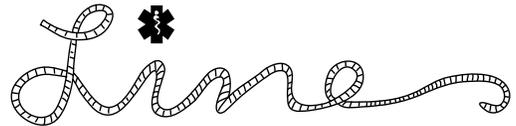




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SPOTLIGHT ON...By Steve Carden

TARS CELEBRATES 50 YEARS

PART 3: 1992-2005



The decade of the nineties saw a dramatic expansion in the offerings of a series of specialized Rescue training opportunities. Many of the courses were based around the "flagship" squad level basic extrication program, offering advanced training in the extrication field. Other courses were identified as being needed to enable the Rescue Squads to expand their capabilities and better serve their communities.

With the '96 Olympic Games being hosted in Atlanta, the whitewater events were to be

conducted in Tennessee on the Ocoee River. TARS was tasked to help in the training and development of a team capable of providing the Water Rescue services for that event. The effort proved very successful and resulted in the birth of a Swiftwater Rescue training program that has received national recognition on more than one occasion.

A couple of other factors significantly influenced the focus and growth of TARS during the nineties. One area was the demand witnessed by other emergency agencies for

much of the training which TARS offered. The core membership for TARS has always been the volunteer rescue squad. Keeping this long time valued tradition intact and embracing change to allow growth was accomplished through the creation of the Associate Membership category by the TARS Board of Directors. Today, a decade later, our Associate Membership numbers over 100 Emergency Service Agencies across not only Tennessee, but from several other nearby Southeastern States. An additional factor which prompted our Association to place an emphasis on specialized rescue was entering into a formal Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the State of Tennessee. The MOU is simply an agreement which pledged TARS resources and assistance to State Government in the event of a natural or man made disaster. In subsequent years an S.O.P. regarding deployment and annex regarding the creation of specialized teams were adopted in support of the M.O.U. While these are planning tools, each one helped focus efforts for training objectives,

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...By Bill (B.J.) Robbins

Hello from East Tennessee, I pray that everyone had a Merry Christmas and wish everyone a very prosperous New Year. First, I would like to thank the Sevier County Rescue Squad for hosting the 50th Anniversary of TARS Convention in Pigeon Forge and everyone that made themselves available for competition. There was a lot of hard work and team effort that made this convention so successful and each one deserves a hand.

There are very few organizations that have a history of 50 years of success; we have something to be proud of. I want to congratulate everyone that competed at this year's convention, each of you are a winner.

I would like to say thank you for your support for the past few years and ask for your continued support this year as your President. I will work hard for you because you are the people that make this Association go.



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REGIONAL NEWS

REGION I VICE PRESIDENT

...By Ronnie Collins

Seasons Greetings from Ronnie Collins, Region I Vice President. Thank you all for your support at the convention. As we venture into the New Year my prayer is that everyone has a Joyful Holiday and a Happy New Year. I hope to see everyone at the upcoming Region Meeting in February at Greeneville. Thanks again for your support and if I can assist anyone in the region please do not hesitate in calling.■

REGION II VICE PRESIDENT

...By Kenny Blaker

First I would like to thank all of you for reelecting me for your Region II Vice President, it has been an honor serving TARS as a State Officer.

Congratulation to all the award recipients at the 2005 Convention, I hope everyone enjoyed the convention this past year. I saw some new faces that I had not seen at past conventions. This is good and I hope that we can encourage more members to participate at our annual conventions in the future.

There is a lot of good training coming up this year. Remember the better trained we are the better we can serve our community. I would like to thank everyone that helped on the calls we had this past year. I was very impressed with the turn out we had on each call out. It is good to know that all I have to do is pick the phone up and I have plenty of participation. That makes my job easier to know that I'm going to have plenty of help when I need you.

THANK YOU ALL! The Region II Meeting in February will be held in Claiborne County. Please make arrangements to attend. Looking forward to seeing all of you at the meeting.

MY FAMILY AND I HOPE ALL OF YOU HAVE HAD A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR AND GOD BLESS!!

