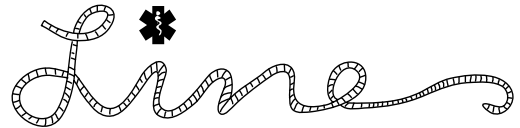




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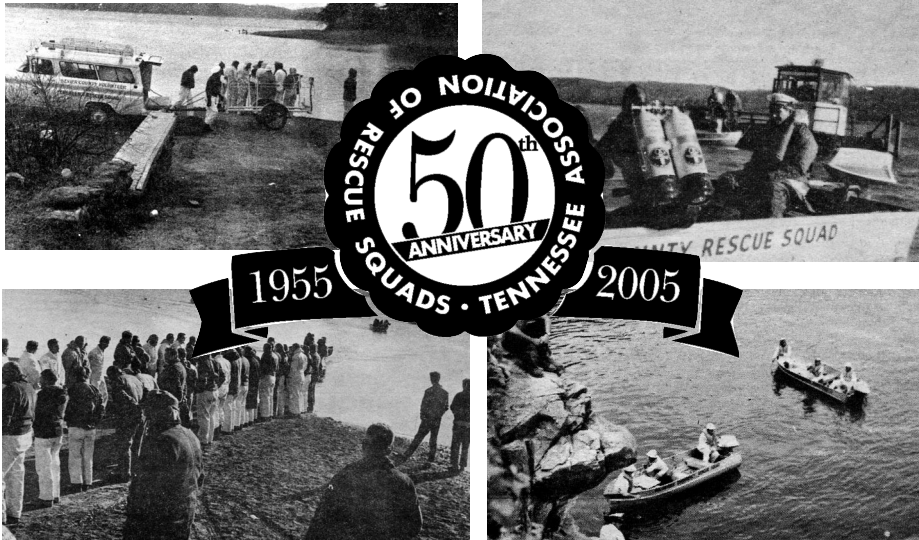


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SPOTLIGHT ON...By Steve Carden

TARS CELEBRATES 50 YEARS

PART 1: 1955-1970



The Tennessee Association of Rescue Squads (TARS) celebrates its 50th Anniversary this year. In January of 1955, members from five units met in upper Northeast Tennessee and officially formed TARS. In addition to the five (5) squads (Kingsport LifeSaving Crew, Carter County Rescue Squad, Johnson City Emergency Rescue Squad, Greeneville Emergency & Rescue Squad, and Oak Ridge CD Rescue Squad) were representatives from the Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads. Julian

Stanley Wise, who was instrumental in starting the first Rescue Squad in the country, (The Roanoke LifeSaving Crew) was at the TARS organizational meeting. In fact Mr. Wise donated the first dollar to the TARS treasury.

A direct quote from the first recorded minutes of that organizational meeting was that the main object of the association would be 'spreading the "First Aid Gospel" throughout the State of Tennessee'. Another interesting snippet from those minutes was the first name

proposed for the organization was the 'Tennessee Rescue Squad Association' which following some discussion, was withdrawn. The name was finally revised and adopted. Also a committee was appointed to develop a set of by-laws for consideration.

From that meeting came the seedling of what was to become a statewide organization in the coming decades. The goal was to promote the creation of a volunteer rescue unit in each of the counties across Tennessee. During the first years a set of objectives were agreed upon and incorporated into the Constitution of the Organization.

The original eight objectives are as follows:

- 1.) To promote a better understanding between the various Life Saving and Rescue Units, and the public in the State of Tennessee.
- 2.) To increase efficiency through education and personal contact; by holding conventions and contests and through a publication dealing with subjects of interest to all units in the state on Life Saving and First Aid.
- 3.) To establish Life Saving and First Aid work in the State of

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...By Rusty Williams

Greetings All! First I would like to say "Thank You" to the Knoxville Volunteer Rescue Squad for hosting a great Convention this past year. They did an excellent job. I think a great time was had by all who attended. There was a lot of things going on at any given time. The Safety City for the kids went over really well. The competitions this year were hard fought and I think everyone who competes comes out a winner. My Congratulations to each of you. This year's Convention will be our 50th and it looks to be a nice one, I look forward to seeing our biggest crowd ever in Pigeon Forge.

