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U.S. NAVY
FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION

30 March 1989

Mr. John McNichols
Fax #202-225-8137

P-6, (b)(6) The attached information re CIO ABHAN MARTIN (nmn) JIMINEZ, USN, [REDACTED] from the USS NIMITZ (CVN 68) is forwarded at the request of Mr. Joseph K. Taussig, Jr., Assistant Deputy Under Secretary of the Navy (Safety and Survivability) to be used for the Congressional Fire Service Caucus Speech.

William T. Troutner

WILLIAM T. TROUTNER
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USS NIMITZ (CVN 68)

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JAN 16 1989

From: Commanding Officer, USS NIMITZ (CVN 68)
To: U. S. Navy Fire Protection Association

Subj: NOMINATION FOR SEA BASED CRASH/FIRE/RESCUE FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR (USN)
(JAMES D. MALONEY AWARD) ICO ABHAN MARTIN NMN JIMINEZ, USN, [REDACTED]

Encl: (1) Two exhibit pages

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1. Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Handler) Airman Martin Jiminez, USN, [REDACTED]
is nominated for Sea Based Crash/Fire/Rescue Firefighter of the Year Award (USN)
(James D. Maloney Award).

2. The following pertinent information is provided:

a. Name: Martin (NMN) Jiminez
Rate: Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Handler) Airman
SSN: [REDACTED] P-6, (b)(6)

b. Date of birth: 4 November 1965
Place of birth: Barranquilla, Columbia
Naturalized: New York, New York October 1986

c. Enlisted U.S. Navy: 24 March 1986

d. Advancement dates:

(1) E-2 - 24 September 1986

(2) E-3 - 16 April 1987

(3) E-4 - Passed but not advanced (PNA) September 1988 Navy-Wide
Advancement Exam. Earned designation as ABHAN effective 16 January 1989 as a
result of the PNA.

e. Dependents: Ahisa Boutron Jiminez (Wife).

f. Recommended for Navy Achievement Medal for action taken in mass
conflagration onboard USS NIMITZ on 30 November 1988.

g. Nominated for Command Advancement Program (CAP) for meritorious
advancement to E-4 in December 1988.

h. Recommended for Letter of Commendation (LOC) for sustained superior
performance during NIMITZ' Western Pacific deployment from September 1988 to
March 1989.

i. Civilian Education: Graduated Newtown High School, Queens, New York,
in 1983. One year general studies at City College of New York, 1983-84.



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j. Military Education: Shipboard Aircraft Firefighting Course (J-495-0014)
Basic Welding, PSNS Bremerton, WA.

k. Religion: [REDACTED] *P-6, (b)(6)*

l. Sports/Hobbies: Soccer, weightlifting, jogging, swimming, roller-skating.

m. Community activity: Member, Mexican Association of Miami, FL.

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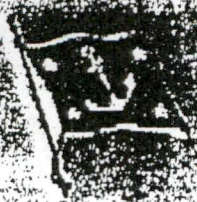
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THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

WASHINGTON

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The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the NAVY AND MARINE CORPS MEDAL to

HULL MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN FIRST CLASS

MICHAEL J. O'KEEFE
UNITED STATES NAVY

Service as set forth in the following

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CITATION:

For heroism while serving aboard USS STARK (YFG 31) from 17 May 1987 to 18 May 1987. USS STARK was struck by two Iraqi air-to-surface missiles, resulting in a massive conflagration complicated by flooding and battle damage. Without regard for his personal safety, Petty Officer O'Keefe ensured all personnel were evacuated from Engineering Support Berthing which was directly below the missile impact area, saving countless lives. He started three fire and flushing pumps; thereby restoring firefighting capability to the ship. Working in a raging fire with intense heat, debilitating smoke, and in close proximity to an unexploded warhead, Petty Officer O'Keefe attempted to rescue three Senior Chief Petty Officers, getting to within six feet before the intense heat turned him away. He provided inspirational and heroic leadership by example in fighting all major fires throughout the after portion of the ship. He returned to duty after being overcome by smoke and rescued Petty Officer Hunter who was found in the wardroom overcome by smoke and in shock. By his courageous and prompt actions, Petty Officer O'Keefe saved numerous lives and was instrumental in the saving of his ship; thereby reflecting great credit upon himself and upholding the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

For the President,

Secretary of the Navy

Approved by SECNAV Sec AD BDM/1529 on 24 Nov 87

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SYNOPSIS OF ABHAN JIMINEZ' FIRE SERVICE CAREER

Upon reporting to USS NIMITZ in August 1986, ABHAN Jiminez was assigned to V-1 Division, Crash and Salvage Team as a junior rescueman. Through his diligent efforts, he quickly gained the respect of his superiors and was promoted to senior rescueman ahead of five other crash crew team members. His demonstrated understanding of the complexities of flight deck crash and salvage techniques continued to stand out among his peers and he was again promoted ahead of three others to the position of crew leader and P-16 driver.

As junior rescueman, he was responsible for performing maintenance and upkeep on all firefighting and salvage equipment and for assisting his senior rescueman in the event that fire/rescue/salvage became necessary. Additionally he trained to fill the position of senior rescueman.

Training his junior rescueman in fire/rescue/salvage techniques, positioning and securing salvage equipment and performing rescues were his responsibilities as senior rescueman. He was also tasked with learning the responsibilities of crew leader/P-16 driver.

ABHAN Jiminez' responsibilities as crew leader/P-16 driver consisted of training his senior and junior rescuemen to fulfill his duties, installing aircraft slings, staging fire/rescue/salvage equipment, driving the NS-60 crash crane, working the flight deck foul line, supervising maintenance of all firefighting and salvage equipment and learning the responsibilities of the Crash and Salvage Leading Petty Officer.

During his rise through NIMITZ' crash and salvage team structure, ABHAN Jiminez PQS qualified in 3M Maintenance Man, General Damage Control, CV/CVN Plane Handler, CV/CVN Crash and Salvage Rescueman, CV/CVN Shipboard Twinned Agent Unit Operator, CV/CVN P-16 Driver/Operator, CV/CVN Forklift Operator and CV/CVN NS-60 Crash Crane Operator and attended shipboard aircraft firefighting school. His performance earned him an assignment to basic welding school, enabling him to act as a flight deck structure emergency repairman and to perform the myriad of "hot work" jobs required of a crash and salvage team.

Since becoming a crash and salvage team member in August 1986, ABHAN Jiminez has participated in over 250 fire/crash/rescue training classes, involving approximately 200 hours of lectures. Additionally, he has participated in nearly 150 crash/rescue/salvage drills involving over 100 hours of drill time. Deducting TAD, leave and "standdown" time, ABHAN Jiminez has averaged 12 training classes and 9 drills per month to enhance his crash/fire/rescue skills.

NOMINATION DATA

ABHAN Jimenez has a proven record of superior performance, unsurpassed self-leadership abilities normally found in more senior, more experienced sailors. These traits are in evidence in his ability to inspire his peers and even some of his seniors to perform at the highest possible level.

Immediately upon reporting to USS NIMITZ' crash and salvage team, ABHAN Jimenez displayed superb initiative in learning his assigned tasks and pushing himself to qualify in all Personnel Qualification Standards (PQS) in nearly half the time required. In addition to ensuring his qualifications were on track, he took special interest in maintaining crash fire/rescue/salvage equipment and played an integral part in the 100% availability of all equipment assigned to the NIMITZ' Crash and Salvage Team.

His superlative performance on the job is carried over to his off duty time. An aggressive, sustained exercise program maintains his superb physical posture and keeps him in top physical condition to easily confront the strenuous conditions that may exist in carrying out duties as a result of emergencies on the flight deck. Other members of the Crash and Salvage Team now engage in a regular exercise program to emulate his fine conditioning.

The culmination of ABHAN Jimenez' inherent and learned abilities proved essential to the welfare of the ship in the early morning of 30 November 1988. Upon hearing a flight deck fire called away on the SMC, he ran to the bow where he was faced by a huge wall of flames. He continued to the starboard catwalk and charged a 1-1/2" AFFF hose reel and began to fight the fire, which by now had spread to seven aircraft. Other hose teams were forming and advancing on the rapidly developing conflagration, but during their advance, 20mm bullets exploded on an A-7 aircraft located on the starboard bow, causing them to retreat. In spite of the continuing explosions, which were virtually occurring in his face, ABHAN Jimenez continued to fight the fire by himself. His efforts, without regard to his own personal safety, had the effect of contributing to regrouping other personnel and rallying the re-entry of hose teams into the fire.

After the explosion, ABHAN Jimenez advanced on the fire himself, knocking down flames and laying a protective blanket of AFFF. As personnel began once again to re-enter the scene, he relinquished his hose to search the fire area for any casualties. After ensuring the lone casualty was removed from the scene, he assisted in organizing other Crash and Salvage personnel and equipment to perform the anticipated salvage of affected aircraft.

Without the courageous efforts of ABHAN Jimenez, NIMITZ could reasonably have been expected to have sustained more damage and possibly the loss of more lives. His total disregard for his own well being, exceptionally quick thinking and tenacity in the face of danger to his life were a rallying point about which the successful fire fighting effort prevailed. As a consequence, his act had a multiplier effect which provided a decisive force to defeat the fire. I feel he is uniquely qualified for the honor of "Sea Based Crash/Fire/Rescue Firefighter of the Year."


BRENT M. BENNITT

MEMORANDUM

July 28, 1988

TO: Ceci
Mark Hollman
FR: John McNichol
RE: FIRE SERVICE COALITION

* This memo was sent directly to the Vice President by Congressman Curt Weldon.

TARGET GROUP - FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES OF AMERICA

Sub Groups:

Volunteer Firefighters
Paid Firefighters
Emergency Medical Services Personnel (paid/volunteer)
Industry Firefighters
Federal Firefighters (military & civilian)
Wildfire and Forest Firefighters
Technical Professionals
Fire Equipment Manufacturers/ Distributors
Insurance Industry

Estimated National Constituency: 3 million

Example State Constituencies:

Pennsylvania

2,800 Volunteer Fire Companies
Approximately 400,000 Voters

New York

2,600 Volunteer Fire Companies
Approximately 300,000 Voters

Texas

2,400 Volunteer Fire Companies
Approximately 300,000 Voters

Voting Trends Among Fire Groups:

People active in the Fire Service of America are extremely community oriented, often involved in leadership positions throughout the community (Boy Scouts, church groups, civic organizations, etc...) and have a high tendency to vote (85-90% in the 7th Congressional District of PA). Depending upon the state and region, they will be registered in either party, but have a strong allegiance to those who support their priorities. The Fire Service tends to support moderate to conservative policy and generally favor limited government intervention. The Fire Service has not rallied behind any candidate in recent national elections -- primarily because they have not been called to do so.

Example of Political Potential Locally:

The Pennsylvania State Fire Commission has been long considered a model fire safety agency. Recently, the Lieutenant Governor pushed to move the Pennsylvania State Fire Commission under the auspices of PEMA (Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency) which is similar to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in concept and structure. The Fire Service throughout the state joined together in opposition to the Lieutenant Governor's plan. In response to the overwhelming outcry of firefighters and their families, the Pennsylvania General Assembly and Senate passed unanimously a "Firefighter's Bill of Rights". This mobilization of the state firefighters embarrassed the Democrat Administration and resulted in maintaining a separate and independent State Fire Commission. In addition, this sent a clear signal to the Governor's office that the Fire Service cherished its own identity, and refused to accept an outside administrator.

Example of Political Potential Nationally:

In November of 1987, the "Congressional Fire Services Caucus" was formed to respond to the needs of the Fire Service legislatively. In seven short months the Fire Services Caucus has grown to be the fourth largest caucus on Capitol Hill (4th out of 98). The Caucus has enjoyed enormous support from each of the "Sub Groups" identified in this brief. At its current growth rate, the Caucus has the potential to be the largest on Capitol Hill by year's end. Much of the Caucus' success can be directly attributed to the grass roots lobbying efforts of the Fire/ Emergency Services across the country.

In 1980, when the U.S. Fire Administration was threatened with zero funding, the Fire Service collectively generated more mail calling for the restoration of the USFA budget than was generated as a result of the Challenger disaster.

General Group Overview:

The Fire Service network is often referred to as the "backbone of our nation". Even before our country was founded, and over the past 212 years, we have had citizens actively participating in handling local emergencies through volunteer and paid fire and emergency service networks. Practically every municipality in America has some form of emergency fire service organization in place. These groups are not just involved in fire protection, prevention, and suppression, but often comprise the social fabric of the community. Many communities have all of their primary events (town meetings, voting polls, dances, parties, weddings) in their local fire halls. People in the Fire Service are called upon to perform a variety of community oriented tasks (organize and conduct parades such as the 4th of July, Memorial Day, Veterans Day, centennials, picnics, etc...). They are also called upon to respond to any and all unusual emergencies (transportation accidents, floods, collapsed buildings,

volunteers to travel to the National Fire Academy at Emmitsburg, Maryland;

3. Coordination of resources to assist the Fire Services in dealing with the problems of the "first responder" in dealing with AIDS and other communicable diseases;

4. Support application of fire-safe building designs and construction codes (smoke detectors, sprinklers);

5. Federal leadership in the implementation of regulations governing the safe transportation of hazardous materials;

6. Hard-line policy against arson;

7. Foster public awareness of the fire problem by supporting the federal fire safety programs.

by HAROLD EVANS
Contributing Editor

GOOD NEIGHBORS

American idealism is frustrated by political gridlock. Everyone knows that the cities are breaking down, that the welfare system is collapsing, that we are caught in a downward spiral of poverty, unemployment, despair and crime. Everyone knows there will be nothing like Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal or Lyndon Johnson's Great Society. There is not the money, because the federal government is broke. Neither is there the vision or the political or even popular support, because of distrust of the welfare state's bureaucracies.

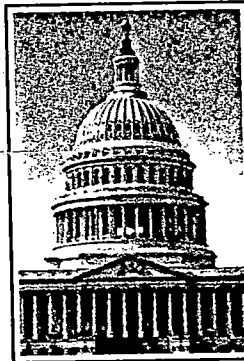
Yet the paradox of poverty and despair amid wealth is morally offensive. And the disparity is getting worse. Take a look at New York City, where the perverse velocities are most dramatic. The two fastest-growing groups are households earning more than \$120,000 a year and families below the poverty level—federally defined as an income of less than \$11,611 for a family of four.

Public assistance is not keeping pace. In 1976, it was enough to keep families just ahead of the poverty level. Today, the purchasing power of a welfare family of four is \$2,208 short of the poverty standard. Put it another way: For every \$5 in income of the typical family of four, a public-assistance family gets slightly more than \$1. Put it any way you like, it does not spell American dream. New York's poor include 2 out of every 5 children, no fewer than 700,000 all told; 35 percent of all blacks; 45 percent of all Hispanics, and two thirds of single-parent, female-headed households. It is a Dickensian tale of two cities.

