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Tech Rescue Training !

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Tech Rescue at the training site practicing with the stokes basket.



Beatty Training on 11/7/11

Practicing putting out a car fire





Teaching new volunteers how to use tools on a vehicle.



Engineer Class

The first engineer class was a huge success!

The participants consisted of firefighters from Nye County and The Nevada National Security Site. The curriculum was extremely intense and condensed into two long weekends of classroom plus practical exercises. The title of the course textbook, *Pumping Apparatus Driver Operator*, describes the subjects covered. Some of the driver subjects were vehicle maintenance, safe driving and where to park most effectively at an emergency scene. The operator portion covered subjects from basic fires to supplying complex situations such as standpipes, sprinklers, relays and water shuttle operations from either hydrants or drafting. There were also lessons on hydraulic calculations, foam usage and pump testing. The students trained on both the new "computerized" pumpers as well as "Older technology" equipment. In addition to completing PADO training the students qualified for an additional certification of Driver Operator with Mobile Water Supply Apparatus Specialty, which permits engineers to drive water tenders and efficiently run all phases of water shuttle operations. It is a great tribute to the dedication of those who took this class, as successfully finished and only one failed to get their NFPA Fire Apparatus Driver Operator certification on the first try. Congratulations to all participants in the first engineer class.

ED BOOSS



Greetings From the Nye County Animal Shelter!

All staff and volunteers here at the Shelter are excited to join the Emergency Services Team!

We're looking forward to working together to make a difference in all aspects of Animal Services. We invite you to stop by and say hello to our 2-legged staff and to be sure to visit with our 4-legged staff members "Miles" and "Tater", also. We have many dedicated hard working volunteers that make all we do for your animal population possible– a BIG THANK YOU to them all.

Of course the most important of our Shelter are the various animals available for adoption. If you are looking for a furry forever friend, this is the place to come!

Year to date our shelter has taken in 2,735 animals. Animal Control has answered 5,427 calls for service, so as you can see there is never a dull moment for Animal Services in Nye County.



Tater



Miles

Animal Shelter, and Animal Control Dispatch are currently recruiting Volunteers. If you would like to volunteer in the shelter or for Animal Control Dispatch, please contact Shelter at 775-751-7020 or Animal Control at 775-751-6315.



VOLUNTEERING

True Volunteerism is giving of your time,
your heart, and your soul.

Do more to be more!!



The Winter Season is upon us!

How's your vehicle?



Winter is here! For many, winter bring a time of travel... whether it's a 2-hour drive home, a flight across country, a train ride, or possibly even a cruise. Wherever you go, there is usually some driving involved. Many of us have a personal relationship with our vehicles. We personalize them, name them and are often sentimental about them. We also have to take care of them.

Is your vehicle itself in good shape for travel? Check out the questions below. Does your vehicle measure up?

Do all the lights work?

Headlights, tail-lights, turn signals, brake lights, back-up lights, parking lights, interior lights and dash lights.

Are the windshield wipers in good working condition?

Are they cracked, hard, or do they leave streaks on the windshield? If so, the time to replace them is now, before you need them.

Have you checked all the fluid levels and are they properly filled?

Oil, brake fluid, transmission fluid, power steering fluid, anti-freeze, and windshield washer fluid.

Have you checked your tires?

Are they properly inflated? When was the last time your vehicle's tires were rotated? **Fact:** The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates 23,000 crashes and over 500 fatal crashes every year are attributable to blowouts or flat tires.

In addition to your emergency flashers, do you have a set of emergency triangles in your vehicle?

Fact: The National Safety Council recommends that if your vehicle is going to be on the side of the road and out of service for more than 10 minutes, you should set out your emergency triangles approximately 50 – 75 feet apart.

Do you have the correct size chains for your vehicle in the vehicle?

Not only do you have them, but do you know the correct way to put them on your vehicle?

If you are traveling with small children, do you have a child restraint system that fits your vehicle and fits your child?

Fact: Experts tell us over 90% of child safety seats are incorrectly installed.

By taking the time to inspect the condition of your vehicle and fix potential problems before you go on a trip, you may just save yourself time, money, and quite possibly your own life and the lives of your family!



Happy



Cold weather is coming and all of us will be defending against the hazards of frigid temperatures. When a person is exposed to cold weather for an extended period of time, the person can tire easily and become fatigued. Such conditions can cause frostbite and hypothermia. Trench foot, which is caused by the exposure to water and cold temperatures, can also cause a serious health condition.

