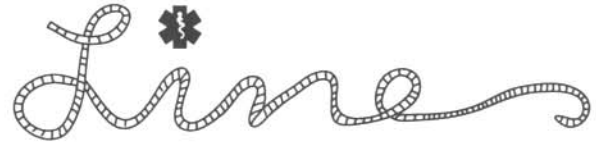




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SPOTLIGHT ON . . .

By Steve Carden

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Kent Wadley

CUMBERLAND COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD



The Cumberland County Rescue Squad (CCRS) was organized and chartered in 1959. Its primary mission then was to organize and conduct search efforts for lost persons and drowning recovery operations. Today, some forty years later the squad continues to provide those services and more with an emphasis on specializing in various team disciplines.

Cumberland County (approx. population 36,000) at 682 square miles, is one of the geographically larger counties in Tennessee. Much of its terrain is rugged and mountainous, dotted with streams, caves, and cliffs.

The CCRS has developed special teams to meet its Search & Rescue role. High Angle, Cave and Mountain

Rescue teams are equipped and trained for the land search operations. All members are required to meet the minimal First Aid, CPR, EVO C, and Bloodborne Pathogen training in their first six months of membership. Each of the specialized teams determine required training for their specific discipline. One member is a local surgeon and is trained and active on the High Angle and Cave Rescue Teams. Water Rescue Operations range from the two boats used for recovery missions to both Swiftwater Rescue and Dive Rescue teams.

A fleet of eight 4 x 4 vehicles, two all terrain vehicles, a specially outfitted Cave, Mountain trailer and concessions/kitchen trailer

represent the rolling stock of the unit. During winter road conditions the squad assists in transporting law enforcement personnel and key hospital employees in addition to providing emergency off road ambulance duty. With a total of about 53 members (40 active, 13 honorary) the CCRS works hard not only in training and missions but in the fundraising role. The unit receives funds from the County and City Governments, the United Way, and direct donations to help fund the unit. The squad's concession trailer is also an important part of the unit's funding. Many a hamburger has been 'flipped' at tractor pulls, the fair, and various county activities to help meet the

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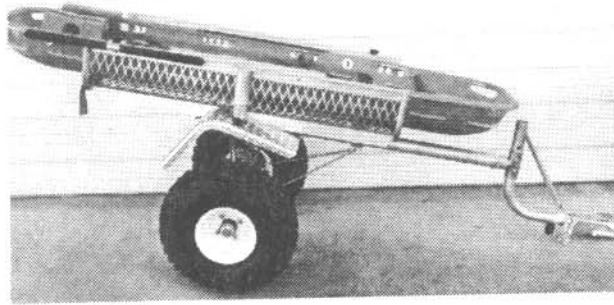
I hope that everyone enjoyed the past convention in Chattanooga. The squads that hosted this years event did an excellent job. I would like to thank everyone for their support in electing me to a second term as your President.

I would also like to thank everyone who competed in this year's contests. It takes a lot of time and effort on behalf of the training coordinators to put on these contests. And as always a very special "thanks" to Morris for all he does for our training program. I hope that everyone of you will get a team together and compete at the convention in Franklin.

Everyone knows by now that we were able to get our funding from the State of Tennessee this past year. After several hours of thought the Officers came to a decision that we need to do something to keep this from happening again. As you have seen in the new membership package this year, our dues are now \$10 per member. This should help keep our State Office open for years to come. I appreciate the support of all the directors in approving the By-Laws change.

I hope that everyone had a Merry Christmas and a

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operating expenses. The squad also has a very active group of Crewettes. The Crewettes have assisted the CCRS for over thirty years. Essential tasks such as radio dispatch, log keeping, and preparing food for the crew during extended missions are handled by the Crewettes. Paying the squad's utilities, keeping the building clean, helping with equipment purchases and convention expenses are also big contributions the Crewettes make to the squad.

This unit has recognized the importance of teamwork and developing and utilizing resources to best serve the community. They have worked to establish good working relationships with

the other emergency services in the county and continue to demonstrate their dedication to being prepared. During the tornado strikes across Tennessee this past November, Cumberland County was one area hard hit. The squad went to work clearing roads with chain saws to reach victims, helping establish three different First Aid stations for people needing help, supplying food, blankets, heaters, and generators to aid those in need. By the end of the week the men and women of the CCRS had spent over 2,000 hours helping the community.

And you know . . . *that's what it's all about.* ■

TARS - STATE HISTORIAN MESSAGE - By Jim Williamson

Thank you for allowing me to be your State Historian for this past year and re-electing me for another term. I will do my best to represent you across this Great State.

Thank you for making this a very successful convention in Chattanooga, we had thirteen entrants in the Scrapbook

competitions. This was the biggest turn out ever.

