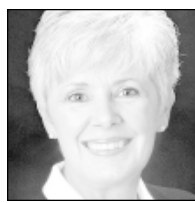


Over \$9 million given to firefighter relief agencies

Nearly \$9.1 million is being distributed to Firefighter Relief associations from the Firefighters Relief Fund this year.

This important fund, administered by the Kansas Insurance Department, distributes money to local associations for accident and health, disability and life insurance premiums used to assist firefighters and their families. Associations may also establish annuity retirement plans for firefighters and their families.

Kansans appreciate the sacrifices our firefighters make on our behalf everyday. This fund assists fire-



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fighters and their families when an accident or death occurs in the line of duty. I know Kansans sincerely appreciate the sacrifices our dedicated firefighters make each day to protect those who live in this great state.

The Kansas Firefighters Relief Fund is generated by a 2 percent tax

on the fire and lightning insurance premiums paid to the state for the previous calendar year. This year's distribution is \$9.1 million.

The complete description of how the fund is distributed is set forth by Kansas law (K.S.A. 40-1706). The fund's distribution is divided into these areas:

• The majority is distributed to the 585 Firefighters Relief associations throughout Kansas and is based on the amount of fire insurance written in the area each association serves.

Of the overall distribution, \$8,762,367 million will be distributed to local associations.

• A total of \$278,005 goes to the Kansas State Firefighters Association Inc. for educational purposes and research into fire prevention and extinguishment.

• A portion of the distribution is also used to replenish the death benefit fund, which is administered by the state association. This year, that amount is \$100,000.

Tragically, two Kansas firefighters died in the line of duty last year, while 249 firefighters were injured as a result of a fire accord-

ing to the Kansas State Fire Marshall's Office.

In 2006, a total of 198,050 fire alarms were sounded in Kansas with 21,701 reported fires. Nearly \$950,000 in benefits were paid to firefighters for lost wages as a result of fire department related injuries or disability and nearly \$500,000 paid to dependents of firefighters.

A listing of association distributions can be obtained from the Kansas Insurance Department web site at www.ksinsurance.org.

Sandy Praeger, Kansas Insurance Commissioner, oversees the activities of the Kansas Insurance

Department, which is headquartered in Topeka. Her objective is to protect consumers and help maintain the financial stability of the insurance industry.

The department regulates and monitors the activities of 23,000 resident agents, 48,000 non-resident agents and 1,684 insurance companies licensed to do business in the state. It offers financial, actuarial, legal, computer, research, market conduct and economic expertise. Call the Kansas Insurance Department toll-free at (800) 432-2484 or visit www.ksinsurance.org for more information.

Saving energy equals saving money, helping the environment

For most of us, as the temperature outside rises, so does our utility bill. To combat the heat and lower monthly energy costs, you can make several changes in your home to increase its energy efficiency while decreasing how much you pay for power.

Many things can be done at little or no cost. For example, when summer nights cool, adjust the air conditioner a couple of degrees, keeping your home cold while still sav-



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ing money.

This is made much easier if your home has a programmable thermostat, which can automatically regu-

late your home's temperature at different times during the day. Most cost as little as \$50 to install, and that money can be quickly recouped through energy savings.

Also, much energy is used to heat water in the home. Installing a special insulating blanket around an older water heater, using a low-flow shower head and

washing more clothes with cold water can substantially decrease energy costs.

In the summer, it is also important to keep your air conditioner running efficiently by regularly checking and replacing its filter.

Further, installing sound weather stripping around windows and doors, as well as using heavier drapes over windows, can help insulate your home against the summer heat.

One of the cheapest and easiest fixes can be done year-round. Replacing regular incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescent (CFL) ones can save up to \$30 over the cost of each bulb's lifetime, while using 75 percent less energy and lasting 10 times longer.

These bulbs are so efficient that the Energy Star program estimates that if every American installed only one in their home, over \$600

million in annual energy costs could be saved.

In addition, this would prevent the same amount of greenhouse gas emissions as taking 800,000 cars off the road for a year. Now that's an impact.

By increasing your home's energy efficiency, you are not only conserving energy and practicing environmentally friendly habits, but you are saving money, and who could argue with that?

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District Traffic

The following fines were paid in the Sherman County District Court:

June 19 — David S. Lindahl, \$166 for motor carrier safety rules and regulations.

June 20 — Sirekan Agekian, \$216 for motor carrier safety rules and regulations.

Christopher C. Chambers, \$138 for improper parking.

Forrest L. Pruff, \$126 for speeding.

June 21 — Ada E. Arroyo, \$165 for speeding.

Matthew T. Laune, \$156 for speeding.

Veronica Sandoval, \$126 for no driver's license.

Gineta G. Swanson, \$138 for speeding.

June 22 — Matthew N. Doering, \$210 for speeding.

Ellen O. Hinkle, \$126 for speeding.

Shailesh I. Patel, \$144 for speeding.

June 23 — John W. Metzger, \$126 for improper parking.

Williams A. Parks III, \$138 for speeding.

Michael D. Smith, \$156 for improper parking.

Thomas J. White, \$144 for speeding.

June 24 — Erica M. Brady, \$126 for speeding.

Lafe M. Draper, \$132 for speeding.

Patrick N. Dunsmore, \$120 for improper parking.

Rubin S. Medina, \$138 for speeding.

June 25 — Kyle J. Farrell, \$144 for speeding.

June 26 — Adam A. Nielson, \$156 for speeding.

June 27 — David W.A. Montgomery, \$150 for speeding.

June 30 — Nasser Faryabi, \$126 for improper parking.