I hope everyone had a happy and safe Holiday Season. With the Convention and the holidays behind us now, it's time to be thinking about this year.

With it being our 50th Anniversary it looks to be a fun filled year. We will be doing some things differently with the Region travels and at the Convention also. We hope to open some eyes with these changes and maybe even teach us all a thing or two, we're never to old to learn new tricks your know. Speaking of learning, training this year will not slow down just to celebrate 50 years. We have a full slate of classes lined up all the way across the State. Training dates have been sent out to the Captains/Chiefs and Unit Directors, if yours aren't posted, let me know. I look forward to seeing you at the meetings and classes.

Train hard and stay safe.

Remember this organization is run by those that show up.■

REGIONAL NEWS

REGION I VICE PRESIDENT

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

First, I would like to thank Region One for all your hard work this past year and for your support. This is TARS 50th year; can you imagine the next 50 years? We all need to look back through our past and take pride in our history. Take some photos, write down some stories and pull out some old equipment for display. We are working on some great things for this year. Please be a part of it.

Congratulations to all of the award recipients at the 2004 convention. 2005 is in Pigeon Forge, are you ready? Of course not, but now is the time to start planning for competitions and all of the other events. Our 50th anniversary will be something not to miss. Training for 2005 have been set with a lot of great opportunities for everyone across the state.

I look forward to seeing each of you this next year. Remember if I can be of any assistance, please call. In closing, I challenge each member to become proactive in your local departments and on the state level. Lets each of us take that step into our next 50 years.

Thanks again.■

REGION II VICE PRESIDENT

...By **Kenny Blaker**

I would like to take this time to 'thank everyone' that participated in the Region II call outs the past year, to my knowledge everything went well on each call out.

I have learned a lot by working with all the Great Squads in Region II, I hope I can continue to do a good job in the upcoming year and can assist you in any of your needs. If at any time you need help feel free to give me a call.

By working together in Region II we can be a strong rescue team. There is a lot of good training coming up this year, please try to attend as much training as possible. As we all know training is what it's all about to keep our squads strong.

The Ride-a-long program has went well, all the Officers in the Association feel that by visiting other squads your

squad can learn what they may or may not need to do to better their squads and equipment.

We are planning to have a tour bus during this years convention to visit near by squads.

As we all know this years convention is our 50th Anniversary and we are looking to have a Great Convention for all of you. Please try to attend this convention, especially if you have never attended one.

Our Region Meetings will be in Rhea County and Chattanooga-Hamilton County this year. Please try to attend the Region Meetings so we can exchange ideas and learn the needs of each of our squads.

I thank all of you for all of your support that you have given me. If at any time you need to talk to me feel free to call me at home.

I thoroughly enjoy being a part of the Association and hope that I can help make our Region and our Association a stronger one, with all your support I feel this can be done.■

REGION III VICE PRESIDENT

...By **David Martin**

I hope all of you have had a wonderful holiday and are well. I want to thank you for your continued support and faith in me as your Region Vice President.

I want to remind all of you that this year marks TARS 50th year of operation and service to Tennessee. I hope you are as proud to be a part of this milestone as I am. During this year the February Region III meeting will be held in Sequatchie County and the June meeting will be held in Van Buren County Please try to attend and remember to give these host squads plenty of notice of your attendance. It helps them greatly in planning for these events.

I am looking forward to continuing my service to you and this organization this year. As always if there is anything I can do for your feel free to contact me.■

REGION IV VICE PRESIDENT

...By **Jim Williamson**

I would like to thank all of the members of TARS for allowing me to serve as your State Historian for the past three years. It was a great experience and an honor for me. I also want to thank the members of Region IV for allowing me the privilege of serving as your Vice President. I will do my best to represent each and everyone of you to the best of my abilities. I hope each of you had a happy and safe holiday season. If I can help you in anyway please feel free to call on me.■

TARS STATE VICE PRESIDENT

...**B.J. Robbins**

I pray that everyone has had a happy & safe holiday season. I also hope that everyone enjoyed the convention this year in Knoxville, Tennessee.