Congratulations to all of you. Start getting your scrapbooks together for next year and if I can help you, please contact me. I look forward to seeing you at the Region Meetings.

Thank you once again. ■

REG. I INFORMATION

By B. J. Robbins - Reg I V.P.

I want to thank you for your support in electing me as your Region I Vice President. I will try to do this job to the best of my ability, and am looking forward to working with all of you. If you need anything from me, I can be reached by phone at (423) 349-1915 and (423) 677-2654.

WATARS - INFORMATION

By Judy Smith, PRESIDENT

At our Convention, WATARS voted to invite some TARS teams to participate in our Turnout Gear Relay Race at the next convention. These TARS teams would not be participating against WATARS teams but would follow the same format. Here are a few of the rules.

1. An individual member cannot participate on more than one (1) team.
2. A team must have at least two (2) members to run the race and no more than three(3) members can compete during a race.

If any TARS members are interested in participating in this event next year, we will have complete rules and scoring information available at the February Region Meetings.

We look forward to sharing this competition with TARS. ■

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Happy New Year, and hope to see everyone at the Region Meetings. Please try to call and let the host squad know how many of your members will attend the meetings. This has been a problem in the past, and makes it hard to plan a meal if you do not

REGION III - INFORMATION

By David Martin, Reg. III V.P.

I want to thank all of you for your support over the past year. I feel that TARS had a very successful year in 2002. I also would like to thank you for your support on electing me as your Region III Vice President for 2003.

This past November, severe storms rolled through our state and devastated many lives and communities. I am glad that there were no Region III call outs required for these storms. I hope that all of the communities and squads were able to receive all funding available to them.

I would also encourage not only Region III squads, but all other squads to attend the region meetings this year. February meetings will be hosted by Smyrna Rescue. Lawrence County Rescue is hosting the June meeting. I look forward to meeting with everyone again this upcoming year. I also want to encourage everyone to attend as many of the training classes that are being made available this year.

I hope all of you and your families had a *Wonderful Holiday Season!* If there is anything I or the other State Officers can help you with, please feel free to give me a call at anytime. ■

know how many people will be present. On a closing note, please support our training programs again this next year. Morris has set up several classes across the State. If I or any of the State Officers can help in any way please feel free to call. ■

REGION II - INFORMATION
By George Young, Reg. II V. P.

Hope everyone had a good time at the convention in Chattanooga. Chattanooga-Hamilton and the assisting squads of Hamilton County deserve a big "Thank You" for a great convention.

Region II has begun the year in a big way. On November 10th tornados hit hard in Morgan and Cumberland Counties. There was less damage in Bledsoe, Roane, and Fentress Counties.

Cumberland and Morgan Counties would like to express "thanks" to all the squads that helped them over the long rescue and clean up.

On November 16th, there was a partial Region II call-out for a drowning in Blount County. One man was to be recovered from the Little River in the Rockford Community. His brother had been recovered earlier in the week. On the 16th the

response was eleven squads, with 81 squadsmen, 21 vehicles and 17 boats. There were 891 hours plus travel time. There was no recovery, so we went back the next day. On the 17th there were (9) squads with 48 squadsmen, 17 vehicles and 9 boats. The Tennessee Search and Rescue also responded with one search dog, 384 man hours plus travel time. Still no recovery. On the 21st we had a full Region II call and returned to Blount County with 13 squads, 66 squadsmen, 7 crewettes, 16 boats, one bus kitchen, 23 vehicles and 5 dogs. We had 584 man hours plus travel time. No recovery.

November 22nd we continued the operation with 13 squads, 66 squadsmen, 22 boats, 24 vehicles, one kitchen bus with a total of 268 man hours. The Region II Crewettes were also called out on the 22nd to help with the food for the squads. They did a great job, *Thanks!*

This time we had a recovery. Blount County wants to thank everyone who helped with this mission. It was very cold on the river on those weekends.

During the call on the 16th we also received a call for help on a search in Cumberland County. A hunter had been out all night in frigid weather. We had some squads near Cumberland to respond to assist. After the man was found some squads stayed to help with the tornado damage.

We had a TARS State Officers Meeting in October and a Training Coordinators meeting in November. Try to take advantage of the training in your area.

The February Region II meeting will be in Anderson County. They are planning a great meeting. Be sure to let them know how many of your squad will be attending. Hope to see you in February! ■

2003 ROPE TECH CLASS SCHEDULE - PATRICIA WAGNER

Please call or write to: Patricia Wagner, 410 Miles Rd, Signal Mountain, TN 37377.
E-Mail: Pwagner410@AOL.com, or Phone: 423-886-3804, Fax: 423-886-3804.

TARS and Progressive Rescue Solutions are jointly offering Rope Rescue programs for this year. Special application forms are available and should be returned to me at the address below. The Tech I program may be hosted by your unit. Check the dates scheduled and if interested contact me to confirm.