REGION III VICE PRESIDENT

...By Cecil Nunley

I would first like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support on electing me as the Region III Vice President. Since the 2005 Convention is now behind us I believe that we need to start looking into training and the new laws involving our organization. Please make note to pay attention to the training class schedules that are mentioned in the newsletters and make your squad aware of those so that they can try to attend.

Remember that our region meetings are coming up soon in February. Region III's meeting will be held in Clay County on February 18, 2006. Please be sure to give the Clay County Squad a courtesy call to let them know how many members in your squad will be in attendance to that meeting. That will help them be prepared. Once again, I want to thank everyone for their continued support. If there is anything that I can assist you or your squad with, please do not hesitate to contact me. I wish you all a safe and happy holiday season.■

REGION IV VICE PRESIDENT

...By John Weaver

Hello, I hope this finds everyone well. I would like to start by saying thanks for your support. Start planning now for Region Meetings in February. We will be doing the caravan again. We will have a couple of classes this year in our region, let's try to fill them up.

I would also like to wish all a safe and prosperous New Year. If you need anything don't hesitate to call, I am here for you. The first 50 years of TARS were great, we need your support to keep moving forward. Thanks for all that each of you do.■

STATE PARLIMENTARIAN

...By Ronnie Redwine

Since the Convention I've been doing some thinking, I know a lot of you think that's dangerous but here are some of my thoughts. This was our 50th Anniversary and I wonder if any of the group that founded TARS ever had any thoughts on how long TARS would last and how long they would be involved?

I wonder if any of the attendees at the first Convention ever had any thoughts of attending the 50th Anniversary Convention? Along the same line of thought I also wonder if anyone attending the convention this year had any thoughts of attending the 100th Anniversary Convention?

I wonder if any of the founders had any thoughts on how TARS would grow and change over the next 50 years? I wonder if any of the attendees at this year's convention had any thoughts on the next 50 years and what TARS will be like then? If you could have attended that first convention and have looked forward in time to today how would you have explained an organization of 100+ Squads, and 5,000 members, how would you explain the training and equipment available today vs. the training and equipment available then? Remember in 1955 seat belts were only available as optional equipment on some cars, so how would you have explained air bags and passive restraint systems? In 1955 the state of art extrication equipment was some hand powered hydraulics adapted from auto body shops and training was what the local squads provided, so how would you have explained the Hurst Tools and Vehicle Extrication training and rescue college classes that would be the standard of training?

TARS has been fortunate over the past 50 years to have had some strong leaders and members with visions and ideals to grow this Association to where it's at today but even with their leadership and ideals, TARS would not have grown without the dedication and hard work of the membership and the willingness and ability of the membership to adapt and change with time. I believe these are the things that

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*Continued...***REGIONAL NEWS**

enabled us to have celebrated our 50th Anniversary and these are the same things that will enable TARS to continue for another 50 years and yes, I do believe that there were some people who attended the convention this year that will attend the 100th Anniversary Convention in 2055. I'll even go out on a limb and predict it'll be in Pigeon Forge.

With that said it's already December so it's time to start making plans to attend the upcoming Region meetings and let's use these meetings as the springboard to vault TARS into the next 50 years. I already have something planned for the 100th Anniversary Convention but you'll have to attend your Region Meeting in February to find out what it is and how you can be

a part of it.

I want to thank the membership for the confidence you have shown in me by electing me to serve as your Parliamentarian for the upcoming year, I'm looking forward to working with you and look forward to seeing everyone at the meetings this year.■

ROPE RESCUE PROGRAMS IN CONJUNCTION WITH PROGRESSIVE RESCUE SOLUTIONS SCHEDULED FOR 2006

The Rope Rescue training program which is offered by TARS has been moved into the "Rescue College" category of training in 2006. The classes are being conducted in conjunction with Progressive Rescue Solutions (PRS) now based in Arizona. The program line up for this year offers the opportunity to apply for an introductory level class entitled "Low Angle Rope Rescue". This will be a prerequisite for Rope Rescue

Technician I and successful completion of both will be required for Rope Rescue Technician II. Each of the above will be 25 hour courses, starting on Friday evening through Sunday afternoon to accommodate the volunteer emergency service member.

