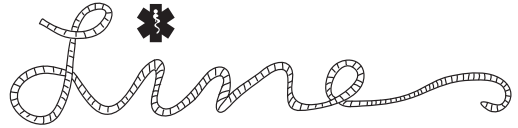




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SPOTLIGHT ON . . . By Steve Carden TARS Executive Director

OBSTACLES OR OPPORTUNITIES? A TRANSITION TO THE FUTURE

Our nation faces tumultuous times.

Several key events, many interconnected, have created an atmosphere of financial turmoil that is unprecedented in most of our lifetimes. Our State and local Governments, our corporations, private business, organizations, and families will not be immune to these difficult times. I have hope and faith that America will step forward and bear these burdens, and that in time, will usher in a return to a prosperous future.

Our organization, being composed largely of volunteer emergency services, will play an important role providing needed services at a cost efficiency that cannot be matched. Your individual commitment to serve your fellowman in time of need is a valuable contribution to our State and community.

The savings to taxpayers easily translates into hundreds of millions of dollars each year. The importance of such volunteerism will be greater now than in any recent time. Have no doubt, funding obstacles will be faced by many dependent on charitable contributions and government appropriations. The opportunity before you will be to focus on informing the public and local government of the value your agency represents. Many citizens do not know or realize this, and it will be extremely beneficial to your agency to adopt a program designed to deliver this message.

Even so, budget squeezes will require you working with sister agencies to avoid unnecessary duplication

of services, possible elimination of programs that are not cost effective, or delaying acquisitions of replacement equipment. Good management of resources and finances will be required and each of us can contribute with a positive attitude and support for our department, local, and national officials who will be faced with many difficult decisions.

Time changes everything.

The year of 2009 will bring change to our Association as well. A little over a year ago I decided for both personal and professional reasons that I would retire from the Executive Director's position in 2010. I did not arrive at that decision lightly. I felt from a professional standpoint, approaching a two decade tenure, the organization would benefit from new blood and leadership.

From a personal standpoint, a recurrence of bladder cancer in late 2007 had jolted me into consideration of how long it would take to ensure a smooth transition for both myself personally and a successor for TARS. While some knew of my original diagnosis and surgery in 2001, I had enjoyed nearly six years of being cancer free. Being a private person I had refrained from publicly announcing my personal health concerns. With the recurrence and surgery in December 2007, a third recurrence and surgery in July 2008 and six weeks of immunotherapy this past Fall, I have accepted this not as a stigma but a fact of life that must be dealt with.

(See Obstacles & Opportunities Con't)...

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE . . . By TARS State President - Jim Williamson

I pray that everyone had a safe and joyful holiday season. I would like to thank Kingsport Life Saving Crew and Crewettes for hosting this past convention, the hard work of your people along with the cooperation of the hotel staff made this a very enjoyable and successful event. Thank you to all that attended and those of you that competed, you all did a great job. Start making your plans to attend this year's convention in Pigeon Forge, there will be something for everyone to do. I would like to take this time to thank each of you for re-electing me as your State President. It is truly an honor for

me to serve you in this capacity. If I or any of the State Officers can help you, please call on us anytime night or day.

The State Officers met in November to set committees, brainstorm and do some problem solving. The State have been presented with several new and interesting challenges this year. In these uncertain times, responsibility to ensure that there is a future for our Association, so we are looking forward to developing clear objectives to effectively promote, represent and protect each and every one of our members.

See President Continued...

STATE VICE PRESIDENT ...By Kenny Blaker

I would like to take this time to thank everyone for coming to the convention this past year, I hope everyone had a good time and enjoyed themselves.

It has been a pleasure and an honor serving this organization as Region II Vice President and State Vice President. I would like to 'Thank' you for all of the support that I have received over the last several years serving as an officer for this great organization.

This is a strong organization, with the membership, training, and the hard work that you put into your local squad, we can keep this organization as strong as any in the country. As I said in the past you are only as good as you are trained, for the jobs we have to

accomplish in the type of Rescue work we all do.