But just as New York exhibits some of the most depressing aspects of modern America, it also offers the most exhilarating. Many thousands of better-off people are so appalled at what they see and hear day-to-day, block-to-block that they are not writing letters to Congress; they are coalescing into voluntary groups to do something neighborly. The number of soup kitchens has doubled to meet the hunger: Food emergencies run 400,000 a month. Apartment blocks in middle-class areas are "adopting" blocks in ghettos to help struggling local groups restore self-esteem, repair devastation, teach deprived children, fight crime and develop leadership. In a voluntary "I have a dream" program, 20

New Yorkers (and 20 individuals elsewhere in the country) each have pledged to sponsor a graduating class of junior-high-school students to a full college education, at a cost of perhaps \$300,000.

The new Project One City of the Citizens Committee for New York is a pioneering example of what can be achieved by grass-roots volunteers. It offers manuals, training, technical assistance and small cash grants in its work with more than 5,000 of the 10,000 block and neighborhood associations. Most important, it brings job seekers to jobs by holding fairs where they can meet good employers like Con Ed, Xerox, Chemical Bank, Citicorp and American Express. Hundreds find jobs each month.



Work is the salvation. It is appalling that for young blacks, whose unemployment rate is twice that of their white counterparts, drug dealing is one of the few stable "employment" opportunities available. Contrary to the caricatures, the majority of the poor want to work, and public-assistance fraud is minimal. When the Reagan administration policy on public assistance changed earned-income limits, working mothers would have been better off to have given up work and stayed home on welfare. The

overwhelming majority chose to work.

There are plenty of jobs in New York. But they are in service areas that are either low paying (like fast food) or that demand skills, particularly literacy. And single mothers who need to work can find no one to look after their children.

The volunteer groups know they cannot solve all these problems, let alone meet housing and training needs. But they provide a base for a broader assault. They are reviving grass-roots American traditions of self-help and community action eroded during a narcissistic decade brilliantly evoked in *The Bonfire of the Vanities*. What is happening in New York seems to be happening in many parts of the country: In a recent Gallup Poll, nearly 50 percent of those interviewed were involved in volunteer or charity work—up from 31 percent in 1984.

As a nation, we may be emerging from a spiritual crisis. There is again, in the words of Adlai Stevenson, a hunger to hear a word of truth, a longing for an ideal, a readiness for sacrifice.

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: FIRE SERVICE DINNER
SHERATON WASHINGTON HOTEL
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 1989

Kathy
Advance
Members of the fire service community, ladies and gentlemen,
friends.

You know, it's been said that politicians, like fire
fighters, are often misunderstood. Well, let me observe that I
resemble that charge. It is a great privilege to be . . . please
forgive me . . . in such extinguished company. Indeed, you might
say that I'm all fired-up for the occasion.

Seriously, I want to thank you for that kind introduction,
and for your generous reception. And let me, first, congratulate
some of those responsible for this evening.

X
invitation
I'm referring, of course, to the International Associations
of Fire Chiefs and Fire Fighters, the International Society of
Fire Service Instructors, the National Fire Protection
Association, and National Volunteer Fire Council, and the
Volunteer Firemen's Insurance Services.

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I want to also salute the more than 2,000 representatives
here of the fire service community, and the members of the

1800 sell-out/capacity crowd
~75 members
letter from
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to P-E Bush
1/9/89

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Congressional Fire Service Caucus -- now, the third-largest
congressional caucus on Capitol Hill. And let me say a special
thanks to the fire fighter's best friend, Congressman Curt
Weldon.

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Fact Sheet

Finally, I want to say that you've chosen a wonderful time
of year to hold this first annual Congressional Fire Services
Institute Dinner.

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After all, just think of it. Spring is in the air . . .
Millie has had her puppies . . . Washington is alive with
visitors . . . and baseball's Orioles are still in the pennant
race. Of course, the season is one week old.

We meet, together, in a special week. For this is Volunteer
Week, a time which celebrates the selfless character of the
American people.

Looking toward tonight, I was struck by the fact that 85 per
cent of our Nation's fire protection is supplied by volunteers.
And it occurred to me that both you and your paid colleagues --
for both give of your time, and of yourselves -- provide the
definition of a successful life.

John
McNichol
Cong. Weldon
Office
225-5225

For a successful life, it seems to me, must include serving
others. A successful life states that we are partners, not

islands unto ourselves -- the sum not of our possessions, but of how we treat our neighbors.

Just
Well, for more than 200 years, fire fighters have been this Nation's neighbor -- in word and deed, "the backbone of America." You have met local emergencies through volunteer and paid fire and emergency service networks. And today, you meet them still -- three million members strong.

*John McNichol
Cong. Weldon's
Office
225-5222*

You know, being here reminds me of a story that I heard which happened back in Prohibition days.

Just
It seems that 25 of Boston's top bootleggers were rounded up in a surprise raid. And as they were being arraigned, the judge asked the usual question about occupation.

The first 24 men were engaged in the same profession -- each claimed to be a "fire fighter." Well, naturally, the judge asked the last prisoner, "And what are you?" "Your honor," he replied, "I'm a bootlegger." Surprised, the judge laughed and asked, "How's business?" "It would be a lot better," he answered, "if there weren't so many fire fighters around."

See what I'm getting at? Even back in Prohibition, your numbers turned the tide! And so they can today, and must too in the future. We've come a long way since Benjamin Franklin founded one of the first volunteer fire companies in 1736.

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(Smith/Dooley)

April 5, 1989

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: FIRE SERVICE DINNER
SHERATON WASHINGTON HOTEL
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 1989

Members of the fire service community, ladies and gentlemen, friends.

You know, it's been said that politicians, like fire fighters, are often misunderstood. Well, let me observe that I resemble that charge. It is a great privilege to be . . . please forgive me . . . in such extinguished company. Indeed, you might say that I'm all fired-up for the occasion.

Seriously, I want to thank you for that kind introduction, and for your generous reception. And let me, first, congratulate some of those responsible for this evening.

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I want to also salute the individual representatives of the fire service community, and the members of the Congressional Fire

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Service Caucus -- now, the third-largest congressional caucus on Capitol Hill. Let me salute the ~~75~~⁷⁶ members of Congress gathered here. And let me say a special thanks to the fire fighter's best friend, Congressman Curt Weldon.

Finally, I want to say that you've chosen a wonderful time of year to hold this first annual Congressional Fire Services Institute Dinner.

After all, just think of it. Spring is in the air . . . Millie has had her puppies . . . Washington is alive with visitors . . . and baseball's Orioles are still in the pennant race. Of course, the season is one week old.

We meet, together, in a special week. For this is Volunteer Week, a time which celebrates the selfless character of the American people.

Looking toward tonight, I was struck by the fact that 85 per cent of our Nation's fire protection is supplied by volunteers. And it occurred to me that both you and your paid colleagues -- for both give of your time, and of yourselves -- provide the definition of a successful life.

For a successful life, it seems to me, must include serving others. A successful life states that we are partners, not

islands unto ourselves -- the sum not of our possessions, but of how we treat our neighbors.

Well, for more than 200 years, fire fighters have been this Nation's neighbor -- in word and deed, "the backbone of America." You have met local emergencies through volunteer and paid fire and emergency service networks. And today, you meet them still -- three million members strong.

You know, being here reminds me of a story that I heard which happened back in Prohibition days.

It seems that 25 of Boston's top bootleggers were rounded up in a surprise raid. And as they were being arraigned, the judge asked the usual question about occupation.

The first 24 men were engaged in the same profession -- each claimed to be a "fire fighter." Well, naturally, the judge asked the last prisoner, "And what are you?" "Your honor," he replied, "I'm a bootlegger." Surprised, the judge laughed and asked, "How's business?" "It would be a lot better," he answered, "if there weren't so many fire fighters around."

See what I'm getting at? Even back in Prohibition, your numbers turned the tide! And so they can today, and must too in the future. We've come a long way since Benjamin Franklin

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possibly been influenced by the four young men on the Nile, or, more likely, by Harvard’s preeminence in the field of natural science. Yale or Princeton would have been closer to home, Columbia closer still and there were family ties to Columbia. Harvard, however, produced men like Albert Bickmore, head of the Museum of Natural History. The whole approach to teaching the natural sciences had been transformed at Harvard by the late Louis Agassiz, whose son was curator of the new Harvard Museum of Comparative Zoology. Harvard had broken all precedent and made a man of science its president, Charles Eliot, and included on its faculty such figures as Nathaniel Southgate Shaler, the geologist, and William James, both of whom, like Bickmore, had been star pupils of the great Agassiz.

To his charitable efforts Theodore gave more and more of himself all the while, as the depression worsened and increasing misery was to be found everywhere. A decade earlier his money had enabled him to miss the war and now, like most of the very rich, he and his sailed high above the panic, quite untouched by it in any material way. But as in the earlier national tragedy, he was incapable of detachment or of withholding his compassion. “All that gives me most pleasure in the retrospect,” he preached to his older son, “is connected with others, an evidence that we are not placed here to live exclusively for ourselves.” He visited hospital wards, talked with the inmates of prisons, went into the slums to console and moralize. He urged the establishment of workhouses for vagrants. He toured the city’s dreadful asylums for the insane on Ward’s and Blackwell’s islands and was so sickened by what he saw that he led a delegation of city officials back to both places. In an insane time the plight of the insane especially became uppermost for him. He lobbied for better conditions and humane care, for altogether different kinds of asylums, “where the patients could work out of doors, and gain strength and mental and physical health in useful occupations.”

He gave money, wrote letters, often working at his desk until two in the morning. Friends remarked at his energy and “industry.” Corinne, remembering all he managed to squeeze into a day, said he had the “power of being . . . focused.”

“Without his power of concentration and great physical endurance such a life would have been impossible,” said Louisa Schuyler. He made everything look easy, she said.

Together with Louisa Schuyler he tried to bring some system and order to the welter of charitable efforts going on in the city.

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 133 Return of asthma: TR, diary, Feb. 22, 1873 (TRC).
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 133 "hand tremble awfully": TR to TR Sr., June 29, 1873, *Letters*, I, 11.
 133 Switzerland works wonders: MBR to TR Sr., Aug. 17, 1873.
 134 Panic of 1873: Nevins, *Emergence of Modern America*, 290-304.
 134 "poor Mr. Clews": TR Sr. to B, Sept. 24, 1873.
 134 Mittie "anxious": MBR to TR Sr., Sept. 21, 1873.
 134 Mittie on shopping spree: B reminiscences.
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 135 Interiors at 57th Street: photographs (TRB).
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 137 "All that gives me most pleasure": TR Sr. to TR, Oct. 6, 1874.
 137 The "power of being . . . focused": Robinson, 3.
 137 Schuyler on "power of concentration": *Theodore Roosevelt* (Sr.). Memorial Meeting, 10-11.
 138 Work with Bureau of Charities, remarks to reporters: miscellaneous clippings, scrapbook (TRC).
 138 Incident of the silver trowel: Hellman, 23-24.
 138 "no ascetic": *Theodore Roosevelt* (Sr.). Memorial Meeting, 11.
 138 "I can see him now": *ibid*.
 139 Crippled children on the dining-room table: Robinson, 5.
 139 "neither spoiled by good fortune": *Theodore Roosevelt* (Sr.). Memorial Meeting, 52.
 139 Interested in "every good thing": *ibid.*, 10.
 139 "control the strongest affections": *ibid.*, 33.
 139 "wish you were not so good": MBR to TR Sr., June 2, 1873.
 139 "love you and wish to please": MBR to TR Sr., Oct. 15, 1873.
 139 "mingled feelings": B reminiscences.

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STATEMENT OF GEORGE BUSH ON:

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My administration would support our volunteer firefighters by protecting the "Travel Stipend" program which reimburses both career and volunteer firefighters for their travel expenses to the National Fire Academy. This program enables firefighters to receive comprehensive training on the latest advancements in fire protection, prevention, and suppression -- training which is unavailable to them locally.

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I recognize the fact that our nation has a very serious fire problem. The loss of 6000 lives and over \$10 billion in property annually mandates that we maintain our federal commitment to fire safety through a strong U. S. Fire Administration. By concentrating on education and heightening the awareness to the fire problem, my administration will work to make America fire-safe.

Q: Do you consider the funding levels for the U. S. Fire Administration and National Fire Academy programs adequate?

A: Traditionally, our fire service has relied upon the spirit of volunteerism for survival. In this way the fire service exemplifies the spirit of America -- people pulling together to solve each others problems without prejudice or economic consideration.

I support federal expenditures to the vital research and training programs provided by the U. S. Fire Administration and the National Fire Academy at least at the current appropriations levels.

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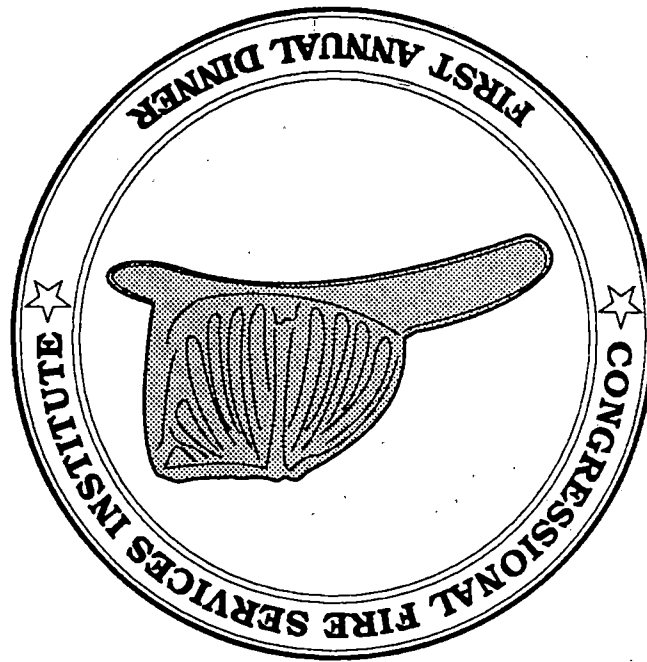
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A: Yes, I am in full support of raising the death benefit provided to firefighters to \$100,000. It is the least we can do to support the families of our firefighters.

Q: What steps would you take to combat arson?

A: Firefighters and innocent citizens are killed each year in arson related fires. Under my administration, there would be tough, mandatory sentences for arson offenses. In addition, my administration would foster cooperation between federal law enforcement agencies and state and local authorities to successfully prosecute arson offenders.



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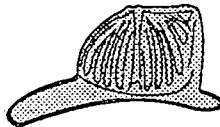
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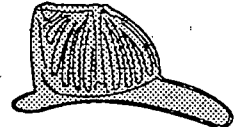
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Dear Mr. President-Elect:

Congratulations on your election to the Office of President of the United States.

I was encouraged by your commitment to fire and life safety issues during the campaign. Your willingness to address these issues with strong policy statements sent a clear signal of understanding to firefighters and emergency medical personnel throughout the nation.

The 1988 Presidential Election will be remembered as the first national election in recent history in which a candidate focused on fire service issues.