The Rope Rescue Technician III course requires completion of all the prior programs and is a 40 hour program over four consecutive days. Combination programs of the Rope

I/Rope II classes are available for career departments on Monday-Friday schedules as well. The lead Instructor for the Low Angle, Rope I, Rope II courses is Pat Wagner of PRS. The lead Instructor for the Rope III course is Jerry Smith, Senior Instructor for PRS. Full course descriptions, the available dates to schedule a class, cost, and application are available at www.tnars.org under the "Rescue College" section.■

"VANESSA K. FREE" DRIVERS TRAINING PROGRAM AVAILABLE TO TARS PARTICIPATING AGENCIES

The TARS Instructor I program will be expanded in 2006 to allow squad and department level Instructors to have the option of teaching a new three (3) hour EVOC Module. The program is designed to meet/exceed the 'Vanessa K. Free Act' requiring all emergency vehicle drivers in Tennessee to have annual training regarding emergency vehicle operations.

TARS in partnership with VFIS has developed the three (3) hour training program which will be unveiled at the February Region Meetings from 1-4 pm at each Region Meeting location. VFIS of Tennessee, Steve Frost and Mark Bowery Agencies along with VFIS Corporate personnel and TARS Training personnel collaborated on the project to meet Tennessee's New Law. An additional Instructor I class is scheduled for March in Cookeville to accommodate the expected demand for the program. Additionally, all current TARS Instructors will receive training at their April update regarding the new program.

The Instructor package will include a Powerpoint CD & DVD with student handouts, Instructor Guide Sheets, and test for around \$100.

Each department that purchases the Instructor package will also receive two subsequent modules slated to be released in 2007 and 2008 at no additional charge. Since the new law requires annual training for all personnel, the three different modules will allow rotation of subject material from year to year. The first series to be released this year focuses on Intersection Accidents which comprises greater than 50% of Emergency Vehicle wrecks. TARS recommended policy to agencies is to conduct a full 16 hour EVOC program for all personnel at least every 4-5 years and to utilize the three hour "Vanessa K. Free Act" module to comply with the new law requirement of recurring annual training. TARS will begin issuing

certificates and wallet cards for \$10 and wallet cards only for \$7.50 for a two year EVOC certification period similar to the long time vehicle extrication program. We will mail the instructor a reminder to repeat the required three hour module and a copy of the original roster prior to the anniversary date of the class the following year. We feel this will help departments comply with the new law and have the benefit of having a documentation system to prove compliance, substantial liability insurance protection for the Instructor, a tangible certificate with CEUs for the class participant and a quality program to participate in at a very reasonable cost.■



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TENNESSEE ASSOCIATION OF RESCUE SQUADS

REGIONAL RESCUE COLLEGE COURSES

* 2006 SCHEDULE *

ALL RESCUE COLLEGE COURSE FEES ARE:

* TARS - \$70 * * ASSOCIATE MEMBERS - \$85 * * NON-TARS - \$110

ALL RESCUE COLLEGE COURSES

C.E.U. 1.0/START ON FRIDAY AT *6 PM AND END ON SUNDAY BY 5 PM

DIRECTIONS AND LODGING INFO AVAILABLE ON TARS WEBSITE

ADVANCED EXTRICATION

Course Description:

The Advanced Extrication Course gives a more detailed use of tools. It also has more one-on-one instruction. The theory of extrication is more complete. This is taught on a Regional basis by College Instructors.

Pre-requisites: Basic Extrication

Course Hours: 20

protection, and boots.

TRENCH RESCUE

Course Description:

The Trench Rescue Course is designed to impart knowledge and develop skills in order to properly shore trenches and to effect a cave-in rescue quickly with a minimum of danger to those involved. It will teach the student how to utilize equipment and resources already at their disposal as well as recognize the resources in the community that can be readily used in Trench Rescue. This class is taught on a Regional basis.

