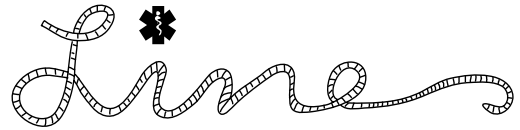




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SPOTLIGHT ON...By Steve Carden

CLEVELAND-BRADLEY COUNTY RESCUE SERVICES

Bradley County (pop. approx. 88,000) is located in Southeast Tennessee and home to the Cleveland-Bradley County Rescue Services (CBCRS) Organized in 1962, the unit's primary function then was Water Search and Recovery Operations. While Water Rescue is still an important function of the unit, it is only one part of a multi-disciplined emergency service some 42 years later.



Today the Water Rescue Team is trained and equipped to deal with Swiftwater/Flood Rescue, Dive Rescue as well as boat based operations utilizing "Rescue One" connector boats and jet skis. Other specialized teams include Hazardous Materials, Trench/Structural Collapse, High Angle, and Confined Space Rescue. All these areas of course, are in addition to the Vehicle Extrication role the unit provides.

With 45 active members the squad answers in excess of 500 calls annually. All members are required to maintain vehicle extrication certification and a host of awareness level training at a minimum. An additional 25 reserve members are on the role for activation if needed. If members are part of a specialty team, they are required to achieve technician level training for that particular rescue discipline.

In addition to maintaining training levels, all active members must serve 16 hours per month duty time. Twelve hours may be



stand-by or manning a shift truck, with the remaining four hours dedicated to maintenance or administrative duties.

The CBCRS is a quasi-governmental volunteer organization which operates under the local Emergency Management Agency. This marriage has proved extremely successful in the management and continuity of the unit's mission responsibility to local government.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...By Rusty Williams

Let me start out by saying "Thank You". This Thank You is for all the hard work from TARS and WATARS alike. It seems that this is going to be one of those years for drownings. We have already had several this year and summer has just begun. There have already been region call-outs in all four TARS regions.

Working together we can make a difference for these families in their time of need. With all the work on the water, let's not forget about our Water Rescue and Recovery Class. It helps a lot when we are all working from the same set of rules. Training together makes us work better together.

Another point of interest is our Officer Ride Along program. I feel it has been received very well. Everyone who has ridden has said that the program is an

eye opener. It allows you to see how other squads operate and how they deal with problems just like you have. I encourage you to come to the Region Meetings and put your name in the hat, that's the only way you get to ride.

Now for the Convention, it is only a few months away. It sounds like Knoxville is planning a great one. There will be lots of stuff for the kids, lots of training and lots of friendly rescue competitions. Lets load up the family and the teams and make this a Convention to remember.

In closing let me say . . . train hard, be prepared and stay safe. Remember this organization is run by those that show up. ■

REGIONAL NEWS

REGION I VICE PRESIDENT

...By **Stacy E. Hickle**

Summer is in full swing now and convention is rolling toward us. Let's all make plans to be in Knoxville with teams and push carts.

2004 has shown to be a very busy year with a lot of training opportunities and call volume thus far. Please be safe, be sure we know our limitations, wear our protective equipment, and always when we are on the water wear our PFDs.

Memorial Day weekend Region I Call Out on Watauga Lake (Carter Co) had an excellent response from Region I squads. KLSC took their sonar equipment to the scene on that Friday to attempt to locate some hot spots at the request of the Region I Vice President. On Saturday morning crews from Carter County, Johnson County, Bristol LifeSaving Crew, and a local Fire Department established command at the Fish Springs Marina. The owner of the Marina graciously provided his ramp and parking area for the operation. TARS extends a sincere "Thank You" to Fish Springs Marina for all the support.

