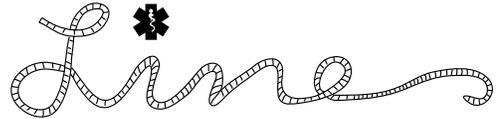




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SPOTLIGHT ON...By Steve Carden

PUTNAM COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD

The Rescue Squad in Putnam County was organized in the late 1950's under Civil Defense with only a few members. At that time, the training was minimal and the emergency equipment was almost nonexistent - just a handful of men and women with a deep desire to help people. During the 60's and 70's, the Rescue Squad grew and worked along side a Auxiliary Police and Mounted Police Unit and also the Putnam County Fire Department which was also established under Civil Defense. In the late 1970's, the County took over the fire department and the Sheriff's Department took over the Auxiliary and Mounted Police leaving only the Rescue Squad under Civil Defense/Emergency Management.



The Putnam County Rescue Squad serves a population of approximately 70,000 and is centered in the Upper Cumberland and renders mutual aid to surrounding counties when called upon to do so. Putnam County is intersected East and West by I-40, North and South by Highway III and had an East and West railroad through the county. In the mid 1970's Putnam County Rescue Squad got its first Jaws of Life through a grant which made extrication a much simpler task. For the past 20 years the Squad has had a fund raiser once a year to enhance it's equipment and training capabilities. It has allowed the Squad to purchase life-saving equipment such as; two 4 X 4 Gators with medibed, two ATVs, two boats

plus a swiftwater boat, swiftwater/diving equipment, and multiple four-wheel drive vehicles. The latest addition to the equipment list is a multi-generator trailer for easy deployment. The Squad also has a mobile communications/field EOC trailer that has been used all over the region.

The squad responds to call outs of all kinds including Extrication, Rappeling, Mountain Rescue, Cave Rescue, Drowning and Dragging Operations, Search and Rescue, Trench Rescue, Skywarn Storm Spotting, and rehab for

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...By B.J. Robbins

I would like to send out a big thank you to all TARS and WATARS members for all the hard work that you do to make this a great organization. This year started out as one of those years for drownings. Since Christmas Eve, we have had 15 drownings and summer isn't over yet. Over the State, all the Region's Vice Presidents have done an outstanding job. Safety is our number one priority. If you come in contact with people around water please inform them to wear life jackets and always use caution when on the water.

The convention in Franklin, Tennessee is approaching us fast. The dates are listed in this newsletter, now is the time to get your teams ready. I would like to see every squad

have a team competing this year! Also, if you have a member in your squad that has outstanding qualifications for any award please turn their name in to the Awards Committee so that they can be considered.

I hope to see each and everyone of you at the convention. I hope that you enjoy your summer. God Bless.



**Spotlight on...
Putnam County Rescue Squad
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REGIONAL NEWS

REGION III VICE PRESIDENT ...By Cecil Nunley

So far this year I have had the pleasure of traveling to all the different regions in the State and have been able to tour several units within those regions. I have thoroughly enjoyed each and every tour and feel as though they have made me stronger in serving our region as vice-president. This is because I have been able to see how each rescue squad operates and meet a lot of their members, as well as get their views on what we volunteer our time to do. I have also attended all of the Captain/Unit Directors meetings as well.

I am thankful to say that we have had only one region call out so far this year. That call was to Clay County to assist in a search for a drowning victim. I would like to extend my 'thanks' to all squad members who traveled to Clay County to help. Clay County and White County have been the

two hosts so far this year for our Region III meetings. I hope that I can speak for everyone when I say that I enjoyed the good food and fellowship during those meetings. Thank you to the squads that gave tours for those meetings. I hope that everyone remembers that we have a convention coming up in the near future. Franklin, Tennessee will be hosting this year's convention.

I hope that everyone is already getting their teams geared up and ready to compete. Make sure that you bring your families and be ready to have a good time this year.

If there is anything that I can do to assist any squad please do not hesitate to call me and I will be glad to help you in any way that I can. I hope to see everyone soon. ■

VICE PRESIDENT ...By Jim Williamson

Hello to all, I hope that everyone is doing fine. We are just past the halfway point in the year and it has been a busy one for all of us. I want to thank each of you for the hard work and dedication that you give to your local squads and departments. Also, a big thank you for all of the hard work each of you gave on the numerous Region call outs that we have had across the State. This a great statement of character of the men and women of this outstanding organization that we are all a part of. The training classes are also in full swing and going well. Don't pass up an opportunity to participate in the various classes. We must continue to train and learn.

Thank you to all of the different squads, stations and departments that hosted the February/June Region meetings and training classes. Convention will be here before we know it. Get your team together and participate in something!

