

Nye County Emergency Services

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Station 51 Firefighter I class –January 2009

On 1/31/09 the Nye County Station 51 Firefighter I class participated in the first full day of firefighter skills.

Station 51 was charged with fake smoke and a plastic baby was hidden inside for the students to find. It was a long day of skills, classroom and more skills. I would like to thank our firefighter I class for their commitment and effort in completing Firefighter I skills.



Our Firefighter I class consists of:

Matt Clayton	Robert Vaughn
John Hanson	James Ward
David Pearsons	Mike Wehmeyer

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A word from Kevin Kleinworth, Logistics Officer

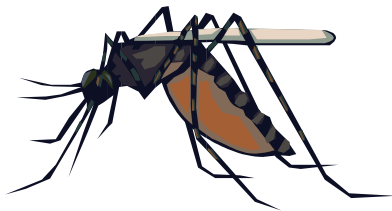
Food Drive Tonopah January 2009



Due to the success of the food drive in Pahrump, Emergency Services has expanded our food drive/disaster preparedness to Tonopah. We started this in January and will continue once a month to do our best to raise awareness about disaster preparedness while at the same time helping those less fortunate within our County get a meal year round. "As citizens of Nye County, let's all come together as Emergency Responders, neighbors and friends to help one another."

If you have any questions about the food drives in either Pahrump or Tonopah, please contact us at (775) 751-4279

Mosquito Abatement



Mosquito season is fast approaching and with a wetter than average winter in Nye County, you can be sure this mosquito season will be an active one. Please do your part in mosquito reduction, to aid in the fight against west Nile Virus, by dumping any stagnant water source in and around your properties

Together we can all reduce Nye County's mosquito population.

Thank you.

To report standing water, please call:
(775) 751-4279

"MOSQUITO NEWS":

GOOD NEWS:

Mosquitoes have trouble seeing you.

BAD NEWS:

They can smell you. They like carbon dioxide, and use your exhaled breath to track you down. This explains all those welts on your face when you've been out camping.

GOOD NEWS:

You cannot get the HIV virus from a mosquito.

BAD NEWS:

You can get malaria, yellow fever, dengue fever, and encephalitis from mosquito bites. They also transmit heartworms to cats and dogs.

GOOD NEWS:

You can take pills to prevent malaria.

BAD NEWS:

Not everyone has access to those pills. Mosquito-transmitted malaria kills one million people per year in Africa.

GOOD NEWS:

Mosquitoes rarely travel more than 300 feet from their breeding grounds.

BAD NEWS:

One mosquito averages 1,000-3,000 off spring.

**"Due to more foreclosures:
Green Pools are abundant"**

FIRE FIGHTERS “IN ACTION” DURING LPG TRAINING

Teams working together to cool a relief valve on a simulated LPG tank training prop.



NCFD Member helping the shut off team stay cool -CCFD Explorer watching

Team leader turning off a supply valve on LPG training prop



Getting the job done—
Beatty -08



Fire Fighter I class preparing for
P.T.



LPG Christmas tree
Beatty -08

From Patty Winters, EMS Coordinator

We would like to welcome Eileen Wolfrey back as the Tonopah Volunteer Ambulance Coordinator. She will be aided by Bobbie Misener who has been voted in as Assistant Coordinator, and Dawn Sligar who retains the clerk position. Congratulations to all, and I look forward to working with you.

Patty.

As many of you know, being a team does not necessarily mean sharing the same barn, rig, or call. We know the meaning of team, but do we realize how large the team is. Often we see just our piece, our corner of the universe, forgetting that we are part of something much larger. Like a pebble in a pond we send ripples throughout.

In Nye County we have five ambulance services, each with its own identity but sharing in a common goal. Our goal is to provide the best care possible for those citizens who are in need! In this goal, we are each identical. We also share a brotherhood with fire personnel, law enforcement, search and rescue personnel, and the staff in the hospitals to which we transport. While it is true that each group serves to the degree of their own specialty, the common global goal is to make this a better place to live, work, and play.

In the upcoming issues of our newsletter, I will be writing about each of our ambulance services. Introduce you to each of these groups, their leadership, and their operation.



For now, let me give you a brief history of **Emergency Medical Services (EMS)**

1950s -The American College of Surgeons develops the first training program for ambulance attendants.

1966 - National Academy of Science publishes the paper Accidental Death and Disability: The Neglected Disease of Modern Society. This document becomes known as the “White Paper” quantifying the scope of traffic-related deaths in the U.S. and described the deficiencies in pre-hospital care in this country, including:

- Call for ambulance standards

- State-level policies and regulations

- Recommendation to adopt methods for providing consistent ambulance services at the local level

1966 -Highway Safety Act - Required each state to adopt highway safety programs to comply with federal standards (including “emergency services”)

- Impetus for NHTSA leadership in EMS

- Directed writing of National Standard Curricula

- Provided funding to state to develop state EMS Offices

- Took leadership role in EMS system development, including developing model EMS state legislation

1967 - The American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons (AAOS) published the first EMS text book.