The lower portion of Region I began a convoy in Jefferson County that totaled 50 members, 12 units, 13 boats and Hawkins County Crewette's Mobile Kitchen. "It was an impressive sight" remarked a Carter County native at the boat ramp. TWRA provided support on the water, keeping the vast amount of holiday boaters out of the search area. Dragging began at 0930 in water depths of 150-220 feet. Lunch was served by Jefferson and Hawkins County Crewettes. Johnson County and KLSC also provided some food and drinks. Thank you ladies for your support. We had approximately 25 boats and over 100 personnel on the water that day. Regretfully the mission did not yield a recovery. Our prayers and thoughts are with the family.

Thank you all for what you do everyday to make your local squad and TARS what it is. I have enjoyed serving as your Region I Vice President this year and look forward to the opportunity to serve again next year.■

REGION II VICE PRESIDENT

...By **Kenny Blaker**

It's been a busy few months in Region II. I would like to thank the squads who participated in the two drowning incidents in May. We were able to work surrounding squads to help the local units and fortunately had quick recoveries. Late June brought another Call-Out below Watts Bar Dam on the Tennessee River. Over 24 squads and in excess of 200 personnel worked that mission. A recovery was made in less than 48 hours. I want to thank all who participated in those missions as well as those on stand-by.

We will be having a Region II Picnic at the John Knox Center in Roane County on August 8 2004, hosted by the Roane and Morgan County Rescue Squads. They have put a lot of hard work into this event so mark your calendar and try to attend. We have provided some information packets at the Region meetings and will be mailing some to those units that were not there.

Convention time is right around the corner. The Knoxville Volunteer Emergency Rescue Squad is working hard as host planning an exciting conference. If you have never been to one, now is the time. Those of you that have attended know what a good time it is and I hope you will encourage your fellow members to attend.

I have enjoyed being your Region II Vice President for the past eight months and look forward to continue serving with your support. If there is anything I can do to help you feel free to call me any time day or night.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the Convention. "Thank You for all of your support shown to me and for all the hard work you do everyday to make TARS what it is."■

REGION IV VICE PRESIDENT

...By **Bill Sowell**

I hope everyone is having a safe and enjoyable summer. The Region Meetings will be just over by the time you get this issue of the "Rescue Line". I hope you were able to attend. There were three classes for Region IV this year. The first one was a Confined Space Rescue course hosted by Humboldt Area Rescue. I was unable to attend and observe this class due to a partial Region IV Call-Out in northern Perry County. An 85 year old male drowned in the Buffalo River and required the efforts of several units over several days for a successful recovery. Thanks to all who joined the operation.

Two more training opportunities are available in our area. The Water Rescue and Recovery class will be held in late July in Benton County and a Trench Rescue Class is to be held in September in Carroll County.

The 2004 TARS Convention will be here before you know it. I hope every squad is planning to enter at least one contest.

I will not be seeking re-election to the office of Region IV Vice President at Convention this year. I have held the office for the past five (5) years and feel it's time to "step aside" and let someone else have the opportunity to serve. I have enjoyed it and will miss the region travels, the meetings, and miss seeing all my friends across the State. Hope to see each of you at the TARS Convention in October.■



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If only we had some marbles...



TARS Vice President B. J. Robbins (left) and President Rusty Williams find a not so soft seat during June Region Meeting travels. With around 3,000 miles traveled and over 32 squads slated to visit during Region Meeting month, any break in the schedule is welcomed.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

...By Roy Goddard

The local Rescue Chaplains have the opportunity to receive Chaplain and CISM training through the Tennessee Federation of Fire Chaplains. This is made possible with cooperation of TARS and TFFC. Feel free to contact me regarding information and dates of training classes available.

Remember, September 1, 2004 is the final date for returning applications for TARS awards. I encourage every unit to submit a deserving member's name for

consideration.

Please, send to the TARS State Office forms for members to be included in the Memorial Service as soon as possible. Remember to include a photo of the deceased for the memorial service presentation this year.