I encourage you to review the training schedule that is published for this year and sign up for any class that will better the field of Rescue that you would like to do. As your State Vice President I would like to thank all of you for supporting the training that we have offered to over the last several years. If you need to talk to me for any reason feel free to call me at any time day or night. Again I am proud and honored to serve you for another year for State Vice President. I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. God Bless All.

PRESIDENT MESSAGE CONTINUED

Rusty and the training committee have set the training schedule for this year. There will be some new classes offered. My challenge to those of you that have not taken a class recently, is to make plans to attend at least one. I think that you will not only get your money's worth, we all might just learn something from each other.

Also, I would like to encourage each of you to make plans to attend the February and June region meetings. It will help you make new friends and visit with some that you haven't seen for a long time. If you have new members or members that haven't been to a meeting, please invite them to come.

I am looking forward to seeing each of you at the meetings, training, and visiting your squad buildings

during travels.

This organization that we are a part of is great, but can be even better if we all participate. We need to be proactive and support first our local squad functions, next our region callouts and activities. By each of us doing our part we can help to make TARS stronger and continue its' growth. We are made up of approximately 4,800 men and women from over 114 different organizations. If you think about the fact that the majority of our membership is volunteer, that speaks volumes for our members.

I would like to sum it all up in a few words "*This organization is run by those that show up, so take an active part.*" God bless you and take care of each other.

REGION I VICE PRESIDENT ...By Kevin 'Bucky' Ayers

As I begin my first year as Region 1 VP, I know there is a lot to learn and understand about the office I will be holding. I would like to thank everyone for the support and confidence they have put in me to hold this office. While I have had the opportunity to visit a lot of the squads in Region I over the years, it makes me realize just how dedicated people are that we have in the TARS family.

When I joined my home squad nine (9) years ago I never dreamed of having such a passion for being a volunteer in an emergency service. When I get to

travel across this state assisting in training, it gives me great pleasure to know when I am traveling that I know someone is there to help in case of an emergency.

As the New Year begins I wish all the very best and will be looking forward to seeing everyone in February at the region meeting. If there is anything I can help any of you please don't hesitate to give me a call. Stay Safe and Be Careful out there as we do our Volunteer service.

TARS HISTORIAN ...By Dujuana Weaver

Hello everyone!

I hope God blessed you all with a safe and happy holiday season.

I want to thank you for allowing me to serve you as your State Historian last year and for re-electing me to the position again this year. This has been an opportunity to meet new people and make even more friends across the state.

We had a good turn out in the scrap booking competition and I look forward to an even better turn

out this year. There were some really amazing books and creativity. Some of our folks had scrap book disasters when computers crashed and photos were lost. Who says that this competition isn't stressful?? I would like to see more and more books every year. This is your history.

I look forward to seeing you at classes, meetings, and convention. Take care, keep those cameras flashing and call or email if I can help you with anything.

SPECIAL CALLED EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING REPORT

...By Jim Williamson – TARS State President

On January 3, 2009 at the Baymont Hotel in Cookeville TN. a special called TARS Executive Board meeting was held. The purpose of this meeting was in reference to the action taken on December 10, 2008, by Executive Director Steve Carden in requesting and accepting the voluntary resignation of State Training Coordinator Rusty Williams as a paid employee of TARS. In the best interest of TARS, a compromise was met and agreed upon by Executive Director Steve Carden and Rusty Williams. This compromise is stated as follows: Rusty Williams would rescind his voluntary resignation as State Training Coordinator and Executive Director Steve Carden would rescind his actions in asking for the resignation. This action would reinstate Rusty as the paid State Training Coordinator with some new guidelines.

A committee was appointed by me, which consists of the training committee who include Kenny Blaker, Kevin 'Bucky' Ayers, Jim Houston, Cecil Nunley, and John Weaver. Also appointed were Steve Carden, Rusty Williams, Sam Oldham and Tim Bell.

This committee was charged to oversee the progress of Rusty Williams. State Vice President Kenny Blaker set a committee meeting to be held at the Newport Rescue Squad on February 7, 2009.

This meeting is to set realistic goals and objectives

for Rusty to obtain by October 2009. These goals will be agreed on by the committee and an on-going evaluation process will be implemented.

