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Nye County Emergency Services



A Morning at the duck pond

Due to a situation with the water in the ponds at the at the Calvada Eye, most of the ducks had to be relocated. Many thanks to all Emergency Services personnel, Station 51 Volunteers and Animal Control who made this a smooth transition.

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From Patty Winters—Ambulance Coordinator

Tonopah Ambulance celebrated Memorial weekend in the usual Tonopah fashion. For those of you who don't know, Jim Butler days is celebrated during the Memorial weekend. Jim Butler is the man who is credited with having discovered the gold that led to the mining that helped to create the town of Tonopah.

This year the Tonopah Ambulance crew entered a float, held a chili cook off, and of course ran calls. Wheeeew it was a busy weekend.

Back of the float



Smoky Valley Ambulance Service just completed an EMT Basic class. Congratulations to everyone who successfully completed the class! A special congrats to Jessica Musselman, Class Coordinator, these students had a 100% pass rate with the National Registry. Meaning that, every student who successfully completed Jessica's Class passed the National Registry Test the first time that they tested. Huge accomplishment and we are so proud of Jessica and her students.

Shonilee Berg
Michelle Hubred
Jaquelyn Emery
Cassie Jones
Brandi Linhart
Roy Long
John Resseguie

As we begin "Trauma Season" I would like to remind everyone to be prepared:

dress appropriately for the weather and the call; Keep a jacket handy, the nights can be cool; Use sun screen and reapply any time that you perspire heavily, or become wet; and reapply at least hourly; Stay hydrated; good hydration starts before the call ever happens. Remember that by the time that you feel thirsty you are already low on water, drinking caffeinated beverages only increases the dehydration.



Group photo

**Sam Gianonoatti:
Future Firefighter**



How to protect our workplace from Flu and other unwanted medical maladies!

By Vance Payne, Workplace Safety and Training Officer



OSHA has created a pamphlet to assist us in preparing to reduce our chances of contracting an illness or disease. These precautions work in protecting against the common cold or a flu pandemic, and are effective at work and at home. It is all up to you. Most of this is a repeat of everything we heard and read from the media during the Swine Flu scare but, should have become habit for everyone by now. I hope by continuing to reinforce these precautions, we become a more informed and safer workforce! Whether it is a flu pandemic or winter cold season, prevention is much more pleasant than finding cures. I hope you will share and discuss this at work and at home!

1. Stay home if you are sick with the flu, you are contagious from a day before symptoms appear and for up to 7 days afterwards. Children, the elderly, and people with depressed immune symptoms have even longer contagious periods.
2. Wash hands frequently with soap and water for 20 seconds or with a hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.
3. Avoid touching your nose, mouth, and eyes.
4. Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue, or cough into your upper sleeve. Dispose of tissues in no-touch receptacles.
5. Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer after coughing, sneezing, or blowing your nose.
6. Avoid close contact (within 6 feet) with coworkers and customers.
7. Avoid shaking hands and always wash your hands after physical contact with others.
8. If wearing gloves, always wash your hands after removing the gloves.
9. Keep frequently touched common surfaces (for example, telephones, computer equipment, etc.) clean.
10. Try not to use other

worker's phones, desks, offices, or other work tools and equipment.

11. Minimize group meetings; use e-mails, phones, and text messaging. If meetings are unavoidable, avoid close contact (within 6 feet) with others and ensure that the meeting room is well ventilated.

12. If possible, limit unnecessary visitors to the workplace.

13. Maintain a healthy lifestyle; attention to rest, diet, exercise, and relaxation helps maintain physical and emotional health.

Good Luck!

Be well and be safe, Vance

Information obtained from U.S. Department of Labor and the Centers for Disease Control



From Jim Medici –Volunteer FD coordinator



America is about to celebrate its 233rd birthday. As we approach the fireworks season—we should put extra thought into SAFETY. We all know that in Nye County it is illegal to discharge fireworks. This ordinance, 8.04.030 (C) clearly states that all fireworks— even “safe and sane” are illegal to discharge unless you are at an approved “shooters site”. Be aware that the penalty for violation is a fine of not less than \$100.00, not more than \$1,000.00 or by up to 6 months in County jail, or both. So I urge all to visit the Town displays. Station 51 will be celebrating independence day on Friday July 3, starting at 1900hr by watching the town of Pahrump’s excellent display at Petrack park, of which station 51 has an excellent view. We will be celebrating with ice cream and fellowship. All are invited. I am told that on July 4, the Pahrump Nugget will be putting on an equally impressive show at dusk. Station 51 will be assisting the Beatty Volunteer FD by attending the Beatty 4th of July Festival at the town park in Beatty.

If you decide to risk a personal display—the National Council on Fireworks Safety has some safe advice. Their stated mission is “To educate the public on the safe and responsible use of consumer fireworks so as to eliminate injuries”. They have some safety tips:

- Use Fireworks outdoors only
- Obey local laws. If fireworks are not legal where you live, do not use them.
- Always have a bucket of water handy as well as a water hose.
- Only use fireworks as intended. Don’t try to alter or combine them.
- Never try to relight a dud. Wait 20 minutes and then soak it in a bucket of water.
- Use common sense. Spectators should keep a safe distance, 20 feet for ground effects & 40 feet for areal devices.
- The shooter should wear safety glasses.
- Alcohol & Fireworks do

not mix . Have a “designated shooter”

- Only persons over the age of 12 should be allowed to handle sparklers of any type.
- Do NOT use homemade fireworks of illegal explosives: They can Kill! Report illegal explosives to the sherrifs office



In my research for this article I found special

warnings for sparklers. Sparkler injuries accounted for 1/3 of all firework injuries to children 5 yrs or younger. To view all of the safety recommendations and a great video outlining how to recognize and safely use consumer fireworks, visit the website www.fireworkssafety.com The National Council on fireworks safety invites you to celebrate our nation’s heritage on the Fourth of July, but celebrate safely.