Convention will be here before we realize it. Hope to see you there.■

IN MEMORY

HUGH FOX (1961 - 2004)
McMinn County Rescue Squad

LONNIE PIKE (1973 - 2003)
Scott County Rescue Squad

JIM TUMMINS (1983 - 2004)
Dickson County Rescue Squad

BOB JAMES (1994 - 2004)
Franklin County Rescue Squad

BILL FRESHOUR (1974 - 2000)
Greeneville Emergency/Rescue Squad

MAYFORD LOWE (1950 - 2003)
Greeneville Emergency/Rescue Squad

ARLIE COFFEY (2001 - 2003)
Claiborne County Rescue Squad

FAYE PITTS (1995 - 2003)
Chester County Rescue Squad

WALTER "WALT" HATLEY (1963 - 2003)
Newport Rescue Squad

DONNIE VINSON (2000 - 2003)
Red Boiling Springs Fire & Rescue

FRANK R. BARATTIERO, SR. (1983 - 2003)
Rutherford County Rescue Squad

JERRY WOOD (1983 - 2002)
Cumberland County Rescue Squad

BEECHER COCHRAN (1965 - 2004)
Jefferson County Rescue Squad

JESSIE CALDWELL (2002 - 2004)
Union County Rescue Squad

JEREMY McFARLAND (2003 - 2004)
Brownsville-Haywood Co. Rescue Squad

JOE ANDERSON (1975 - 2004)
Scott County Life Saving and First Aid Crew

TARS HONOR GUARD SERVES AT 2004 NATIONAL EMS MEMORIAL SERVICE

Each year the National EMS Memorial Service is held in Roanoke, Virginia on Memorial Day weekend. The purpose of the service is to honor emergency medical services personnel who have died in the line of duty and to recognize the ultimate sacrifice they have made for their fellow man. During the service a family member or agency representative was presented with a United States Flag that had flown over the U. S. Capitol denoting the honoree's service to their Country, a white rose representing their undying love, along with a medallion signifying their eternal memory. Also as a part of the service, each person being recognized is represented by their State Flag. After the last name was read there was a moment of silence, followed by a last call and the playing of taps along with a fly over by Lifeguard 10.

This year's program honored 14 fallen EMS personnel from all across the United States including Hawaii. this year's program also inducted the youngest member at 18 years old and the oldest member who was 83.

Honor Guards from TARS have attended



and participated in this program for the past four years. This year's attendees were Glen Moore (Region IV), Thomas Bragg and Tommy Bowers (Region II). Also, attending from TARS were Parliamentarian Joe Arnold and Chaplain Roy Goddard.

If you would like to learn more about the TARS Honor Guard program contact Mr. Roy Goddard or see Glen, Tom, or Tommy at this year's convention. They will be more than happy to share information about this program or tell you more about the EMS Memorial Service.■

EVENTS CALENDAR 2004 RESCUE COLLEGE

WATER RESCUE & RECOVERY
July 23-25, BENTON CO

SWIFTWATER II
July 23-25, HIAWASEE/RELIANCE, TN

ADVANCED EXTRICATION
August 13-15, LAVERGNE

SWIFTWATER I
August 13-15, BRADLEY CO/OCOE

SCHOOL BUS RESCUE CLASS
August 20-22, CHATTANOOGA

INSTRUCTOR I
August 27-29, MURFREESBORO, TN

DIVE RESCUE I
August 27-29, WINCHESTER, TN

BASIC TRENCH RESCUE
Sept. 10-12, CARROLL CO

DIVE RESCUE II
Sept. 10-12, WINCHESTER, TN

BASIC TRENCH RESCUE
Sept. 24-26, NEWPORT, TN

ADVANCED TRENCH RESCUE
October 15-17, HAWKINS CO

"FEES"

TARS	\$65
ASSOCIATE MEMBER	\$75
NON-TARS	\$95

2004 ANNUAL CONVENTION
October 7-9, Marriott
Knoxville, Tennessee

2004 CONVENTION IN KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE

The 49th ANNUAL TARS CONVENTION will be held October 7, 8, & 9, 2004 at the Marriott Hotel (formerly the Hyatt Regency) in Knoxville, Tennessee. Your Convention 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.