On April 12, 1989, The Congressional Fire Services Institute will be holding its first annual dinner at the Sheraton Washington Hotel. There will be over 2000 representatives of the fire service community and many of the 285 members of the Congressional Fire Service Caucus in attendance. Your appearance at this function would solidify your support among this newly formed constituency and lend tremendous credibility to the Congressional Fire Service Institute.

Enclosed is further information regarding the Institute, the April 12th event, and on the reaction you received throughout the 1988 campaign from the fire service.

Please give this request the attention it deserves, and advise me as to your availability for this event.

Sincerely,


CURT WELDON

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The Caucus was founded in November of 1987. Since that time it has grown to be the third largest congressional caucus on Capitol Hill with more than 290 members. This remarkable achievement was made possible by the cooperative efforts of select Members of Congress and the National Fire Service Community.

The Caucus has provided the fire service with greater access to the Executive and Legislative branches of the federal government. The Caucus has developed an effective network of congressional offices to promote administrative and legislative initiatives from within Congress -- opening many previously closed doors. The Caucus has allowed the fire service to realize that they are a significant constituency in our democratic system. The Caucus has stressed that understanding how our government works is critical to the future of the fire service.

Finally, the Caucus has united organizations representing the fire community behind a common cause -- the fundamental goal of a fire safe America is far more important than the differences between individual fire service organizations.

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BENJAMIN FRANKLIN AWARD CEREMONY
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AUGUST 28, 1988

JOINING ME TO PRESENT THIS HONOR IS MOTOROLA'S ED
KRUEGER, VICE PRESIDENT AND AREA MANAGER, STATE AND
LOCAL GOVERNMENT MARKETS DIVISION.

Richard Shiah goes on stage next to Ed Krueger.

Shy-ah

THIS YEAR I AM PLEASE TO RECOGNIZE RICHARD SHIAH,
BATTALION CHIEF FOR THE NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK FIRE
DEPARTMENT.

ON MAY 29, 1988, OFF-DUTY BATTALION CHIEF RICHARD SHIAH
AND HIS FAMILY WERE EN ROUTE TO THEIR SUMMER COTTAGE IN
DUNNVILLE, CANADA. THEY NOTICED THICK, BLACK SMOKE IN
THE SKY FOR SEVERAL MINUTES. SHORTLY AFTER, THEY
ARRIVED AT THE SCENE OF A BURNING PICKUP TRUCK, WITH A
RACE CAR IN TOW, THAT WAS OVERTURNED IN A DITCH.

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WARREN E. ISMAN

AUGUST 28, 1988

MUCH TO THE SURPRISE OF SHIAH AND HIS WIFE CATHY, THE VEHICLE WAS OCCUPIED BY A FATHER AND TWO SONS. SHIAH HAD NO PROTECTIVE CLOTHING WITH HIM. HE TRIED TO GET THE VEHICLE DOOR OPEN, AND WRAPPED ONE HAND IN HIS SHIRT TO FORCE A WINDOW OPEN. HE THEN PULLED ONE CHILD OUT.

DUE TO THE BURNING FUEL THE TRUCK WAS TRANSPORTING, SEVERAL SMALL EXPLOSIONS OCCURRED.

THE FATHER AND SECOND SON REMAINED TRAPPED IN THE VEHICLE, AS THE HEAT REPEATEDLY DROVE SHIAH BACK. SHIAH URGED THE FATHER TO KICK OPEN HIS TRUCK DOOR. HE FINALLY DID SO, AND THE TWO TUMBLED OUT INTO THE DITCH.

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WARREN E. ISMAN

AUGUST 28, 1988

THE FATHER AND TWO SONS SUFFERED SECOND AND THIRD DEGREE
BURNS OVER 40 PERCENT OF THEIR BODIES. ALL THREE WERE
LISTED IN FAIR CONDITION.

BATTALION CHIEF SHIAH SUFFERED SECOND DEGREE BURNS ON
HIS FACE AND WRISTS.

WE'RE HERE TODAY TO HONOR THE COURAGE OF RICHARD SHIAH,
WHO WILLINGLY RISKED HIS OWN LIFE TO UPHOLD THE MOST
IMPORTANT FIREFIGHTER TRADITION - THE SAVING OF ANOTHER
LIFE. FEW TIMES DO MEN AND WOMEN HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY
TO TEST AND DISPLAY THEIR COURAGE AND PROFESSIONALISM

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WARREN E. ISMAN/ED KRUEGER

AUGUST 28, 1988

IN A SITUATION SUCH AS RICHARD FACED. HE DEMONSTRATED
THE CALIBER AND QUALITY OF CHARACTER THAT HAS BROUGHT
BOTH RESPECT AND PRAISE TO OUR PROFESSION.

NOW ED, WILL YOU PRESENT THE AWARD.

Ed Krueger:

THANK YOU CHIEF ISMAN.

Address Ed Krueger
as recipient:

RICHARD, YOU BECOME THE 40th RECIPIENT OF THE
BEHALF OF MOTOROLA AND THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
FIRE CHIEFS, I EXTEND CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU.

Warren Isman:

THANK YOU ED.

AUGUST 28, 1988

WARREN E. ISMAN

NOW, I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE ANOTHER ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

CHIEF CARMEN MORREALE OF THE NIAGARA FIRE DEPARTMENT,

WOULD YOU PLEASE JOIN US.

After the Chief reaches the stage, Warren Isman addresses audience:

AS FIRE CHIEFS, WE ALL KNOW WHAT IT TAKES TO RUN AN

EFFICIENT, DEDICATED FIRE DEPARTMENT.

CHIEF MORREALE, YOU HAVE BEEN SELECTED TO RECEIVE THE

FRANKLIN DEPARTMENTAL AWARD. WITHOUT THE LEADERSHIP

YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES GIVE TO THE FIRE SERVICE, WE

WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO PERFORM IN THE MANNER FOR

Address recipient:

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WARREN E. ISMAN

AUGUST 28, 1988

WHICH THE FIRE SERVICE IS SO FAMOUS. I COMMEND ALL
OF YOU.

Ed Krueger hands award to Chief Morreale:

Warren Isman
addresses audience:

THESE ARE THE BENJAMIN FRANKLIN AWARD RECIEPENTS
FOR 1988. PLEASE JOIN ME IN GIVING THEM THE APPLAUSE
THEY SO RICHLY DESERVE.

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Tom H. Miller
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A CB radio base, a police scanner, a weather-alert radio, telephones, and mirrors—all are tools of Tom Miller's trade: volunteering. Tom takes no lunch breaks, has no off-duty hours. He is on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week. And he works from his bed, where he has been confined for 49 years. Tom dispatches and relays emergency calls, schedules meetings at the town community center, operates a weather-warning system, and writes a weekly column about community events. Tom's efficient and effective work and his affable manner have set an example for his community that few can duplicate.



Wayne and Ann Miller
Helena, Montana

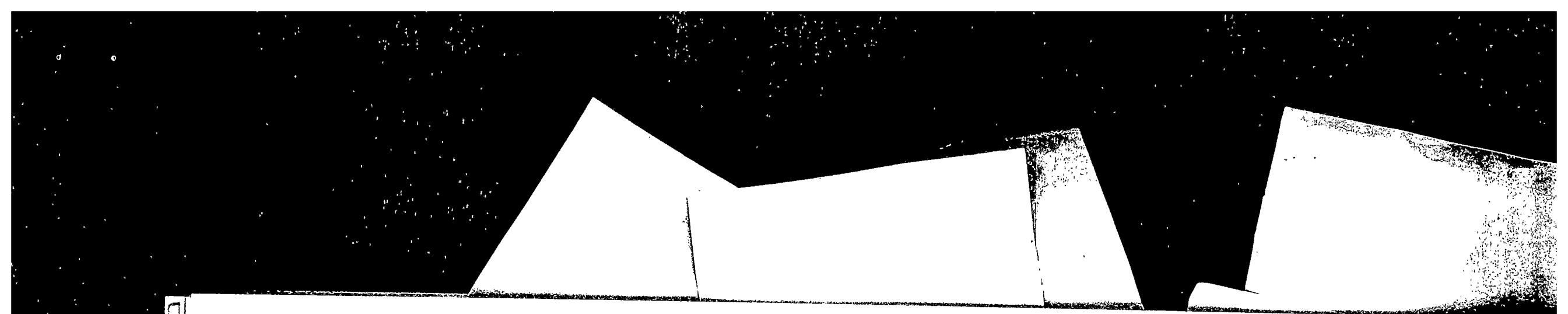
Prompted by their own business successes, Wayne and Ann Miller made a personal commitment to direct 40 to 50 percent of their annual income back into their community. Not satisfied with just contributing these funds, they have taken a hands-on approach. Working as a team, they have started a number of programs designed to help their community's needy. And as their awareness of needs grew, so did their generosity and involvement. Wayne and Ann's unselfish commitments of time and money have touched the lives of everyone in their community.

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October -

all the fire calls / 01

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arthritis
9 yrs. old
partial loss
of right hand
& arm -
& eyes -
old. not used
his head



The Alexis de Tocqueville Society Award

1987

United Way of America's Alexis de Tocqueville Society Award celebrates the spirit of voluntarism in America. It is given annually to recognize outstanding volunteer achievement in response to the needs of others. For this centennial year of the United Way, the award recognizes the special efforts of two groups of volunteers. Representing each of the 50 states, two United States territories, and the District of Columbia are 53 award recipients who have been singled out by state and regional committees as embodying the best of voluntarism in America. In addition, seven de Tocqueville recipients were selected at large. The extraordinary efforts of these 60 awar-

dees give concrete testimony to de Tocqueville's observation that the spirit of giving resides in America's heart and soul.

French aristocrat Alexis de Tocqueville was 26 when he came to America in 1831, just 44 years after the young nation had drafted its Constitution. His detailed study of American society and politics, which he published in two volumes entitled *Democracy in America*, documents the way Americans, buoyed by their belief in equality, helped each other in times of need. He was the first to recognize voluntarism as a way of life typically American.

De Tocqueville wrote: "Americans combine

to give fetes, found seminars, build churches, distribute books, and send missionaries to the antipodes. . . . I have often admired the extreme skill they show in proposing a common object for the exertions of very many and in inducing them voluntarily to pursue it." Appropriately, those who have given distinguished voluntary service throughout the nation are honored in the name of Alexis de Tocqueville.

Highlights of the 100-year History of United Way

The 100-year history of the United Way movement demonstrates a responsiveness to the ever-changing needs of American society. The sound concepts of caring and serving, at work since 1887, have allowed the movement to mature, enduring the test of time—two world wars, the Great Depression, numerous recessions, as well as social and political upheaval. The United Way Centennial provides an opportune time to review significant developments with an eye toward assuring a vital future. Here, then, are some of the important dates and occurrences in United Way's first hundred years.

1887. The seed for today's United Way was planted in Denver when clergy of several faiths joined together to found the Charity Organization Society. This organization planned and coordinated local services and conducted a single fund-raising campaign. This was the first United Way.

1888. Denver's campaign, the first united campaign in the country, raised \$21,700 for ten community agencies.

1894. In an important distinction that holds to this day, charitable institutions were exempted from the first federal act imposing a tax on "all corporations organized for profit."

1911. The National Association of Societies for Organizing Charity was formed. This was a forerunner of United Way's national association.

1918. Executives of a dozen fund-raising federations established the American Association for Community Organizations which later became United Way of America.

1919. The name "Community Chest" was first adopted in Rochester, New York. It would become widely used by United Way organizations around the country until the early 1950s.

1927. The national United Way organization adopted the name "Community Chests and Councils." Nearly \$69 million was raised by the 314 communities.

1931. Community Chests across the country mobilized to fight the hunger and need created by the Great Depression. For the first time, fund raising passed the \$100 million mark.

1935. With the encouragement of local Community Chest organizations and their national association, Congress amended the income tax laws, permitting corporations to deduct up to five percent of taxable income for charitable contributions.

1942. Leaders of Community Chest formed the National War fund to raise and allocate funds for war-related programs. Nearly \$167 million was raised nationally. This same year, the AFL and CIO joined the Community Chest organizations to establish labor liaison programs.

1944. During the last year of World War II, \$226 million was raised by the nearly 800 Community Chest organizations.

1948. The number of communities with Community Chest organizations topped 1,000 for the first time.

1950. President Truman delivered the first United Way Presidential message filmed for television.

1957. President Eisenhower signed an executive order permitting local federated campaigns to ask federal employees for pledges.

1963. More than 30 Community Chest and United Fund organizations in the Los Angeles area merged, becoming the first group to formally adopt the name "United Way."

1970. The national association reorganized under the name, "United Way of America." Volunteer leaders resolved that the name "United Way" should be encouraged for adoption by member organizations around the country.

1974. United Ways undertook the largest public service campaign in the nation's history. For the first time, United Ways in the United States and Canada raised more than \$1 billion. United Way International was formed to help other countries establish their own United Way organizations.

1981. United Way raised \$1.7 billion, an increase of 10.1 percent over the previous year.

1982. United Way of America opened the new national service center, increasing its ability to support United Ways throughout the nation.

1983. United Ways across the country shifted their emphasis from fund raising to more active participation in addressing the problems of their communities. United Way participated in the distribution of a first-of-its-kind \$50 million Congressional emergency food and shelter grant.

1985. United Ways raised \$2.3 billion, an increase of 9 percent over 1984's total.

1987. United Way marks its centennial at the Volunteer Leaders Conference in Washington, D.C. and launches its Second Century Initiative to double United Way's capacity to address the nation's health and human-care needs.

Acknowledgments

United Way thanks all of those who helped make this salute to voluntarism possible.

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The Committee to Salute the Spirit of Voluntarism, a consortium of business, labor, and individuals dedicated to recognizing the contributions of volunteers:

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III

The instrumentalists and vocalists in United Way's Centennial Honors Ensembles and the schools and universities they represent.

IV

The individuals who donated their time and talent to participate in An Evening at the Kennedy Center.

V

And the millions of people who are the reason that we celebrate—America's volunteers.

(Smith/Dooley)
April 5, 1989
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FIRE

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: FIRE SERVICE DINNER
SHERATON WASHINGTON HOTEL
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 1989

Members of the fire service community, ladies and gentlemen,
friends.

You know, it's been said that politicians, like fire
fighters, are often misunderstood. Well, let me observe that I
resemble that charge. It is a great privilege to be . . . please
forgive me . . . in such extinguished company. Indeed, you might
say that I'm all fired-up for the occasion.

Seriously, I want to thank you for that kind introduction,
and for your generous reception. And let me, first, congratulate
some of those responsible for this evening.

I'm referring, of course, to the International Associations
of Fire Chiefs and Fire Fighters, the International Society of
Fire Service Instructors, the National Fire Protection
Association and National Volunteer Fire Council, and the
Volunteer Firemen's Insurance Services.

I want to also salute the more than 2,000 representatives
here of the fire service community, and the members of the

Congressional Fire Service Caucus -- now, the third-largest congressional caucus on all of Capital Hill. And let me say a special thanks to the fire fighter's best friend, Congressman Curt Weldon.

