

Basalt Fire-Rescue Newsletter

February 2012

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

Scott Thompson



We recently experienced a staffing change. Jim Garner no longer is employed by the District. I want to make it very, very clear that this has nothing to do with our theft of drugs from the station. Jim provided 7-1/2 years of paramedic services to our community and I wish him success in his future endeavors.

We are still in the process of sorting out and investigating the narcotics theft from Station 42. So far we have not received any new information nor have any solid leads that would suggest a suspect. We have had good cooperation from the Eagle County Sheriff's Office. Though the process we found it necessary to limit all ALS members access, we strengthened our policies and procedures to limit future thefts. The bottom line is that we have not identified the person or persons responsible for the thefts, but will continue to be vigilant with the investigation and I still hold out hope for a resolution.

Lock changes have been completed on all outside doors of all stations. Please remember this is not a code that we give out to the general public. There are exceptions but for the most part please do not give our code unless you have permission to do so.

Speaking of locks, all medical personnel have access by an individual code to the medical supply

room at Station 42. Please speak with Matt or me for your code and instructions. We expect this door to be closed and secured at all times with the exception of when stocking the ambulances.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!



Scott Garcia
Bret Hitchcock
Brandon March
Ryan Newberry
Steve Stefferud
Ralph Zukowski
Molly Beeman
Abby Eagye

EMS NEWS

Matt Avidan



I've decided that I am not going to try and talk a lot just to make this part of the newsletter longer. If we need more "filler", Scott said I can ask Bill McEnteer about what it was like to play Rugby for the Fire Department team back in the 20's.

I want to single Kyle out this month. As most of you know, we will be working towards an early radio triage of all the patients. Steve Howard did this on multiple calls the night of the Department dinner (thank you), but Kyle gets the award for quickest, quietest triage of the month. The other night, he got on scene, corrected an address, declared Command, and triaged as "Medical Yellow" all in one sentence, and then got off the air. No, I don't mean Howard was talking too much, but at other times "we" do keep babbling on the radio when we don't need to. On scene, I am command, Patient is stable, talk to you when you get here.

The new manikin is here. His name is George. It is very important that everyone understand that you should not add too much air to the injectable ports for the airway. If you do not have direction from me on how much to put in which tube, please don't play with the manikin. It's an expensive fix. If you forget, there is a note attached to him.

Nationally registered EMT's: get with me about re-cert paperwork if you expire this year. Soon.

As most/all of you are aware, we are looking to recruit a FULL TIME ALS provider. We are speaking with a few "insiders", but if those don't work out, we are open to suggestions for candidates that you think might be a good fit. Please be patient while we go through a hiring process and the subsequent training and orientation.

SAFETY MESSAGE

Bill McEnteer



I have been writing these messages for the last four or five years and I am sure you know the theme... everybody goes home! Using seat belts, wearing traffic vests, driving slower when needed, having the proper gear on and taking care of your buddy have been my main messages.

So let's move into another area: training. We don't have many fires but we train to fight them. So why when we do have a fire, do we forget much of what is taught during training? How to correct that is an age old question, but here is one idea: get to the trainings prepared to act like it is a real incident. Put on the proper gear so you know how to use it, and then do it again so it becomes muscle memory. Participate in the training with all you've got so it also becomes a habit. If those two things happen, the result will be training that is relevant and more fun and you will become a better firefighter/medic. We have some great instructors, so let's use them the best we can by being 100% involved participants. Then when we get the "big one" we will perform safely and put out the fire or respond to a medical emergency as best as we know how. The bottom line is "everyone goes home."

UPDATE FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Jenn Lemke



Agenda for Regular Pension Board Meeting of the Board of Directors February 23, 2012 @ 1700

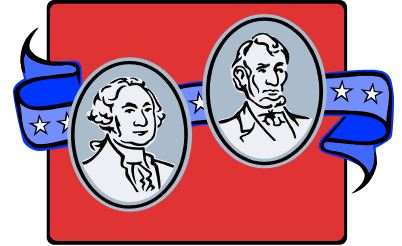
- Minutes from 8/25/2011
- 2011 Pension list
 - Letters from volunteers, requesting reconsideration for 2011 pension
- Financial Report
- Adjourn

Planned Agenda for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors February 23, 2012 @ 1730

- Minutes
- Reports
 - Chief's Report
 - Financial Report
 - Attorney's Report
 - Committees'
- Board Member Comments
- Staff Comment
- Unfinished Business
- New Business
- Training Opportunities
- Adjourn

NOTE

The District Offices at Station 42 will be closed on Monday, Feb. 20th for President's Day.



Remember! This means that you will get time + half if you sign up for on-call hours on I Am Responding. All 24 hours of Feb. 20th are eligible for this "extra credit" time!

February 29th is a



LEAP DAY!

REGARDING 2011 PENSION

The pension list will be posted on the Training Room door for you to review. Your monthly printout report will also note whether or not you made pension in 2011.

IF YOU DO NOT AGREE WITH THE 2011 PENSION LIST, AND NEED TO REQUEST RECONSIDERATION BY THE PENSION BOARD, YOU MUST **SUBMIT A LETTER TO JENN NO LATER THAN FEB. 15TH**. IT IS NOT NECESSARY FOR YOU TO ATTEND THE PENSION MEETING.