memorialize those who pass in 2020, at the 2021 memorial. This helps in making sure that we accurately and properly remember our fallen and retirees without mistakes.

From now on, a PFFW Flag in a flag box will be presented to those families who suffered a

Line of Duty Death. Members lost in Active Duty status will receive a bouquet of flowers, and those who passed that are retirees will have their names read at the ceremony. Any PFFW member who had a family member pass that was also PFFW, past or present, will be presented a plaque in memory of the PFFW family member.

We thank you for your understanding and patience as we work to improve our memorial and how our PFFW members are remembered.

**SCHEDULED FOR
Saturday,
October 10, 2020
at 3:33 pm**

Fire Fighter Burn Symposium



Firefighting is an inherently dangerous profession and although our fire fighters face many types of occupational hazards, they are especially at risk for burn injuries. Thanks to a Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA) Assistance to Firefighters (AFG) – Fire Prevention and Safety Grant (FP&S) the IAFF Foundation Burn Fund, Underwriters Laboratories, and Milwaukee Professional Firefighters Local 215 hosted the Fire Fighter Burn Symposium and Challenges of the Future Built Environment at the Milwaukee Local 215 Union Hall November 6-8, 2019. The Professional Fire Fighters of Wisconsin Charitable Foundation had a small part in helping plan the incredible event. Topics, sessions, and presenters included:

FIRE FIGHTER BURN SYMPOSIUM

(Day 1)

Welcome and Preview of Symposium- Jason Woods, Phil Tammaro, IAFF Burn Fund

Fire Fighter Burn Injuries- Jason Woods, IAFF 4th District Coordinator

Specialized Care at an ABA Burn Center- Dr. Nick Meyer/Melissa Kersten,

NP Ascension Columbia-St Mary's Burn Center

Residential Sprinklers- Marty King NSFA

Professional Fire Fighters of Wisconsin Charitable Foundation –

Michael Wos, Executive Director

When a Firefighter Gets Burned Panel Discussion – Moderator Phil Tammaro

Resources for Burn Survivors- Phil Tammaro

IAFF Foundation & What You Need to Know- Tom Flamm

MEETING THE SAFETY CHALLENGES OF THE FUTURE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

(Day 2 and Day 3)

Tall Mass Timber Buildings

International Code Council (ICC) Tall Wood Buildings (TWB) Ad Hoc Committee

Testing – Ray O'Brocki, American Wood Council (AWC)

Milwaukee Ascent 21-story wood frame building development – Jason Korb,

Korb and Associates

US Testing and Code Modifications – a fire fighter safety perspective,

Sean DeCrane, Manager Industry Relations at Underwriters Laboratories

Fire Department Perspective – Erich Rhoden, Milwaukee Fire Department

Low Global Warming Potential (GWP) Flammable Refrigerants

Flammable Refrigerants and the Fire Service – Jim Dominik, Illinois Fire Chiefs

Association

Flammable Refrigerant Standard Changes – Mark Skierkiewicz, UL

Industry Challenges – Kevin O'Shea, Chair ASHRI Safe Transition Committee

Panel Discussion of presenters – Rick Swan, IAFF and Brian Rodgers, UL

Fire Fighter Safety Research Institute – Sean DeCrane, UL FSRI;

George Healy, FDNY; Adam Thiel, Philadelphia Fire Department

Energy Storage Systems

Various Battery Technologies Overview

Industry Perspective

A Fire Department Response

Thermal Runaway and Fire Propagation using UL 9540A

UL Fire Fighter Safety Research Institute Public Safety Messages,

Sean DeCrane, UL FSRI

Building Facades

Global Overview on exterior wall flammability – Bob James, UL

FIRE FIGHTER SUPPORT PROGRAM



The Proper Way to Display our Nation's Colors

By Brent Jones, Commander PFFW State Honor Guard

THE HONOR GUARD receives a lot of calls with questions about Flag protocols, how to hang the American Flag between two aerials/ladder trucks, etc. So we decided to make this article about the proper ways to display our nations colors.

The United States Flag code is a guideline for all non-military citizens to go by to ensure proper homage is paid to our nation's Flag. Although, Federally, there are no real penalties for improper use or desecration of the Flag, state and local authorities are given some leeway to make penalties for such acts.

Let's start by talking about how to properly display Old Glory on a flag pole. Raising the flag should be done briskly, yet lowered ceremoniously.