Course Hours: 20

Minimum Enrollment: 20

N O T E :
Participants will be required to furnish and wear helmet, gloves, eye protection, and

Pre-requisites: Must have a high school diploma or GED certificate and have been a member of an emergency organization for three years. Students should have been certified in squad level courses within the last two years and have a First Responder medical level training (or equivalent) rating. It is also preferred that a candidate have attended either the College Advanced Extrication or School Bus Rescue course for extrication instructor consideration.

Reference Material:

IFSTA Fire Service Instructor
TARS Instructor EVR Manual;
Bloodborne Pathogen Instructor Guide
EVOC Trainers Manual

NOTE: The student will give one five minute presentation on a (may be non-rescue related) subject of their choice. Any visual aids must be provided by the student. Another presentation may be required on an assigned topic.

Each student must provide and wear full turnout gear for field exercises. Rescue tools are provided.



Minimum Enrollment: 20

NOTE: Participants will be required to furnish and wear full protective gear for all field exercises.

FARM RESCUE

Course Description:

The Farm Rescue Class is designed to introduce the student to situations and hazards related to Farm Related Accidents. Identifying hazards such as fertilizers, pesticides, and silos, as well as stabilization of tractor overturns and equipment disassembly are some of the subjects covered. This class is a mix of classroom and field exercises and is taught on a regional basis.

Pre-requisites: Basic Extrication

Course Hours: 20

Minimum Enrollment: 20

NOTE: Participants will be required to furnish and wear helmet, gloves, eye

boots.

INSTRUCTOR I

Course Description:

The Instructor I course is designed to enable a student to teach a class from a prepared lesson plan. It prepares you to instruct the TARS basic squad level courses which include Vehicle Extrication, Emergency Driving (EVOC) and Bloodborne Pathogens. Separate modules are offered in each discipline for students who have successfully completed the Instructor I course. Concepts of learning, communication skills, instructors roles and responsibilities, teaching techniques, and the use of instructional materials are also subject areas included. This class is taught on a regional basis.

Course Hours: 24

Minimum Enrollment: 20

SWIFTWATER RESCUE I



Course Description:

The SwiftWater Rescue I class will teach swift water dynamics, self rescue/swimming techniques, ropes and knots, rescue equipment, rescue board techniques, as well as, hands on in the water practice. It is recommended that students be experienced swimmers in good physical condition. This class is taught on a Regional basis.

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Rescue College ...Continued

Pre-requisite: First Responder or Equivalent

Course Hours: 24

Minimum Enrollment: 20

NOTE: *The student will provide their own personal flotation device (swiftwater type V), dive/rescue hard sheath knife, swift water rescue helmet, water rescue gloves, diving booties (hard sole), water type whistle, and sturdy footwear for shore work; (wet suit optional).*

SWIFTWATER RESCUE II

Course Description:

The Swift Water Rescue II course builds on the techniques learned in the basic class. This class is primarily hands-on in the water exercises. Heavy emphasis is placed on Swiftwater boating operations and the rigging of rescue line systems for swiftwater applications. This class is taught on a regional basis.

Pre-Requisites: SwiftWater Rescue I

Course Hours: 20

Minimum Enrollment: 20 (Max. 30)

NOTE: *The student will provide their own personal floatation device (Swiftwater Type V), dive/rescue hard sheath knife, swiftwater rescue helmet, water rescue gloves, diving booties (hard sole), water type whistle, and sturdy footwear for shore work; wet suit is optional but recommended.*

DIVE RESCUE I

Course Description:

The Dive Rescue I course is designed to introduce qualified Scuba divers with underwater SAR techniques. Subjects covered include dive team equipment, procedures, and communications. Search patterns, recovery of victims, vehicles, and evidence are also taught in a mix of classroom and field exercises. This class is taught on a regional basis.

Pre-Requisites: Advanced open water certification, YMCA SLAM or equal, current first aid and CPR training.

