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SOCIAL MEDIA IS THE CENTER OF FOCUS AT THE 2014 JUVENILE FIRESETTER CONFERENCE



Dr. Wendy Lader addresses the opening session at the 12th Annual New Jersey Juvenile Firesetter Conference presented by the Division of Fire Safety, Kean University and the International Association of Arson Investigators-NJ Chapter. The conference, held at the Middlesex Fire Academy, provided two days of intensive examination of the impact social media is having on public safety.









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Smoking & Home Fires

IF YOU SMOKE, PUT IT OUT. ALL THE WAY. EVERY TIME.



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Acting Director William Kramer, Jr. and Dr. Wendy Lader share a moment during a break in the Conference proceedings. Conference attendance represented a cross section of fire service, law enforcement and social welfare professionals.





Conference coordinator and NJDFS Community Risk Reduction head Charles Lavin expresses his thanks to organizers and hosts of this year's conference. Attendees included representatives from the states of Oregon, Michigan, Florida and New York state.



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The 2014 Conference is a chance to commemorate the contributions of Juvenile Firesetter advocates. This year's Paul J. Hartstein Achievement Award went to Tammy DeLucca (center) of the Cherry Hill Fire Department. She is joined here by (far left) Commissioner Kevin Krushinski, Vice Chair of the New Jersey Fire Safety Commission, and William Kramer, Jr.

Tammy's mom and family were on hand to present the award, given each year in memory of former longtime Camden County Fire Marshal and New Jersey Fire Safety Commission member Paul J. Hartstein.





The full two-day conference includes numerous opportunities to interact with peer professionals in an open setting at lunch or during classroom breaks. Those who attended "Social Media: What's Trending" with Joe Zobel of Montclair State University Fire Safety Department got a chance to participate in dynamic role playing. Click the link below to view this activity.

Classroom Video

2014: A FAREWELL TO LONGTIME DIVISION EMPLOYEES AND A SALUTE TO THEIR SERVICE







Over one half century of experience with the State of New Jersey, Division of Fire Safety marks the recent retirement of long time employees (left to right) Penny Hartsoe, Cindy Johnson and Carol Quinn, known to many without exception as the familiar voices on the other end of questions posed to the Division for everything short of a cat up a tree to the Registration and Inspection Management System, (RIMS).

Upon behalf of Governor Chris Christie, DCA Commissioner Richard Constable III and Acting Director William Kramer, Jr. come both heartfelt good wishes for the future and a sincere appreciation for a job well done.



Code Inspections Supervisor Glenn Smyth reads congratulatory notices from the Governor.









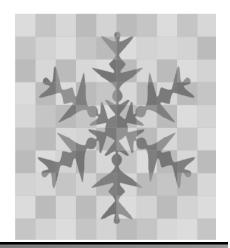
Recognition for Penny, Carol and Cindy came in the form of certificates of appreciation but as meaningfully from their fellow employees whom they count as friends.

PREPAREDNESS GUIDES PROVIDE COLD WEATHER COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION STRATEGIES

Winter Weather Preparedness Social Media Content Shareables

Hurricane Sandy proved how large a role social media can play during a storm. However, an enduring lesson on how it can assist community risk reduction before the storm can be found here.

<click graphic>



The winter heating season, along with a severe winter storm, can conspire to create situations where CO poisoning is a possibility. The general public expects those they trust to rescue them to fully inform them of the hazards that coexist with severe weather and catastrophic storms.

Please download the CDC CO Poisoning Prevention Toolkit and take advantage of the wealth of free community risk reduction public education materials.

CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING PREVENTION A TOOLKIT

For example a bilingual door hanger...