Finally, I want to say that you've chosen a wonderful time of year to hold this first annual Congressional Fire Services Institute Dinner.

After all, just think of it. Spring is in the air . . . Millie has had her puppies . . . Washington is alive with visitors . . . and baseball's Orioles are still in the pennant race. Of course, the season is one week old.

We meet, together, in a special week. For this is Volunteer Week, a time which celebrates the selfless character of the American people.

Looking toward tonight, I was struck by the fact that 85 per cent of our Nation's fire protection is supplied by volunteers. And it occurred to me that both you and your paid colleagues -- for both give of your time, and of yourselves -- provide the definition of a successful life.

For a successful life, it seems to me, must include serving others. A successful life states that we are partners, not

islands unto ourselves -- the sum not of our possessions, but of how we treat our neighbors.

Well, for more than 200 years, fire fighters have been this Nation's neighbor -- in word and deed, "the backbone of America." You have met local emergencies through volunteer and paid fire and emergency service networks. And today, you meet them still -- three million members strong.

You know, being here reminds me of a story that I heard which happened back in Prohibition days.

It seems that 25 of Boston's top bootleggers were rounded up in a surprise raid. And as they were being arraigned, the judge asked the usual question about occupation.

The first 24 men were engaged in the same profession -- each claimed to be a "fire fighter." Well, naturally, the judge asked the last prisoner, "And what are you?" "Your honor," he replied, "I'm a bootlegger." Surprised, the judge laughed and asked, "How's business?" "It would be a lot better," he answered, "if there weren't so many fire fighters around."

See what I'm getting at? Even back in Prohibition, your numbers turned the tide! And so they can today, and must too in the future. We've come a long way since Benjamin Franklin founded one of the first volunteer fire companies in 1736. Now,

let us go forward, and help achieve your goal: a better, more secure, more fire-safe America.

Toward that end, let me share some thoughts.

First, this Administration believes the fire service network deserves a Federal government which understands and values its place in the American family.

Almost every municipality has some sort of emergency fire organization. At the 4th of July centennial, or Memorial Day parade, the fire service is there. At senior citizens centers and service clubs, the fire service is there. When fire raged at Yellowstone, the fire service was there. And so, too, when you become the "first responder" not only to fire, but to accidents, floods, cave-ins, and collapsed buildings. You deserve the government's respect. In my Administration, you have it.

Second, this Administration believes you deserve the government's support. Fifteen years ago, the National Fire Prevention and Control Administration was created. Finally, you thought, your concerns would be heard by every level of government. Well, too often that didn't happen, and you felt shunted to the sidelines. My friends, under this Administration, we're returning -- together -- to the center of the field.

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Tonight, I call for restoring the U.S. Fire Administration to its rightful role as the fire service's Federal advocate. And for a national clearinghouse to deal with fire service issues. We want the National Fire Academy to regain its identity and prominence as a "national training center." And for the Federal Fire Act of 1974 to be restored to its original intent.

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Fire Academy

You know, few professions display that special brand of skill and heroism that is found in the fire service. I'm thinking, for example, of how last May, Richard Shiah [SHY-a], an off-duty Battalion Chief, arrived at the scene of a burning pickup truck that was overturned in a ditch. With no protective clothing on him, he risked his life, and suffered second-degree burns on his face and wrists, to save a father and two sons.

Battalion Chief Shiah shows -- like every fire fighter -- that heroism, American-style, is not going out of style. Tonight, let us pledge that it never will. And to achieve that goal, let us act, specifically, to help the fire services in protecting our citizens from loss of life and property.

Each year more than 6,000 lives are lost in fires, and over \$10 billion lost in property damage. And, last year, as part of the Omnibus Drug Act of 1988, we raised the death benefit for fallen fire fighters from \$50,000 to \$100,000. No, it's not enough. It can never be enough. For no price can be attached to the life of a heroic American.

But in other ways, prices can be attached. For example, I believe that funds appropriated by Congress for "fire programs" at the Fire Emergency Training Center should be used for that program and not for non-fire related programs. We need increased Federal help concerning regulations which govern the transportation of hazardous materials. And we must ~~must~~ foster ~~greater~~ ^{greater} public awareness of fire problems by supporting the Federal fire safety program.

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Fire education - we're the worst indust nation save lives + prop thru education

All this, we can, and must, achieve. And as we do, we'll show how volunteerism can join hands with government to renew the promise of America.

That is why I have opened the Office of National Service. This Office is leading my Administration's community and national service programs. Next month, I will send legislation to the Congress proposing our Administration's Y-E-S or YES Program -- Youth Entering Service. And yesterday, I saluted the 18 recipients of the 1989 President's Volunteer Action Awards.

I have said I like what works. Volunteerism works. In a recent Gallup Poll, nearly 50 per cent of those interviewed were involved in community service -- that's up from 31 per cent in 1984. Today, millions of people are lending a hand, tending a wound, and helping the less fortunate -- in a homeless shelter, an inner-city school, and in our fire and emergency services.

As some of may know, Teddy Roosevelt is among my favorite Presidents. And recently I came across some words spoken on the eve of his 16th birthday. "All that gives me most pleasure in the retrospect is concerned with others," said Theodore Roosevelt, Sr. And then Teddy's father went on to add, "We are not placed here to live exclusively for ourselves."

My friends, you, as well as anyone, embody those words. By saving lives, you have defined a successful life. You have lived, as much as possible, by the tenets of the Golden Rule.

For that, I thank you -- and yet I challenge you, too. Yes, let us build on our beginnings. Let us achieve a fire-safe America. And as we do, Americans will say what I do tonight: "The horizons of America have no limit. The best for America still lies ahead."

Thank you for this evening, and for inviting me. God bless you, and God bless America.

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(Smith/Dooley)
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SHERATON WASHINGTON HOTEL
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 1989

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Volunteer fire
dept anecdote

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Now, I saw first-hand last November 8 how you treated this neighbor. I thank you for your support. And I appreciate, in a non-partisan sense, how you have been "the backbone of America." For more than 200 years, fire fighters have met local emergencies through volunteer and paid fire and emergency service networks. And today, you meet them still -- 3 million members strong.

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X ^{sheet} You know, being here reminds me of a story ~~that~~ I heard which happened back in Prohibition days.

It seems that 25 of Boston's top bootleggers were rounded up in a surprise raid. And as they were being arraigned, the judge asked the usual question about occupation.

The first 24 men were engaged in the same profession -- each claimed to be a "fire fighter." Well, naturally, the judge asked the last prisoner, "And what are you?" "Your honor," he replied, "I'm a bootlegger." Surprised, the judge laughed and asked, "How's business?" "It would be a lot better," he answered, "if there weren't so many fire fighters around."

See what I'm getting at? Even back in Prohibition, fire fighters were at the center of things! And so you are today, and must be in the future. In 17 , Ben Franklin founded one of the first volunteer fire companies. Their motto resembled pay as you go; if your house lacked a fire mark, too bad -- you didn't get the service. We've come a long way since then. Now, let us go onward and upward, and help achieve your goal: a better, more secure, more fire-safe America.

Toward that end, let me share with you some thoughts.

First, this Administration believes the fire service network warrants a Federal government which values its place in the American family.

9 Almost every municipality has some sort of emergency fire organization. At the 4th of July centennial, or Memorial Day parade, the fire service is there. At senior citizens centers and service clubs, the fire service is there. When fire raged at

Yellowstone, the fire service was there. And so, too, when you become the "first responder" not only to fire, but to accidents, floods, cave-ins, and collapsed buildings. You deserve the government's respect. In my Administration, you have it.

Second, this Administration believes you deserve the government's support. Fifteen years ago, the National Fire Prevention and Control Administration was created. Finally, you thought, your concerns would be heard by every level of government. Well, too often that didn't happen, and you felt shunted to the sidelines. My friends, under this Administration, we're returning -- together -- to the center of the field.

Tonight, I call for restoring the U.S. Fire Administration to its role as the fire service's Federal advocate. And for a national clearinghouse in dealing with fire service issues. I want the National Fire Academy to regain its identity and prominence as a "national training center." And, yes, we all believe that the Federal Fire Act of 1974 should be restored to its original intent.

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You know, few professions display that special brand of skill and heroism that is found in the fire service. I'm thinking, for example, of Richard Shiah, a 1988 recipient of the International Benjamin Franklin Fire Service Award. Last May, off-duty Battalion Chief Shiah arrived at the scene of a burning pickup truck that was overturned in a ditch. With no protective clothing on him, he risked his life, and suffered second-degree burns on his face and wrists, to save a father and two sons.

Battalion Chief Shiah shows that heroism, American-style, is not going out of style. Tonight, let us pledge that it never will. And to achieve that goal, let us act, specifically, to help the fire services in protecting our citizens from loss of life and property.

You realize, as I do, that each year more than 6,000 lives are lost in fires, and over \$10 billion lost in property damage. And, last year, as part of the Omnibus Drug Act of 1988, we raised the death benefit for fallen fire fighters from \$50,000 to \$100,000. No, it's not enough. It can never be enough. For no price can be attached to the life of a heroic American.

Yet in other ways, prices can be attached. For example, I urge that funds appropriated by Congress for "fire programs" at the Fire Emergency Training Center be used for that program and not for non-fire related programs. And we should increase coordination of resources to help the Fire Services confront the problem of the "first responder" in terms of AIDS.

We're going to demand the application of fire-safe building designs and construction codes. We need increased Federal help concerning regulations which govern the transportation of hazardous materials. We ~~must~~ must foster greater public awareness of the fire problem by supporting the Federal fire safety program. And, you bet, I support a hard-line policy against arson: That means tough, mandatory sentences.

All this, we can, and must, achieve. And as we do, we'll show how volunteerism can be government's ally, joining hands for the good of America.

My friends, I believe -- believe deeply -- that, together, the public and private sectors can exceed the sum of their parts. That is why I have opened the Office of National Service. This Office is leading my Administration's community and national service programs. We want to encourage cooperative efforts between all levels of government, private enterprise, and voluntary organizations. Our Office of National Service will help you help others.

I have said I like what works. Volunteerism works. Voluntary service is as timeless as our history. Community service is as vibrant as our youth.

Accordingly, this morning, I signed an Executive Order creating the Y-E-S or YES Program -- Youth Entering Service. Through YES to America, Americans of junior- and senior-high-school age -- some of them the fire fighters of tomorrow -- can, personally, give of, not to, themselves. Here, they can assault such problems as hunger, homelessness, health care, and drug abuse. Here, they can have a voice -- a constructive voice -- and make sure that voice is heard.

Well, that's something you, above anyone, would surely understand.

For many years, your voice, too, has resounded from Maine to California -- saying "Yes" to America, and to your fellow man. You have helped your neighbors, and enriched your communities. By saving lives, you have defined a successful life. You have truly "Done Unto Others."

For that, I thank you -- and yet I challenge you, too. Let us build on our beginnings. Let us strive, through volunteerism, toward a fire-safe America. Let us help fire fighters weave the social fabric of America.

And as we do, Americans will say, as I do tonight: "The horizons of America have no limit. The best for America still lies ahead."

Thank you for this evening, and for inviting me. God bless you, and God bless America.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 23, 1989
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MEMORANDUM

TO: DAVID DEMAREST

FROM: JOSEPH W. HAGIN

SUBJECT: APPROVED PRESIDENTIAL ACTIVITY

EVENT: Address the National Fire Service Dinner

DATE: April 12, 1989

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

DURATION: 60 Minutes (T)

LOCATION: Sheraton Washington Hotel

ATTIRE: Business Suit

REMARKS REQUIRED: Yes

MEDIA COVERAGE: Open

FIRST LADY
PARTICIPATION: No

ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION:

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NOTE: PROJECT OFFICER, SEE ATTACHED CHECKLIST

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SUBJECT:

PROJECT OFFICERS
JOSEPH W. HAGIN II
CHECKLIST FOR PRESIDENTIAL EVENTS

General Responsibilities

- _____ The Presidential Advance Office has responsibility for all logistical arrangements for any event involving press coverage. Please coordinate with them from the time your event is approved in order to avoid the need for last-minute modification.
- _____ Notify and clear all participants. (Full name, social security number, date of birth and place of birth).
- _____ Prepare and submit briefing paper to Jim Cicconi's Office by 3:00pm of the preceding day (14 copies)
- _____ Coordinate with Tim McBride on Presidential involvement.
- _____ Coordinate with Press Office and Media Relations regarding Press Coverage. Provide Media Relations with hometowns of participants. No organization's photographers will be admitted to any event unless the press is present. Clearance of such photographers should be coordinated through Media Relations.
- _____ If remarks are required, coordinate with the Speechwriters Office well in advance.
- _____ For outdoor events at the White House, in case of inclement weather, clear and reserve the backup location indicated.
- _____ If participant plans to bring a gift, contact the White House Gift Unit, in advance, for review and proper procedure for handling.
- _____ If any foreign visitor or dignitary is to be involved, please coordinate with the NSC (x2224).
- _____ If any Department of Defense or Military personnel are to be involved, please coordinate in advance with the White House Military Office (x2150).
- _____ If press coverage is expected, please provide all pertinent information concerning this event (guests, scenario, backdrop, etc.) to the Presidential Advance Office at least 72 hours prior to the event.
- _____ Within five (5) days after the event, submit a complete, confirmed list of staff and attendees, identified by title, and the actual starting and completion times of the event, to the President's Diarist, Office of Presidential Appointments and Scheduling.
- _____ If tent name cards are needed, send a list of names to the Social Secretary's office (x7064) at least 48 hours in advance.
- _____ For West Wing Meetings all room arrangements (chairs, notepads, pencils, etc.) should be made through Carl Jones or Susie Peake.

Residence Events

- _____ Coordinate with the Social Secretary's office (x7064) for all arrangements.
- _____ Send guest list to Social Secretary's office, preferably three weeks prior to the event.
- _____ The President's attendance at this event should not be announced until official notification is given by the White House Press Office and any public announcement must be coordinated with that office. Also, prior to the distribution of any printed material, particularly details of the invitation, contact must be made with the White House Social Secretary, Laurie Firestone, at (x7064).

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CONGRESSIONAL FIRE SERVICES CAUCUS

February 6, 1989

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SCHEDULING
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Mr. Joseph Hagan
Assistant to the President
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The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Joe:

I enjoyed our conversation regarding the fire service and the possibility of President Bush attending the first annual national fire service dinner.

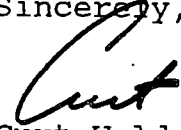
Your understanding of the fire service and their significance as a national constituency for President Bush is most encouraging. Like you, my personal background and primary interests involve the fire and emergency services.

As we discussed, the First Annual Congressional Fire Services Institute Dinner will unite virtually every segment of our nation's fire and emergency services behind a cooperative effort to address the fire problem in America. The April 12th dinner offers the most unique and timely opportunity for President Bush to reach out to the entire fire service community.