Course Hours: 24

Minimum Enrollment: 10 (Max: 20)

NOTE: *See equipment requirement below on the Dive II.*

DIVE RESCUE II

Course Description:

The Dive Rescue II course is designed to build upon the DR I class with a special emphasis on underwater evidence recovery techniques. With many units supporting local law enforcement efforts, this class covers important procedures

that should be followed in searching, finding, and recovering evidence in the underwater environment.

Pre-Requisites: Dive Rescue I

Course Hours: 24

Minimum Enrollment: 10 (Max: 20)

**Required Individual Equipment: Participants are required to furnish the following equipment: mask, fins, snorkel, BC, regulator, octopus, gauges (depth, pressure, compass), two full tanks, weight belt w/weights, (Full) wet suit or dry suit, personal marker buoy, knife, dive light, dive watch, whistle, and P.F.D. Underwater cameras & standard cameras are helpful for evidence documentation.*

SCHOOL BUS RESCUE



Course Description:

The School Bus Rescue program is designed to give students a well rounded education on bus construction and types of buses. Basic extrication procedures, intermediate procedures, and advanced rescue techniques are taught in a mix of field and classroom exercises.

Pre-Requisites: Basic Vehicle Extrication

Course Hours: 20

Minimum Enrollment: 20

NOTE: *Participants will be required to furnish and wear full protective gear for all field exercises. Rescue tools will be provided. Lodging and food are on your own.*

WATER RESCUE & RECOVERY

Course Description:

The Water Rescue & Recovery course is designed to review the steps and procedures associated with recovery operations for drowning victims. Single and multiple boat operations will be covered as well as use of other resources such as K-9 and dive teams, underwater cameras and other systems available which can aid such searches. Basic boating safety and victims handling procedures will also be covered in a mix of class and field exercises.

Course Hours: 24

Minimum Enrollment: 10 - (Max. 20)

NOTE: *Participants are required to furnish and wear coast guard approved flotation devices during water exercises.*



BUILDING/STRUCTURAL COLLAPSE BASICS I

Course Description:

This program will address in a mix of classroom and field exercises the tools and techniques required to deal with light frame structural collapse in Search and Rescue Operations. Topics will include: Structural assessment, building types, deployment considerations, vertical, horizontal, laced post and raker shoring will be taught, as well as breaching techniques and the use of specialized cameras and listening devices for searching voids in collapse situation.

Course Hours: 20

Minimum Enrollment: 20

NOTE: *Participants should be in good physical condition and must provide and wear sturdy workshoes, hardhat and eye protection, heavy work gloves and construction type clothing in all field exercises. Each applicant needs to bring a hammer, tape measure, and nail apron as basic personal tools. Lodging and food are on your own.*

BIG RIG RESCUE

Course Description:

The Big Rig Rescue program is designed to impart knowledge and develop skills in extrication techniques needed for large trucks and big road rigs. Stabilization techniques, access points and typical cab construction are some of the subjects covered. This class is a mix of classroom and field exercises.

Pre-Requisites: Basic Extrication

Course Hours: 20

Minimum Enrollment: 20

NOTE: *Participants will be required to furnish and wear full protective gear for all field exercises. Rescue tools will be provided.*