Using a generator indoors WILL KILL YOU IN MINUTES







DIVISION ISSUES SECURITY ALERT

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The Defusable "Bomb" Alarm Clock Issued December 2014

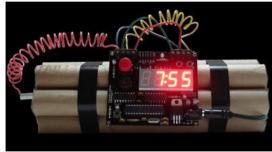
The Division of Fire Safety has recently been made aware of a "novelty" product on the market called the "**Defusable Bomb Alarm Clock.**" The device is an alarm clock that is made to resemble a bomb that also functions as a game whereby the player pushes a button on the device that starts a 10 second countdown. The player then has the ability of "defusing" the device by cutting or removing any one of four colored replaceable wires. Only one of the wires will stop the countdown. The other wires will not stop the countdown if they are cut or removed, resulting in the bomb "detonating." Of course the bomb doesn't actually explode, the player simply loses the game.

The main problem with this device and similar novelty items such as this is that they look frighteningly realistic and can cause alarm if found by civilians or emergency responders during incidents. Further, it is possible that this type of a device could be used as a prank designed to cause panic.

This device and similar items can be purchased from http://amazon.com and other sites such as http://nootropicdesign.com/defusableclock/.

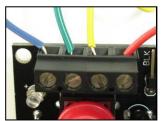
If emergency responders encounter these devices it is imperative that they not attempt to determine if they are in fact novelty devices. Instead, responders should leave the area immediately and evacuate civilians to a safe distance and contact law enforcement to mitigate the incident.











Photos show various examples of the Defusable Bomb Alarm Clock and features.

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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE FIRE MARSHALS OFFERS ONLINE TRAINING

(from the National Volunteer Fire Council)

Last year, fires killed over 3,000 people, injured more than 15,000, and caused an estimated \$11.5 billion in damage. Over a five-year period, the cause of ignition in the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) was unknown in almost three out of every five home fire deaths, according to the United States Fire Administration and the National Fire Protection Association. Recognizing the reporting gap in NFIRS, the National Association of State Fire Marshals (NASFM) has launched a free, online training program for the fire service, "Understanding Your Role in Fire Incident Data," available at NASFM's training portal.

The new training program is the result of a project by NASFM's Fire Education Research Foundation, funded by a FEMA Fire Prevention and Safety Grant, to determine the root causes contributing to the reporting gap and develop a training solution to help fire departments across the nation with stronger reporting practices.

"The new training program addresses such an important gap in our national fire incident data," said Butch Browning, NASFM President and Louisiana State Fire Marshal. "If we don't know what is causing these fires, we really can't work effectively to prevent them with solutions that specifically address the root problems."

To ensure that the program was applicable in as many environments as possible, the NASFM Foundation developed it in close collaboration with the International Association of Fire Chiefs, International Association of Fire Fighters, National Fire Information Council, National Fire Protection

Association, National Volunteer Fire Council, the North American Fire Training Directors, the United States Fire Administration, and the Vision 20/20 project.

- Closing the loop. So often, there is a
 disconnect within fire departments between
 those who make the initial fire report entry,
 such as the line officer, and the fire investigator
 who later determines the cause of the fire, and
 the initial report is not updated with the new
 information.
- Clearing the litigation cloud. Fire departments are often reluctant to enter the cause of the fire unless they are 100% sure because of the potential for being called to task later during any court proceedings.
- Black Hole. A number of people interviewed for the project had an inaccurate impression that the information went into a "black hole" and didn't really make any difference, either locally or nationally.
- Complexity. The current NFIRS systems is perceived as being overly complex and not user-friendly, which discourages those using it from taking the time to accurately enter the information.

This online course at takes approximately one hour and a certificate of completion is available after finishing the course that can be used for continuing education requirements. In addition, since this training program is self-guided, it can be easily incorporated into recruit training at a fire academy or station level and used by full-time, call, and volunteer fire departments.

www.nasfm-training.org

2014 NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK A MONTH-LONG NEW JERSEY CELEBRATION



Arson Unit Canine Titan gets introduced to one of the many children that witness Captain Steve Letts', Arson Unit Investigator and Canine handler, presentations throughout the year to school children across the state. Needless to say the demonstrations are very popular and very informative as well.

Division personnel maintain an active schedule of public education outreach, joining hundreds of departments in the state conducting open houses and social media awareness throughout the month.

