

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

PLEASE POST

Activity: Rescue Squad Captains' Meeting

Date: December 8, 2011

Organizations Represented: Public Safety Administration
Squad 2/Franklin County Rescue
Squad 3/Ferrum Rescue
Squad 4/Glade Hill Rescue
Squad 5/Callaway Rescue
Company 7/Boones Mill EMS
Squad 8/Fork Mountain Rescue
Squad 10/Scruggs Rescue
Franklin County Communications – E-911

Organizations Not Represented: Squad 1/Career
Squad 6/Snow Creek Rescue
Squad 9/Red Valley Rescue
Squad 11/Dive Team
Squad 13/Cool Branch Rescue

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION: Please find below a summary of the topics that were discussed and relevant information regarding these topics. If you have any questions, please contact your Rescue Captain for details.

- The meeting was moderated by Public Safety Director, Daryl Hatcher. Mr. Hatcher opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and thanking them for their attendance.
- Division Chief Billy Ferguson reminded everyone the importance of notifying the Public Safety office of any injuries/accidents that occur while performing tasks within the scope of the agencies. Billy indicated that once an accident/injury occurs, immediately notify Captain 1. It is also imperative that an accident report is completed and with Public Safety in a timely manner. Recently, there have been some instances when neither the Captain nor anyone from the administrative office has been notified and there have been instances when the reports were not completed. Billy advised that failure to notify the appropriate personnel and to complete the necessary paperwork could result in the insurance denying the claim. If the insurance claim is denied, payment for damages could be the responsibility of the agency or the injured volunteer. For more information regarding filing these reports, contact Billy Ferguson or Annette Law.
- Billy Ferguson also advised that we had been getting frequent calls about emergency vehicle parking in fire lanes when an emergency did not exist. Billy indicated that a vehicle could be ticketed for this offense. For more information regarding this topic, contact Billy.

- Billy also provided the following information:
 - Patient refusals must be done on the toughbooks.
 - Reminded everyone of the ImageTrend team.
 - The Injury Committee would meet sometime in January.
 - January 21, 2012 is the date for Volunteer Appreciation Day.
 - Make sure your agency has a truck marked up for the night, if a truck is not marked up Captain 1 will call you.
 - Billy provided each representative with information that Eric Newman, EMT Instructor for the high school class, had obtained in reference to questioning his students about volunteering with agencies. Attached is a copy of the answers provided by the high school students.

For more information regarding these topics, contact Billy Ferguson.

- Mr. Hatcher advised that rosters would be mailed out to each agency in January. The rosters will be used to determine stipend payments for the time period of July 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011. The rosters would also be used to prepare a list of active volunteers to file with the Circuit Court Clerk's Office. For more information regarding this topic, contact Annette Law.
- Mr. Hatcher advised that Mike Pruitt, Deputy Division Chief, was teaching a class and provided the following class information on Mr. Pruitt's behalf:
 - An EMT class will start in January.
 - Protocol rollouts will be handled by Dr. Lane. Dr. Lane is anticipating completing the rollouts by March 2012.
 - Franklin County has been designated a satellite training facility for Western Virginia EMS. As such an EMT-I class will be offered every year for three years, then an I to P bridge will be offered.

Contact Mike Pruitt for information regarding any of these training topics.

Mr. Hatcher advised that at the November 2011 Board of Supervisor's Meeting, the Board voted to move forward with a study referencing the radio system which serves Franklin County. A committee will be established to provide feedback to the Board of Supervisor's regarding recommendations to improve the communications system. A representative and an alternate from each division of fire and rescue will be appointed to serve on the committee with a representative from the following agencies: Franklin County Sheriff's Office, Rocky Mount Police Department, Ferrum College Police Department and Franklin County 9-1-1. The committee will be chaired by Public Safety Director, Daryl Hatcher. The representatives from the Rescue Division are Rob Whitener and Jerry Custer.

- Mr. Hatcher advised that if at any time a responder shows up on the scene of an incident and the responder has consumed ETOH, whether it is a member from your agency or a member from another agency responding to assist your department, Captain 1 should be notified immediately. If Captain 1 cannot be contacted, ask Dispatch to notify PS1.

Discussion from the Group:

- Belinda Hodges announced a MegaCE weekend for the weekend of February 3, 4 & 5. Contact Belinda for more information regarding this.

Questions and Comments were called for.

The meeting was adjourned.