The Marriott Hotel is conveniently located in downtown Knoxville 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

This year's Convention will offer a multi track educational opportunity on Thursday. Be sure and mark your registration form indicating your selection from the following seminars.

Track 1A: Weapons of Mass Destruction Awareness Level - 11 am-3 pm. This four hour course focuses on the hazards and indications of Chemical and Biological agents and nuclear materials. Instruction includes appropriate response actions to NBC - nuclear, biological, and chemical incidents, and the identification of such dissemination devices used in terrorist incidents. (Seminar will also include a TEMA certificate.)

Track 1B: Aviation Rescue - 1 pm - 3 pm This two hour program will introduce the rescuer to the availability and capabilities of the U. S. Army "UH-60 Blackhawk" helicopter in civilian operations. A tour of the aircraft, some LZ pointers and a demonstration will be included.

Track 2A: Meth Lab Awareness, 3-5 pm This two hour program focuses on the indicators and hazards of illegal meth labs. First Responders are increasingly at risk of being exposed and need at least this level of training to better recognize potential threats in the field and what to do about them.

Track 2B: Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Training: 3 pm to 5 pm. The State of Tennessee passed the Sudden Unexplained Child Death Act in 2001 and amended this act in April of 2002. The Act mandates that all

EMTs, EMT-Ps and professional firefighters receive training on handling cases of sudden unexplained infant death as part of their basic and continuing training requirements. This two hour session meets this requirement which aims to reduce the incidence of injury and death to infants by accurately identifying the cause and manner of death of infants of less than one year.

Track 3: Weapons of Mass Destruction Operators Level, 6 pm - 10 pm. This four hour course is for First Responders who have already received the awareness level training (See Track 1A). The program outlines emergency decontamination procedures in a WMD event. It stresses the importance of personal protective equipment (PPE). It also covers site management of a NBC incident and construction of a downwind hazard analysis and factors that would affect a toxic plume. (Seminar will include a TEMA certificate).

Please indicate your plans to attend on the registration form and include the proper fee with your payment. The seminar will include a certificate awarding C.E.U.s for those attending.

ENTERTAINMENT

This year's Thursday evening outing is a two hour Dinner Cruise on-board the 'Star of Knoxville' Riverboat. The Luau Cruise is a sure winner with onboard entertainment and a great dinner buffet featuring an all you care to eat Seafood Buffet with Tossed Garden Salad, Calypso Fruit Salad, Shrimp and selected (in season) seafoods, Pineapple Chicken and Caribbean Blend Mixed Vegetables, Fresh Baked Rolls, Coffee, Tea, Soft-Drinks (all you can drink) and Dessert. The cost is only \$35 per Adult; \$27 per Child 5-11 and under 4 Free. (price includes gratuity) Our buses will depart the Hotel by 6:15 and return around 9:30 that evening.

Your boarding pass will be in your registration packet and may be picked up on Thursday afternoon in the Hotel Lobby at the TARS registration desk between 4 pm and 5 pm.

Fill out the pre-registration form and enclose the proper amount to join the crowd for this fun filled event!

KIDS ACTIVITIES AT CONVENTION

P. S. You will note on the registration form an area to include your kid's name and age. The Knoxville Volunteer Rescue Squad has worked hard to plan some activities for kids around 5 - 11 years of age.

While some plans are still tentative, we hope to have several activities available on Saturday for our future

Convention...Continued

Rescue Squad members. Arrangements are being made for a possible trip to "Safety City", which is a very special "city" operated by the Knoxville Police Department. "Safety City" is a unique environment created primarily to teach children traffic and fire safety skills.

Add to that a chance to attend a "Hug a Tree" program, a kids EVOC competition, maybe a climbing wall, and free ice cream to boot!!!

So, if you can bring your kids to join in the activities and make it a family event.

RESCUE FLEA MARKET AT FUN-NITE

Have you got some rescue gear that your unit might not need anymore? Well here's your chance to sell, trade, swap, give away these items. As they say . . . "One man's junk is another man's treasure."