I would like to encourage each member to attend their squad meetings and functions, our squads will only be as strong as we make them by attending these meetings. I myself would like to see more squads participate in the Region meetings. Call your neighboring squads and encourage them to come and get involved.

I traveled and participated in a lot of training classes this past year, we have some great College Rescue Courses, let's see you get involved in some of these classes.

I would also like to thank the State Training Coordinator and all of the instructors that travel over the State to teach these classes. As all of you know this is the Tennessee Association of Rescue Squads 50th year Anniversary and we are planning a lot for this coming year's convention.

I would also like to take this time to say thanks to those people who so faithfully supported and gave me a helping hand through the years that I have served this great Association as an Officer. If I can help you in any way please feel free to call upon me at anytime.

Remember this is your

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REGIONAL NEWS

organization, get involved in Training, Region Meetings, and Convention.■

STATE HISTORIAN

...Dana Blair

I want to thank all of you for your support in electing me as your State Historian this year. This year marks TARS 50th Anniversary. We want it to be the best year remembered, so start taking pictures of your squad's events and send them to me to display in the State Scrapbook.

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. I am looking forward to traveling across the State, meeting new people, and seeing new squads. If I can be of any assistance, please contact me.■

WATARS PRESIDENT

...Jennifer Blair

I would like to thank the TARS Association and the Knoxville Volunteer Emergency Rescue Squad for a wonderful convention this past October. Thanks also to the TARS members who participated in the WATARS Turn-Out Gear Relay.

If your squad or department would like to organize a Crewette group, please contact your Region Vice President or myself. Take a look at the WATARS website at - <http://pages.ivillage.com/watars/>.

Thanks to you all for supporting WATARS.■



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**TARS JOINS TWRA TO PROMOTE NEW TENNESSEE BOATING EDUCATION LAW**

Beginning January 1, 2005 a new mandatory boating education law goes into effect in Tennessee. In a nutshell, the law states that Tennessee residents born after January 1, 1989 must show the wallet sized TWRA - issued boating safety education certificate when operating any boat (including personal watercraft).

The TWRA is requiring monitored exams and has asked if TARS member units would consider hosting such efforts to provide local squad facilities for the administration of the tests. The goal is to have at least one location in each county on a particular evening or afternoon once a month. The facility must be able to accommodate 5 to 10 students at tables with chairs.

"The whole concept of boating and water safety is something that dovetails perfectly with our goals as an association." said TARS President Rusty Williams. TARS Executive Director Steve Carden added . . . "It would be a great partnership. TWRA and TARS Units have worked together for decades in water related accidents. This is an opportunity to help prevent future tragedies."

If your unit would like further information on being a local testing location, or if you would be interested in becoming a volunteer monitor of boating safety tests, visit the TARS web-site www.tnars.org and check out the information under "Items of Interest" or call TWRA @ **615-837-6013**.

EVENTS CALENDAR**2005 TARS MEETINGS****February Region Meetings**

Reg I- Bloomingdale F.D. - Feb 5
Reg II -Rhea Co Rescue - Feb 12
Reg III -Sequatchie Co - Feb 19
Reg IV - Perry Co Rescue - Feb 26

MARCH BOARD OF DIRECTORS

3/12 - Cookville, TN

June Region Meetings

Reg I-Bristol LifeSaving - Jun 4
Reg II-Chatt-Hamilton Co-Jun 11
Reg III-Van Buren Co - Jun 18
Reg IV-Humboldt Area - Jun 25

JULY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

7/9 - Murfreesboro, TN

2005**ANNUAL CONVENTION**

Sept 29 - Oct 1

MUSIC ROAD HOTEL
& CONVENTION CTR.

Pigeon Forge, TN

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.