If flown 24 hours a day, the flag should be illuminated at night. If not, then raise the flag at sunrise and lower at sunset. Should the flag need to be flown at half-staff, etiquette states it shall be risen to full staff, allow for a brief pause, then continue to lower ceremoniously to half-staff. At sunset, the flag should again be risen to full staff, pause, then ceremoniously lowered all the way. Anytime a raising and lowering of multiple flags occurs, the American Flag should be raised first and lowered last. This includes all International events held on American soil. When multiple flags are being flown from individual poles, the American Flag must be flown to the furthest right at the same height or higher than all other flags, or it should be the center flag and be flown higher than all other flags, on American soil. The only flag that should be flown during inclement weather is an all-weather flag.

For flags posted for ceremonies, conferences or funerals: the American Flag should have no other flag to its own right. As the audience is facing the stage, they should see the American Flag to their left with all other flags displayed, in order of size of organization, going to their right. If using multiple State Flags, they should be in order of the date of succession into the United States. The same holds true if flags are to be presented. A common question is the difference between posting and presenting of colors. When colors are posted, they are placed into a stand and left there throughout the ceremony at hand. Presenting the colors occurs when the flag(s) are brought into an area for the Pledge of Allegiance or the Nation Anthem, and then marched back out.

Many people like to hang a flag on a wall or use the American Flag as a backdrop for events. If you hang a flag as a backdrop, the blue field should be to the upper right, or as the audience is facing the flag, it should be to their upper left.

For more information about folding a flag, visit: pffwcf.org/fire-fighter-support/



The PFFW Honor Guard now has its own PFFW Charitable Foundation page to receive donations. We have some donations already coming in, and we thank those who have helped us out since the page has been started. Thank you Mike Wos and the Charitable Foundation for the assistance in setting us up. Donations will be used to supplement our budget for getting equipment, sending our PFFW Honor Guard to Colorado Springs for the IAFF Fallen Firefighter Memorial and to Line of Duty funerals. pffwcf.networkforgood.com/projects/25541-pffw-honor-guard

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THANK YOU

Your support makes a difference and changes lives

- A. 8.26.19 31st Annual Burn Center Golf Invitational
- B. 9.7.19 Sun Prairie Golf Classic
- C. 7.29.19 Paul Davis Restoration Golf Outing
- D. All year- One Barrel Brewing Company Toss A Buck Fundraiser
- E. 7.20.19 Fire & Iron 131 Ride for Burn Camp
- F. 9.25.19 Revive Restoration Golf Outing
- G. 7.25.19 Axemen MC Chapter 2 Check Presentation
- H. 7.14.19 Ride for Burn Camp
- I. 9.22.19 Bosanko Packer Party
- J. 6.9.19 PFFWCF Family Picnic & Backdraft Bike Tour
- L. 6.5.19 Waukesha Firefighters L407 Golf Outing
- K. 7.27.19 American Tribute Ride
- M. 10.11.19 Waupun Fire Dept. Donation from left over funds from Tunnel to Towers Foundations
9.11 Never Forget Mobile Exhibit
- N. 6.13.19 Sponsoring Cat5 Restoration Charity Golf Event benefiting the Children's Hospital

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- O. 10.12.19 General Federation of Womens Clubs
- P. 6.27.19 Support MDA Gala
- Q. 10.12.19 Pierce Mfg Employee Family Open House
- R. 6.12.19 Check Presentation from Nattspil and One Barrel Brewing Company from their Raffle to benefit Burn Camp
- S. 9.19.19 Mariners Golf Outing
- T. 8.17.19 F & I 96 Ride
- U. 10.6.19 L215 Packer Party
- V. 6.26.19 Speaking at Benedict Center on Fire Safety and Fire Prevention
- W. 9.11.19 Sponsor for Men's Health Charity Golf Outing
- X. 9.16.19 Fore The Kids Golf Outing
- Y. 9.7.19 Fire & Iron 141 Ride to Remember
- Z. 8.9.19 Support of National Fallen Firefighter Outing
- aa. 7.13.19 F & I 17 Ride