The committee will report to the Executive Board at the Double Tree Hotel in Murfreesboro on March 28, 2009. The Executive Board will in turn make a report to the Board of Directors. The committee will once again report to the Executive Board at the Double Tree Hotel in Murfreesboro on July 10, 2009. The Executive Board will again make a report to the Board of Directors.

The final meeting of this committee will be at the Music Road Hotel & Convention Center in Pigeon Forge October 1-3, 2009. This meeting will take place during the 54th annual convention. The Executive Board will make their final report to the Board of Directors. Also, at this point a final three year review of the paid State Training Coordinators pilot program will be completed determining its success or failure.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for taking an interest in your local Organizations, TARS and the Rescue College. We can't have one without the others and in order to stay strong we need to support each other moving toward a common goal.

OBSTACLES OR OPPORTUNITIES CONTINUED

Simultaneously, during the banner year of 2008 I was faced with as difficult decision as I have had to make as Executive Director of this Organization. (Reference President's Special Called Executive Board Meeting Report). The Executive Board did not support me in this decision. I hold no hard feelings toward anyone and accept their determination with respect, and as an attempt to mitigate a difficult issue under the circumstances. Nonetheless, I stand by my decision and its basis, contained in a full evaluation on record with the State Secretary, as being in the best interest of this Organization.

Subsequently I have decided to accelerate the search and confirmation of this Organization's next Director and intend to complete my tenure at the end of the fiscal year June 30, 2009. The Executive Director needs the full confidence of the Executive Committee, which the position answers to. To delay this transition any longer than necessary would not serve the interests of the Association.

Ironically in the last week I have been informed of another recurrence of my cancer which is to require surgery at the end of January. This simply confirms my decision to proceed with the process of seeking a replacement. I am a person of faith and believe everything in life has a purpose and reason. I choose

to believe this not to be an obstacle, but an opportunity to focus 100% on my personal battle. Additionally, this organization deserves someone that can give it their full attention and commitment.

I may not see many of you during the February meetings, depending on my recovery and required treatment, however I hope to be active as possible and working through the hiring and training period for the next director.

I have been very blessed to have had the opportunity to be involved in this Organization for 35 years. The experiences and friendships made have been an important part of my life. I deeply appreciate the cooperation and support I have been afforded and trust you will extend the same support to my successor. My challenge to you is to continue your dedication and service to your local unit and your Association. While some obstacles may appear, may you treat them as opportunities, for when one door closes, another one often opens if you look for it.

*May God Bless You, this Organization,
and our Nation.*

2009 TRAININGS & MEETINGS SCHEDULE

Due to the growth of our Squad/Department Level Instructor I System, the following changes are being implemented this year regarding annual updates.

- * A two year certification period remains effective for Level I Instructors.
- * The annual fee has been adjusted at \$15 per year. It will be collected bi-annually.
- * Instructors in the Alpha Group are suggested to attend their regional update on odd years and those with the Bravo Group on even years.
- * **NOTE:** Locations for the 4 regional updates are set to better centralize access and accommodate the larger attendance.
- * Times and subject breakdowns are as follows (All Times Local). NO pre-registration is needed.
 Extrication : 9:00 am - 12:30 pm, Lunch: 12:30 - 1:30 pm,
 Blood borne Pathogen: 1:30 - 2:30 pm, EVOC/VFK: 2:30 - 4:00 pm.

APRIL 2009 - INSTRUCTOR UP-DATES - FEE: \$30 (2 YEAR FEE)

4/04 Reg I - Morristown	4/11 Reg II-Roane Co Rescue	4/18 Reg III-LaVergne Rescue	4/25 Reg IV- Humboldt Area
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* Driving directions are available for each location on the website www.tnars.org from the homepage link titled "Updates and Meetings".