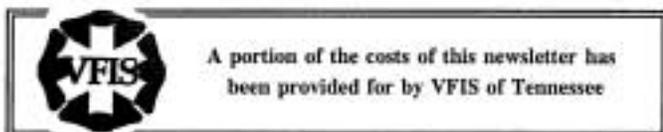
Take care of yourselves and each other and please feel free to contact me if there is anything I can do for you. ■

* IN MEMORY OF *	2006 - RESCUE COLLEGE
<p><i>HENRY C. SCHLANGEN</i> <i>JODY SULFRIDGE</i> <i>Clay County Rescue</i> <i>Morristown Emerg.</i> <i>Squad</i> <i>Rescue Squad</i> <i>2005 - 2005</i> <i>1999 - 2006</i></p>	<p>FARM RESCUE - AUG 4 - 6 Benton County Rescue</p> <p>SWIFTWATER II - AUG 4 - 6 RELIANCE/Hiwassee/Tellico</p>
<p><i>ROBERT ALDERIDGE</i> <i>JOHN PARRIS</i> <i>Perry County Rescue</i> <i>Loudon County Rescue</i> <i>Squad</i> <i>Squad</i> <i>1969 - 2005</i> <i>1967 - 2005</i></p>	<p>DIVE RESCUE I - AUG 11 - 13 Fire Codes Academy/Bedford Co</p> <p>FARM CLASS - AUG 18 - 20 Fentress County Rescue</p>
<p><i>RALPH E. TATE</i> <i>EDDIE ELLISON</i> <i>Marion County Rescue</i> <i>Perry County Rescue</i> <i>Squad</i> <i>Squad</i> <i>1968 - 2005</i> <i>1978 - 2005</i></p>	<p>INSTRUCTOR I - w/V. E. MODULE SEPT 8 - 10, Roane Co Rescue</p> <p>SWIFTWATER I - SEPT 8 - 10 East Polk Fire & Rescue/Ocoee</p>
<p><i>TOM WILLIAMS</i> <i>ROBERT O'GUIN</i> <i>Obion County Rescue</i> <i>Perry County Rescue</i> <i>Squad</i> <i>Squad</i> <i>1988 - 2006</i> <i>1977 - 2006</i></p>	<p>DIVE RESCUE II - SEPT 8 - 10 Tn Fire Codes Acad/Bedford Co</p> <p>BIG RIG CLASS - SEPT 22-24 Chattanooga-Hamilton Co</p>
	<p>BIG RIG CLASS - OCT 20 - 22 Paris-Henry Co Rescue</p> <p>BASIC TRENCH - NOV 3 - 5 Erin Fire Dept (Houston Co)</p>

*** CONVENTION MEMORIAL SERVICES ***

We are planning to have a photo presentation during the TARS Memorial Service to be conducted on Saturday, October 7, 2006 at 9 am. We request a photograph of the member to be recognized, to be provided by any unit who has submitted a Memorial Plaque application for inclusion in the service. The photo may be of the member in uniform or not, of recent or several years old . . . you make that decision based on what best represents this person being remembered in this special service.

You may E-Mail photos to Steve@tnars.org or mail a copy of your selected photo (no originals please, as we cannot be responsible for return) not later then September 1, 2006 to the TARS State Office.



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*** NEWS * TRAINING * CONVENTION ***

2006 CONVENTION IN FRANKLIN, TENNESSEE

The 51st ANNUAL TARS CONVENTION will be held at the Cool Springs Marriott Convention Center in Franklin, Tennessee. Pre-Registration form and Hotel reservation information are included in this newsletter. Please take care of these items early to help avoid delays or possible sell-outs.

Cool Springs Marriott Convention Center is conveniently located just off I-65 at Exit 68 A and is surrounded by local attractions and restaurants. All of our functions will be held on site, so your attendance at the meetings, exhibits, and contests will be only a few moments walk from each other.

CONTESTS

Some contests scheduled are the Vehicle Extrication contests, the Rescue Challenge, the Emergency Care Contest, the (EVOG) Emergency Driving Contest, and The Rambling Rescue Race. Don't forget the Horseshoe and the Turn-Out Gear Competitions. Rules and entry forms have been sent to your squad, so get with some fellow members and enter.

It's guaranteed to be fun!!!

TRAINING

Two Seminars are offered on Thursday from 12:00 Noon until 4:00 PM. Both Seminars run concurrently so you need to indicate which one you choose to attend on the registration form for document preparation and planning purposes.