Jim Medici

From Kevin Kleinworth— Logistic's officer

Mosquitoes



This could be the incubator of tens and thousands of mosquito

Mosquito Season has now begun in Nye County. Mosquitoes can carry diseases, such as West Nile virus and Emergency Services would appreciate your assistance in the prevention of breeding of mosquitoes by taking the following precaution:

***Dump any and all stagnant water around your property! Even a small cup of water can be home to thousands of mosquitoes.**

***Report mosquito problems, green pools and stagnant water to us.**

With your help we can all be part of the solution.

For more information or to report a mosquito problem, please call Kevin Kleinworth @ Nye County Emergency Services: (775) 751-4279



Bee's

Bee Alert! Africanized honeybee Basics

In the 1950's, scientists brought African Honeybees to Brazil where they were crossed with European Honeybees in hope of creating a hybrid bee with improved honey production. In 1956, 12 of these Africanized Honeybee (AHB) queens were released into the wild. Over the years AHB's migrated north and now live with us in Southern Nye County. The hybrid bee is much more aggressive in the protection of its hive. Bees attack because of unwanted contact and become extremely defensive when confronted with vibrations and movement. Some attacks occur

when humans wearing dark clothing accidentally wandered into a hot zone near a beehive. AHB's are known to hover over water in which a victim has taken refuge.

Please report Bee problems to your Pest Control Company.

In the event of a Bee Attack: Dial 911 immediately.

For more information please contact Kevin Kleinworth@ Nye County Emergency Services: (775) 751-4279



Food Drives continues



By Carol Bird—PIO

Since November of 2008, the volunteers of Nye County Emergency Services have been hosting monthly food drives within Nye County. Over the last seven months, thousands of pounds of food have been delivered to the Community Church, here in Pahrump, and the Salvation Army in Tonopah. These donations feed over 500 families alone in the Pahrump Valley. Working with Smiths, Walmart and Albertsons groceries, we have set-up donation stations at these store fronts. In addition to collecting needed food items, it is a time to share information with the people in the area. Volunteers hand out disaster preparedness information that help educate the public on how to be prepared for any type of emergency situation.

We are amazed and overwhelmed with the kindness and generosity that this community has put forth during these difficult financial times. With the ongoing support of this community, we hope to continue to help fill the food pantries and assist local families for the remainder of the year. It only takes one person to make a difference. Thanks to all of the volunteers, their families and friends for making a big difference in the lives of those who really need a helping hand. Bravo!

Truck Donated to Southern Inyo Fire Protection District

Chief Paul Postle from Southern Inyo Fire Protection District officially receives a fire truck donated to them. Nye County takes great pride in working closely with our neighboring counties.



From Tim McCarty Animal Control



SUMMER IS HERE !



Summer is upon us and Animal Control wants to stress to everyone the *dangers* of leaving your pet inside your vehicle even for a few minutes.

Summer heat and humidity can be dangerous to your pet. The coats of cats and dogs prevent them from perspiring as we do. That is why dogs pant continually in warm weather. Evaporation of moisture on their tongues and from the pads of their feet helps rid their bodies of excess heat.

- **Provide:**
Plenty of cool water for your dog during summer months.
- **Never :**
Leave your pet unattended in a vehicle during hot weather. This is extremely dangerous.

A dog or cat that is locked in a sweltering vehicle can suffer death or brain damage within *minutes*.

Nevada Revised Statue 574.195 prohibits leaving pets unattended in a vehicle during hot weather.

If your pet is living outdoors during the summer:

1. Be certain his home is under a shade tree or other form of shade.
2. Avoid tying pets where there is no water or shade.
3. Walk your pet in early morning or late evening when it is cooler. This will prevent overheating and heat prostration.

**Remember to make
LOTS of WATER
Available ! !**



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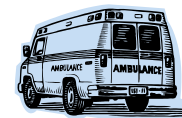
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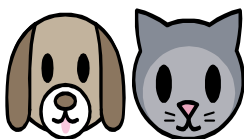
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**We're on the web.
Nyecounty.net**

From Brent Jones, Director

The diversity of Nye County never ceases to amaze me. As we move forward into the summer I want to commend all of the volunteers and staff for their continued hard work and dedication. The types of calls for service that we are tasked with, going on throughout the County, continues to provide unique challenges. People volunteer for many reasons, and we are extremely glad that we have the number of volunteers that we do on our volunteer fire departments and ambulance services. Our task at Emergency Services is to understand why people volunteer so that we can continue to attract and retain them.

What all volunteers need to understand and embrace is the fact that whatever type of entity that they choose to donate their time to; there will be County, State and Federal rules and requirements to follow and embrace. Without order and structure a volunteer organization, no matter how big and/or small, can be chaotic and a liability nightmare. We have made great strides in the past four years in providing the volunteers throughout the County with better training and logistic support. The volunteers in turn have done a remarkable job in understanding that the requirements are necessary to be a Nye County Volunteer. The

strength that we bring to the field of emergency response when we are all working in unison is remarkable. Integrity, unity and consistency are key ingredients to overall success in completing whatever type of response we are challenged with. Thank you one and all for working with the Emergency Services department during a very important period of transition. Great things have been accomplished, phenomenal things are in the works, and only the best is yet to come as we continue to grow and fine tune our response capabilities County wide.

Have a great summer!

Brent