2009 RESCUE COLLEGE

RURAL SEARCH & RESCUE OPERATIONS LEVEL-MAR 6-8 TENN FIRE/CODES ACADEMY SCHOOL BUS RESCUE MAR 20-22 - @DYER CO RESCUE INSTRUCTOR I-EVOC/VKF MAR 27-28, MURFREESBORO, TN CONFINED SPACE RESCUE MAY 1-3, @MORRISTOWN RES RURAL SEARCH & RESCUE OPERATIONS LEVEL - MAY 1-3 TN FIRE/CODES ACADEMY	ADVANCED EXTRICATION MAY 15-17, @RHEA CO RESCUE SWIFTWATER I, MAY 15-17 EAST POLK/OCOE FARM RESCUE, MAY 29-31 NEWPORT RESCUE SQUAD SWIFTWATER II - JUN 26-28 RELIANCE/Hiwassee/Tellico BASIC TRENCH RESCUE JULY 17-19, @PUTNAM CO BASIC TRENCH RESCUE JUL 24-26, JACKSON FIRE DEPT	SWIFTWATER I, JUL 24-26 EAST POLK/OCOE DIVE RESCUE I - AUG 7-9 TENN FIRE CODES ACADEMY BIG RIG RESCUE - AUG 21-23 GREENEVILLE RESCUE SQ SWIFTWATER II, AUG 21-23 Reliance/Hiwassee/Tellico SWIFTWATER I - SEPT 11-13 EAST POLK/OCOE RIVER DIVE RESCUE II - SEPT 11-13 TENN FIRE CODES ACADEMY	INSTRUCTOR I - VEHICLE EXTRICATION - SEPT 11-13 LAVERGNE RESCUE SQUAD ADVANCED TRENCH RESCUE SEPT 18-20, CHATTANOOGA ADVANCED EXTRICATION OCT 16-18, OBION CO RESCUE RURAL SEARCH & RESCUE TECHNICIAN LEVEL- NOV 6-8 TENN FIRE CODES ACADEMY (Rope Rescue Class Schedule Available On-Line)
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****NEW TRAINING FEES 2009****

* **TRAINING FEES** (For all Classes except Swift water) *TARS - \$75*, *ASSOCIATE MEMBERS - \$100*, *NON-TARS \$125*

NEW ** **SWIFTWATER FEES** - *TARS - \$75* *ASSOCIATE MEMBERS - \$125.00* *NON-TARS - \$150*

Course Descriptions & Training classes and dates are subject to cancellations or rescheduling. Printable Application Are Available on line at www.tnars.org

EVENTS CALENDAR - 2009 MEETINGS

FEBRUARY REG MTGS	BOARD OF DIRECTORS	JUNE REGION MTGS	BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Reg I - Newport Rescue - Feb 7 Reg II - LaFollette Co Res - Feb 14 Reg III - Bedford Co Res - Feb 21 Reg IV - Chester Co Res - Feb 28	MARCH 27 & 28 DOUBLETREE HOTEL MURFREESBORO, TN Reservations - 615-895-5555	Reg I - Grainger Co Res - Jun 6 Reg II- Cumberland Co Res - Jun 13 Reg III - Clay Co Res - Jun 20 Reg IV - Dyer Co Res - Jun 27	JULY 10 & 11 DOUBLETREE HOTEL MURFREESBORO, TN Reservations - 615-895-5555

**2009 ANNUAL CONVENTION - OCT 1-3, 2009 - MUSIC ROAD HOTEL & CONVENTION CENTER
 PIGEON FORGE, TN - RESERVATIONS-1-800-429-7700**

TENNESSEE ASSOCIATION OF RESCUE SQUADS

REGIONAL RESCUE COLLEGE COURSES - * 2009 SCHEDULE *

RESCUE COLLEGE COURSE FEES: * TARS - \$75 * * Assoc. MEMBERS - \$100* * Non-TARS - \$125*

NEW *SWIFTWATER FEES: * TARS - \$75 * * Assoc. MEMBERS - \$125* * Non-TARS - \$150*

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 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/ Min Enrollment: 20 Max: 40

NOTE: *Participants will be required to furnish and wear full protective gear for all field exercises. (Extrication coveralls are acceptable but most do not meet NFPA standards.)*

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 Hrs: 20

Min Enrollment: 20 Max: 40

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 affect 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/Min Enrollment: 20 Max: 40

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

INSTRUCTOR I

(Extrication Series or EVOC/VFK/BBP Series)

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/VFK) and Blood borne Pathogens. Separate modules are offered and if attended with in 1 year of the initial Instructor class the additional discipline class fee is offered at half price. Concepts of learning, communication skills, instructor's 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/Min Enrollment: 20 Max: 40

