Annotated Bibliography

Cooper, Robyn. “The Fireman: Immaculate Manhood.” *Journal of Popular Culture* 28.4 (1995): 139-71. Print. Robyn Cooper is a member of the Department of Fine Arts at the University of Sydney, Australia. In the article, she examines the 1903 International Fire Exhibition in London and the portrayal of firefighters as heroes, similar to the view of soldiers that still holds true today. She also examines the thought process behind the idea that firemen are seen as real men’s men because they are willing to risk life and death to save anyone at anytime. This way of thinking had gotten many people interested in joining up to prove their manhood and they wanted to be seen as heroes, and according to the author, the trend continues even today. This is very interpretive but differs from Rick Hampson’s viewpoint, who felt that the volunteer fire service was dying out. The prospect that firemen are driven by their desire to prove themselves as men and indispensible members of the community adds a different perspective on motivation, and will make a different set of arguments, examining the mental psyche rather than the physical strain.

director of a national organization for young adults with disabilities, bringing in over 300 million dollars in grants. She currently works to help a variety of different organizations to fundraise on the local level and she shares a sample business plan, strategies, and tips on how to effectively capture the attention of the average citizen. These grassroots ideas and tactics are still aimed towards a small-scale operation and yet give much more structure and detail than Newell’s article. This will help me in my quest to raise finds by providing an outline along with ideas on how to better effectively gain the community’s support. It will also provide a sound format on how to compose my efforts.

Hampson, Rick. “America’s Volunteer Fire Departments Face Staffing Crisis.” *USA Today* 6 Nov. 2005: n. pag. *SIRS Researcher*. Web. 25 Oct. 2007. Rick Hampson is an accredited author with *USA Today* newspaper. His research for this article took place in volunteer firehouses in Pennsylvania and deals with the dramatic decreases in membership. He explores the possible reasoning as to why this alarming trend has developed. This addresses the state of firefighting today more than any other book and examines what is rapidly becoming a serious dilemma affecting not only the fire service, but also the community as a whole due to the increasing lack of participation resulting in less protection for its citizens. It also foreshadows what may become of the volunteer service due to the fact that the most common way for someone to get involved is through family and with less people involved, the fewer the family ties. This affects my project because it shows the present and possible future states of fire volunteers
and shows the progression from the occupation’s storied past to its seemingly bleak future.

Newell, Kevin. “The Fun and Profit in Fundraising; One A.D. Car Wash May Be Another Coach’s Candy Sale.” Coach and Athletic Director Aug. 2002: 42-8

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Smith, Dennis. History of Firefighting in America: 300 Years of Courage. New York: Dial, 1978. N. pag. Print. Dennis Smith is a former New York City fireman who founded, and is editor of, Firehouse magazine. He has dedicated his life to emergency services and is extremely knowledgeable on almost every aspect of the profession. This book examines the most well known and/or influential fires in the history of the United State. These issues are closely examined and then other possible contributing factors, such as trends in gear or building codes, are
discussed. There is a much more thorough level of detail in examining the great fires in comparison to the information presented in Gottchalk’s book. This amount of detail will help to more accurately portray the history and show some of the common trends of the various time periods. It also provides a great deal of background knowledge due to the fact that some of the fires are extremely influential in the laws that we now observe and the tools we now use.