Seminar A: "Awareness Level Training for Rope Rescue". This four hour program will meet the NFPA 1670 and 1006 Rope Rescue Awareness Standard and explains the three (3) tiered concept of awareness, operations, and technician levels involved in rope rescue. It will review procedures for initialing your local response system for rope rescue incidents as well as site control and scene management. Understanding hazards and proper utilization of protective equipment during rope rescue missions will also be covered. Pat Wagner, TARS Lead Instructor, owner of Mountain Rope Safety Courses and Staff Instructor for Progressive Rescue Systems will conduct the program.

Seminar B: "Stabilization Techniques in Vehicle Rescue". This four hour program will look at various techniques that can be utilized to stabilize vehicles enabling a safe and effective rescue. Rollovers and side resting stabilization options will be discussed as well as an overview of equipment and techniques available for dealing with such scenarios. Dick Clark, Sales Manager and Senior Instructor with Res-Q-Jack Inc, assisted with staff from G & C Supply Co, Inc. will conduct the program.

Be sure to indicate only one Seminar choice per

registrant and include the proper fee. A certificate with 0.4 C.E.U. will be awarded with completion of the program. Seminars are classroom only with possible demonstrations. Casual dress is all that is required.

ENTERTAINMENT

This year's Thursday Evening Outing is a dinner trip to the Famous "Bluebird Cafe". How could you be in Music City and pass up an opportunity to take in a little Country Music.

The "Bluebird Cafe" offers songwriters a unique setting to present their music; live and often accompanied only by maybe a guitar or keyboard. The "In the Round" setting as seen from the weekly televised presentation on Turner South will give you the chance to listen to some of Nashville's up and coming songwriters swapping stories, guitar licks, harmony parts, and great songs.

A BBQ buffet will be catered and transportation and gratuity is included in the \$49 ticket price. Our bus will depart the Hotel by 5:15 pm and return around 9:00 pm that evening.

Pre-registration is required. Seating is limited for this event, so be sure and complete your form and enclose the proper fee to join this exciting event.

Your boarding pass will be in your registration packet and may be picked up at the TARS desk at the Convention Center between 4:00 - 5:00 pm Thursday afternoon.

Be sure and complete the pre-registration form and enclose the proper amount to join the crowd for this exciting event!

FUN-NITE

Friday night Fun-Nite will offer a little something extra this year. In addition to the popular Bingo and music mixture, a new event will debut. "The Womanless Beauty Review" promises to turn heads (probably stomachs too) and offer a light hearted look at some daring and shapely Rescuesquadsmen in drag. The winners will be determined by the amount of cash donations to the contestants from the crowd. All proceeds will go to benefit the National EMS Memorial Service and sponsor the TARS Honor Guard to serve at the annual event. The Service is conducted in Roanoke, Virginia each year to honor those individuals from across the nation who have gave their life in the line of duty.

So, if you have someone in your squad that's got real modeling potential (or not), be sure and promote their participation. At the very least, bring some extra dollar bills to contribute to this worthy cause and enjoy the show.

PRE-REGISTRATION FEES ARE:

(PACKAGE 'A') \$25 per person, which includes your registration fee, name badge, and Fun-Night ticket.

(PACKAGE 'B') \$50 per person, which includes your registration fee, name badge, Fun-Night ticket and Awards Banquet ticket.

(EXTRA BANQUET TICKETS) will be available only to Non-TARS/WATARS guests of registered members at a cost of \$35 each.

THURSDAY, October 5

"Bluebird Cafe Dinner & Show": \$49 per person.

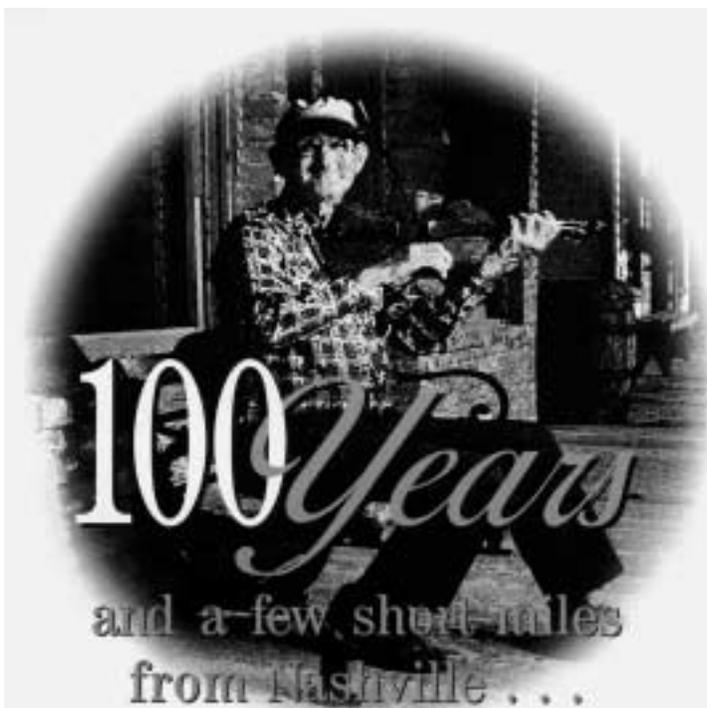
* (After September 9)* - Pkg A is \$35, Pkg. B is \$55, Extra Banquet ticket is \$40.