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, Blood borne Pathogen

Instructor Guide, EVOC Trainers Manual, VKF Package

NOTE: *The student may be required to 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. In the Extrication Series each student must provide and wear full protective gear for field exercises. Rescue tools are provided.*

SWIFT WATER RESCUE I

Course Description: The Swift Water 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/Min Enrollment: 20 Max: 40

NOTE; *The student will provide their own personal flotation device (Swift Water type V), dive/rescue hard sheath knife, swift water rescue helmet, water rescue gloves, diving booties (hard sole), water type whistle (no internal ball), throw bag, and sturdy footwear for shore work; (3 mm wet suit required) 1 throw bag.*

SWIFT WATER 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 Swift Water boating operations and the rigging of rescue line systems for swift water applications. This class is taught on a regional basis.

Pre-Requisites: Swift Water Rescue I

Course Hrs: 20/Min- Enrollment: 20 - Max 30

NOTE: *The student will provide their own personal flotation device (Swift Water Type V), dive/rescue hard sheath knife, Swift Water rescue helmet, water rescue gloves, diving booties (hard sole), water type whistle (no internal ball), throw bag & 2 green chem. sticks., and sturdy footwear for shore work; 3mm wet suit*

CONFINED SPACE RESCUE

Description and information

Has not been provided.

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 Hrs: 24, Min 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 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 Hrs: 24, Min Enrollment: 10 - Max: 20

NOTE: *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.

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 Hrs: 20, Min Enrollment: 20

NOTE: Participants will be required to furnish and wear full Protective gear for all field exercises. Extrication coveralls are accepted but most do not meet NFPA standards. Rescue Tools will be provided.

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 Hrs: 20 Min-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.

RURAL SEARCH & RESCUE TECHNICIAN LEVEL

Course Description: The Rural Search and Rescue Course Technician Level is designed to introduce the participant to the complex concepts of land based search and rescue operations conducted in the rural environment. This course is intended

for all Law Enforcement, EMS, Emergency Management, Fire and Rescue Personnel that conduct land based SAR Missions. In this course the participant will receive instruction on the importance of proper SAR management, lost subject behavior, subject finder/locators, defining the role of the search manager and search personnel, introduction to map and compass reading, basic land navigation, and team building. The student will also receive introduction on basic rescue techniques such as; basic rescue knots and rope utilization for low angle rescue, and basic patient packaging for wilderness extraction. In this course the student will receive the awareness and operations level. This course is a mixture of classroom and field exercises.

Pre-requisites: NIMS IS100, IS200, IS700, TARS RSAR Level Training Program

Course Hours: 20 CEU's: 1.0

Min Enrollment: 10 Max Enrollment: 25

NOTE: This program consists of classroom and field training. The student will need to come prepared with pencil/pen and paper. The student may dress casual for the classroom portion, but must come prepared for weather appropriate conditions for the field training.

NOTE: See Rural S&R Operations Level for Equipment.

RURAL SEARCH & RESCUE OPERATIONS LEVEL

Course Description: The Rural Search and Rescue Course Operations Level is designed to introduce the participant to the complex concepts of land based search and rescue operations conducted in the rural environment. This course is intended for all Law Enforcement, EMS, Emergency Management, Fire and Rescue Personnel that conduct land based SAR Missions. In this course the participant will receive instruction on the importance of proper SAR management, lost subject behavior, subject finder/locators, defining the role of the search manager and search personnel, introduction to map and compass reading, basic land navigation, and team building. The student will also receive introduction on basic rescue techniques such as; basic rescue knots and rope utilization for low angle rescue, and basic patient packaging for wilderness extraction. In this course the student will receive the awareness and operations level. This course is a mixture of classroom and field exercises.

Pre-requisites: NIMS IS100, IS200, IS700

Min Enrollment: 10 Max Enrollment: 25

Course Hours: 20 CEU's: 1.0

NOTE: This program consists of classroom and field training. The student will need to come prepared with pencil/pen and paper. The student may dress casual for the classroom portion, but must come prepared for weather appropriate conditions for the field training.