From Patty Winters, EMS Coordinator -Continued

1970- The first board meeting of the National Registry of EMTs is held with a goal to provide uniform standards for credentialing ambulance attendants

1971 - EMT curriculum is published and includes course planning information, learning objectives, lesson plans with specific content, and suggested instructional hours.

1973 - The *Emergency Services Act of 1973* enacted by congress as Title XII of the Public Health Services Act. This act assigned \$300 million in funding for EMS over eight years, allowed for EMS system planning and implementation, required states to focus on EMS personnel and training, resulted in legislation and regulation of EMS personnel levels

Note: Some state definitions of licensure and certification differed from other disciplines, which created confusion.

1992 - The National Association of EMS Physician and the National Association of EMS Directors initiated EMS Agenda for the Future. This project is funded by NHTSA, maternal and Child Health Bureau, and Health Resources and Services Administration. These documents outline goals that are to integrate the EMS system with regards to regulation, certification, and licensure.

2005 - The National Scope of Practices defines levels of EMS licensure:

Used to Guide State Legislation

Promote reciprocity between states

Clarify EMS roles for the community

The state of EMS Education Research Project: Characteristics of EMS Educators:

Identifies characteristics of EMS instructors

Describes infrastructure available to instructors

Identifies instructor attributes necessary for implementing educational standards the National EMS Core Content defines;

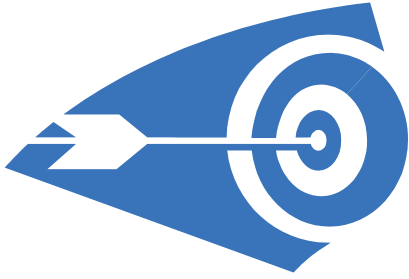
Domains of knowledge of EMS personnel

Defines Universal knowledge and skill of EMS personnel

This document has been titled *EMS at the Crossroads* and echoes all that has come before, calling for consistency state to state with regards to national accreditation. It calls for consistency in response levels state to state as well as for consistency in our educational process.



From Vance Payne– Safety and Training Officer



Nye County Receives a new service from POOL/PACT

By: Vance Payne, Workplace Safety and
Training Officer

After nine months of work and patience, we have received a service for all of our firefighters across the county and beyond. Let me explain:

Firefighters and anyone who is required to use a tight fitting respirator in the course of their work must be given a “mask fit test” annually to assure that the mask is giving them a proper level of safety. This test is called a *quantitative fit test*. There are only two machines manufactured that can deliver this OSHA mandated test. The average cost for one of these machines is \$17,000. Our budget could not bear this burden so; we started looking for alternative funding sources.

The County is insured through the combined financial pooling of most of the states counties.



This organization is called POOL/PACT. One of the benefits of membership is the ability to apply for money grants for items that help reduce a member’s risk. To that end, we applied for one of these risk management grants. As the Grant Committee prepared to hear the applications, we were allowed to have a small period of time to argue our need. When the day came, the facts were presented to the committee via teleconference. To our surprise, the committee was comprised of county representatives from around the state. As these people learned more of our need and the laws driving it, they began understanding that their respective counties were also in need.



At the conclusion of our plea, the committee denied our grant request and then agendized the purchase of this test equipment and its upkeep by the POOL/PACT and that it be made available to all its members. Some of the counties had been paying for this testing by outside vendors. Storey County itself spent \$11,000 on this testing last year. Some counties were unaware of the need to test. So, Nye County’s efforts will be felt across the state and our initial goals were met as well!

So, the next time you see a firefighter wearing an air pack, you can know that they are little safer and the Counties budgets are a little better, thanks to the POOL/PACT.

From Jim Medici, Training Officer/Volunteer FD Coordinator

The holidays are finally over and we can all get ready for the challenges of the new year. Nye County seems to be receiving an above average precipitation (however it is probably average) which can translate into a bumper crop of chat grass, which in turn could make for an exciting wild land season just around the corner. We can begin preparing ourselves for the summer and imminent warm weather and associated hazards by starting with physical exercise. Start easy and/or consult your physician for a plan. Now as the weather is getting better, think about

going for a hike, or around the block walls. This has always been my favorite time of year- we are thawing out and it is the perfect time to get out doors.

On a training note, if there is a specific topic or emphasis for training that you feel is being neglected please contact me. Our office can provide any member with training whether it's in-house or not. Please do not hesitate to contact me via e-mail , office phone or cell phone. I would like to see that all members get the training desired to assist you and your brothers help your families and communities. Thank you to all

the stations for making me feel welcome in our first year in this office and I am looking forward to another fun and productive year.

Thanks

Jim

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Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

The director of Emergency Services is also the Chairman of the Local Emergency Planning Committee.

The purpose of the LEPC is to:

- Facilitate and accomplish comprehensive emergency response planning for hazardous material incidents, accidents, or releases.
- Involve state and local government and private industry in developing and exercising emergency plans.
- Provide local residents with access to information concerning hazardous materials under the "community right to know" portion of the law.
- Improve public safety capabilities to respond to and deal with the impact of hazardous material incidents, accidents, or releases on our activities and the environment.

The next LEPC meeting is May 14, 2009.

