

Nye County Emergency Services



It could happen to you...

"Each year an unacceptable number of American Citizens Loose their lives in heating related fires"

Space Heater Danger

The following is information from Nevada Department of Public Safety:

"Look for Auto-Off feature.

Only use heaters with a control feature that automatically shuts the power off if the heater falls over."

What are Space Heaters?

- Portable-Electric Space Heaters
- Wood-Burning Space Heaters
- Gas Space Heaters
- Kerosene Space Heaters



Special points of interest:

- ELF Training
- Confined Space Training
- Upcoming trainings
- Neva Ikehorn 30 years of service!
- A word from Brent Jones

USFA Releases Heating Fires in Residential Buildings Topical Report:

- In the years between 2002-2004, an annual average of 49,100 heating fires occurred in residential buildings.

Heating is the leading cause of all residential building fires (behind cooking fires.)

"Follow the '3-Foot Rule.'"

Keep combustibles at least 36 inches away from each heater." Combustibles include:

Furniture, Drapes, Blankets and, Toys

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ELF "Live Burn" Amargosa Valley—January 2007



Patty Winters reports:



"Gabbs Crew"

Nye County Ambulance Services just celebrated approximately 728 years of combined service by the Volunteer EMS staff.

Neva Ikehorn from the Gabbs Ambulance leads the ranks. Mark Henderson is in second place with 28 years of service.



"To all of our EMT's . I want to extend a huge thank you! The dedication of each person is what makes these services great. Patty"

Neva Ikehorn
30 years of
service.



Patty with the Smoky Valley crew

Upcoming EMS trainings: ➡ Haven' fun in Beatty

Nye County in cooperation with the State of Nevada Office of Emergency Services is proud to sponsor this first annual Nye County Emergency Services Instructor Seminar.

All Class sessions will be held at the Tonopah Station/Ramada Inn, 1137 South Main St. Each

March 23-25, 2007

day will begin at 7:30 a.m. A Meet-and-Greet will most likely be held at the Tonopah Fire station #2, 209 West Brougner Ave. From 5:00p.m. — 8:00 p.m.

Guest Speakers:

Bob Heath: Nevada EMS, Education Coordinator.

John Lambert: Nevada EMS, NREMT Liaison.

Ron Browning: Tonopah Volunteer Ambulance Training Coordinator.

Rosanna Gignac: EMS Coordinator University of Nevada School of Medicine

S. Stephen Southerland: Fun Corner

Safety:



CPR training and New Hire safety training are already up and running.

My intent is to schedule the New Hire Safety training for every other month.

Your Department Head will get a memo, reflecting when the trainings are scheduled. Also, if you need department specific safety training, please give me a call and we will schedule this.

- As always, Safety comes first regardless if your tools of the trade is a hammer, wrench or a computer.

Here are some tips on Lifting.

Lifting : is one of the most stressful work activities, especially if the correct body mechanics are not used. **Think** about the lift before you perform it. **Assess** the size and weight of the object; decide whether or not the object is too heavy or too big for you to lift alone. **Plan** the route you will take prior to lifting, don't wait until you have the load on your body to decide where to place the object. **Bend** at the knees, and pull the load close to your body. **Face** the load, do not bend or twist to pick the load or to place the load. Lift the load with **YOUR LEGS** and keep your back straight. Do not over reach or over extend your body, this puts your body off

balance and you set yourself up for an injury.

If the lift is too much for you to handle, get help from co-workers. No job that we do is worth your health.

You are the only one that can prevent back injury, and I am counting on each every one of you, to go home in the same condition that you came to work in. If you do injure yourself during the workday be sure to document this properly by contacting your supervisor as soon as possible and by filling out a C-1.

Be Safe, Think Safe, Work Safe

Jim Medici

ELF training in Lone/Yomba August 2006

Text & Photo by Steve Maison.

The ELF class combined the efforts of Yomba and Lone in a 40-hour course.



The training took place by alternating between Yomba and Lone.

Each department had a chance to train in each respective area.

It concluded in Yomba with a live ground fire and foam demonstration



"Entry Level Firefighter"
(ELF)

Confined Space Training in Pahrump 1/7/07



The class culminated approximately 20 hours of training in Confined Space Operations. The students began by learning how to tie appropriate knots, understanding the equipment, including: tripod, winch, rope technology, PPE, and demonstrating the proper usage of lowering and hauling systems. This course provided an intermediate level approach to rescuing victims in vertical applications with the aid of appropriate devices. The students in the pictures are being lowered into a confined

space where they package a potential victim for removal, followed by their removal. They use state of the art equipment and excellent team skills to effectively and safely remove any victim of a confined space emergency. This course expands their hazardous materials response capabilities with utilization of meters, ventilation, loc-out-tag-out procedures and PPE.

(Text and Photo by Steve Maison)



Upcoming HazMat Trainings:

Pahrump:

HazMat technician: 2/6/07, 2/20/07, 3/6/07, 3/20/07, 4/3/07

HazCat Practical: 2/10/07

Donning and Doffing: 3/10/07

Decon Practical: 4/7/07

Performance Practical: 4/17/07

Amargosa:

BBP Exposure Control Refresher 2/13/07

HazMat Ops: 2/14/07, 2/17/07, 2/21/07, 2/24/07

Decon/HazMat Refresher: 3/13/07





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New Arrivals!!!



A word from Brent Jones, Director

Happy New Year to one and all. It has now been my pleasure to work in the position of Emergency Services Director for two years. Time sure does fly when you are having fun, and the progress that we have made due to your hard work has been phenomenal. The dedication that everyone has shown, and support that you have given to the direction that we have headed has been greatly appreciated. My hopes are to continue our progression throughout 2007 and beyond.

The new Emergency Services/ Emergency Operations center in Pahrump should be completed and ready to occupy sometime this spring. Many thanks go out to Bob Jones and his staff who have worked so diligently on completing this project. Additional thanks goes out to Samson Yao, Dave Fanning and their staff for all the great work that they have put into this project as well. Last but not least we want to thank Judy Dyer and her staff for all of the work they have done. We look forward to having our grand opening festivities real soon, and hope to see everyone there.

The three new ambulances are here, and the new Smoky Valley Water tender is just about completed. We look forward to having all of these new pieces of apparatus in service real soon.



Please feel free to contact me with any ideas, comments and/or concerns you may have.

Thanks again for all that you do for the citizens of Nye County.

Brent