It is a time honored tradition of the fire service to instruct those who depend upon them to rescue them to teach them how to stay safe when they are not.



Captain Greg Kirkham spent many years as Jim Macintyre's understudy as Division "Sparky's House" expert. The day care centers and pre-K kids at both Kean University and Middlesex County College benefit from Greg's natural ability to both reassure and instruct the very young how they can stay safe from fire.



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During National Fire Prevention Month the Montclair State University Department of Fire Safety, with the assistance of the Little Falls Fire Department, staged a "mock dorm room burn" to show students how quickly a fire can spread in a dorm room.

The event, was billed as the "Big Bohn-Blanton Burn," was held at the University's Blanton/Bohn Quad, and was witnessed by many students.

"The mock dorm room burn is a training tool that is used around the country to inform residents about how fast a fire can grow and how important it is to evacuate on every fire alarm," said Robert Ferrara, Director of Fire Safety at Montclair State University.

"We will also show what happens when smoke detectors are covered or tampered with."

According to Ferrara, this event is the first time that currently enrolled students are able to take part in a program like this.

New Jersey's Uniform Fire Code contains a mandatory requirement that all on campus college and university housing in the state be equipped with fire sprinkler systems.

The University has staged similar mock burns in years past. Students saw first-hand a fire's stages – ignition, growth, flashover and decay – as they watched a replica of a dorm room burn. They saw just how rapidly a fire can increase, by doubling every 30 seconds, how certain fire code violations accelerate a fire, how much toxic smoke is released and the amount of damage a fire can do to a dorm room in a short

The mock dorm room burn is intended to change students' mindsets about the importance of fire drills. The goal is to stop students from being complacent about drills by showing them that evacuating a dorm as quickly as possible during a drill is a necessary step in saving lives should a fire break out.

period of time.

The fire safety education event is made possible by the Montclair State University Department of Fire Safety, the Montclair State Department of Residence Life and the Little Falls Fire Department. Additional assistance and support is provided by Montclair State University Facilities/ Grounds, the Montclair State Center for Student Involvement, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, the New Jersey Division of Fire Safety and Firefighter University. More information:

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FBI 'ACTIVE SHOOTER' STUDY IMPORTANT FIREFIGHTER SITUATIONAL AWARNESS TOOL



The recently released Federal Bureau of Investigation's report on "active shooter" incidents is an important tool for all emergency service personnel. There may be times where the fire service and law enforcement have conflicting missions in the event of a working fire where an active shooter and an educational facility are in play.

In addition to these incidents are recent "ambush" events in Tallahassee, Florida this year and in the Rochester, NY area in 2012. To enhance your situational awareness skills you should read the report:

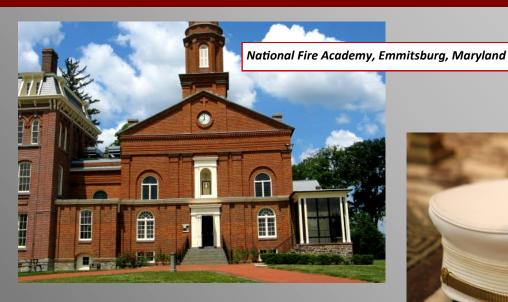
FBI REPORT

A Study of Active Shooter Incidents in the United States Between 2000 and 2013

Unclassified

September 16, 2013 Washington Navy Yard, Washington, D.C.

NATIONAL FIRE ACADEMY OFFERS CAREER TRACK MANAGING OFFICER COURSES



The United States Fire Administration's National Fire Academy (NFA) announces a new training program aimed at improving the professional skills of America's fire and emergency medical services first responders. Called the Managing Officer (MO) program, the curriculum emphasizes leadership, safety, community risk reduction, training, and technology for those men and women who may be embarking on supervisory roles in their organization.

The MO program differs from other NFA programs by providing new officers a defined nationally-recognized curriculum. Students will be able to complete the program in as little as two years, and will receive a NFA capstone certificate when they finish.

