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# COMBAT CHALLENGE

## NEWS UPDATE

YOUR OFFICIAL CHALLENGE NEWS SOURCE.

**APRIL 2, 2015**

**SCOTT** FIREFIGHTER COMBAT CHALLENGE

### REGISTRATION OPENS

Several of our events have been opened up, including [Lake Charles](#), which is the latest event to join the 2015 roster! To register for an event, [click here](#), or [visit our website](#).

### SEASON OPENER: FDIC

FDIC is the largest fire service training conference in the United States, and the Challenge is thrilled to be there for the fourth year in a row! If you haven't already, hop on over to our [registration page](#), and get signed-up to race during our three days in Indianapolis! We'll be racing in the same parking lot as years prior, between the Convention Center, and Lucas Oil Stadium, from Thursday, April 23, to Saturday, April 25, 2015. For more information about FDIC, [visit their site](#), or for information about our Challenge at FDIC, [visit our website](#).

### VIRGINIA BEACH EVENT

A previous version of our 2015 schedule had listed an event in Virginia Beach as being earlier in the season, but because of logistics, we are moving that to the second half of the season. We want to keep everyone up to date with this, so please be patient as we work out details on both ends. As always, the most up-to-date schedule information can be found [here](#).

### STATE CHAMPION UPDATE

Our State Champions list has been vetted more than a Vice Presidential candidate, but before we're ready to set it in stone, we're giving everyone one last chance to make sure there are no mistakes.

Check out the list [here](#), and if you see anything that seems incorrect, or needs to be edited, let Daniel know by sending him an email at [dpace@ontargetchallenge.com](mailto:dpace@ontargetchallenge.com). The editing window will end next Tuesday, April 7, 2015.

## SHOW US YOUR FLAG

We want to see your Championship Finalist Flags! Where is yours hanging? In your station? As motivation in your at-home-gym? In your garage? We want to see them! Take a photo, and submit them to [contact@ontargetchallenge.com](mailto:contact@ontargetchallenge.com). Entries will be put into a raffle, and we will pick one to claim a surprise prize package from the Challenge. Good luck, and we can't wait to see your pictures!

## YOUR RESCUE RANDY SOURCE

Perhaps you didn't know this, but On•Target is a certified dealer of Rescue Randy's. If you, or your team, is looking to make a purchase of a Rescue Randy, look no further than us! We have an inventory of *brand new, still-in-the-box* Randy's available for sale. Want to know how much? Our deal on these is so good, we can't advertise the price! Seriously. So give our office a call, and ask for Mike Riley, at 301.421.4433 x106, or shoot him an email at [mriley@ontargetchallenge.com](mailto:mriley@ontargetchallenge.com), and we'll get you all the information you need.



## COMPETITOR FEATURE: RUSSELL KRASNESKY DRIVER/PARAMEDIC, MCKINNEY, TEXAS

### How long have you been competing in the Challenge?

Russell: *I started competing in 1996, and went through until about 2004. Then I took a break until I turned 40 in 2009, and have been competing since then.*

### How many competitions do you think you've competed in?

Russell: *I've competed in a plethora of them, too many to count!*

### How did you first get started competing?

Russell: *I saw an article in the newspaper while I was still in the fire academy. I am one of those guys that likes doing different sports and activities, so once I was on the department I just showed up in my fire gear with all my pockets full of fire trinkets and gave it a shot. It was a very eye opening experience to say the least! I was not ready for it. I finished, but was not ready at all!*

### Why do you still compete after all these years? What keeps you returning?

Russell: *There's no question, it's the camaraderie. I have fantastic friends all around the country and world whom I never would have met if not for this sport. I am so thankful for that, and for all of them. Also, I would say that it makes me better at my job. Without a doubt I am healthier, and more fit by having a goal to perform better at this sport.*

### Do you have any advice for people just starting in the Challenge? Any training tips?

Russell: *Don't just show up in your fire gear with your pockets full of fire trinkets! Do as I still do, and pick the brains of others; then find what works for you. There are basics for us all, but then we need to identify our own personal weaknesses and some how make those deficiencies just a little better.*

### What's one of your favorite stories from the road?

Russell: *Years ago, probably 2003, on the road I remember we shoe-polished the Challenge van with*

"McKinney" all over it. This may have been motivated by a few adult beverages, but who really knows? [Editors note: Although we appreciate Russell's story, we do not encourage competitors to take Challenge vehicle detailing into their own hands. We appreciate the offer, but we'll leave that to the professionals.]

## SEEN ON THE ROAD



The evolution of Detroit continues, as seen by Dr. Davis on a recent trip. Buildings offer memories of the past, but also promise of what's to come.

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