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LAKE CHARLES PIRATE FESTIVAL

One of the most unique events we've ever done is the [Lake Charles Contraband Festival](#), complete with pirates(!); and it's coming up again this year, Friday and Saturday, May 8 and 9! [Register now](#), and bring that sweet pirate hat, peg-leg, and eye patch your wife has been trying to throw out since your college days. A guaranteed great event, Lake Charles is a fantastic place to get the cobwebs off your bunker gear, and get crankin' for the 2015 season! Interested? [Register here](#), or [check our website](#) for more information!

FDIC EVENT RECAP

Our first event out the gate for 2015 was a huge success at FDIC, in Indianapolis, Indiana! With over 100 competitors during the weekend, including an incredible new class coming on course for the first time, Matt Harvey (ATX Combat Challenge Team) took first place in the male Individual, with a 1:25.68, while Cincinnati State Powered by FireCraft took the Team first place with a time of 5:14.63. Jacqueline Palmer (Las Vegas Fire/Rescue) earned first place for the Individual women with a 2:39.31, and Matt Tavaglione (Team FDIC Tulsa Metro) took the medal for first place over 40 with an impressive season opener of 1:37.90. Cincinnati Powered by FireCraft also won the Relay title, beating Montgomery Fire Rescue Blue, with a time of 1:12.49. For all the results from FDIC, [visit our website](#), and check out the [local coverage of the Challenge in the Indianapolis Star here!](#)

THREE-STRIKE DUMMY RULE

In accordance with our C.A.B. (Challenge Advisory Board) meeting at worlds, we will be enforcing the three-strike rule this season. For competitor safety, if you drop the dummy a third time, you will be pulled from the course, and your time will be stopped. For questions about this rule, please [email Dr. Davis](#).

FEATURED NEW SPONSOR: PALADIN

The Challenge is very proud to introduce Paladin as a sponsor for 2015! Paladin creates some of the

most incredible portable lighting and generators. Their products are designed to exceed your real-world lighting needs so you won't miss any detail. You will always know what lies ahead. To learn more about Paladin's awesome products, check them out at their website, paladinprotect.com.

JEANIE ALLEN FUNDRAISER

We're looking to raise money on an annual basis to support our sister, Jeanie Allen, in her fight against one of the most rare forms of cancer, Clear Cell Sarcoma. We're excited to continue to support our great friend as she continues to battle this cancer. [Please take a minute to review this informative PDF](#) about the fundraiser program, and give generously to a woman who has touched us all with her amazing spirit, attitude, and personality.



COMPETITOR FEATURE:

DAVID BOWMAN

FIREFIGHTER/EMT, CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

How did you get started competing in the Combat Challenge?

Dave: *I used to compete in the Police and Fire Games. A coworker and fellow competitor, Brad Duncan, then introduced me to the Challenge back in 1998 and I've been competing ever since.*

How many competitions have you competed in?

Dave: *We sat down and tried to figure it out once. Last count, it was about 180.*

After 17 years, why are you still competing? Why do you think you're so committed to the competition?

Dave: *Everyone knows the fire service is a Brotherhood but the Challenge is it's own Brotherhood within that. The people here are all very committed at being the best and working hard to maintain that. It's also definitely helped keep me better prepared for my job. Not only does training hard keep me in shape but I'm also more comfortable in my gear which is beneficial when I'm on scene.*

Do you have any tips for anyone just starting in the Challenge?

Dave: *Make sure you are setting practical goals for yourself and train for those goals specifically. Running 5 miles a day as fast as you can doesn't mean you'll be able to run fast on the course. Also, train in your gear and boots, not shorts and sneakers. There are certain aspects of training that can translate and others that don't.*

Do you have any favorite stories from the road?

Dave: *It's not really a story but... After all these years, you'd think people would know who I am. I wish I had \$1 for every time I got called 'Mike Melton'!*

EMAIL UPDATE

Last weekend, roughly April 23 to 27, we updated our server, and as a result our email server was affected. If you sent an email to anyone on our team during those dates, it may not have made it. We recommend trying it again if you have not heard back.

WE'RE ON INSTAGRAM!

The Firefighter Combat Challenge is on [Instagram](#)! Find us [@firefighterchallenge](#), and follow us! You'll be glad you did!

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