NFA Superintendent Dr. Denis Onieal explained, "The MO program will fulfill the four universal elements of professional development: higher education, training and certification, continuing education and experience. This includes a combination of self-study, state and local training, and resident courses at the National Emergency Training Center in Emmitsburg, Maryland."



The program curriculum and entrance requirements were established by the NFA Board of Visitors.

The four resident courses include Contemporary Training Concepts for Fire and EMS, Applications of Community Risk Reduction, Transitional Safety Leadership and Analytical Tools for Decision-Making.

APPLY NOW! For additional information, refer to the Managing Officer website at:

http://www.usfa.fema.gov/nfa/
managing_officer_program/index.shtm



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Pending National Legislation with New Jersey Fire Service Impact



FIREFIGHTER EQUIPMENT PROTECTION ACT <u>H.R. 5483</u> was introduced by Congressman Tim Griffin (AR-2) on September 16, 2014. The bill prevents the Defense Logistics Agency from basing any decisions about firefighting equipment donations on Environmental Protection Agency emissions standards.

FISCAL YEAR 2015 HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT

H.R. 4903 was introduced by Congressman John Carter (TX-31) on June 19, 2014.

<u>S. 2534</u> was introduced by Senator Mary Landrieu (LA) on June 26, 2014. Summary: The bill makes appropriations for programs and activities of the Department of Homeland Security for Fiscal Year 2015.

FEDERAL FIREFIGHTERS FAIRNESS ACT

<u>H.R. 3718</u> was introduced by Congresswoman Lois Capps (CA-24) on December 12, 2013.

S. 2266 was introduced by Senator Thomas Carper (DE) on April 29, 2014. The legislation creates a presumption that federal firefighters who are disabled by heart disease, lung disease, specified cancers and infectious diseases, contracted such illnesses while performing their duties as firefighters.

PROTECTING VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND EMERGENCY RESPONDERS ACT

<u>S. 1798</u> was introduced on December 10, 2013 by Senator Mark Warner (VA).

H.R. 3685 was introduced on December 10, 2013 by Congressman Lou Barletta (PA-11). The legislation ensures that volunteers are not counted as full-time employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

NICHOLAS AND ZACHARY BURT MEMORIAL CO POISONING PREVENTION ACT

S. 1793 was introduced by Senator Amy Klobuchar (MN) on December 10, 2013. The legislation establishes a federal grant program to assist states in carrying out CO education programs.

HONORING HOMETOWN HEROES ACT
H.R. 2386 was introduced on June 14, 2013 by
Congressman John Larson (CT-1). The bill amends
the U.S. flag code, allowing Governors to declare
the flag to be flown at half-staff in the event of a
first responder line-of-duty death.

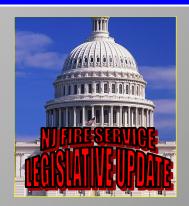
FIRE SPRINKLER INCENTIVE ACT

S. 1163 was introduced on June 13, 2013 by Senator Thomas Carper (DE). The legislation amends the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to include automated fire sprinkler systems as section 179 property and classify certain automated fire sprinkler systems as 15-year property for purposes of depreciation.



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SAFE BUILDING CODES INCENTIVE ACT

<u>H.R. 1878</u> was introduced on May 8, 2013 by Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart (FL-25).

S. 924 was introduced on May 9, 2013 by Senator Robert Menendez (NJ). The bill would provide an additional funding for post-disaster grants under a program administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency to states that adopt and enforce state-wide building codes.

FIRE POLICE FAIRNESS ACT

<u>H.R. 1828</u> was introduced on May 6, 2013 by Congressman Joe Courtney (CT-2).

S. 876 was introduced on May 7, 2013 by Senator Richard Blumenthal (CT). The legislation would extend coverage under the Public Safety Officers' Benefits (PSOB) program to fire police officers.

CAMPUS FIRE SAFETY EDUCATION ACT

<u>S. 750</u> was introduced on April 17, 2013 by the late Frank Lautenberg.