After speaking with several emergency workers who have taken the classes in the last two years through TARS they wanted to know if we would have recert classes. I told them we would provide recert classes as follows:

If they only want to recert for Tech I then \$50.00 per person a one day class of testing skills learned in Tech I. Same for Tech II, just \$50.00 per person and they can attend the last day of a Tech II scheduled class or if enough people (10) I will do a special one day test for a particular group. For Tech III recert they must attend

the last two days of the scheduled Tech III class in November and pay \$100 per person. This will be once every two years. Keeping the cost of this down is essential and it will help units maintain skills because once every two years they will be retested in the field in order to keep the certification. ■

ROPE TECHNICIAN I - Locations - Open - T.B.A.

APR 4, 7pm Lecture, Apr 5, 6, 12, 13 In-Field
May 16, 7pm Lecture, May 17, 18, 24, 25 In-Field
Aug 15, 7pm Lecture, Aug 16, 17, 23, 24 In-Field
Sept 12, 7pm Lecture, Sept 13, 14, 20, 21 In-Field

Fees: TARS - \$225, Associate \$275, Non-TARS \$325

ROPE TECHNICIAN II - Signal Mountain, TN

Oct 10, 7pm Hands-on inside hanging
Oct 11-12, All day field work

Fee: TARS - \$275, Associate \$300, Non-TARS \$420

ROPE TECHNICIAN III - Signal Mountain, TN

Nov 13-16, All day field work

Fee: TARS - \$395, Associate \$420, Non-TARS \$450

ANNUAL INSTRUCTOR I UPDATES

Updates will be conducted during the month of April at the location indicated at the column below. The updates will be broken down by time and subject as listed below. If you do not intend to teach or have not been teaching the different disciplines, do not expect to just get your ticket punched for all three classes. 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)
- EVOC 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm
- Bloodborne Pathogen 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

INSTRUCTOR UP-DATES

4/05 Reg I - Morristown
4/12 Reg II - Etowah Rescue
4/19 Reg III - Rutherford Co Res
4/26 Reg IV - Carroll Co Rescue

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

2003 TARS MEETINGS

FEBRUARY REGION MTGS

2/01 MORRISTOWN RESCUE
2/08 ANDERSON CO RESCUE
215 SMYRNA RESCUE
2/22 PARIS-HENRY CO RES

MARCH BOARD OF DIRECTOR MTG - 3/15 - COOKEVILLE, TN

JUNE REGION MEETINGS

6/07 NEWPORT RESCUE
6/14 UNION CO RESCUE
6/21 LAWRENCE CO RESCUE
6/28 WEAKLEY CO RESCUE

JULY BOARD OF DIRECTORS 7/12 MURFREESBORO, TN

2003 ANNUAL CONVENTION

Oct 1 - 4, Embassy Suites
Cool Springs, Franklin, TN

2002 CONVENTION DRIVING CONTEST

By Alan Bagley, JD, EMT-P

This year's Emergency Vehicle Driving Competitions was flooded with downpours of emotion and oceans of anticipation. There were streams of excitement and swamps of sorrow surrounding the competitors attempts to surface to the top and surf to a victory among the river of agencies that had trickled into Chattanooga that weekend. If you so much as stuck your head outside that day, you will know why I included all of the water-related metaphors and puns - it was raining, and not just a little. The seemingly constant downpour provided an atmospheric challenge to the driving portion of this year's contest. The water was oftentimes ankle-deep (*knee deep for Mark Bowery*),

creating more of a boating contest instead of a driving contest for the competitors.

Proving that they were as good on water as they were on land were Norman Williams of Sevier County Rescue - 1st place, Kevin Marsh of Kingsport Lifesaving Crew - 2nd place, Bill Anders of Kingsport Lifesaving Crew - 3rd place, Jennifer Krier of Knoxville Volunteer Rescue - 4th place, and Tony Blair of Knoxville Volunteer Rescue - 5th place. VFIS of Tennessee presented the top 5 finishers with awards and all contestants received T-Shirts. We'd like to thank all the contestants for braving the constant downfall and for exercising good and safe judgement during the contest.

VFIS of Tennessee is proud to sponsor this event and looks forward to next year's event.

TARS and VFIS have always worked well together in providing the member agencies with drivers training, particularly the Emergency Drivers Training Course, which the contest is based upon. This year, TARS/VFIS will also offer a new course for the experienced emergency driver entitled Dynamics of Emergency Vehicle Operation. This new course, focusing on

concepts that recently have been developed, is intended to educate and train in the classroom without any driving course work. This 4-hour course satisfies the (2) two year renewal concern of individual drivers of emergency vehicles. Current certification in this class or the EVDT course fulfills the requirement in next year's competition that all contestants have current drivers training certification. Please give VFIS a call if you are interested in this new course. ■



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