2006 RESCUE COLLEGE

ADVANCED EXTRICATION MAR 10-12, LaVERGNE RES	COLLAPSE CLASS - JUNE 9-11 CHATTANOOGA FIRE DEPT.	SWIFTWATER II - AUG. 4-6 RELIANCE/Hiwassee/Tellico	DIVE RESCUE II - SEPT. 8-10 Tn Fire Codes Acad/Bedford Co.
INSTRUCTOR I - w/EVOC/BBP MODULE - MAR 17-18 COOKEVILLE, TN	SWIFTWATER II - JUNE 9-11 RELIANCE/Hiwassee/Tellico	DIVE RESCUE I - AUG. 11-13 Fire Codes Academy/Bedford Co.	BIG RIG CLASS - SEPT. 22-24 Chattanooga-Hamilton Co.
SCHOOL BUS RESCUE, APR 28-30 CARTER CO. RES	SWIFTWATER I - JULY 14-16 BRADLEY CO/OCOEE RIVER	FARM CLASS, AUG 18-20 BENTON COUNTY RESCUE	BIG RIG CLASS - OCT 20-22 PARIS-HENRY CO. RESCUE
SWIFTWATER I - MAY 12-14 BRADLEY CO/OCOEE RIVER	BASIC WATER RES, JULY 21- 23, JOHN KNOX CTR - ROANE CO.	INSTRUCTOR I - w/V.E. MODULE - SEPT. 8-10 ROANE CO. RESCUE	BASIC TRENCH - NOV. 3-5 ERIN FIRE DEPT. (Houston Co.)
BASIC TRENCH - MAY 19-21 WASHINGTON CO. RES	FARM RESCUE - AUG. 4-6 FENTRESS RESCUE	SWIFTWATER I - SEPT. 8-10 BRADLEY CO./OCOEE RIVER	

* NEW TRAINING FEES * TARS - \$70 ASSOCIATE MEMBERS - \$85 NON-TARS - \$110

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS AND A PRINTABLE APPLICATION ARE AVAILABLE ON LINE AT WWW.TNARS.ORG
Specific information regarding meetings and training will be mailed to each TARS unit usually 30 days in advance.
Training classes and dates are subject to cancellations or rescheduling.

EVENTS CALENDAR - 2006 MEETINGS

FEBRUARY REG MTGS	BOARD OF DIRECTORS	JUNE REGION MTGS	BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Reg I - Greeneville Res - Feb. 4 Reg II - Claiborne Co. - Feb. 11 Reg III - Clay Co. Res - Feb 18 Reg IV - Benton Co. Res - Feb. 25	MARCH 18 COOKEVILLE, TN	Reg I - Southside Vol Fire - June 3 Reg II - McMinn Co Res - June 10 Reg III - Sparta-White - June 17 Reg IV - Tenn Ridge Res - June 24	JULY 8 MURFREESBORO, TN
2006 ANNUAL CONVENTION - OCTOBER 5-8			
COOL SPRINGS MARRIOTT CONVENTION CENTER IN FRANKLIN, TENNESSEE			

ANNUAL INSTRUCTOR I UPDATES

Updates will be conducted during the month of *April* at the location and date indicated in each region. The updates will be broken down by time and subject as listed below. The EVOC update will focus on the newly released "Vanessa K. Free Act" training programs for emergency vehicle drivers. The training package will be available for your agencies purchase at the update. If you teach only one discipline and are active in the TARS program, you may attend that portion of the update for your annual recert. Times and subject breakdown are as follows; (*All times local*)
No Pre-Registration needed.

■ Extrication 9:00 am - 12:30 pm (**Lunch - 12:30 - 1:30**) ■ Bloodborne Pathogen 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm ■ EVOC 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm

APRIL 2006 - INSTRUCTOR UP-DATES - FEE: \$10.00

4/01 Reg I - Morristown

4/08 Reg II - Etowah Rescue

4/15 Reg III - LaVergne Res

4/22 Reg IV - Carroll Co Res

USED AMBULANCE FOR SALE

1984 FORD TYPE II (gasoline powered), 22,225 actual miles. Purchased new by the Davidson County Rescue Squad. As Is price is \$2,500. We will include several hand extrication tools for a buyer paying asking price. These include K-bar-T and an air chisel. Contact Robert Thurman, Captain @ 615-370-1587 after 9:30 a.m. daily.

Presidents Message...Continued

Before our Region Meetings in February, I will be working with the Region V.P.'s If you plan on attending the Region Meetings please call the hose squad and give the the number that is attending the Saturday meeting (meal). If you have ever hosted a meal, you know what the cost is to do this, so don't make us come up short of food,

or have a lot to pay for that is not eaten.