TENNESSEE ASSOCIATION OF RESCUE SQUADS

REGIONAL RESCUE COLLEGE COURSES

* 2005 SCHEDULE *

ALL RESCUE COLLEGE COURSE FEES ARE:

* TARS - \$65 *

* ASSOCIATE MEMBERS - \$75 *

* NON-TARS - \$95

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
C.E.U. : 1.0
Minimum Enrollment: 20

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

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
C.E.U. : 1.0
Minimum Enrollment: 20

NOTE: Participants will be required to furnish and wear

helmet, gloves, eye 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
C.E.U. : 1.0
Minimum Enrollment: 20

NOTE: Participants will be required to furnish and wear helmet, gloves, eye protection, and 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: 20
C.E.U. : 1.0
Minimum Enrollment: 20

Pre-requisites: Must have a high school diploma or GAD 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.

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.

Pre-requisite: First Responder or Equivalent

Course Hours: 24
C.E.U. : 1.0
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

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booties (hard sole), water type whistle, and sturdy footwear for shore work; (wet suit optional).

SWIFTWATER RESCUE IICourse 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

C.E.U. : 1.0

Minimum Enrollment: 10 (Max. 20)

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 ICourse 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

C.E.U. : 1.0

Minimum Enrollment: 10 (Max: 20)

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

DIVE RESCUE IICourse 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

C.E.U. : 1.0

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 RESCUECourse 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

CEU. : 1.0

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.*

ADVANCED TRENCH CLASSCourse Description:

The Advanced Trench Rescue course is designed to impart knowledge and develop skills in order to build on the skills and knowledge learned in the basic class. "T" Trenches, as well as intersecting and parallel trenches and the special problems they pose are focused upon. Also, the use of mechanical shoring devices and other techniques and equipment available to deal with these type incidents are covered in this class.

Pre-Requisites: Basic Trench

Course Hours: 24

C.E.U. : 1.0

Minimum Enrollment: 10 - (Max: 20)

NOTE: *The course will be a mix of classroom and field exercises. Casual clothing is acceptable for the classroom portion and participants are required to furnish and wear helmet, gloves, eye protection, and sturdy boots for the field portion. Food and lodging are on your own.*

WATER RESCUE & RECOVERYCourse 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

C.E.U. : 1.0

Minimum Enrollment: 10 - (Max. 20)

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

*Rescue College ...Continued***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: 24

C.E.U. : 1.0

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 RESCUECourse 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

C.E.U. : 1.0

Minimum Enrollment: 20

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



*** TARS WEBSITE ***

WWW.TNARS.ORG

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* Training * Convention & * Unit News

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SCHOOL BUS RES-MAR 4 - 6
PARIS-HENRY CO RESCUE

SCHOOL BUS RESCUE,
APR 29 - MAY 1, DECHERD, TN

BIG RIG RESCUE - MAY 13 - 15
CHATTANOOGA-HAMILTON

SWIFTWATER I - MAY 20 - 22
BRADLEY CO/OCOEE RIVER

BASIC TRENCH - MAY 27 - 29
JEFFERSON COUNTY

SWIFTWATER II - JUN 10 - 12
RELIANCE/Hiwassee River

SWIFTWATER I - JUL 8 - 10
BRADLEY CO/OCOEE RIVER

BASIC WATER RES, JUL 15-17,
JOHN KNOX CTR - ROANE CO.

SCHOOL BUS RES - JUL 29 - 31
MORRISTOWN RESCUE

SWIFTWATER II - JUL 29 - 31
RELIANCE/Hiwassee River

DIVE RESCUE I - AUG 5 - 7, Tn Fire Codes Academy-
Bedford Co

BASIC TRENCH CLASS,
AUG 5 - 7, HARDEMAN CO

SWIFTWATER I - AUG 12 - 14
BRADLEY CO/OCOEE RIVER

DIVE RESCUE II - AUG 26-28
Tn Fire Codes Acad/Bedford Co

BUILDING COLLAPSE BASIC I AUG 26 - 28,
JACKSON FIRE DEPT

ADVANCED TRENCH CLASS
SEPT 9 - 11, HENDERSON CO

DIVE RESCUE I -
Sept 16 - 18 Fire Codes Academy/Bedford Co

ADVANCED EXTRICATION
SEPT 23 - 25, GREENEVILLE

DIVE RESCUE II - Oct 7 - 9
Tn Fire Codes Acad/Bedford Co

INSTRUCTOR I - OCT 14 - 16
FRANKLIN FIRE DEPT

ADVANCED TRENCH
NOV 4 - 6 CHATTANOOGA, TN

FARM RESCUE - NOV 18 - 20
NEWPORT, TN

Training classes and dates are subject to cancellations or rescheduling.