Each course participant will need to bring the following:

Day pack (size adequate to store equipment)	Signal mirror	
Eye protection (sunglasses and clear lens)	Knife	
Sturdy work/hiking boots, Gaiters (optional)	Head cover	
Orientating Compass,	Water canteen,	Rain gear
Insect repellent,	Trail food or snacks	Trail Tape
Handheld flashlight,	Head Lamp	First aid kit
Walking Stick,	Small tape measure	Sunscreen
Handheld calculator,	Small coated nylon tarp (8'X10')	
Large trash bag (45-55 gal)	25' small braided rope	
Six feet 6mm Kernmantle Rope		

GROUNDBREAKING AT TENNESSEE FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS MEMORIAL

Groundbreaking ceremonies were held Monday afternoon for the Tennessee Fallen Firefighter Memorial on the grounds of Clarence "Pete" Phillips Fire Service and Codes Enforcement Academy on Unionville-Deason Road.

"Regional firefighters will attend this campus and visit this spot and know exactly, without misrepresentation, what they are aspiring to become and what the risks are," said Collierville Fire Chief Jerry Crawford, president of Tennessee Fire Chiefs Association.

Among the dignitaries participating in Monday's ceremony were Commissioner Leslie A. Newman of Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance, who serves as the state fire marshal; State Sen. Jim Tracy; and State Rep. Curt Cobb.

The site for the memorial was dedicated in October 2005. Since that time, firefighters statewide have been raising money, in part by selling memorial pavers. The original fund-raising goal for Phase I of the project -- a plaza featuring the sponsor bricks and the names of fallen firefighters -- was \$225,000, but in-kind assistance reduced the actual cost to \$180,000, which has now been raised, part of it by brick sales and part by corporate donations. Tennessee Fallen Firefighter Memorial committee president Ed Kay, Chief of the Sparta Fire Department, said organizers hope to have that phase ready for dedication by

Sept. 11 of this year.

Kay, who presided over Monday's ceremony, said Phase II of the project will include statues. Several speakers at Monday's ceremony said fundraising will continue, both for Phase II and for maintenance of the memorial once it is opened.

"I just want to say this means a lot to our family," said Marilyn Satterfield, widow of Nashville firefighter Paul Satterfield, who died while on duty in 1998. Mrs. Satterfield and her son Evan, who is also a firefighter, had been present for the dedication ceremonies in 2005, and attended the groundbreaking as well.

Crawford said that he had worked with 15 of the 78 fallen firefighters who will be memorialized. He referenced a Bible passage, John 15:13: "Greater love has no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends."

Retired Shelbyville Fire Chief Garland King, who was one of the prime movers in encouraging the state to build the fire academy, expressed pleasure at the progress toward construction of the memorial. Retired firefighter Charles Vance delivered the invocation and the colors were posted by the Columbia Fire Department Honor Guard. Fire and Codes Academy executive director Roger Hawks welcomed visitors to the event.

EMS CORNER ...By Tim Bell, NREMT-P, CRT January 2009

2008 Year End Review:

In December 2008, the Tennessee Emergency Medical Service Board met in final session for the year. 2008 has been an exciting year with new changes in EMS Practice in our State. I urge you to keep up-to-date with the latest changes in EMS Rules and Regulations by visiting the TN EMS Division website at

<http://health.state.tn.us/ems/index.htm>

Policy Changes for Rule Making Hearings:

A new policy change for rule-making hearings was implemented in 2008 by the TN Department of Health. It is now standard policy to require that rule-making hearings be conducted in conjunction with each particular Health Care Board Meeting. This policy change requires that EMS rule making hearings take place on the days of scheduled EMS Board Meetings. In my opinion, this is a very positive change in policy. The rule-making hearings will now take place at predetermined times throughout the year versus being conducted between Board Meetings.

The TN EMS Board is a legislative body, and the Board Meetings fall under the Sunshine Law. Visit the TN EMS Division website to view the Sunshine notices. You can also find a complete listing of the 2009 Board Meetings on the website.

Proposed Changes for 2009:

In Volume 14 of the *Rescue Line*, I reported on changes in the EMS Law which affect ambulance colors and markings.

