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The season kicks off at the FDIC, April 23-25. It will culminate with World Challenge XXIV at Montgomery, Alabama, Oct 19-25. We turn events "green" as contracts are executed, except that WC events do not open for registration until the season is complete. That way, Competitors all have a fair shot at selecting the Wildcard Slots (days) they wish to race at the same time. To see the schedule, click here.



This year, if you qualify for Worlds, you'll receive your Finalist Package at the event. This package will include: XXIV patch, XXIV tee (courtesy of Lion), and the Finalist Flag (one per team for the season). Also, from the Chamber of Commerce, Montgomery, Alabama, you'll receive a Finalist Envelope containing lodging information and coupons.



A few minor tweaks to the rules will be posted shortly. It will be the responsibility of the officials to notify any and all competitors that they have incurred a penalty immediately after

your run. You will need to notify of your intent to challenge the penalty as soon as possible.



In each of these bi-weekly newsletters we'll showcase a sponsor. Scott Safety has been a sponsor of the Challenge for 22 of our 24 years. Technically, this is our 25th season, since we started in 1991 at the University of Maryland's Fire Rescue Institute. Scott took title to the Challenge in 1996. Every champion wore a Scott Air-Pak- of course. We'd like to introduce the new Fire Service Marketing Manager, Brad Harvey. Jeff Emery has been promoted to the Global Marketing Manager.



Dr. Paul will present the trophy and the Lion Championship rings at the City Council Meeting, 5 pm in Hamilton this coming Wednesday, including recognition of their 4:15 Team time at World Challenge XXIII in Phoenix, and the Individual time of teammate Justin Couperus with a 1:19:35.



Lack of exercise is a bigger risk factor than obesity. A brisk 20-minute walk a day may be enough to reduce an individual's risk of early death by up to 30 percent, according to a new report published this week.

In a conversation with a firefighter who's putting together a digital network for fire stations we were discussing the push-back from some firefighters for mandatory exercise or even some kind of support or recognition about the benefits of the Challenge. He remarked that the negative attitude probably came from the fact that they had to put down their cigarettes in order to do it.



As always, we are interested to hear your feedback, so please take a couple of minutes to tell us about your feedback from World Challenge in Phoenix, if you haven't already! We look at all of the responses from these surveys, and use that information to make changes, so take a minute to tell us what you think here.



Killer prices for a 2014 end of the year clearance sale of Rescue Randy's. Prices so low we're not permitted to publish them; call Mike Riley at 301.421.4433 or email <a href="mailto:mriley@ontargetchallenge.com">mriley@ontargetchallenge.com</a> for a quote. Limited supplies; prices expire when the inventory is gone.



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