Agenda's and minutes from past meetings are posted on the county's website: www.nyecounty.net

Southern HAZMAT Team's upcoming trainings

1. March 7:
Part I Wildland FF, S-190
2. March 10:
Wildland FF, S-130
3. March 14:
Wildland FF, S-130 cont'd
4. March 24:
Wildland FF, S-131
5. April 11:
Wildland FF, S-215
6. April 14:
HAZMAT Drill
7. April 25:
Wildland FF, Ex and Pack Test
8. April 28:
HAZMAT Operations

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer for Emergency Services, please come to our office at 1510 E. Siri lane, Ste 1 and pick up an application.

We are ALWAYS looking for dedicated volunteers.

Volunteers

We always see definitions for volunteers such as:

"A person who performs or offers to perform a service voluntary"

But very rarely do you find these great "Top Ten Reasons" that was found on the website www.minnesotagiving.org

1. Gain job experience
2. Improve your Health and Self-Esteem
3. Meet real community needs
4. Gain entrance to college
5. Meet new people and establish friends, connections and references
6. Gain new skills and develop talents
7. Spread positive energy and hope
8. Make the world a better place
9. Personal growth
10. It's fun! "Volunteering will bring laughter and smiles into your life"



Animal Control

I Can't Afford My Animals

Because of the economy, many people are panicking. People are having their hours cut back at work, losing their jobs and homes. Feed costs have steadily increased during this same time period making it double tough for some people to care for their animals properly or at all.

This may have been the case several weeks ago with Capone; a 10 year old buckskin horse found wandering in the desert by Animal Control approximately 23 miles south of town. Capone was in poor shape and condition and it was not known if he would make it through the weekend.

If people are having trouble caring for their animals we would encourage them to reach out to the many rescues and sanctuaries located within their communities or their local animal control office, rather than simply turning their animal out to fend for themselves

While these are indeed extraordinary times, there still are resources available within the community to help people with their animals. Capone has made some recovery and while his ultimate outcome is not yet known, what is known is that had Capone been turned over to a local rescue or shelter, his outlook no doubt would have been better rather than just allowing him

to wander into the desert to die.

Animal Control encourages people, if they find themselves facing such difficulties, to contact their local shelter or animal rescue group, to seek assistance during these challenging times, and hopefully find a positive outcome both for themselves and their animals.

"Capone"



SCHOOLS TO RECEIVE DISASTER PREPAREDNESS MATERIALS

by Carol Bird PIO

Kevin Kleinworth, the Logistics/Deputy Chief for Nye County Emergency Services met with the Assistant Superintendent of Schools for Nye County, Dale Norton.



Today, Kevin handed off to Dale a number of items that will be distributed throughout the Nye County School District. These items included:

* Refrigerator magnets with 14 criti-

cal items needed before a disaster happens

* Coloring books, "Learning Natural Disaster Safety" an educational coloring and activity book

* Pamphlets from Homeland Security on recommendations for what to maintain before a disaster strikes. Also Emergency Supply lists, what to have on hand to make it on your own for three days.

* Emergency Preparedness Guide. A concise guide of valuable information including major evacuation routes, shelter locations, disaster planning for floods, fires or earthquakes. What to do in extreme heat or during a flu pandemic. How to assemble a supplies kit, what kinds of family documents you should have on hand, etc.

* Glow sticks - keep a supply of glow sticks on hand in addition to flash-

lights.

* Personal first aid kits



Recently, the county received a grant from the Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management at Homeland Security. This grant is for information and items to be distributed among schools in order to raise awareness about disaster preparedness. These items are also being donated not only to Nye County students, but students who are home schooled as well.

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We are on the web:
Nyecounty.net

From Brent Jones, Director

New Honorary Member to the Nye County HAZMAT Team - Rick Kelly

While going through physical therapy after my recent knee surgery in Las Vegas I had the pleasure of meeting a fellow patient named Rick. After talking to Rick for some time he shared with me his unfortunate story as to how he became injured, and the fact that he was Rick of the "Tom and Rick" morning radio show on Coyote County 104.3. I was greatly impressed with Rick's spirit and determination to get better, and how he worked harder than anyone at rehab to help his body heal.

I shared my observations of the true spirit that Rick showed in his efforts to get better with two fellow Team Members Fred Jones and Jack Martincavage. We decided that it would be an honor to have a man of this caliber and character as a part of our

Southern HAZMAT Team. One evening during my stay at the rehab center Fred, Jack and I took Rick his Team t-shirts and hat, and informed him that we were making him a part of our Team, and most importantly that he now had an entire Team supporting his efforts to get better. Rick and his son, who was present at the time, were touched by the fact that we had made him an Honorary Team member, and he vowed to get better and come to Pahrump to meet the Team and see the facility.



After sharing more information about Rick with the Team, it was decided that we should take the Team to Rick, and present him with his firefighter helmet as another way of showing our solidarity and support of his healing effort. Approximately 12 HAZMAT Team members made the journey to Las Vegas and presented Rick with the Team helmet. It is an Honor having Rick on the Team, we continue to wish him well in his healing process, and we look forward to the day he can make the journey to Pahrump and integrate with his new Team members even more.

Brent Jones - Director

