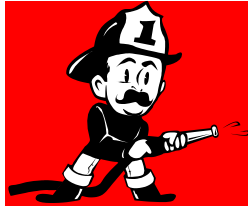


Basalt Fire-Rescue Newsletter

August 2011

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

Scott Thompson



We have just accepted a grant for the purchase of a new ambulance. The grant is a 50% cost share from the Department of Health. Jerry put a great deal of effort and time towards obtaining this award. We are purchasing an ambulance with the same configuration/layout as the present Medic 42 with a few small upgrades. Ultimately Medic 43 will be replaced, either by Medic 41 or 44. I have asked the Thomasville Officers to spend time determining the best ambulance for their unique situation and capabilities. The new ambulance will not be delivered until sometime in late fall. As decisions and dates approach, I will keep you updated.

We have also been awarded with another state grant to replace one of our cardiac monitors. We will be purchasing a Life-Pak 15 with every available bell and whistle available. The Life Pak 15 has a built-in RAD unit that will enable us to monitor the patients for carbon monoxide. We have not been advised as to the date of this delivery. The new monitor will require training before being placed into service on Medic 42.

The cost share grants from the Department of Health are the only way that the District could have purchased these large ticket items. The District Board has curtailed large purchases due to the looming decrease in assessed valuations. The

District has been instead saving money.

to get a guest speaker to make a presentation.

July Incidents

Total Calls: 55

EMS Calls: 28

Transport: 21

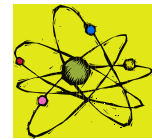
Non-transport: 7

AVH: 6

VVH: 15

CYBER CORNER

Steve Howard



Sorry for missing the last few months. Here are a few web sites to keep you occupied:

www.FireRescue1.com

This web site offers a variety of training resources and updates on what is happening in the fire service. You can subscribe to the mail list and get daily email notifications of what is new on the web site. There are some pretty good videos on there too. The recent tanker explosion and the car air bag explosion are just two recent examples.

<http://www.dailydispatch.com/>

You can go to this website and subscribe to receive daily updates on what is happening in the Fire Service. Select Colorado when you subscribe and the first part of the daily briefing will be focused on Colorado news. The second half will be on national fire issues. It is a quick and easy read.

You can never learn too much in our business!



EMS NEWS

Jim Garner



Hard to believe that summer is almost over and school will be starting soon. We continue to experience significant call volume through July, with the calls roughly 50/50 EMS to non-EMS. It is understandable with summer ending there are increased demands on personal time, but we still need to provide coverage for the District. If you would check your calendars and sign up for shifts it would be appreciated.

The EMS topic for this month has not been decided yet, but we are looking

SAFETY MESSAGE

Bill McEnteer



With summer about half over its time to think about incidents that we call “routine”. If you read the Line of Duty Death reports or the close call web site stories, you will notice the number of incidents that begin with “It was a routine...” and then the s**t hit the fan and someone either gets injured or is a fatality. Why does the “routine” incident become life threatening? Think about what happens in a situation you have been involved with many times. We let our guard down, relax and say to ourselves...“been there, done that”. What is the solution? In our line of emergency service there truly is nothing that is “routine”. The odds are great that it is the first time the persons’ house caught on fire or the guy fell asleep and drove into the median. It is not routine for them, thus it must not be “routine” for us. Take a minute and think about your last few incidents and realize the potential for something going wrong was more than likely pretty high. Your number one priority is to take care of yourself! Let’s enjoy summer and stay safe.

UPDATE FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Jenn Lemke



Jenn is out of town on vacation. No report was available from the Board Meeting this month. Remember, you can always find the meeting minutes on our website!

PLEASE NOTE

The Pension Board will hold their bi-annual meeting Thursday, August 25th. If you have a pension issue that needs to be addressed by the Board, please have your request in to Erin or Jenn no later than August 22nd so that you can be added to the agenda.