The changes came about through State Legislation. In

2008, the EMS Board Chairman, Robert Byrd, appointed an Ad Hoc Committee to study current ambulance requirements and specifications.

The committee made recommendations to the Board with proposed changes in the EMS Rules and Regulations involving ambulance markings. The proposed changes were passed by the Board to the rule making process. The EMS Division anticipates that this issue will be presented for rule making during the March 2009 EMS Board Meeting.

New Air Ambulance Standards were also proposed in 2008. The Air Ambulance Standards Sub-Committee has worked tirelessly over the past several years to propose new regulations which will update the Air Ambulance Standards in the TN EMS Rules and Regulations. The proposed changes were passed by the Board to rule-making at the September 2008 Board Meeting. The Division anticipates that this issue will also be presented for rule-making at the March 2009 EMS Board Meeting.

Summary:

I encourage anyone interested in EMS Practice changes to contact the TN EMS Division. Most information can be obtained by visiting the EMS website, or you can contact the Division at 615-741-2584. TARS is a great organization, and as always, I am very proud to represent you and our Association. Should you have any questions or comments, or should you require any information about the EMS Board, please feel free to contact me. I can be reached via e-mail: tbell@cannoncountyrescue.com.

Fees for some classes changing in 2009

Certain adjustments to some class fees have been made for this year. Fees have remained unchanged for a number of years and costs have continued to rise making necessary these increases. On college level programs you will note there is a difference in the swift water rescue fees versus other college level programs. Internal course costs have dictated this to keep the program solvent.

Level I Instructor fees are being adjusted to \$15 per year with the fee to continue to be collected biannually when an instructor updates. Squad level class fees will be adjusted around the 1st of April and will reflect the following adjustments. Basic Extrication & Full EVOC/VKF both will cost \$12 and include the certificate & wallet card. Extrication-Recert will increase to \$9.50 and include the wallet card only being issued. Extrication series certifications remain a 2 year suggested time period to recertify. The EVOC/VKF as a full program including the driver competency component is suggested as an initial baseline for departments and should be conducted at least every 4 years or sooner as determined by local standards. The EVOC/VKF-Recert, being the 3 hr classroom only program, may be used to meet the required State statutory requirement for annual driver training and will cost \$5 for wallet card documentation and has a 1 year certification period allowed.

The certified roster option will remain for the VKF program for agencies who do not desire individual documentation or CEU's at a minimum annual cost of \$50 (up to 25 people) & \$2 per person thereafter.

The Blood Borne Pathogen program will remain as an available rider to include on either program series which issues a card or combination certificate/card class documents when taught in conjunction with those classes at no additional charge. This option is not available on the certified roster selection for VKF. If taught as a stand alone program, and a certificate is issued for the BBP class, the charge will be \$12. These are the first price adjustments in 5-7 years and still represent a value unmatched when compared to similar programs which can cost many times the registration and documentation fees.

Harassment & Discrimination Prevention Training

All instructors in the TARS system are being required to complete a program regarding prevention of harassment & discrimination in emergency service organizations. This training will be conducted at each of the regional instructor updates in April of 2009 and 2010. College level instructors will complete the training in their updates as well. Further reinforcement of association policies in regards to no alcoholic beverages being endorsed in connection with functions, and the importance of HIPPA regulations will be addressed as well.

Website Changes and Updates

The website has become a valuable tool for communicating information over the past decade. Many changes and new resources continue to provide a faster more efficient way for the association to conduct its business. With such technology come many challenges as well. This past year, multiple attacks by computer hackers created havoc with our forum, website access, and class roster/ documentation system. Despite increased security measures being implemented, a second successful penetration required a major revamping of the programming and security features that resulted in over a month the online system was required to be under repair. We are currently testing for any flaws and making corrections as needed in order of priority and hope to have the systems back up in the next week or so. Certain changes will require your cooperation in the new system, such as strong password protection and additional steps before access is granted in secure areas. We are making progress on the testing of a new membership & squad database area which will make updating of resources, membership, and certain features that will benefit TARS full unit's ability to keep up with administrative records a reality. This testing will begin this year and hopefully will launch sometime by 2010 for operation.

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