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, the danger signs of prolonged exposure to freezing or cold temperatures are shivering, slurred speech, clumsy movements, fatigue and confused behavior. When these signs are observed, immediate emergency help is needed.

One of the most important steps a person can take to fight the weather's harmful effects is the wearing of proper clothing. Please, make sure you and yours are properly prepared for the conditions.

How to Protect People

Learn the signs and symptoms of cold-induced illnesses/injuries and what to do to help someone. Teach family about hypothermia and how to treat it.

- **Impending hypothermia** occurs when the body's core temperature drops to 95 F (35 C). The skin may become pale, numb and waxy. Muscles become tense. Fatigue and weakness begin to show.

The treatment for impending hypothermia includes removal from the cold, wet environment, providing external heat (fire, blankets) and providing hot, sweet drinks like sugar water (not alcohol, tea, coffee or hot chocolate).



- **Mild hypothermia** occurs when the body's core temperature drops to 93.2 F (34 C). Uncontrolled shivering begins. The individual is still alert but movement becomes less coordinated and some pain and discomfort exists.

The treatment for mild hypothermia includes removal from the cold environment, keeping the head and neck covered to prevent further heat loss and providing warm, sweetened drinks (no alcohol, hot chocolate, tea or coffee). Give them sugar in hot water and high calorie food like hot pasta instead. **Do not rub** the person's body or place them in a warm water bath as this may stop their heart.

- **Severe hypothermia** occurs when the body core temperature drops below 87.8 F (31 C). This is a potentially life-threatening condition. Call 9-1-1 for help. Learn and remember these signs and symptoms: The skin becomes cold and may be bluish in color; the individual is weak and uncoordinated; speech is slurred and the victim appears exhausted, denies there is a problem and may resist help. Gradually there is a loss of consciousness with little or no breathing occurring. The individual may be rigid and appear dead. The treatment for severe hypothermia includes immediate external warming. One method may be by placing the victim in a warmed sleeping bag with two other people. Keep the person awake and apply mild heat to stop loss of heat, not to re-warm. Check for pulse and breathing. If neither is present, begin CPR and mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. Continue until medical help arrives.

Winter



Never give up on the victim. Even though cold, stiff and bluish with fixed pupils and no heart tones or signs of breathing, victims have been resuscitated and have recovered fully.



Happy Holidays!!

Vance Payne, Workplace Safety and Training Officer

EXCITING NEWS !

We finally received our water tender! After several months, and a few redo's Nye County Emergency Services has acquired a 2002 Freightliner (FL70) 2,000 gallon water tender. This truck formally & proudly served the City of Orange, CA as a utility truck for several years. A special thank you, to Brent Jones & Vance Payne for all of the hard work in making this dream come true. This truck will now serve Nye County with a multitude of uses such as, Wildland fires, Structure fires, emergency water support and disaster response. Our volunteers will proudly staff this unit and respond to any calls for help from any one of our fire agencies in Nye County & beyond. We would also like to thank Volunteer Firefighter; Grant Roberts for his sacrifice as well as his personal donations that helped put this truck together. So let's hit the road, and use this powerful tool to make a difference in the lives of those we serve!

Kevin Kleinworth



GREETINGS TO ALL!



2012 is starting off at a full run for the Fire Training section of this Department.

Starting January 28, 2012 the NCES Fire Training Cadre will begin a full Firefighter I Academy consisting of over two hundred hours of training over the next five months. We will be teaching HAZMAT Operations, Technical Rescue Awareness, First Aid/AED CPR, Structural Firefighting and Wildland Firefighting in compliance with the Nevada State Fire Marshal regulations and standards, which are derived from the current edition of NFPA 1001 - STANDARD FOR PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTER QUALIFICATIONS. This will be NCES' second Academy through the State that will carry the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC) accreditation, which includes teaching institutions from 34 States, the US Department of Defense and four different countries.

The academy will operate at three different locations- the recently completed Multi-purpose training facility in Pahrump, Amargosa Volunteer Fire Department Hall 1, and the Beatty Volunteer Fire Department - Station 31, rotating week to week. We anticipate a class size of 15 to 20 volunteers dedicated to improving their skills and safety thru knowledge, bettering not only themselves, but the Brothers and Sisters they work with and the communities and citizens they serve. Good Luck to all who undertake this selfless commitment.