Attached are copies of invitations and background materials previously sent to President Bush regarding the April 12th fire service dinner. Your earliest consideration and reply to this request will enable us to maximize the President's exposure in the fire service community and ensure the success of this event.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me or John McNichol of my staff at 225-2011.

Sincerely,


Curt Weldon
Member of Congress



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CONGRESSIONAL FIRE SERVICES CAUCUS

February 7, 1989

The Honorable George Bush
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20501

Dear Mr. President:

I am pleased to invite you to the first truly national fire service dinner. This event will mark one of the most significant cooperative efforts in the history of our nation's fire and emergency services.

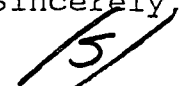
The First Annual Congressional Fire Services Institute Dinner will be held on April 12, 1989 at the Sheraton Washington Hotel. The event will open with a reception at 6:00 pm followed by dinner at 7:00 PM and a brief awards ceremony.

The mission of the Congressional Fire Services Institute (CFSI) is to provide information about federal programs, policies and legislation of importance to the fire service. Your commitment to these issues throughout the 1988 presidential campaign sent a signal of strong support to the men and women of the fire service. CFSI would be honored to present you with an award for your dedication to the American Fire Service as our nation's "Fire Chief".

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Your earliest reply will enable the event coordinators to make the appropriate arrangements.

For more information regarding the April 12th dinner contact me or John McNichol of my staff at 202-225-2011.

Sincerely,


CURT WELDON

Enclosure



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The Congressional Fire Services Institute

The Congressional Fire Services Institute (the "Institute") has been established to support the programs and develop the policy of the Congressional Fire Services Caucus (the "Caucus").

The Caucus was founded in November of 1987. Since that time it has grown to be the third largest congressional caucus on Capitol Hill with more than 290 members. This remarkable achievement was made possible by the cooperative efforts of select Members of Congress and the National Fire Service Community.

The Caucus has provided the fire service with greater access to the Executive and Legislative branches of the federal government. The Caucus has developed an effective network of congressional offices to promote administrative and legislative initiatives from within Congress -- opening many previously closed doors. The Caucus has allowed the fire service to realize that they are a significant constituency in our democratic system. The Caucus has stressed that understanding how our government works is critical to the future of the fire service.

Finally, the Caucus has united organizations representing the fire community behind a common cause -- the fundamental goal of a fire safe America is far more important than the differences between individual fire service organizations.

The newly formed Institute will enable the Caucus to expand its membership within Congress and reach out into the fire service community. The Institute will track legislation, monitor hearings, develop policy, identify consensus priorities of the fire service, and report these findings to the Caucus and to its external members. The Institute will educate Members of Congress about the fire problem in America, and at the same time instruct the fire service on how to make government more responsive. The Institute will support, not duplicate or supplant the operations of any other fire service organization. The Institute will offer a new perspective on solving old problems through heightened congressional awareness and by allowing the national fire service to hold the federal government accountable for its actions..

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CONGRESSIONAL FIRE SERVICES CAUCUS

The Congressional Fire Services Caucus was founded by Congressman Curt Weldon in November 1987. Initially comprised of only a handful of Members, the Caucus was formed to provide a working mechanism within Congress to address issues relating to fire, life safety and emergency services.

Within its first year, the Congressional Fire Services Caucus went from being one of the more obscure caucuses on Capitol Hill to becoming the third largest. With 291 Members and Senators representing every state and drawn equally from both parties, the Fire Services Caucus has established a wide base of support for fire and life safety issues.

In the 100th Congress, the Caucus focused attention on the concerns of the fire and life safety community by:

- Establishing a network of Members and staff to network issues and legislation.
- Providing a central clearinghouse for Members of Congress and national fire service groups to interface on issues, problems and concerns.
- Providing regular legislative updates to Members and their staffs on all fire service legislation introduced in the 100th Congress.
- Taking advocacy positions for consensus fire service issues to generate support within Congress.
- Influencing Congressional positions on fire and life safety issues through testimony given as a representative of the Congressional Fire Services Caucus.
- Coordinating and conducting technical seminars and presentations on selected topics as requested by fire service organizations.
- Holding national press conferences on topics relating to fire, life safety and emergency services.
- Arranging informational seminars and outreach programs for Members of Congress to allow them to more effectively serve the fire and life safety constituency.

MEMBERS IN LIST FSC
CONGRESSIONAL FIRE SERVICES CAUCUS AS OF 3/3/89

Member's Name.....	ST/Dist.	Room	Bldg.....
Senator Ted Stevens	AK/98	522	SHOB
Senator Frank H. Murkowski	AK/99	709	SHOB
Congressman Sonny Callahan	AL/01	1232	LHOB
Congressman Tom Bevill	AL/04	2302	RHOB
Congressman Tommy F. Robinson	AR/02	1541	LHOB
Congressman John Paul Hammerschmidt	AR/03	2110	RHOB
Senator Dale Bumpers	AR/98	229	SDOB
Congressman Eni F. H. Faleomavega	AS/00	413	CHOB
Congressman John Rhodes	AZ/01	412	CHOB
Congressman Jim Kolbe	AZ/05	410	CHOB
Senator Dennis DeConcini	AZ/98	328	SHOB
Senator John McCain	AZ/99	111	SROB
Congressman Wally Herger, Jr.	CA/02	1108	LHOB
Congressman Vic Fazio	CA/04	2433	RHOB
Congresswoman Barbara Boxer	CA/06	307	CHOB
Congressman Fortney H. Stark	CA/09	1125	LHOB
Congressman Tom Lantos	CA/11	1526	LHOB
Congressman Norman D. Shumway	CA/14	1203	LHOB
Congressman Robert J. Lagomarsino	CA/19	2332	RHOB
Congressman Elton Gallegly	CA/21	107	CHOB
Congressman Matthew G. Martinez	CA/30	240	CHOB
Congressman George E. Brown, Jr.	CA/36	2188	RHOB
Congressman Duncan L. Hunter	CA/45	133	CHOB
Senator Alan Cranston	CA/98	112	SHOB
Senator Pete Wilson	CA/99	720	SHOB
Congressman Ben Nighthorse Campbell	CO/03	1724	LHOB
Congressman Hank Brown	CO/04	1424	LHOB
Congressman Joel M. Hefley	CO/05	222	CHOB
Congressman Dan Schaefer	CO/06	1317	LHOB
Senator Timothy Wirth	CO/99	380	SROB
Congresswoman Barbara Kennelly	CT/01	204	CHOB
Congressman Samuel Gejdenson	CT/02	1410	LHOB
Congressman Bruce Morrison	CT/03	330	CHOB
Congressman Christopher Shays	CT/04	1531	LHOB
Congressman John G. Rowland	CT/05	329	CHOB
Congresswoman Nancy L. Johnson	CT/06	119	CHOB
Senator Christopher J. Dodd	CT/99	444	SROB
Congressman Thomas R. Carper	DE/00	131	CHOB
Senator William V. Roth, Jr.	DE/98	104	SHOB
Senator Joseph R. Biden, Jr.	DE/99	489	SROB
Congressman Clifford Stearns	FL/06	1630	LHOB
Congressman C. W. Bill Young	FL/08	2407	RHOB
Congressman Michael Bilirakis	FL/09	1530	LHOB
Congressman Andrew P. Ireland	FL/10	2416	RHOB
Congressman Tom Lewis	FL/12	1216	LHOB
Congressman Larry Smith	FL/16	113	CHOB
Congressman Robert Lindsay Thomas	GA/01	431	CHOB
Congressman Charles F. Hatcher	GA/02	405	CHOB
Congressman Richard B. Ray	GA/03	425	CHOB
Congressman Ben Jones	GA/04	514	CHOB
Congressman John Lewis	GA/05	501	CHOB
Congressman Newton Gingrich	GA/06	2438	RHOB
Congressman George Darden	GA/07	228	CHOB

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Congressman J. Roy Rowland	GA/08	423	CHOB
Congressman Edgar L. Jenkins	GA/09	2427	RHOB
Congressman Douglas Barnard, Jr.	GA/10	2227	RHOB
Senator Sam Nunn	GA/98	303	SDOB
Senator Wyche Fowler	GA/99	204	SROB
Congresswoman Patricia Saiki	HI/01	1609	LHOB
Congressman Daniel K. Akaka	HI/02	2301	RHOB
Congressman James A. S. Leach	IA/01	1514	LHOB
Congressman Thomas J. Tauke	IA/02	2244	RHOB
Congressman David Nagle	IA/03	214	CHOB
Congressman Jim Lightfoot	IA/05	1222	LHOB
Congressman Fred Grandy	IA/06	1711	LHOB
Senator Charles E. Grassley	IA/98	135	SHOB
Congressman Larry Craig	ID/01	1034	LHOB
Senator James A. McClure	ID/98	309	SHOB
Senator Steven D. Symms	ID/99	509	SHOB
Congressman Martin A. Russo	IL/03	2233	RHOB
Congressman George E. Sangmeister	IL/04	1607	LHOB
Congressman Henry J. Hyde	IL/06	2104	RHOB
Congresswoman Cardiss Collins	IL/07	2264	RHOB
Congressman Harris W. Fawell	IL/13	318	CHOB
Congressman J. Dennis Hastert	IL/14	515	CHOB
Congressman Edward R. Madigan	IL/15	2109	RHOB
Congresswoman Lynn M. Martin	IL/16	1214	LHOB
Congressman Lane Evans	IL/17	328	CHOB
Congressman Terry L. Bruce	IL/19	419	CHOB
Congressman Glenn Poshard	IL/22	1229	LHOB
Senator Alan J. Dixon	IL/98	331	SHOB
Senator Paul Simon	IL/99	462	SDOB
Congressman James Jontz	IN/05	1039	LHOB
Congressman Dan Burton	IN/06	120	CHOB
Senator Richard G. Lugar	IN/98	306	SHOB
Congresswoman Jan Meyers	KS/03	315	CHOB
Congressman Robert Whittaker	KS/05	2436	RHOB
Senator Robert Dole	KS/98	141	SHOB
Congressman Carroll Hubbard, Jr.	KY/01	2267	RHOB
Congressman William H. Natcher	KY/02	2333	RHOB
Congressman Jim Bunning	KY/04	116	CHOB
Congressman Larry J. Hopkins	KY/06	2437	RHOB
Senator Wendell H. Ford	KY/98	173A	SROB
Senator Mitch McConnell	KY/99	120	SROB
Congressman Robert L. Livingston	LA/01	2412	RHOB
Congressman W. J. Tauzin	LA/03	2342	RHOB
Congressman Jim McCrery	LA/04	1721	LHOB
Congressman Clyde Holloway	LA/08	1206	LHOB
Senator J. Bennett Johnston	LA/98	136	SHOB
Senator John Breaux	LA/99	516	SHOB
Congressman Silvio O. Conte	MA/01	2300	RHOB
Congressman Nicholas Mavroules	MA/06	2432	RHOB
Congressman Edward J. Markey	MA/07	2133	RHOB
Congressman Joseph P. Kennedy, II	MA/08	1208	LHOB
Congressman J. Joseph Moakley	MA/09	221	CHOB
Congressman Gerry E. Studds	MA/10	237	CHOB

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Congressman Benjamin L. Cardin	MD/03	507	CHOB
Congressman Tom McMillen	MD/04	327	CHOB
Congressman Steny H. Hoyer	MD/05	1513	LHOB
Congresswoman Beverly B. Byron	MD/06	2430	RHOB
Congresswoman Constance Morella	MD/08	1024	LHOB
Senator Paul S. Sarbanes	MD/98	332	SDOB
Senator Barbara Mikulski	MD/99	320	SHOB
Congressman Joseph E. Brennan	ME/01	1428	LHOB
Senator William S. Cohen	ME/98	322	SHOB
Senator George J. Mitchell	ME/99	176	SROB
Congressman Carl D. Pursell	MI/02	1414	LHOB
Congressman Howard Wolpe	MI/03	1535	LHOB
Congressman Frederick S. Upton	MI/04	1713	LHOB
Congressman Paul B. Henry	MI/05	215	CHOB
Congressman Dale E. Kildee	MI/07	2262	RHOB
Congressman Bob Traxler	MI/08	2366	RHOB
Congressman Bill Schuette	MI/10	415	CHOB
Congressman Robert W. Davis	MI/11	2417	RHOB
Congressman David E. Bonior	MI/12	2242	RHOB
Congressman George Crockett, Jr.	MI/13	2235	RHOB
Congressman Dennis Hertel	MI/14	2442	RHOB
Congressman Sander Levin	MI/17	323	CHOB
Congressman William S. Broomfield	MI/18	2306	RHOB
Senator Donald W. Riegle, Jr.	MI/98	105	SDOB
Senator Carl Levin	MI/99	459	SROB
Congressman Timothy J. Penny	MN/01	436	CHOB
Congressman Bruce F. Vento	MN/04	2304	RHOB
Senator Dave Durenberger	MN/98	154	SROB
Congressman Jack Buechner	MO/02	502	CHOB
Congressman Ike Skelton	MO/04	2453	RHOB
Congressman Bill Emerson	MO/08	418	CHOB
Senator John C. Danforth	MO/98	497	SROB
Senator Christopher Bond	MO/99	293	SROB
Congressman Pat Williams	MT/01	2457	RHOB
Congressman Ron Marlenee	MT/02	2465	RHOB
Congressman Martin Lancaster	NC/03	1408	LHOB
Congressman David E. Price	NC/04	1224	LHOB
Congressman Stephen L. Neal	NC/05	2463	RHOB
Congressman Howard Coble	NC/06	430	CHOB
Congressman J. Alex McMillan	NC/09	401	CHOB
Congressman Cass Ballenger	NC/10	218	CHOB
Senator Jesse Helms	NC/98	403	SDOB
Senator Quentin N. Burdick	ND/98	511	SHOB
Senator Kent Conrad	ND/99	361	SDOB
Congressman Douglas K. Bereuter	NE/01	2446	RHOB
Congresswoman Virginia Smith	NE/03	2202	RHOB
Congressman Charles Douglas	NH/02	1338	LHOB
Congressman James J. Florio	NJ/01	2162	RHOB
Congressman William J. Hughes	NJ/02	341	CHOB
Congressman Christopher H. Smith	NJ/04	2440	RHOB
Congressman Bernard J. Dwyer	NJ/06	2428	RHOB

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Congressman Robert A. Roe	NJ/08	2243	RHOB
Congressman Robert Torricelli	NJ/09	317	CHOB
Congressman Dean A. Gallo	NJ/11	1318	LHOB
Congressman James A. Courter	NJ/12	2422	RHOB
Congressman Jim Saxton	NJ/13	324	CHOB
Congressman Frank J. Guarini	NJ/14	2458	RHOB
Senator Bill Bradley	NJ/98	731	SHOB
Senator Frank R. Lautenberg	NJ/99	717	SHOB
Congressman Joe Skeen	NM/02	1007	LHOB
Senator Pete V. Domenici	NM/98	434	SDOB
Senator Jeff Bingaman	NM/99	502	SHOB
Congresswoman Barbara F. Vucanovich	NV/02	206	CHOB
Congressman George J. Hochbrueckner	NY/01	124	CHOB
Congressman Thomas J. Downey	NY/02	2232	RHOB
Congressman Norman F. Lent	NY/04	2408	RHOB
Congressman Raymond J. McGrath	NY/05	205	CHOB
Congressman Floyd Flake	NY/06	1427	LHOB
Congressman Major R. Owens	NY/12	114	CHOB
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JANUARY 7, 1989

MEMORANDUM

TO: DAVE DEMAREST
GARY ANDREAS
FR: CONGRESSMAN CURT WELDON
RE: FIRE SERVICE MEETING WITH PRESIDENT-ELECT BUSH

Attached is background information regarding the fire service's support for President-elect Bush during the 1988 Presidential campaign.

