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Kentucky Environmental Health Association

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KYEHA (formerly KAMFES) is a non-profit educational organization whose membership is open to all individuals working or interested in environmental health professions and the promotion of public health including industries, regulators, and supporting operation. KAMFES became KYEHA in 2015 due to its new affiliation with the National Environmental Health Association and the dissolution of our former affiliate the International Association of Milk, Food and Environmental Sanitarians (IAMFES).

Dear Fellow KYEHA members and Friends:

When I was a kid, it was common practice to toss the shovels, rakes, and an array of other tools into the truck bed and that is simply where they lived most of the time. At some point there was a wave of robberies in the neighborhood and though unsuccessful breaking in, we somehow knew that the thieves had been near and around our home. I simply could not understand how someone would try to break in and fail, but not steal all of those tools just laying out for anyone. The explanation that my father gave to me was that no one ever steals anything that they will ultimately have to do work with. (It was probably that or my 125 lb. German shepherd trying to eat them....one of the two) I don't know if that still stands true in almost 2016, but I suppose that day I gained a perspective that I hadn't seen before; the motivation of a thief actually *does* matter. Now, make no mistake, I hate a thief, and ultimately, some of those tools did actually get stolen, but bear with me. For example, did the man break into the vending machine because he is supporting selfish bad habits or did he do it to feed his infant daughter? Not saying either one is justified, just that in the back of the human mind, it matters.

Recently, 40,000 lbs. of meat disappeared from the Nicholas Meat Company in Pennsylvania. The meat vanished after being loaded onto a scheduled pick up, and sent down the road. Its destination was thought to be Wisconsin, but by middle of the week the customer still didn't have their meat. Upon investigation, the guy that picked up the meat was a fake, the truck was a fake and without anyone catching on, they had been duped. The question at this time in the investigation (other than where in the holy moly is the 20 tons of meat) is what is the

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Meet the Officers: Vice President

Our current Vice President is Mr. Don Jacobs, R.S. of the Three Rivers District Health Department. Don has over 17 years experience in Environmental Health and Public Health Preparedness. Don is a 2011 winner of the Kentucky Registered Sanitarian Training Award and a long time member, Board member and volunteer for the organization. Contact Don at donalde.Jacobs@ky.gov

motive of the thief? Is this where all those guys in the pickups that drive around with deep freezes in the back get their meat? (It is pretty cheap that way and typically tastes like something stolen.) Or is it a modern day crime lord that has an underground meat company and freezer space for 160,000 hamburgers while he waits to sell them under the cover of a “McMafia” restaurant? Or, maybe it is just a guy with a reefer truck and a huge barbeque this weekend. <http://www.cbsnews.com/news/20-tons-of-beef-burgled-in-pennsylvania-meat-plant-heist/> I don’t know, but to me, it matters when I think about that much product sneaking around regulations, quality standards and public expectations. What if this is a terrorist plot to contaminate 20 tons of *approved* USDA stamped product and nonchalantly return into circulation across the country to provoke random chaos and fear to destroy the American beef industry? Motive matters.

The Federal regulation of products continues to be scrutinized for a variety of reasons and whether or not the public still believes it or not, it matters too. Federal bills such as H.R. 3563 and H.R. 3564 are striving for interstate raw milk distribution with no interference from Public Health. Yes, Raw milk, the millennial trend of a self-perceived infringement of rights that never seems to go away, is still trying to avoid all levels of common sense and re-enter the modern market with Federal legislative armor such as this. Another bill, H.R. 3187, actually goes right up the alley of our meat heist and would eliminate intrastate transport regulation of meat. I suppose if this bill passes, maybe the motivation of our Nicholas Meat Co. thief won’t matter after all.....because when that happens, quite possibly, we might not ever know it was missing in the first place.

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Are you going to the 2016 KAMFES/KYEHA Conference?

Well don't you think you should REGISTER already?? REGISTRATION IS OPEN!!

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Conference dates February 17-19, 2016 at the Hilton Cincinnati Airport in Florence, KY
PLEASE make checks payable to KAMFES as we still have not made the full transition to KYEHA

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