I would also like for every one of you to contact your nearest squad and ask them to attend the region meetings. We will be working closely with the Training Coordinator. The Rescue College classes are the backbone of this Association. The

more training you have, the more help you can give to your community. Please, let's get involved.

I would like to say Thank You for all the hard work you have done to make this Association celebrate 50 years of service. I am only a phone call away if you need me! I look forward to seeing all of you in February. ■



RESCUE COLLEGE

GENERAL REGISTRATION FORM

PART ONE - PERSONAL INFORMATION



NAME: (As you would like it to appear on your certificate) _____ Your E-Mail Address: _____

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First

Middle

Last

Soc. Sec # (Last 4 Digits Only)

DEPARTMENT/SQUAD REPRESENTING: Active TARS Unit TARS Associate Unit Other Non-TARS

Name of Dept./Squad _____ Address _____ City/State/Zip _____ Dept. Phone Number _____

HOME ADDRESS:

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Home Phone Number _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ SEX: MALE FEMALE

STATUS OF APPLICANT: CAREER VOLUNTEER

PART TWO - COURSE REGISTRATION

ENTER NAME AND DATES OF COURSE FOR WHICH YOU ARE REGISTERING:

COURSE NAME: _____ DATE: _____ LOCATION: _____

**INSTRUCTOR I
APPLICANTS ONLY**

I PLAN TO PURSUE INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATION IN THE FOLLOWING AREA(S):
 EXTRICATION EMERGENCY VEHICLE OPERATIONS BLOODBORNE PATHOGEN

COURSE FEE AMOUNT \$ _____ ENCLOSED. (Fee/Purchase Order Number Must Be Enclosed With This Form.)

**ALL APPLICANTS
PLEASE READ**

With this application I acknowledge that I realize that rescue training and operations pose certain risks and my participation could result in personal injury. I also understand that the Tennessee Association of Rescue Squads is not providing any type of personal medical or disability insurance for me as a student and that such coverage is MY responsibility or that of my unit or department.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE TENNESSEE ASSOCIATION OF RESCUE SQUADS.
MAIL CHECKS AND APPLICATION TO:

STATE OFFICE
 TENNESSEE ASSOCIATION OF RESCUE SQUADS
 2906 TAZEVELL PIKE - SUITE 'B'
 KNOXVILLE, TN 37918
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Spotlight on...TARS 50th Anniversary

the development and maintenance of the annual Resource List and the creation of certain regional and State resources within TARS that can be mobilized, when needed. With both terrorist and large scale natural disasters witnessed in recent years, the need for such efforts is well evidenced.

Today TARS Active Units number 115 with almost 4800 individual members. Our training programs reached almost 7000 emergency responders last fiscal year. Our regional meetings and Statewide Convention combined attract over 2500 participants annually. We are blessed in many ways. Many people ponder on just what it is that has allowed such success.

I think it is several ingredients. First and foremost I think it is our members. Each of you share a desire to help your fellowman. Each of you share a bond regardless of where you are from in this State. Each of you share a piece of our symbol, the

Green Winged Cross. That is your badge of honor and no matter what your level of training or what your assigned mission, each of us should always strive to never dishonor it. Another part of our success has been our ability to change while keeping our feet planted on a firm foundation. Our foundation, in my opinion, is the stated objectives in our Constitution. Whether it's regional mutual aid calls, region meetings, training classes, MOU's, our Squad Roster and Resource List, the State tours, public relations video, convention, contests, this newsletter, the TARS website, our different membership categories, our cooperative efforts with other State agencies, you name it . . . all of these can be directly linked to supporting one or more of the objectives of the Association.

(Those objectives were printed in Part 1 of this article in last year's issue. They are also in your TARS Constitution and By-Laws booklet or

available on the website under "About TARS".)

Where we go in the future will undoubtedly continue to be shaped by how we adapt to an ever changing world. Our Statewide Association's commitment to continue to grow and work toward establishing programs consistent with our objectives will help insure our continued success in the next 50 years. ■



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