During our prior conversations, there was an assurance given to me that President-elect Bush would meet with select fire service representatives for the purpose of discussing their priorities. Such a meeting would go a long way towards solidifying the President-elect's support among this constituency and at the same time reward a loyal group of Bush/ Quayle supporters.

The attached information summarizes the fire service's involvement with the Bush/ Quayle campaign. For additional information contact John McNichol of my staff at 225-5222 (John worked on the Bush/ Quayle team as the Director of the "Firefighters for Bush Coalition" and the "Law Enforcement for Bush Coalition").

A meeting at the President-elect's earliest convenience would be greatly appreciated. Please advise.

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By DENNIS SMITH



Bush in '88

There are times, sometimes often, when one just has to stand up for something. For firefighters, as we all know, rescue situations require one to put duty before all other considerations. For publishers, there are the intellectual and social responsibilities of making comment and choice about the world we live in and its leaders. And so I speak out.

I do not speak for the writers and contributing editors of this magazine, some of whom are reporters for major news organizations, and who have a professional responsibility to be bipartisan. And then, there are others who will say that *Firehouse* would be advantaged if its editor kept out of politics altogether. But I have a voice and, like the editors of the *Washington Times*, *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* or *Boston Globe*, I intend to use it. One of the great things about our coun-



try—a fundamental greatness—is the freedom to say just about anything we want. But, as with all freedoms, that freedom comes with a responsibility: to be clear and convincing. That's what makes the Democratic process work. To offer argument and to try to convince.

I think George Bush is the best man for undertaking the power and responsibility of President of the United States. Further, I think the coming election will prove to be one of the most important in our history, a time when the trends and directions of the country's policies and goals could change completely, and so it is vital to come to the right decision in this election.

George Bush cares about firefighters, and he is, himself, the kind of man who would get along well in a firehouse. He has always been a team player, and we firefighters know what that means when a tough job has to get done. But he is also always ready to stick his chin out when that has to be done—like most firefighters, a confident, giving

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and committed person.

In the past three weeks, I have been to Philadelphia, Washington, Boston, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland, Seattle, Denver, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Detroit and Minneapolis, and in these cities I talked not only to firefighters, but to cab drivers, bellhops and maitre d's; radio and television technicians and personalities; poor people, rich people and those in-between. During this time, I have also spoken to many suburban and rural firefighters in small-town bookstores and shopping malls. And, I found, almost without exclusion, that people were generally approving of, if not downright happy with, the way the country is running. I don't want to convey the idea that America does not have serious social problems, for it does, and where these problems exist, firefighters are in the thick of them. But, for the most part, firefighters and America's workers are doing as well as they ever have. This is the impression I got from talking to so many people. Yes, things could get better for all, particularly in the areas of housing and education, but we cannot forget that things could get terribly worse, too. And, this election can make all the difference.

I am not a Republican, nor am I a die-hard, hard-nosed Democrat. I was born into a laboring family in the tenement life of a large city where there wasn't enough money in the family to go to the movies once a week, or to pay for piano lessons or to go to a dentist who wasn't a graduate student in a clinic. I know what it is to be a child of immigrants and to be on the receiving end of the welfare system, to feel the embarrassment and the difficulty of maintaining a constant positive spirit. But, I also know the potential of that very same American spirit, one that was learned from the pioneers who built this country. And I know of the economic, social and cultural opportunities that exist for every American citizen who is determined to advance on life's road—not only in climbing the hills of success, but in bridging the chasms of failure, for in each human endeavor there are lessons to be learned if one wants to learn them.

The magnificence of our country is that it does not consciously hold anyone back, and it keeps well-oiled the hinges on the door of opportunity.

Of course, the possibility of opportunity does not exist for many in a society that has a high unemployment rate, and it is worth pointing out that our unemployment rate has dropped from more than 12 percent under President Carter to less than six percent today. And, while George Bush played an active role as Vice President, this country has seen an increase of 17.5 million jobs in the workplace. And then, we've experienced the largest period of uninterrupted economic growth in our history, 69 months of doing better. George Bush says he will continue this positive growth economy and that there will be no new taxes. I believe him.



While working in Engine Co. 82, then the busiest fire company in America, I was the union delegate to the Uniformed Firefighters Association. I remember many situations where ambitious politicians tried to kick us around, and issues flew through the city air every election time, the way bats come out of a cave at dusk. Firefighters should be forced to live in the city limits, it was said. Or, their work schedule should be changed. Or, their entry standards should be reduced. Or, they should make do with old apparatus and equipment, stop encroaching on the town's budget and understand that they are a low priority.

Well, I do not believe that George Bush thinks of firefighters and firefighting as a low priority. "Throughout our history," the Vice President has said, "there has been one institution in place protecting our citizens from the loss of life and property—the fire service. Under a

George Bush administration, the fire service would be recognized in the role it has traditionally played, as our nation's 'first responder' to not only fire, but to any emergency situation." And, in recognizing this vital role, the Vice President has said he would support raising the death benefit for fallen firefighters from \$50,000 to \$100,000.

When in Washington just a few weeks ago, I visited with the Vice President in his executive office (I tried to visit with Governor Dukakis also, but I received no response to my many phone calls).

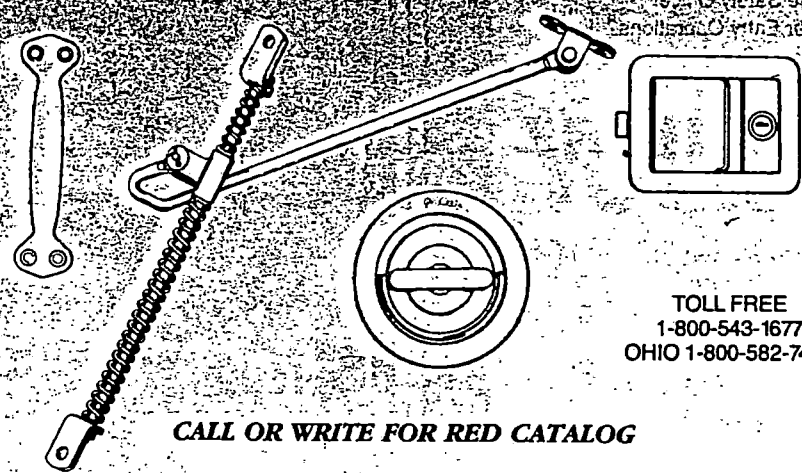
I had not met George Bush before. The first American representative to China since the easing of tensions with that country, a former Director of the Central Intelligence Agency and former Ambassador to the United Nations, George Bush

conveys the figure of a man who has done great things and who has dealt with the world's most powerful people. He is a war hero. He is also, I believe, a man who realizes that aside from those terrible tragedies in Israel, Northern Ireland and Africa, the world is in greater harmony than it has been for more than 75 years, and that this condition of harmony can exist only by understanding and negotiating within those very delicate balances of political and economic strengths and weaknesses. George Bush says that he can keep the world at peace, and I believe him.

The Vice President, in a gesture that showed savvy and sensitivity to our discussion, invited Congressman Curt Weldon of Pennsylvania to join us. Congressman Weldon is perhaps the most positive force in today's fire service. Almost singlehandedly, the congressman has nurtured the Congressional Fire Caucus from a fledg-

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ling group to the fourth largest caucus among 98 in congress.

It was obvious to me, as it will be to all who think about it, that George Bush cares about firefighters. No one in congress is more on top of the issues relating to firefighting and public safety than Curt Weldon, and the fact that the congressman enjoys a good working relationship with George Bush is and should be reassuring to all who care about the more than 6000 lives that are lost each year in fires, or the more than \$10 billion that is lost each year to property damage by fire.

I had the opportunity to discuss with the Vice President many of the issues that *Firehouse* has been covering since its inception—the need to more adequately train local firefighters in dealing effectively with hazardous materials, the problems of toxicity found in the many materials in our homes and workplaces when fire occurs, the problems of firefighter safety and health and, most particularly, the problem of annual cuts in the budgets of the United States Fire Administration and the National Fire Academy, attended by the administrative difficulties caused by FEMA officials, who do not come from and who have inadequate understanding of the country's fire service. George Bush was cognizant of these issues, and told me that it seemed to him that the firefighters of America had evidently been treated as "a stepchild" in the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and that they had received short shrift from the federal government. The Vice President then told me that he would look into these issues, and would certainly do something about them that was more in meeting the needs of firefighters. And, I believe him.

The country needs a continued strong economy, a peaceful world in which to coexist and a well-trained, well-supported fire service to keep us safe on the homefront. It is for these reasons that I, for the first time since I founded *Firehouse Magazine* 13 years ago, feel it necessary to support a particular candidate. The country needs George Bush, and most especially, the firefighters of America need a friend in the White House.



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Fire Politics

By HAL BRUNO



Secure Political Commitments Now

Washington, DC—Once again we're in the midst of an election campaign, with local, state and national offices at stake. Naturally, every special interest group in the country is trying to get the candidates to pay attention to their issues and the fire service is no exception.

That's the American way. There's nothing wrong in openly attempting to influence a candidate or learn what he or she might do if elected. In fact, it's a lot easier to get them to listen when they need your vote. Once they're elected, it becomes more difficult and, the higher the office, the more insulated they become. This political rule-of-thumb applies to all levels of government, from the town hall to the White House.

Ask questions now

The lesson is clear: Now is the time to be asking questions, educating the candidates, the people around them and, if possible, forcing them to take a stand. If you don't, you're liable to be unpleasantly surprised after the election, when it's discovered that a newly-elected official doesn't have your best interests at heart.

That frequently has happened to firefighters, which is why various fire organizations are attempting to meet with George Bush and Michael Dukakis before November eighth. No one expects that fire issues will be top priority or even mentioned in the political debate, or that the general public is aware or cares. But firefighters care and it's essential that the next President of the United States—and his staff—understand the importance of the federal fire programs, be genuinely committed to their support and realize that the long-range goal is saving lives and property.

The message being delivered by the fire service is fairly simple and points out that, under the Reagan administration, they've been treated like dogs. The Office of Management and Budget has tried to eliminate the fire programs through zero budgeting. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has diluted the authority of those in charge of fire pro-

grams, diverted fire resources to other projects, given low priority to fire problems and failed to defend the fire budget. The federal fire effort would not have survived these eight years had it not been for its friends in Congress.

What the fire service wants from the presidential candidates is a pledge that this treatment will stop and that a new administration—Republican or Democratic—will carry out the original intent of the Fire Prevention and Control Act, which created the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) and National Fire Academy. When given a chance to function properly, fire programs have worked.

Specifically, firefighters would like to see USFA and the Fire Academy removed from FEMA's jurisdiction and established as an independent agency. If that's not possible—and it may not be—then USFA should have equal status with other FEMA branches and the USFA administrator should have full control over the fire program's budget and policies. The fire service also wants to be consulted and have a voice in the selection of a new FEMA director and USFA administrator. They especially would like to see a FEMA director who has some understanding of the role played by firefighters in every kind of emergency, including natural disasters.

Fire program stabilization

The candidates and their staffs also have been told of the need for adequate funding of fire programs, as authorized by Congress, and the need to fill personnel positions to carry them out. The Fire Academy should be kept separate from FEMA's Emergency Management Institute and be supervised by the Fire Administration. Federal travel stipends must be provided for career and volunteer firefighters to attend the Academy.

In short, the fire service wants the federal fire programs to be stabilized and placed back in the hands of experienced fire leaders, who understand the mission, have clearly defined, practical goals and first-hand knowledge of the problems to be solved. And, they want protection from bureaucrats who have tried to destroy the federal fire effort.

Getting through to the candidates has not been easy, but there has been some

success. The National Volunteer Fire Council recently sponsored a luncheon meeting with Bush and Dukakis representatives. John McNichol, legislative aide to Representative Curt Weldon (R-PA), is on loan to the Bush campaign to coordinate fire/police/emergency issues. In response to questions, McNichol assured the group that Bush now understands fire problems and "agrees to restore the authority of the U.S. Fire Administration so that fire programs are coordinated by fire people." He said that Bush also believes that the original intent of the Fire Prevention and Control Act should be restored.

Fritz Wiecking, deputy political director of "Campaign '88," spoke for Dukakis, citing his candidate's record as governor. According to Wiecking, Dukakis supported a state fire training facility in Massachusetts, hazardous materials legislation, the enhanced 911 system and a retrofit sprinkler law. He said Dukakis would take "a tough look at the way government spends money" in order to reestablish priorities, but is aware that the fire service is "dedicated to saving people's lives." Wiecking added: "The National Fire Academy is an important institution and it's important that it be adequately funded."

Input and influence

Both agreed that after the election it's essential to have input and influence with the winning candidate's transition team, since that's where campaign promises start to be translated into action.

The political effort being made at the national level should be duplicated in state and local elections as well. Now is the time to find out if your congressman or senator has joined the Fire Service Caucus and, if not, why not? It's also the time to ask candidates for the city council or county board what they intend to do about fire department budget requests. Will they spend more or less on firesafety?

If firefighters don't ask these questions, no one will. You may be expressing the viewpoint of a "special interest," but in this case, it's a special interest whose goal is to save lives and property—and that's not anything of which to be ashamed. 

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Quayle Addresses IAFC Conference

Washington—Senator Dan Quayle, the Republican nominee for Vice President, was a featured speaker during Tuesday's general session of the IAFC's 115th Annual Conference, which was held in Washington, DC.

Quayle's appearance marks the first time a candidate for national office has addressed the IAFC in its 115 year history. More than 1,200 IAFC attendees were on hand to hear Quayle's remarks, which were interrupted several times by applause. Although Quayle did not make any major policy position that the Bush/Quayle Administration would pursue if in office, he did reaffirm support for the U.S. Fire Administration and the National Fire Academy, and a commitment to the nation's fire service, and fire chiefs, "the leaders of their communities." He cited the importance of a strong national defense, comparing it to the defense of the community by the fire service.

Following Senator Quayle's remarks, he was joined at the podium by Representative Curt Weldon, Chairman of the Congressional Fire Services Caucus. Weldon praised Quayle for his dedication to family values and his support for the nation's fire service. Weldon then joined IAFC President Warren Isman in presenting Quayle



Republican Vice Presidential hopeful Senator Dan Quayle addresses the IAFC's annual conference in Washington, DC.

with a commemorative leather fire chief's helmet and a pair of bright red long Johns.

