

May 17, 2010

Greetings from the Area 3 Training Center,

It is that time of year again that the Green River Firefighters Association will host the Green River Meeting at the Area 3 Training Center. Most know that the Area 3 Training Center is the home of the Green River Firefighters Association as well as Area 3 State Fire Rescue Training. I would like to take this opportunity to invite each department to attend this meeting in Calhoun on May 27, 2010. Dinner will be served at 7:00PM and the food is going to be great! If you have never had the opportunity to visit the Area 3 Training Center, now is your chance. We are located one mile east of Calhoun on Highway 136 East. Our goal is to have at least one representative from each department present at this event.

### **STATE FIRE SCHOOL**

The Homeland Security Conference and 81<sup>st</sup> Annual Kentucky State Fire School is just around the corner. June 09-13, 2010 are the dates for this educational event and Lexington is the location. Your department should have received a brochure for the school recently. At this time, there are no classes that have been closed. If someone from your department is interested in attending this school, get the registrations filled out and sent in as soon as possible to ensure that they get their first choice of classes. If you have not received a brochure, you can download one from the Area 3 website: [www.sftarea3.org](http://www.sftarea3.org).

There has been one class added to the list of classes offered that did not get printed in the original brochure. The latest brochure may be obtained at the Area 3 website. Below is the course description for the course that was omitted.

### **105 Facts and Fallacies about Terrorism to Kentucky's Fire Service**

#### **Overview**

*Terrorist leaders consider fire service personnel valuable resources as well as enemies to their cause. Why this inconsistency, and how might it affect you someday? Additionally, terrorism continues to evolve, expand, be redirected and produce new strategies and tactics. This four hour class infiltrates key terrorist organizations. It identifies certain attack mode similarities and concurrently illustrates the too-often overlooked factor of many differences among groups. We'll examine your role in*

*prevention and response, offering information and guidance about a growing menace from domestic and transnational enemies of the U.S. and the western culture. Each class unit requires 45 minutes.*

**Session 1**

*Understanding terrorism: al Qaeda to the leaderless resister; haters to social terrorists. What are Kentucky's vulnerabilities, from whom and why? What are your risks?*

**Session 2**

*Vulnerability assessment and fire service implications. Eyes & Ears on Kentucky; suspicious activities and items. Heightening your awareness. Suicide terrorists. Six ways you are being watched.*

**Session 3**

*Fire service lessons from prior incidents. Terrorism and the hospitality industry. Fire service security protocols.*

**Session 4**

*Mistakes in chemical and bio exercises and events. Intelligence operations to assist fire service operations. Course question and answer period.*

**Instructor:**

*Tom Preston is Executive Director of the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security. For 52 years he has engaged in counterterrorism activities through the military, private sector, and government. Personal involvement against terrorists augment his instruction.*

I look forward to seeing you at the Green River Firefighters Association meeting here at the Area 3 Training Center. As always, if we here at the Area 3 Training Center can be of assistance to your department, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you,

Jimmy VanCleve, Coordinator  
State Fire Rescue Training