<u>H.R. 1609</u> was introduced on April 17, 2013 by Congressman Bill Pascrell, Jr. (NJ-9). The legislation establishes a grant program at the Department of Education to make awards to institutes of higher education for fire prevention and education programs.

THE HONORABLE STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES COLLEGE FIRE PREVENTION ACT

H.R. 1437 was introduced on April 9, 2013 by Congresswoman Marcia Fudge (OH-11).

The legislation directs the Secretary of Education to make competitive demonstration grants to institutions of higher education, fraternities, and sororities for up to half the cost of installing fire sprinkler systems, or other fire suppression or prevention technologies, in student housing and dormitories owned or controlled by such entities.

VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY SERVICES RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION ACT

H.R. 1009 was introduced on March 6, 2013 by Congressman Peter King (NY-13).

<u>S. 506</u> was introduced on March 7, 2013 by Senator Susan Collins (ME). The legislation modifies the federal tax code to make it easier for fire departments and local governments to provide recruitment and retention incentive to volunteer emergency response personnel through length of service award programs (LOSAPs).

VOLUNTEER RESPONDER INCENTIVE PROTECTION REAUTHORIZATION ACT

<u>S. 501</u> was introduced on March 7, 2013 by Senator Charles Schumer. (NY)

H.R. 3747 was introduced on December 12, 2013 by Congressman John Larson (CT-1). The legislation exempts from federal income tax any property tax benefit and up to \$600 per year of any other type of benefit that a state or local unit of government provides to volunteer emergency responders as a recruitment or retention incentive.

(From CSFI)



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NEW JERSEY FIRE SERVICE LEGISLATIVE TRACKING 2014-2015

(1) Introduced (2) Moving (3) To the Governor



ASSEMBLY

A391 (1)

Impact statement affecting volunteer fire company (Bucco R-25)

A499 (2)

Fire District property tax
Exemption
(Referred to State& Local)
(Schlepisi D-39)

A507 (1)

Charitable Fee Exemption for Fire Company (Peterson R-23)

A511 (2)

Change District Election Date Referred to Assembly Judiciary (Peterson R-23)

A942 (2)

"Assistance to Firefighter Families Act" (Referred to Labor) (Wiseniewski D-19)

A1039 (2)

Fire Department Drones (Reported out with Amendments) (Prieto)

A1128 (2)

Increase Arbitration Time (Referred to Labor) (O'Scanlon)

A 1224 (2)

Fire District consolidation (Referred to S&LG) (McGuckin)

A1250 (2)

Fire Official Tenure (Referred to HS&SP) (Prieto)

A1408 (2)

Fire Company Utility Credit (Referred to Telecom) (Chivukula)

A1537 (2)

Exempt Certificate Duty Limit (Reported out of HS&SP) (Rible)

A1689 (2)

PERS to PFRS for certain Firefighters (Referred to S&LG) (Wiseniewski)

A1698 (3)

Residential Sprinkler Bill (To Senate Urban Affairs) (Wiseniewski)

A1976 (2)

Report On Campus Fires to University Board of Directors (Referred to H.E.) (Riley)

A1987 (1)

Sample Ballots for Fire District Elections (Riley D-3)

A2147 (2)

FD Drone Restrictions (Referred to HS&SP) (Casagrande)

A2319 (2)

Fair share of tax appeal refunds from Fire Departments Referred to S&LG) (Bucco)

A2689 (2)

State Police surplus vehicles to Fire Departments (Referred to S&LG) (De Angelo)

A2746 (2)

Upholstered Furniture Fire Safety Regulations via DFS (Referred to CA) (McKeon)



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A2779 (2)

Maximize Contribution to Fire Company Biennially by Towns (Reported out) (Andrejczak D-1)

A2945 (2)

Permanent FD Arbitration Cap (Referred to Labor) (Rodriguez)

<u>A2947 (2)</u>

November Fire District Elections (Referred to Judiciary) (Dancer R-12)

A2996 (2)

Require Fire Hydrant Snow Removal (Received in the Senate) (Lagana D-38)