Course descriptions and a printable application are available on-line at

WWW.TNARS.ORG



RESCUE COLLEGE

GENERAL REGISTRATION FORM

PART ONE - PERSONAL INFORMATION



NAME: (As you would like it to appear on your certificate)

[X][X][X]-[X][X]-

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
PHONE: 865-689-3256 • FAX: 865-688-7015

**NOTE: New address and
phone numbers**

NCRC TO CONDUCT CAVE RESCUE SEMINAR

The National Cave Rescue Commission is offering a seminar titled "Cave Rescue Operations and Management" June 25 - July 2, 2005, in Somerville, Alabama. Further information is available under "Items of interest" on the TARS website or you may contact: Jeff Burns, Site Coordinator at 256-656-2693 or EMail: 2005seminar-ncrc.info

2005 ROPE TECH CLASSES SCHEDULED

TARS in conjunction with Progressive Rescue Solutions is again offering Rope Rescue programs this year. A full schedule including pricing and registration form is available online at www.tnars.org under the "Rescue College" section of the website.

TARS MEMBER APPOINTED TO TENNESSEE FIREFIGHTING COMMISSION

(FRANKLIN) A TARS member now holds a State Commissioner appointment to the Tennessee Commission on Fire Fighting Personnel Standards and Education. Erron Kinney, a member of the Williamson County Rescue Squad's Grassland community station was appointed to the post in December by Governor Phil Bredesen. Kinney is a volunteer Engineer and Rescue Technician II with the Williamson County Rescue Squad, Inc., based in Franklin. The commission works to maintain up-to-date education resources for Tennessee paid and volunteer firefighters, as well as administering the state firefighter certification program.

Spotlight on...TARS 50th Anniversary

Tennessee on a basis comparable with that of other organizations whose work is statewide in character.

4.) To foster a program of accident prevention throughout the State of Tennessee.

5.) To give units in the state exact information pertaining to equipment and manpower which would be available to any unit in the event of a catastrophe or calamity beyond the power of a single unit to satisfactorily handle.

6.) To cooperate in, foster and conduct research designed to advance the science and art of Rescue and First Aid work, and to

encourage the standardization of practice and equipment, when such standardization is found practicable.

7.) To develop and maintain a code of high ethical standards among Rescue and First Aid personnel.

8.) To bring together in a common association all organizations in the State of Tennessee interested in the aforementioned objectives.

By 1959 TARS had modestly grown to 19 squads with over 400 members. Throughout the late fifties and sixties the main functions of TARS was coordinating mutual aid and efforts in water recovery operations and land search missions, both in and out of the State. While

there were many dedicated people involved in the process. Names of folks such as C. M. Kenner, Walter Salyer, J. W. Abbott, Paul Metcalf and others are prominent in the first years. Others such as: John H. Bird, Hugh Skip Trotter, Jimmy Peoples, Costo McGee, Glenn Ford, and John Morrow are evidenced in the Association's records from the late fifties on into the sixties. All of these people and many more had a collective vision to work together and promote an ideal to help their fellow man.

The sixties saw continued growth. The development of a TARS flag in 1964, Rescue Squad Week proposed in 1965 and increased activity for recognition by State Government as a valuable resource to the citizens of Tennessee. ■

The next installment will focus on 1971-1990. The creation of the TARS State Office, The TARS State Tours, and the TARS/EMS Vehicle Extrication program.



Early Drawing Of Association Emblem: The official logo for TARS was developed and adopted between 1955 & 1957. It is widely held that the design featured the green Greek cross due to its being recognized as the international life saving and safety symbol and a Dove's wing superimposed to signify the Hand of God in the work that the squads would undertake. The logo was finally researched and successfully listed as the Registered Trademark for TARS in the late 1990's in Washington D.C.

much was to be done . . . from designing a logo, developing membership applications and cards, pursuing expansion of the organization . . . to developing a code of ethics, it was evident



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