In addition to being the first for the IAFC, Quayle's appearance was also his first in Washington since being selected as George Bush's running mate, which was evidenced by the more than 75 members of the media, including all the major television and radio networks, wire services and national and local media who covered the speech. Cable News Network (CNN) covered

the speech live.

Quayle's appearance before the IAFC will clearly have a long term positive impact not only for the IAFC, but for the nation's fire service. Isman said, "We need recognition at the national level, and I was very excited that the Senator was able to come to our conference. His commitment to the values and ideals of our organization coupled with his national stature, make him a welcome addition to the Fire Services Caucus." *

IAFC Officers Meet With Bush On Fire Service Policy



IAFC President Ron Coleman (center) presents Bush with a commemorative helmet from the 115th Annual Conference. Looking on are IAFC Executive Director Garry Briese (behind Coleman) and First Vice President M.H. "Jim" Estep (right).

Following on the heels of its most successful conference, IAFC representatives met with Presidential candidate George Bush on a campaign stop in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, on September 9. Also represented at the meeting were the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA), NFPA, *The Pennsylvania Fireman* magazine and the National Volunteer Fire Council.

This meeting gave fire service groups an opportunity to hear Bush's thoughts on the future of the fire service and how his administration would

change the general lack of awareness to the fire problem in America.

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The meeting with Bush marks an important milestone for the fire service as a viable and nationally recognized political force. *

A Bush Administration:

What Will It Mean For The Fire Service?

OCT. 15, 1988 IAFC "ON SCENE"

The establishment of the Congressional Fire Services Caucus and the recognition both Presidential Candidates gave to the fire service added a dimension to the 1988 Presidential and Congressional elections that had not really existed in past local and national political races.



Vice President George Bush during a visit to the Bush (Kentucky) Volunteer Fire Department.

IAFC Master Calendar 1988-89 On Line

The International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) Master Calendar 1988-89 is now available on the ICHIEFS network. This calendar of events lists the most recent conferences and meetings at the national and state level on such topics as fire, emergency medical services hazardous materials, emergency preparedness, disaster operations, etc.

The calendar is updated weekly. If you have any additions for the calendar, please forward the information to Management Information Center, IAFC, 1329 18th St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036 or send a link over the electronic mail system to IAFCHQ. ☒

Photographs of IAFC Past Presidents

The International Association of Fire Chiefs headquarters is looking for photographs of specific past presidents who are listed below. An incomplete photographic directory beginning with the year 1873 to the present is located at the IAFC Headquarters office. In order to fill in the missing photographs, we need your help. If you have a photograph of a past president listed below, please send it to the IAFC. A copy will be made and the original photograph will be returned to you. If you have any information leading to the knowledge of these photographs please let IAFC know. Send all photographs to Ann Swing, Management Information Center,

The 1988 Presidential Campaign was the first in recent memory where the issues of the fire service were a major position statement issued by a candidate. Following the issue of the "Firefighters for Bush" coalition statement, Vice President-Elect Dan Quayle, addressed the IAFC during the conference held in Washington last August. In September, President-Elect Bush met with IAFC President Ron Coleman and First Vice President M.H. "Jim" Estep.

According to the Bush fire services platform, "the federal government should serve as a catalyst, enhancing the capacity of our nation's fire service. The platform also indicates that resources allocated to the federal fire programs will not be not subverted for other purposes."

The Bush/Quayle platform further stressed support for the student stipend at the National Fire Academy, an increase in the federal public safety officer death benefit, support for U.S. Fire Administration programs and tough penalties for arsonists.

Now that George Bush has been elected as the 41st President of the United States, what does that mean for the fire service? Well, hopefully under the new Bush/Quayle Administration, the fire service can look to find support for the U.S. Fire Administration and the National Fire Academy. That support is a favorable departure from the previous budget battles that had to be waged by the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) and the other national fire service groups to preserve the resources of those two agencies.

The Bush/Quayle platform coupled with the Congressional Fire Service Caucus has created a favorable climate for the fire service. With a few exceptions, nearly all the 408 members of the House of Representatives seeking reelection won their seat back, which means that most of Fire Service Caucus members will be returning to Washington. The same holds true for the 33 Senate seats that were up for reelection. Although at least seven of the Senate seats (Florida, Mississippi, Nebraska, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, and Wisconsin) will be occupied by first term Senators.



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International Society of Fire Service Instructors

U.S. House of Representatives Honors American Firemen

The U.S. House of Representatives recently recognized the dedication and professionalism of the American fire service by designating November 12 as "National Firefighter's Day." Congressman Curt Weldon, who sponsored the measure, asked his colleagues to support him in an expression of gratitude to America's firefighters that was "long overdue." "The fire service's record of professionalism has been unwavering throughout our history, but we have often been slow to express our appreciation for everything they do. It has become something that we all take for granted, and that has to change," Weldon said. Congress also passed H.R. Res. 604, designating February 5-11, 1989 as "National Burn Awareness Week," in order to focus public attention on the problem of burn injuries in the U.S. The U.S. has the highest incidence of burn injuries of any industrialized country.

The Society Wrote To Both Presidential Candidates

Following is the response of the Governor of the State in which the Society is headquartered:

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Thank you very much Governor!

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Following is the response of George Bush:

Dear Ed:

Thank you for submitting to me the concerns of the International Society of Fire Service Instructors. It is interesting to note that some of the needs identified by the National Commission on Fire Prevention and Control still exist today.

Your input on the activities of the International Society of Fire Service Instructors was helpful and the concerns of your members about the enemy - fire - are certainly justified.

The education provided by members of your Society, as well as the National Fire Academy, must be increased to end public apathy toward the fire problem and foster genuine concern and desire for a fire-safe environment. Similar efforts must be undertaken for increased education on firefighters' health and safety for both career and volunteer firefighters. I recognize the importance of maintaining a working relationship with the fire service community.

You ask, "What action will be taken to strengthen the U.S. Fire Administration? Under a Bush Administration, the U.S. Fire Administration will be used to fulfill its original congressional mandate. The USFA would support, not supplant, existing state and local programs, and coordinate fire matters at the federal level. The National Fire Academy would regain its identity and prominence as a "national" training center and become an institution of excellence for fire service leaders and conduit through which programs of excellence are made available.

I support improved application of today's research and technology so that we may speed toward the goal of never losing a firefighter in the line of duty. I look forward to consulting with the leadership of your Society, in concert with the leadership of both career and volunteer fire service organizations. In summary, please be assured that a Bush Administration will be pro-active toward the fire problem in America.

Please share my message with your membership and their families.

Sincerely,
George Bush

Thank you very much Vice President!

The ASTM-EMS Connection

ASTM Standards Writing Committee F-30 on Emergency Medical Services was formed in 1974 by 175 medical organization representatives. Today there are over 500 representing most aspects of EMS.

Within the framework of the ASTM standard-making process, the committee has published three standards: Practice F 1031, Training the Emergency Medical Technician (Basic); Guide F 1086, Structures and Responsibilities of Emergency Medical Services Systems Organizations; and Practice F 1149, Qualifications, Responsibilities and Authority of Individuals and Institutions Providing Medical Direction of Emergency Medical Services. In addition, a terminology standard is at the Society ballot level, and six other standards, dealing with training and equipment performance, are at the main committee ballot level. If all goes well, F-30 can hope to have a total of ten standards published by the end of 1988. Thirty-nine more standards are at various stages of development.

Committee F-30 has experienced amazing growth. The input from new members causes much revision in draft standards, and much comment on published standards that leads to their revision. With so many different experiences and interests, the members of F-30 are constantly educating each other. Each new member must be allowed to participate; that is the ASTM system. For more information on the activities of Committee F-30, contact Anne McKlinton, ASTM, 1916 Race Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103, (215) 299-5490.

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Quayle praises firefighters before 7-state southern trip

By Paul Bedard
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

Republican vice presidential candidate Dan Quayle yesterday praised the nation's fire chiefs as "the heartbeat of America," and they in return embraced the Indiana senator for being the first-ever national political figure to endorse their positions.

"In my book, you and what you stand for, you are heroes. You are heroes to me, you are heroes to those of your community, you're heroes to America," Mr. Quayle told a Washington Convention Center gathering of more than 1,000 members of the International Association of Fire Chiefs.

In his first Washington address since being picked by Vice President Bush as his running mate, Mr. Quayle, citing the firefighters'

he said after Mr. Quayle's speech. "That recognition has never been there from a national official."

Association Vice President M.H. "Jim" Estep, chief of the Prince George's County fire Department, agreed, adding, "My reaction to the man was one of confidence."

Mr. Quayle, wearing a bright red tie, stood at a podium made out of the front of a fire truck. After his speech, the association gave him a white fireman's helmet with red lettering and a cherry red union suit "trap door and all," explained Mr. Isman.

Following his speech, reporters asked for his reaction to a comment from Mr. Bush that Mr. Quayle hasn't had time to "prove" if he is "an asset or a liability." Said Mr. Quayle: "I am an asset."

He also took another swipe at the press covering his campaign. Stepping before the fire chiefs, Mr. Quayle explained, "I feel that I am very accustomed to fighting fires in the last couple weeks. Where were you when I needed you?"

Holding his fire chief's hat, he told the group, "This is going to be prominently displayed on my airplane ... right in front of where the press is sitting."

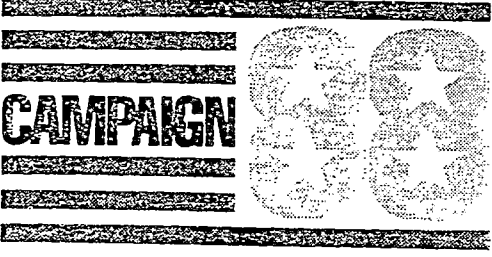
Entering his third week on the campaign trail since joining Mr. Bush on the GOP ticket, Mr. Quayle used the speech to again rap Democratic presidential candidate Mike Dukakis' defense positions, hitting the Massachusetts governor's criticism of the Strategic Defense Initiative.

After ticking off the names of four Soviet missiles aimed at U.S. and NATO targets, Mr. Quayle, a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee said, "We must begin to introduce a defensive capability."

The Washington Times reported yesterday that Mr. Quayle wants to either scrap or rewrite the 1972 anti-ballistic missile treaty that restricts construction of missile defenses.

"Your theme 'The future is now,' is very appropriate for what we'll be discussing" on the campaign trail, Mr. Quayle said, because "what we do now will determine what kind of future we have."

Mr. Quayle leaves Washington tomorrow for a seven-state tour of the South. He is expected to continue hammering Mr. Dukakis' positions on defense, and aides said he may give a major address on drug prevention.



"spirit of volunteerism," said: "I can't think of a more dedicated group of people that symbolize what this great nation is all about than you."

He won hearty applause when he called for a doubling of the \$50,000 benefit paid to the families of firemen killed in action and he backed federal support of the National Fire Academy and the U.S. Fire Administration, two agencies that have faced annual funding cuts by Congress.

A total of 114 firefighters died nationwide while on duty in 1987.

Mr. Quayle also mentioned the bravery of the hundreds of firefighters battling the huge, out-of-control blazes sweeping through Yellowstone National Park, an area Mr. Quayle flew over last week.

"We need a recognition at the national level," said Association President Warren E. Isman, chief of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department.

"I was very excited that the senator came,"

NASA trims shuttle flights

By Warren Strobel
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

Discovery's launch, thought to be set for late September. NASA, which does not want to miss another launch target, said Monday it

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October 12, 1988

Dear Friend:

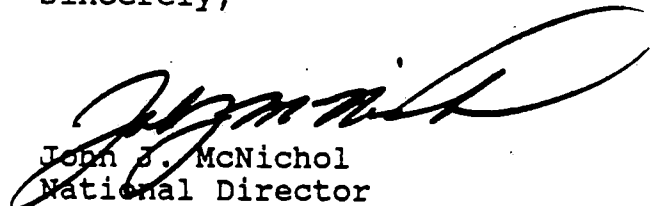
I have been sending you George Bush's policy on fire and life safety issues. The Vice President's commitment to the fire service is genuine, and his support will continue after a victory in November.

The 1988 presidential campaign will be remembered as the first time that a national candidate focused on our nation's fire service as an important constituent group.

You might be interested in the enclosed editorial endorsement which appears in the October edition of Firehouse magazine. As you read the enclosed materials, please consider the significance of what the author is saying about the role of the American fire service.

As I have stated in past communications, the men and women of the American fire service can make the difference on November 8th. Please feel free to spread the word about George Bush and his support for you.

Sincerely,



John J. McNichol
National Director
"Firefighters for Bush" Coalition



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Robert W. Grant
President

September 30, 1988

Vice President Bush
Office of the Vice President
Old Executive Office Building
Washington D.C. 20501

Dear Mr. Vice President:

As President of the 46,000-member National Fire Protection Association I'd like to express my appreciation for your interest and commitment to our nation's firesafety. This is the first time that any presidential candidate has taken such a strong interest in the public firesafety or has made it part of his campaign.

I have one suggestion, however. I would strongly urge you to incorporate in your position paper one of the most critical components in the firesafety chain: the lifesaving importance of public firesafety education. This has long been identified as a top priority by federal, state, and local authorities and is contained in the final report of the President's Commission on Fire Prevention and Control entitled, *America Burning*.

It has been said that the three greatest causes of fire are men, women, and children. People must be taught how to prevent fires, how to build firesafe structures, and how to survive a fire if faced with one. Only then do we have a chance for moving America toward greater safety from fire.

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September 27, 1988

Dear Friend:

George Bush cares about firefighters and their families because the fire service cares about the future of this great nation.

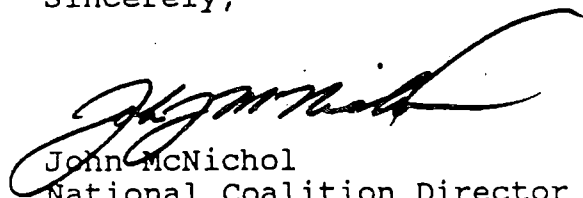
The men and women of our nation's fire service, both career and volunteer, are comprised of patriotic Americans with solid ethical and moral values.

Firefighters realize the importance of having a strong leader in place to deal with critical situations. George Bush has been the "Assistant Chief" in the White House for eight years. Now he is ready to take over as Commander in Chief, with innovative ideas for America's future.

George Bush is a strong leader, and a man prepared to meet the challenges of the Oval Office in the same way firefighters meet diverse challenges in the daily performance of their duties.

Again, I urge you to share the enclosed information with your friends and brother firefighters. The fire service of America can make the difference in the November election. Let's show them what a few million good men can do!

Sincerely,



John McNichol
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George Bush Comments On The Fire Service

Q. What role do you consider appropriate for the federal government in providing our nation's fire protection?

A. Recognizing that state and local governments can best provide fire protection for their communities, I believe the federal government should serve as a catalyst, enhancing the capacity of our nation's fire service to battle the fire problem in America.