I look forward to seeing and visiting all Stations in the coming year, wishing you all a better and Safe 2012.

Jim Medici





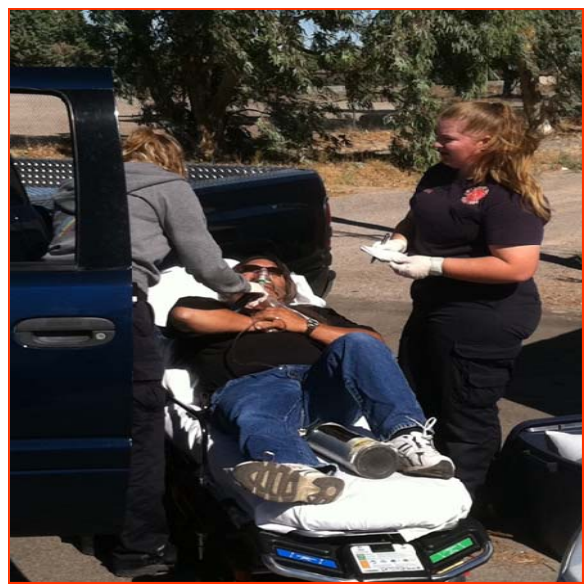
AMARGOSA EMT COURSE.



Kristina and Lynda apply a K.E.D to Kelly



Lynda demonstrates her oxygen administration skills.



Winter



Nye County Emergency Medical Services sponsored the fun competition at the state conference. The teams from the Cortez Mine won the competition and were awarded the "Golden Bed Pan" trophy.



The goals of the competition are to **Locate** the parts of your patient, **Access & Assess** your patient (and put her back together) **Stabilize** and then **Transport** your patient in the quickest amount of time.....incurring a penalty resulted in time gained. (Thanks to Barb E. Doll for all of her contribution to our competition.)

Our state EMS representatives were good sports and gave it a try! Pat, Buck and John did a great job!



Access &
Assess



Stabilize

Locate



Transport



Competition team representing Tonopah Ambulance included Pat, Rocky, and Jen.

Thank you for participating and being so willing to get involved!

Golden Bed Pan (Continued)



The coveted "Golden Bed Pan" trophy and the "patient" who benefited from the skills of our participants. Congratulations to Cortez Mine and their team!



Sometimes goodbye is really more like see you around. This year two of our state representatives retired and we were able to pay tribute to their contributions to our EMS system. Nye County Emergency Services wishes Bob Heath and Bill Winters good luck and much happiness as they enjoy this new (retired) part of their life. We will miss you both!

Bob Heath was not available at the time of this conference.....although we cannot confirm his whereabouts, census is that he was.....golfing!



Nye County Emergency Services also set up a booth at state conference to introduce our L.A.S.T weekend to be held in 2012. We received a great reception and hope to see some new faces in April.



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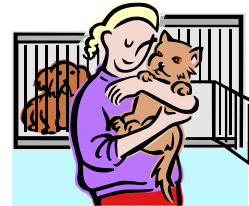
A word from Brent Jones, Director

It is hard to believe that 2012 is already upon us. First and foremost in a day and time where volunteerism seems to be something that is not a priority for the majority, I want to sincerely thank those of you throughout all of Nye County who stand-up and say "I want to make a difference" on a daily basis! Guess what? You do make a difference! We are very blessed to still have the Ambulance, Fire, Animal Service and CERT departments and teams working throughout these vast coverage areas, and we hope that more citizens will take an interest in serving their communities this year. This year has flown by and we have gotten a lot accomplished, but those accomplishments would have not been possible without the tremendous staff and dedicated volunteers making it all come together. Thank you all for everything you do during very difficult times. We are all looking forward to a good 2012 and we especially look forward to "Making a Difference" everyday.

On a final note, very few of those you serve understand the tremendous commitment you make to your communities. The hundreds of hours of training, responding whenever the need is present, time away from your families, and much more than I could ever list. We are expected to answer that call, however no one realizes the sacrifices that each of you make to see that the call is answered. My hat is off to each and every one of you and we could not continue to do it without you!

Brent Jones





What you can achieve from Volunteering:

The satisfaction of assisting your community.

Get insight in a profession.

Learn team work.

Build your resume'.

Receive Training.

Develop marketable job skills.

Enrich your education.

Explore career and personal interest.

Meet new people and make new friends.

Learn how chain of command works.

Learn new skills/or brush up on skills you already have.