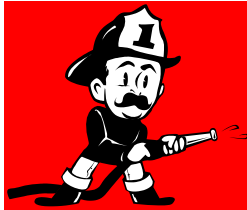


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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

Scott Thompson



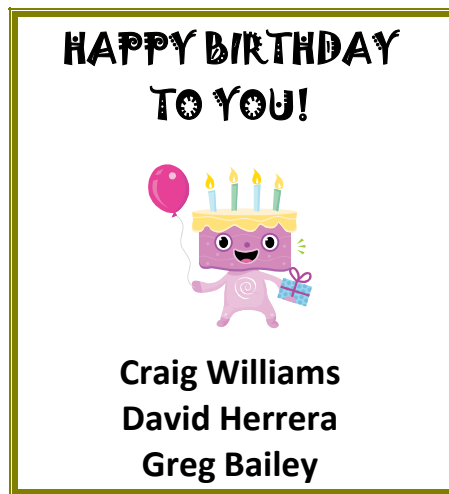
We are not consistently verbalizing a scene size-up upon arrival at emergency scenes. I will expect this to change as this is an essential task that helps in many ways, most of all our safety. The important reasons for sizing up a scene are to ensure a safe scene for emergency responders, determine the appropriate number of resources needed for the specific incident, to determine the severity of the incident, and to determine the strategy and tactics that will be used to mitigate. The officers have been asked to assure that this gets accomplished. If you are on-scene first remember to describe what you see. A simple example would be: After establishing an incident using ENIMA acronym, describe the scene: *"Command to all responding units, we have a two vehicle T-bone accident with three patients still in the vehicles."* Simple yes, but what have I described? 1) We need more than one ambulance, maybe even three. 2) We will most likely need extrication. 3) The severity could be high, as at least one victim was hit T-bone. I could go on, but please- if you're on-scene first, describe what you see! We will train and with use we will get better at using size-up.

By the way the acronym ENIMA means: E=establish command, N=name the incident, I=incident command post identified, M=mode or

type of incident, A=adopt a communications plan.

Thank you to all that made Fire Prevention Week a huge success. The paid staff could not pull this off without the volunteers and their participation. Thanks go out to the following volunteers: Brett Goldman, Holly Goldstein, David Herrera, Molly Beeman, Joey DiLisio, Gary Lutzeier, Bill McEnteer, Brent Perusse, Cleve Williams, Gregg Yocom and Doug Weiser.

The new ambulance should be at Station 42 on November 8th, stop by and take a look.



SAFETY MESSAGE

Bill McEnteer



Safety Officer's Winter Quiz
(Answer true or false)

1. In winter weather you should speed up as that will keep your tires warmer and they will stick better.

2. With anti-lock brakes you need to pump the brake pedal to make them work effectively.
3. In a skid you must slam on the brakes and turn with the skid.
4. When the light just turns yellow-punch it! The other cars will wait for you.
5. You only need to clear a small part of the windshield when it is iced up as it will melt someday.
6. In today's telecommunication world there is no need to take any sort of emergency clothing or blankets in the car as you will always be able to call for help and you won't freeze.

So how about a quick review... if you answered true to any of these you better think again. It is time to get your winter driving mind to the forefront. Slow down and watch out for the other guy as you are more responsible than they are, due to your training. So buckle up and enjoy the holiday season.

EMS NEWS

Matt Avidan



Thank you to those who helped with the Community CPR Awareness! Kelley, Brooke, Michael, Marlen and the on-duty crew.

Equipment: The new ambulance is in Denver getting striped. Figure the first week in November for it to get here, with another week or so before it will be put in service. The Turley backboard pads are in; we will

introduce them to everyone at November's Monthly Training.

Training: There is (probably) an EMT-Intermediate class coming up in January. If it occurs, it will (probably) be the last one. If you are interested, get with me (definitely) soon. We are still working on a "regionalized" training calendar and plan with the other local agencies. If there is something you want to see on the schedule in the next two years, please let me know.

November's Monthly Training topic will be Call Review.

Calls: It seems that we have been relatively "slow" but with several high acuity calls this month. That pattern reinforces that we need to train in a realistic way in order to keep our skills up. We will review some of the calls at this month's training.

Upcoming: I am sure that Mr. McEnteer will be talking about upcoming weather-related safety issues soon, but I wanted to touch on the less obvious things... not just driving, but moving the cot in icy conditions, moving around the ambulance once the floor is wet with snow and rain, putting high energy electrical devices (the Lifepak) in snow banks while you work on the patient. It is difficult to list everything and expect people to remember them all... basically, as we go into the winter season we need to be aware and think things through as far as safety consequences. Take your time.

UPDATE FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Jenn Lemke



Planned Agenda for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors December 8, 2011 @ 1700

(Please note- there will not be a Board Meeting in the month of November)

- Minutes
- Reports
 - Chief's Report
 - Financial Report
 - Second Reading of 2012 Budget
 - Second Reading of 2011 Supplemental Budget
 - Attorney's Report
 - Committees'
- Board Member Comments
- Staff Comment
- Unfinished Business
- New Business
- Training Opportunities
- Adjourn

Remember! You will get time + half credit for on-call hours during Nov. 24th and 25th.

(All 24 hours on those days are eligible for time + half)



**We are thankful for all that you do for this department...
Happy Thanksgiving!**



PLEASE NOTE
The offices at Station 42 will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 24th and 25th, to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday.