

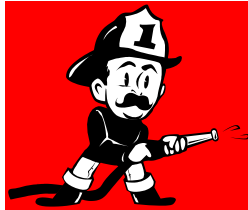
Basalt Fire-Rescue Newsletter

December 2011



A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

Scott Thompson



The handicap ramp project has been a great success and is near completion. The ramp is a work of art besides being functional and much safer for the intended user. Please join me in giving a great thank you to Erick Rock, Bill Harding, Marlen Wolfe, Brian Benton, Joey Dilisio and painter Bill McEnteer. Thanks are also in order to the Basalt and Thomasville volunteers that financed this project. All of you have given the best of holiday presents.

We have received our new ambulance and are readying it for service. The ambulance will go into service at Station 42 as the new Medic 42 shortly. The old Medic 42 will become Medic 41 and the old Medic 41 will become Medic 43. Dizzy yet? Enjoy it! If you have not done so by now, please come into Station 42 and familiarize yourself with and get checked off on the new Medic 42.

Recently a number of our members have not been offered the web ICS training. All of our members are required to have at minimum ICS-100 certification and ICS-200 training is preferred. I expect that all fire officers to have completed ICS-200 at a minimum. The web-based courses are self paced and a certificate of

completion is given upon successful completion.

Please use the following links to begin and complete the courses if you have not already done so:

ICS-100

<http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/S100a.asp>

ICS-200

<http://training.fema.gov/emiweb/is/is200a.asp>

Once you have completed the course, remember to turn in an attendance roster for training hours, along with a copy of your certificate.

I don't know about you, but I am getting annoyed that nearly every night a message is being sent that we don't have coverage. Let's make an effort to cover the lean nights ahead of time. We are also still having issues with more than two volunteers signing up mainly on Tuesday nights- stop it! If you are not comfortable checking the upcoming schedule come in and we will teach you.

EMS NEWS

Matt Avidan



Well back in September and October I mentioned the "plan" was to try and get the new protocols and Clinical Practice Policy in place for New Years, but that things may come up to alter that time frame. You could say things have kept coming up- so the transition is behind schedule. We are still working on the new electronic PCR program (we even have computers ordered for it), the new protocols and the "accessories" that go along with them (the quality assurance policy, controlled drug policy, etc).

New Medic 42 is here. It came from the factory with a bonus electrical gremlin at no extra cost. It is a smart truck, with smart quirks- and some of the electrical issues don't pop their head up when Brian is looking, so it's going to be a few extra weeks to get it worked out and on the road. Until then, we have swapped M43 and 44. That way as soon as the new rig is ready, the old M43 is already down in the Valley where we can strip it. There are several people taking the EMT-Basic course this January, and several more signing up for EMT-Intermediate and Paramedic. Keep your ears open for people who may need a hand studying. We are losing Dan Burch as a PRN paramedic- it seems he would rather be where there is a beach and palm trees (his home town in California)... if you see Dan before he leaves, congratulate him. We wish him the best of luck out

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO YOU!**



**Ray Babcock
Brooke Bishop
John Vasten
Jerry Peetz**

west, though we will miss his competency here.

Winter, or at least what passes for it here (☺) is starting... remember to cover your patient during transfers (pre-placing a blanket on the cot up at the head, then folding it over them like a hood is fine), use what we have to warm them (heat packs are cheap) and watch your step on snow and ice. Lastly- and I know Scott and others have said this already- but thank you to the people who helped with the Ramp project: Marlen Wolfe, Brian Benton, Erick Rock, Bill Harding, Joey DiLisio and Bill McEnteer. Marlen in particular put in many hours. I bring this up in this section because it is important to me that we understand our role as a community service; that customer service like this is just as much our job as responding to wrecks and heart attacks. It's important to them, so it should be important to us.

SAFETY MESSAGE

Bill McEnteer



First and foremost be aware, for Jolly Old Saint Nick will be around with kids in tow so be extra careful when responding. Do that mental check list- seat belt, deep breath and slow down if conditions are a bit dicey (snow and ice). Might be a good plan to put a set of YakTraks in your gear bag for those really slick times (just ask Gary about what can happen) they are well worth the time to put on when they are needed. Overall, we had a very safe year so let us finish out 2011 with no incidents then we can start 2012 in great shape. So remember, who is responsible for your safety? YOU are. Keep the seat belt fastened, drive with caution and enjoy the holidays. An old race car driver had the best advice about driving... fast eyes and slow hands. Think about it. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

UPDATE FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Jenn Lemke



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

- 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

Please Note:

The administrative offices at Station 42 will be closed on Monday, December 26th and Monday, January 2nd for the Christmas and New Year holidays.

Merry Christmas!



Wishing you all the best this holiday season...