Dust off some of that stuff and bring it with you to this year's convention. Several tables will be set up in the room Friday evening where Fun-Nite is conducted for items to be displayed. You are responsible for marking and making your best deal by midnight that evening.

PRE-REGISTRATION FEES ARE:

(PACKAGE 'A') \$20 per person, which includes your registration fee, name badge, and Fun-Night ticket.

(PACKAGE 'B') \$45 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 \$30 each.

THURSDAY-OCTOBER 7

Star of Knoxville Dinner Cruise:
Adult \$35 ea., \$27 Child 5-11,
4 and under Free.

THURSDAY OCTOBER 7

All Seminars: Pre-Registration prices are only \$10 total if included with your convention registration and \$20 if attending seminar only or paying at convention.

(After September 13 - Pkg A is \$30, Pkg. B is \$50, Extra Banquet tickets are \$35, and the Seminar registration is \$20).

Your reservations at the Marriott Hotel. need to be made as soon as possible. Their reservation number is listed here along with room rate information. Remember check - in time at the Hotel is 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 Knoxville and 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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TARS, STATE OFFICE
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KNOXVILLE, TN 37917**

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2004 CONVENTION PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

SQUAD OR DEPT: _____

NAME: _____ PKG A PKG B (check one) \$20 ea. \$45 ea. \$ _____

EXTRA BANQUET TICKET No. _____ @\$30 ea. \$ _____

THURSDAY "EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR" No. _____ @\$10* (Fill out choices below) \$ _____ (*\$10 with Convention Pre-registration, Seminar cost by itself is \$20 per person)

Thursday "Riverboat Dinner Cruise" No. _____ @\$35 ea (Adult) \$ _____ No. _____ @\$27 ea (Child 5-11) \$ _____

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 13

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SEMINAR CHOICE(S) Thursday, October 7, 2004, One Fee Covers Any/All see top portion for Fee Information

(Choose One)

- TRACK 1 A: Weapons of Mass Destruction - Awareness Level - 11 AM - 3 PM TRACK 1 B: Aviation Rescue - 1 PM - 3 PM

(Choose One)

- TRACK 2 A: Meth Lab Awareness - 3 PM - 5 PM TRACK 2 B: Sudden Infant Death Syndrome - 3 PM - 5 PM

(Requires Completion of Track 1 A)

- TRACK 3: Weapons of Mass Destruction - Operators Level - 6 PM -10 PM



If your kids are attending and hope to attend some of the kids functions planned for Saturday, fill in the following information.

NAME: _____ AGE: _____

NAME: _____ AGE: _____

Spotlight on...Cleveland-Bradley County

As a result, funding the general operating budget of \$120-130,000 is provided on a 80%/20% basis by the county and city governments respectively. Additional funds for capital improvements may come in the form of grants, direct appropriations and local fundraising efforts the squad may conduct. One interesting project the squad has promoted in the community is a "Cans for Life" program. Aluminum cans are collected from the general public at six large collection points across the county. The squad owns a crusher and periodically empties and prepares the aluminum for recycling. While requiring some time and effort, the unit can typically see \$12,000 - \$15,000 per year gained, not to mention helping the environment.

What's on the horizon? Well . . . the unit is heavily involved in the development of a regional Haz-Mat team. The team is to be a multi- agency response team involving rescue, fire, and law enforcement agencies in the region. These cooperative efforts and funding for such are driven by Homeland Security initiatives and funding. The squad expects to play an integral part of the team and appears to be in line for a new Haz-Mat unit and equipment valued in excess of a quarter of a million dollars. Added to that are hopes of another new shift truck similar to the F450 Series medium rescue truck added last year.

The squad operates out of their headquarters (formerly an automobile dealership building) in downtown Cleveland. The location is geographically about dead center in the County and this provides a neat home for a



neat organization. Hey, as a fellow rescue member if you are ever in the area you should stop by for a visit. I guarantee you will leave impressed and inspired with some ideas to take back home.

By the way . . . bring some cold sodas to share if you visit . . . (er . . . cans only please, no bottles)!■



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