A3048 (2)

Municipal Fire Safety Purposes (Referred to S&LG) (Brown)

A3067 (2)

Fire Salary Arbitration Cap -Substituted by S1869-(Preito)

A3299 (1)

Database of all Hotels-Motels (MuGuiken)

A3307(1)

12K Sq. School Fire Suppression (McGuiken)

ACR99 (2)

\$ 200 Property Tax Credit for Volunteers (Referred to Homeland Security) (Singleton)

SENATE

S106 ((2)

Certify Municipal Building Meets Fire Code (Referred to Senate) (Bucco)

S458 (2)

Fire-EMS Crisis Hotline (Law & Public Safety) (Madden)

S485 (2)

Report On Campus Fires to University Board of Directors (Referred Higher Ed.) (Cunningham)

S812 (2)

Change Fire District
Election Date
(Referred to SGW T&HP)
(Beach)

<u> \$830 (2)</u> Companion A942

S851 (2)

Solar Panel Building Emblem (Referred to L&PS) (Norcross)

S1023 (2)

Fire District Consolidation (Referred to SC&UA) (Bucco)

<u> \$1036(1)</u>

Companion A2835

S1092 (2)

Companion A1537 (Passed by the Senate) (Rible)

S1102 (2)

Seat for Fire Service on Domestic Security Group (Referred to L&PS) (Bucco)

S1221 (2)

"Group Home Fire Safety Act" (Referred to HHS&SC) (Vitale)

S1288 (2)

Charitable Fee Exemption
(Referred to L&PS)
(Doherty)



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S1480 (2)

Maximizes Municipal Contribution to Fire Safety (Reported out of SC&UA) (Van Drew)

S2094 (2)

Fire suppression in all primary and secondary schools (Referred to Education) (Hozaphel)

S2117(1)

Emergency Fire Systems In Certain Situations (Greenstein)

S2130(1)

Move Fire District Elections to November (Referred to G,W.T & HT) (Turner)

S2316(2)

Residential Sprinkler Bill (Referred to Urban Affairs) (Whelan)

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What to Expect:

A Guide for Family Members of Volunteer Firefighters



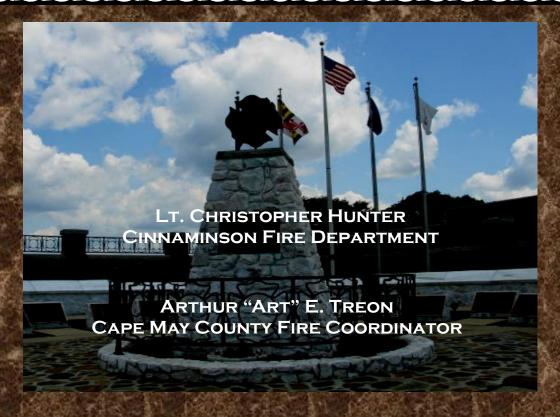




The New Jersey Volunteer fire service is impacted by legislative action but so are the families of volunteers.

The National Volunteer Fire Council's comprehensive guide for family members is an extremely useful tool to share with those who support your pursuit of volunteer fire department service, including your state representative.

Click the graphic to see the full guide.



REST NOW MY FALLEN BROTHER LAY SOFT YOUR SUFFERING BACK **REST WELL AND FOREVER** YOUR MEMORY SHALL NOT LACK **REST YOUR TIRED HANDS** WIPE CLEAN YOUR WEARY BROW **REST WITH ST. FLORIAN** YOUR SPIRIT NOW ENDOWED REST HERE YOUR BREAKING HEART WE KNOW YOU GAVE YOUR ALL REST EASY, YOU'VE DONE YOUR PART YOU'VE ANSWERED YOUR LAST CALL REST KNOWING THAT IN GOD WE SOUGHT OH LORD, WATCH OVER ANOTHER WHO JUST FELL REST ASSURED YOUR TROUBLED THOUGHT AS WE RING THE FINAL BELL.

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