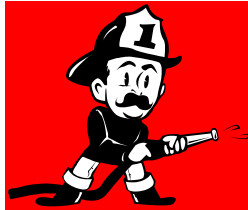


Basalt Fire-Rescue Newsletter

July 2011

A MESSAGE FROM THE (DEPUTY) CHIEF

Jerry Peetz



After a lull we are experiencing the start of what appears to be a busy summer. I have received several compliments from the citizens in our District on your quick, professional and caring manner while responding to the recent swiftwater rescue calls. Our thanks go out to Carbondale Fire and local law enforcement for making these safe, well coordinated and successful. More river training will be scheduled for those who were unable to make the last one.

To date we have been deployed to the three largest wildfires in Arizona and New Mexico. It may be only a matter of time before the dry conditions that have affected those areas will be upon us.

We are still searching for a new EMS director and will be scheduling another interview when Scott returns.

A new ALS manikin has been ordered that will enhance our training capabilities at all certification levels. I try not to schedule additional trainings during July and August so you all can spend more time with your friends and families during the short summers but hope to see good participation at the regularly scheduled ones. Keep up the great work!

*Happy
Independence Day!*



UPDATE FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Jenn Lemke



Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors- June 23, 2011

- Scott gave the Board an update on the EMS director search
- Scott informed the Board the District had received a matching grant for the purchase of a new ambulance. The Board approved the purchase of a new ambulance and a Life pack 15 both of which received grant funding.
- Scott informed the Board of our participation in several out of state wildfires.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for July 28, 2011.

SAFETY MESSAGE

Bill McEnteer



Now is a good time for checking out your gear and your mind as we are in the beginning of the wildfire and swiftwater seasons. Is your wildland gear ready to go? Batteries are good, water, gloves, goggles and helmet along with bug spray. Are the lookout reminders rolling in your mind before you deploy? And most important, have you good socks and boots? If you go on a swiftwater call are you really prepared with the proper gear and the knowledge that bunker gear is not appropriate and that PFD is needed anytime you are within 25 feet of the water. How about sunscreen?

It is most important that you look after yourself first and your partner second and that neither of you become victims in need of rescuing. Safety First!! Happy Fourth of July!

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO YOU!**



**Bill McEnteer
Jason Hegberg
Heath Childree**

EMS NEWS

Jim Garner



June continues to be busy with a flurry of calls to end the month. The calls have been varied and challenging, and those participating have performed with professionalism. We are still having issues with coverage. Check your calendars and sign up as best you can. We are coming into one of the busiest times of the year and your participation would be welcomed – plus you get to use your skills on real injuries. July training is to be medical emergencies; there will be hands on evaluations and scenarios. It will be quite informative.

June EMS Calls

Total: 31

Transport: 21

Non-transport: 2

Refusal: 8

AVH: 9

VVH: 12