Your reservations at the hotel need to be made as soon as possible. Their reservation numbers are listed here along with room rate information. Remember check - in time at the Hotels is typically after 3:00 pm, so please do not make a reservation and arrive at 12:00 Noon and expect your room to be available.

Let's remember that we are a guest in the Host City that Courtesy is Contagious. It is up to each of us to leave a good impression of our organization wherever we visit.

On behalf of our State Officers and our Convention Host, we hope to have an exciting and enjoyable convention for you.

WE ALL LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!!!



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2006 CONVENTION PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

SQUAD OR DEPT: _____

NAME: _____

	PKG A	PKG B	
	(check one)		
	\$25 ea.	\$50 ea.	
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NAME: _____

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EXTRA BANQUET TICKET _____ @ \$35 ea. \$ _____

THURSDAY:

SEMINAR ATTENDANCE

NOTE: Select only one Seminar per Registrant

Choose one: \$10

	Rope	Vehicle	
	Rescue	Stabilization	
Attendee Name: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____

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NOTE: SEMINAR ON-SITE REGISTRATION @ CONVENTION or By Itself - \$20

"THE FAMOUS BLUEBIRD CAFE" TRIP No. _____ @ \$49. ea. \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED ----- \$ _____

Package "A" includes: Registration, Convention Name Tag, & Fun-Nite Ticket.

Package "B" includes: Registration, Convention Name Tag, Fun-Nite Ticket & Awards Banquet Ticket.

*Make Checks Payable to: Tennessee Association of Rescue Squads

*Pre-Registration Deadline - SEPT 9

****NO REFUNDS AFTER THIS DATE****

<p style="text-align: center;">MAIL</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PRE-REGISTRATION FORM TO:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">TARS, STATE OFFICE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2906 TAZEWELL PIKE - SUITE 'B'</p> <p style="text-align: center;">KNOXVILLE, TN 37918</p> <p style="text-align: center;">REMEMBER!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">IS SEPTEMBER 9, 2006</p>

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PLACES TO GO: Cool Springs Galleria Mall offers over 140 exciting shops and 5 anchor stores. Visit The Factory, a historic renovated factory that houses an eclectic blend of antique shops, restaurants, a cigar bar and jazz club. Stroll through Franklin's historic downtown shopping district, Civil War battlegrounds or historic homes. Take a short drive to Nashville to see the Grand Ole Opry. Catch Tennessee Titans football or Nashville Predators NHL Hockey.

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES: Health Club with Universal Weight Equipment, Lifecycle and Treadmills. Plus, an enclosed swimming pool and whirlpool.

SHOPS & SERVICES: Gift Shop, Business Center and laundry Service.

DIRECTIONS: From airport, travel West on I-40, then merge left onto I-24 East; Merge right immediately onto I-440 West; exit I-65 South; travel 10 miles and exit at Cool Springs Blvd.; East #68-A; Hotel is on the left. Taxi and limousine service is available to and from Nashville International Airport.



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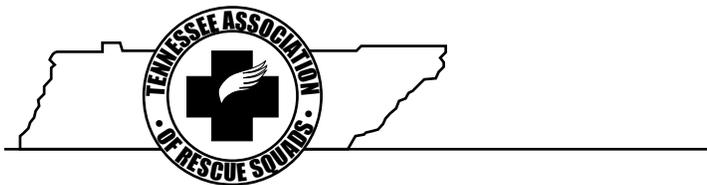


other Emergency Response Agencies' operations. The Putnam County Rescue Squad will average approximately 500 emergency/non-emergency calls per year. The Squad meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 P. M. Each new member is on a one-year probation and must come before the Board of Directors approval. Within one year of joining, each member has to be certified in CPR and be certified in one other function.

both training and equipment to perform various missions, the Putnam County Rescue Squad is a well managed professional unit.

For more information, you can visit them on their web site at www.cpcema.com/rescue/.

With three (3) stations serving the County and around 55 members, the squad is dispatched through the County 911 system. Annual funding generated through a picture drive and private donations will generally provide around two thirds of the squad's 80-90k annual budget. Supplemental funding by the County Government makes up the difference. With special emphasis on special teams in



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