Nicole E. Grimm, \$132 for speeding.

July 1 — Floyd L. Klavetter, \$150 for speeding.

Bryan C. Maki, \$126 for speeding.

Elizabeth E. Neely, \$126 for speeding.

July 2 — Michael S. Klett, \$266 for overweight load.

July 3 — Brett E. Bellew, \$144 for speeding.

Theresa M. Sarac, \$156 for speeding.

Edward E. Vanbeek, \$166 for no Kansas vehicle registration.

July 4 — Steven C. Berdrow, \$150 for speeding and dismissed for no liability insurance.

July 5 — Sean M. Keegan, \$138 for speeding.

July 6 — Chad J. Bfuss, \$150 for speeding.

Murry L. Brownridge, \$156 for speeding.

Scott A. Pence, \$144 for speeding.

July 10 — Todd A. Schmidt, \$132 for speeding and dismissed for no liability insurance.

July 25 — Francisco R. Ruiz, \$150 for speeding.

Feb. 13, 2004 — Michael J. Bell, \$139 for speeding.

April 14 — Michael J. Pepi, \$114 for speeding and \$10 for no seat belt.

July 16 — Dennis P. Mattox, \$115 for guilty verdict on bench trial.

Aug. 30 — Daniel R. Bertelmann, \$300 judgement on guilty plea on no liability insurance and \$120 judgement on guilty plea on unlawful acts with vehicle.

Nov. 20, 2004 — Susan Ullrich, \$159 for speeding.

June 30, 2005 — Jayme R. Wilson, \$204 reinstated for speeding.

Jan. 18, 2006 — Jacqueline R. Ezell, \$138 for speeding.

Oct. 3 — Sandra M. Muthig, \$144 reinstated for speeding.

Nov. 3 — Jose Avila Chavez, \$126 for unlawful acts with vehicle and \$300 for no liability insurance.

Dec. 3, 2006 — Kristopher M. Flores, \$174 guilty verdict on bench trial for speeding.

Jan. 11, 2007 — Chelsea B. Nicholas, \$144 for speeding.

Jan. 18 — Bobby C. Hickman, \$126 for speeding.

March 11 — Juan C. Mendez, \$150 for speeding.

March 19 — Peter J. Kros, \$132 for speeding.

April 14 — Robert F. Tetreault, \$121 guilty verdict on bench trial on speeding.

April 20 — Christopher R. Elliott, \$132 for speeding.

May 6 — Victoria Johnson, \$219 for speeding.

May 9 — Thomas Lee Hellerud, \$132 for speeding.

May 12 — Georgann L. Gongaware, \$138 for speeding.

May 13 — John A. Hannah, \$114 for speeding and \$10 for no seat belt.

May 16 — Kristin M. Edwards, \$156 for speeding.

May 21 — Blanca N. Granados, \$174 for speeding.

Wesley M. Henrie, \$132 for speeding.

May 25 — Kaye K. Arnold, \$138 for speeding.

May 28 — Michael A. Barnes, \$150 for improper parking.

May 30 — Jose C. Refugio, \$201 for speeding.

May 31 — Kimberly S. Taylor, \$138 for speeding.

June 2 — Andrew W. Doak, \$156 for improper parking.

Robert T. Myers, \$150 for speeding.

Kenneth R. White, \$138 for speeding.

June 3 — John G. Darrah, \$150

for speeding.

Billy K. Kennedy, \$156 for speeding.

June 8 — Irma Y. Bishop, \$150 for improper parking.

Thomas A. Bolduc, \$166 for motor carrier safety rules and regulations and \$100 for motor carrier safety rules and regulations.

Christine E. Miller, \$165 for speeding.

June 11 — Jeffrey A. Honeyman, \$201 for speeding and \$10 for no seat belt.

June 13 — Norris A. Smith, \$201 for speeding.

June 16 — Richard A. Baptist, \$165 for speeding.

Misty D. Hudson, \$132 for speeding.

June 17 — James E. Combs, \$237 for speeding.

Lyndie A. Madison, \$120 for speeding.

Patrick Ritter, \$165 for speeding.

Susan A. Seelman, \$126 for speeding.

June 18 — Jorge S. Aguilar, \$126 for improper parking.

June 19 — Fidel G. Velaquez, \$120 for speeding.

June 20 — Derek A. Conner, \$144 for speeding and \$10 for no seat belt.

June 21 — Matthew T. Laune, \$156 for speeding.

Gerardo M. Romero, \$126 for not yielding at stop or yield sign and \$10 for no seat belt.

Veronica Sandoval, \$126 for no driver's license.

Kenneth J. Sullivan, \$126 for speeding.

June 22 — Catherine A. Krumrine, \$132 for speeding.

Heidi N. Welsch, \$132 for improper parking.

June 23 — Jordan C. Bacheldor, \$126 for speeding.

Gerardo Lopez, \$126 for no

driver's license and \$80 for unlawful use of driver's license.

June 24 — Daniel E. Callahan, \$138 for improper parking.

Maria M. Saucedo, \$126 for speeding.

Ryan J. Sensale, \$165 for speeding.

June 25 — Timothy R. Bingaman, dismissed for no liability insurance.

Glenda K. Guile, \$138 for speeding.


June 26 — Jarod L. West, \$166 for motor carrier safety rules and regulations.

June 29 — Jami H. Thompson, \$166 for motor carrier safety rules and regulations.

June 30 — Dagogo O. Erekosima, \$183 for speeding.

Adrain F. Garay, \$144 for speeding.

Roger L. Hamilton Jr., \$126 for speeding.



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