Sat. February 1, 2020

**The Madison Concourse Hotel
Madison, WI**

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Sat. February 22, 2020

**AJ's Bar & Grill
Muskego, WI**

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Sat. May 9th, 2020

**Harley-Davidson
Museum
Milwaukee, WI**

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2020 CALENDAR

Programming / Fundraisers / Events benefiting the PFFWCF or our Programs

JANUARY

January 18-21 Hoosier's Winter Camp – Wisconsin Dells

FEBRUARY

February 1 Burn Ball –Concourse Hotel Madison

February 2 – 8 Burn Awareness Week

February 7 – 9 Young Adult Burn Survivor Winter Leadership-Wisconsin Dells

February 22 – March 3 Annual PFFWCF Winter Jamboree at AJ's Bar & Grill -Muskego

MARCH

March 17 -20 American Burn Association 52nd Annual Meeting –Orlando

APRIL

April 11 Battle of the Badges Hockey Game
Presented by Kelmann Restoration –UW Milwaukee Panther Arena

MAY

May 9 5th Annual Fired-Up Fundraiser & Charity Ball –Harley Davidson Museum Milwaukee

Visit us at Conferences, Conventions, and Meetings

January 10-12 Wisconsin Fire Sprinkler Coalition at the Metropolitan Builders Association Home Show

February 29 Wisconsin State Fire Chief's Association Winter In-Service – Green Bay

March 5-7 Wisconsin State Firefighters Association Convention – Stevens Point

March 10-11 Wisconsin Emergency Management's 2020 Governor's Conference – Wisconsin Dells

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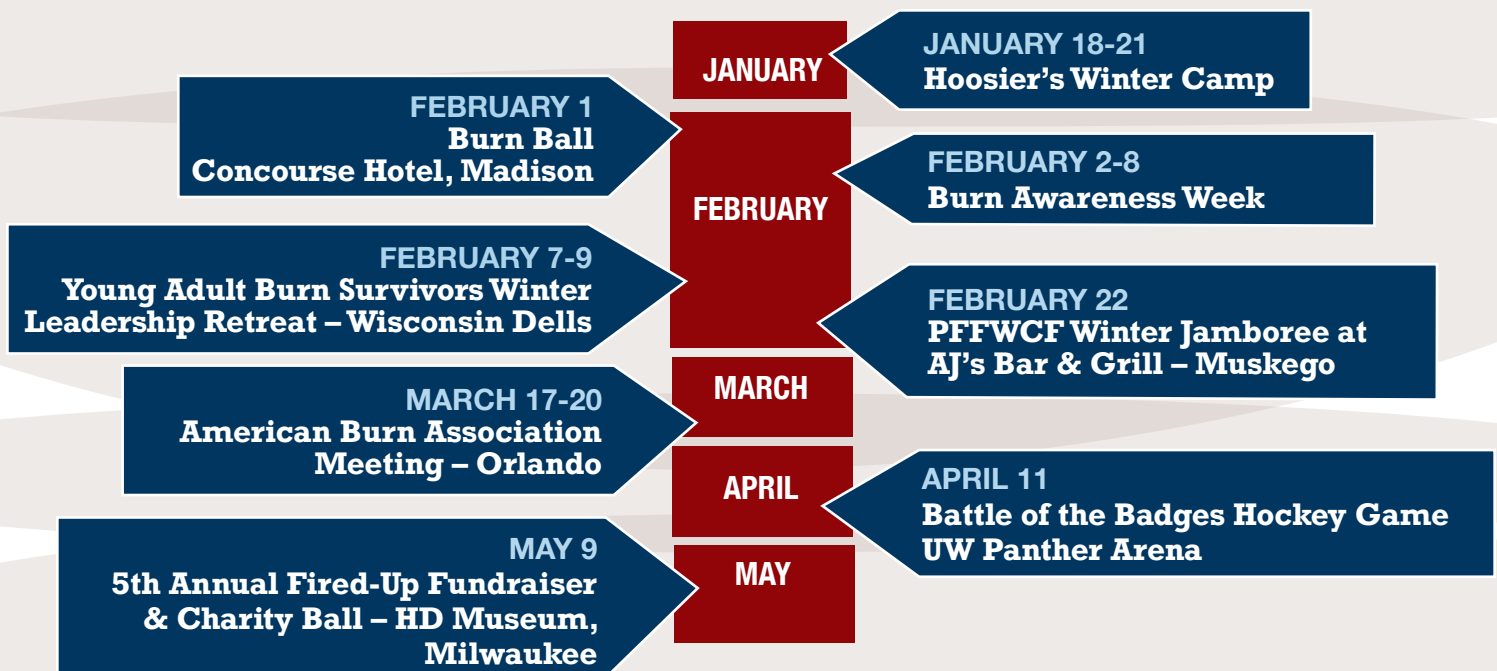
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