Q. How would a George Bush administration support the fire and emergency services of America?

A. By restoring the authority of the U.S. Fire Administration and ensuring that the Federal Emergency Management Agency give the fire service training programs priority in its efforts to protect our nation against disasters. My administration would work to ensure that the limited resources appropriated by Congress for federal fire programs be used to implement those programs and not be subverted for use at the discretion of the Director of FEMA. Some 85% of our nation's fire protection is provided by volunteers. By conducting research, collecting data, and sharing existing fire safety programs, the federal government can use its resources to provide the fire service with that which they are unable to develop on their own. My administration would support our volunteer firefighters by protecting the "Travel Stipend" program which reimburses both paid and volunteers firefighters for their travel expenses to the National Fire Academy. This program enables firefighters to receive comprehensive training on the latest advancements in fire protection, prevention, and suppression — training which is unavailable to them locally. I recognize the fact that our nation has a very serious fire problem. The loss of 6,000 lives and over \$10 billion in property annually mandates that we maintain our federal commitment to fire safety through a strong U.S. Fire Administration. By concentrating on education and heightening the awareness to the fire problem, my administration will work to make America fire-safe.

Q. Do you consider the funding levels for the U.S. Fire Administration and National Fire Academy programs adequate?

A. Traditionally, our fire service has relied upon the spirit of volunteerism for survival. In this way the fire service exemplifies the spirit of America — people pulling together to solve each others problems without prejudice or economic consideration.

I support federal expenditures to the vital research and training programs provided by the U.S. Fire Administration and the National Fire Academy at least at the current appropriations levels.

Q. What role would the fire service play under a George Bush administration?

A. Throughout the history of our nation there has been one institution in place protecting our citizens against the loss of life and property — the fire service. Under a George Bush administration the fire service would be recognized in the role it has traditionally played, as our nation's "first responder" to not only fire, but any emergency situation.

Q. Would you support raising the death benefit for fallen firefighters from \$50,000 to \$100,000?

A. Yes. I am in full support of raising the death benefit provided to firefighters to \$100,000. At the least we can do to support the families of our firefighters.

Q. What steps would you take to combat arson?

A. Firefighters and innocent citizens are killed each year in arson related fires. Under my administration, there would be tough, mandatory sentences for arson offenses. In addition, my administration would foster cooperation between federal law enforcement agencies and state and local authorities to successfully prosecute arson offenders.

Mellott Resigns

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Kevin Mellot, Assistant Chief/Fire Marshal of the Pittsburgh (PA) Bureau of Fire recently announced his resignation from that position effective September 9, 1988.

**REMARKS: FIRE SERVICE DINNER
SHERATON WASHINGTON HOTEL
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 1989
6:40 P.M.**

**MEMBERS OF THE FIRE SERVICE COMMUNITY, LADIES AND
GENTLEMEN, FRIENDS.**

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**LET ME SAY IT IS A GREAT PRIVILEGE TO BE . . .
PLEASE FORGIVE ME . . . IN SUCH EXTINGUISHED COMPANY.
INDEED, YOU MIGHT SAY THAT I'M ALL FIRE-UP FOR THE
OCCASION.**

**SERIOUSLY, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THAT KIND
INTRODUCTION, AND FOR YOUR GENEROUS RECEPTION. AND LET
ME, FIRST, CONGRATULATE SOME OF THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR
THIS EVENING.**

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I'M REFERRING, OF COURSE, TO THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS OF FIRE CHIEFS AND FIRE FIGHTERS, THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF FIRE SERVICE INSTRUCTORS, THE NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION, THE NATIONAL VOLUNTEER FIRE COUNCIL, AND THE VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S INSURANCE SERVICES.

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I WANT TO ALSO SALUTE THE INDIVIDUAL REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FIRE SERVICE COMMUNITY, AND THE MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESSIONAL FIRE SERVICE CAUCUS -- NOW, THE THIRD-LARGEST CONGRESSIONAL CAUCUS ON CAPITOL HILL. LET ME SALUTE THE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS GATHERED HERE. AND LET ME SAY A SPECIAL THANKS TO THE FIRE FIGHTER'S BEST FRIEND, CONGRESSMAN CURT WELDON.

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FINALLY, I WANT TO SAY THAT YOU'VE CHOSEN A WONDERFUL TIME OF YEAR TO HOLD THIS FIRST ANNUAL CONGRESSIONAL FIRE SERVICES INSTITUTE DINNER.

AFTER ALL, JUST THINK OF IT. SPRING IS IN THE AIR . . . MILLIE HAS HAD HER PUPPIES . . . WASHINGTON IS ALIVE WITH VISITORS . . . AND BASEBALL'S ORIOLES ARE STILL IN THE PENNANT RACE. OF COURSE, THE SEASON IS ONE WEEK OLD.

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WE MEET, TOGETHER, IN A SPECIAL WEEK. FOR THIS IS VOLUNTEER WEEK, A TIME WHICH CELEBRATES THE SELFLESS CHARACTER OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

LOOKING TOWARD TONIGHT, I WAS STRUCK BY THE FACT THAT 85 PER CENT OF OUR NATION'S FIRE PROTECTION IS SUPPLIED BY VOLUNTEERS. AND IT OCCURRED TO ME THAT BOTH YOU AND YOUR PAID COLLEAGUES -- FOR BOTH GIVE OF YOUR TIME, AND OF YOURSELVES -- PROVIDE THE DEFINITION OF A SUCCESSFUL LIFE.

FOR ANY DEFINITION OF A SUCCESSFUL LIFE, IT SEEMS TO ME, MUST INCLUDE SERVING OTHERS. A SUCCESSFUL LIFE MEANS THAT WE ARE PARTNERS, NOT ISLANDS UNTO OURSELVES -- THE SUM NOT OF OUR POSSESSIONS, BUT OF HOW WE TREAT OUR NEIGHBORS.

WELL, FOR MORE THAN 200 YEARS, FIRE FIGHTERS HAVE BEEN THIS NATION'S NEIGHBOR -- IN WORD AND DEED, "THE BACKBONE OF AMERICA."

YOU HAVE MET LOCAL EMERGENCIES THROUGH VOLUNTEER AND PAID FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICE NETWORKS. AND TODAY, YOU MEET THEM STILL -- THREE MILLION MEMBERS STRONG.

YOU KNOW, BEING HERE REMINDS ME OF A STORY THAT I HEARD WHICH HAPPENED BACK IN PROHIBITION DAYS.

IT SEEMS THAT 25 OF BOSTON'S TOP BOOTLEGGERS WERE ROUNDED UP IN A SURPRISE RAID. AND AS THEY WERE BEING ARRAIGNED, THE JUDGE ASKED THE USUAL QUESTION ABOUT OCCUPATION.

THE FIRST 24 MEN WERE ENGAGED IN THE SAME PROFESSION -- EACH CLAIMED TO BE A "FIRE FIGHTER." WELL, NATURALLY, THE JUDGE ASKED THE LAST PRISONER, "AND WHAT ARE YOU?" "YOUR HONOR," HE REPLIED, "I'M A BOOTLEGGER." SURPRISED, THE JUDGE LAUGHED AND ASKED, "HOW'S BUSINESS?" "IT WOULD BE A LOT BETTER," HE ANSWERED, "IF THERE WEREN'T SO MANY FIRE FIGHTERS AROUND."

SEE WHAT I'M GETTING AT? EVEN BACK IN PROHIBITION, YOUR NUMBERS TURNED THE TIDE! AND SO THEY CAN TODAY, AND MUST TOO IN THE FUTURE. WE'VE COME A LONG WAY SINCE BENJAMIN FRANKLIN FOUNDED ONE OF THE FIRST VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES IN 1736. NOW, LET US GO FORWARD, AND HELP ACHIEVE YOUR GOAL: A BETTER, MORE SECURE, MORE FIRE-SAFE AMERICA.

TOWARD THAT END, LET ME SHARE SOME THOUGHTS.

FIRST, THIS ADMINISTRATION BELIEVES THE FIRE SERVICE NETWORK DESERVES A FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WHICH UNDERSTANDS AND VALUES ITS PLACE IN THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY.

ALMOST EVERY MUNICIPALITY HAS SOME SORT OF EMERGENCY FIRE ORGANIZATION. AT THE 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION, OR MEMORIAL DAY PARADE, THE FIRE SERVICE IS THERE. AT SENIOR CITIZENS CENTERS AND SERVICE CLUBS, THE FIRE SERVICE IS THERE.

WHEN FIRE RAGED AT YELLOWSTONE, THE FIRE SERVICE WAS THERE. AND SO, TOO, WHEN YOU BECOME THE "FIRST RESPONDER" NOT ONLY TO FIRE, BUT TO ACCIDENTS, FLOODS, CAVE-INS, AND COLLAPSED BUILDINGS. YOU DESERVE THE GOVERNMENT'S RESPECT. IN MY ADMINISTRATION, YOU HAVE IT.

SECOND, THIS ADMINISTRATION BELIEVES YOU DESERVE THE GOVERNMENT'S SUPPORT.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO, THE NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION AND CONTROL ADMINISTRATION WAS CREATED TO ENSURE THAT YOUR CONCERNS WOULD BE HEARD BY EVERY LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT. MY FRIENDS, I INTEND FOR THOSE CONCERNS TO BE HEARD.

TONIGHT, I COMMEND THE U.S. FIRE ADMINISTRATION FOR PURSUING WITH VIGOR ITS RIGHTFUL ROLE AS THE FIRE SERVICE'S FEDERAL ADVOCATE.

AND FOR PROVIDING A NATIONAL CLEARINGHOUSE TO DEAL WITH FIRE SERVICE ISSUES. WE WANT THE NATIONAL FIRE ACADEMY TO RETAIN ITS PROMINENCE AS A "NATIONAL TRAINING CENTER." AND LIKE THE PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATION, WE WANT THE ORIGINAL INTENT OF THE FEDERAL FIRE ACT OF 1974 TO BE MAINTAINED.

YOU KNOW, EVERY PROFESSION HAS ITS UPS AND DOWNS. PERHAPS FORMER HOCKEY COACH HARRY NEALE PUT IT BEST: "LAST SEASON WE COULDN'T WIN AT HOME AND WE WERE LOSING ON THE ROAD," HE SAID. "MY FAILURE AS A COACH WAS THAT I COULDN'T THINK OF ANYPLACE ELSE TO PLAY."

BUT THE DIFFERENCE IS THAT FEW PROFESSIONS DISPLAY THAT SPECIAL BRAND OF SKILL AND HEROISM THAT IS FOUND IN THE FIRE SERVICE.

I'M THINKING, FOR EXAMPLE, OF HOW LAST MAY, RICHARD SHIAH [SHY-AH], AN OFF-DUTY BATTALION CHIEF, ARRIVED AT THE SCENE OF A BURNING PICKUP TRUCK THAT WAS OVERTURNED IN A DITCH. WITH NO PROTECTIVE CLOTHING ON HIM, HE RISKED HIS LIFE, AND SUFFERED SECOND-DEGREE BURNS ON HIS FACE AND WRISTS, TO SAVE A FATHER AND TWO SONS.

CHIEF SHIAH SHOWS -- LIKE EVERY FIRE FIGHTER -- THAT HEROISM, AMERICAN-STYLE, IS NOT GOING OUT OF STYLE.

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TONIGHT, LET US PLEDGE THAT IT NEVER WILL. AND TO ACHIEVE THAT GOAL, LET US ACT, SPECIFICALLY, TO HELP THE FIRE SERVICES IN PROTECTING OUR CITIZENS FROM LOSS OF LIFE AND PROPERTY.

EACH YEAR MORE THAN 6,000 LIVES ARE LOST IN FIRES, AND OVER \$10 BILLION LOST IN PROPERTY DAMAGE. TO COMBAT SUCH TRAGEDY, WE MUST FOSTER GREATER PUBLIC AWARENESS OF FIRE PROBLEMS BY SUPPORTING THE FEDERAL FIRE SAFETY PROGRAM.

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BUT WE MUST ALSO ACT WHEN TRAGEDY DOES OCCUR. AND TOWARD THAT END, LAST YEAR, AS PART OF THE OMNIBUS DRUG ACT OF 1988, WE RAISED THE DEATH BENEFIT FOR FALLEN FIRE FIGHTERS FROM \$50,000 TO \$100,000.

WE HAVE DONE MUCH. BUT WE MUST DO MORE. AND AS WE DO, WE'LL SHOW HOW VOLUNTEERISM CAN JOIN HANDS WITH GOVERNMENT TO RENEW THE PROMISE OF AMERICA.

THAT IS WHY I HAVE OPENED THE OFFICE OF NATIONAL SERVICE.

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THIS OFFICE IS LEADING MY ADMINISTRATION'S COMMUNITY AND NATIONAL SERVICE EFFORTS. YESTERDAY, I SALUTED THE 18 RECIPIENTS OF THE 1989 PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER ACTION AWARDS. AND SOON, I WILL ANNOUNCE OUR ADMINISTRATION'S Y-E-S OR YES PROGRAM -- YOUTH ENTERING SERVICE. THIS PROGRAM WILL ENCOURAGE ALL YOUNG AMERICANS TO GET INVOLVED IN COMMUNITY SERVICE.

I HAVE SAID I LIKE WHAT WORKS. VOLUNTEERISM WORKS.

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IN A RECENT GALLUP POLL, NEARLY 50 PER CENT OF THE POPULATION WAS INVOLVED IN COMMUNITY SERVICE. TODAY, MILLIONS OF PEOPLE ARE LENDING A HAND, TENDING A WOUND, AND HELPING THE LESS FORTUNATE -- IN A HOMELESS SHELTER, AN INNER-CITY SCHOOL, AND IN OUR FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES.

AS SOME OF YOU MAY KNOW, TEDDY ROOSEVELT IS AMONG MY FAVORITE PRESIDENTS. WELL, LET ME RELATE WHAT HIS FATHER SAID TO HIM ON THE EVE OF HIS 16TH BIRTHDAY:

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"ALL THAT GIVES ME MOST PLEASURE IN THE RETROSPECT IS CONNECTED WITH OTHERS . . . WE ARE NOT PLACED HERE TO LIVE EXCLUSIVELY FOR OURSELVES."

MY FRIENDS, YOU, AS WELL AS ANYONE, EMBODY THOSE WORDS. BY SAVING LIVES, YOU HAVE DEFINED A SUCCESSFUL LIFE.

FOR THAT, I THANK YOU -- AND YET I CHALLENGE YOU, TOO. YES, LET US BUILD ON OUR BEGINNINGS. LET US ACHIEVE A FIRE-SAFE AMERICA.

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AND AS WE DO, ALL AMERICANS WILL SAY AS I DO TONIGHT: "THE HORIZONS OF AMERICA HAVE NO LIMIT. THE BEST FOR AMERICA STILL LIES AHEAD."

THANK YOU FOR THIS EVENING, AND FOR INVITING ME. GOD BLESS YOU, AND GOD BLESS AMERICA.

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