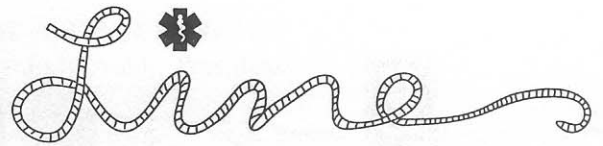




RESCUE



SPOTLIGHT ON . . .

By Steve Carden

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Kent Wadley

HARDEMAN COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD



Hardeman County is situated in the Southwestern portion of the State and has an area of approximately 950 square miles and population of about 23,000 citizens. The Hardeman County Rescue Squad (HCRS) is located in Bolivar, which is the county seat. Established in 1982, the HCRS purchased a Hurst Hydraulic tool in early '83 and operated their vehicles from the local ambulance service.

Over the years HCRS has worked hard to earn the support and trust of its local citizens and government. With their support and help HCRS was able to build their Main Station in 1995. The building is 40 X 80 with three equipment bays, a kitchen, meeting room, and lounge area. An upstairs area is also equipped as a sleeping quarters for

members or their families in case of an extended mission or major disaster.

The squad has two crash trucks fully equipped for the vehicle extrication role. One is stationed in Bolivar roughly in the center of the county, the second unit is stationed in Saulsbury on the South end of the county. A third unit equipped with air and hand tools is stationed in the East sector of the county. In addition to the extrication duties, the HCRS has two boats for Water Rescue and Recovery operations. The members had the opportunity to provide the water rescue services for a canoe and kayak event held on the scenic Hatchie River this past year. The event is a new addition to the festivities held during the Forrest Festival each year in Hardeman County (*known as*

the Hardwood Capital of the world). Participants from around the country participated in the event.

The squad currently has 32 members with training in Vehicle Extrication, EVOC, and supplemented with a number of members being Medical First Responders, EMT-IV and Paramedic certified. The HCRS provides the vehicle rescue, water rescue, and land search services for the entire county. Each year typically sees around 60 calls answered. Funding for the unit is met by various events and fundraisers conducted by the squad to generate about 65% of the estimated \$40,000 annual budget needed. The county Government provides approximately 34% of the squad's operating budget as a direct donation.

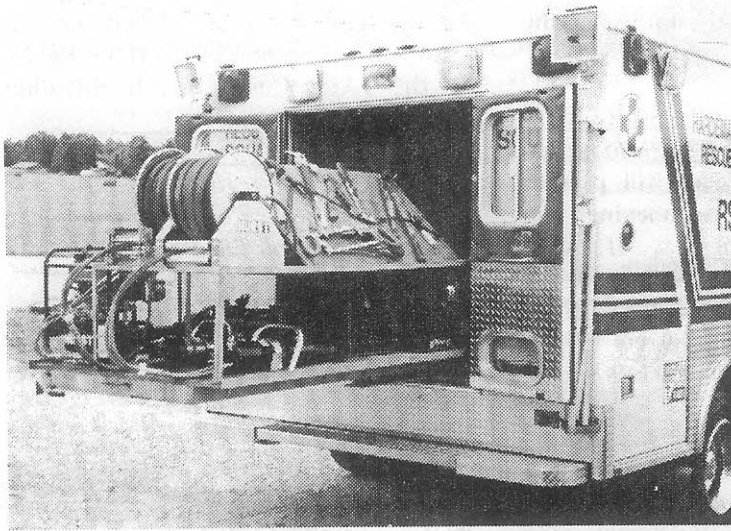
(See HCRS Page 2)

I hope everyone is having a great summer. After the June round of region meetings, it is time for us to get ready for this year's convention. Your registration packet is attached inside of this copy of *Rescue Line*. Let's all get ready for the competitions this year. There will be a new contest this year for the men, the Turnout Gear Relay Race. Everybody needs to get a team together and try to beat the #1 rated team. This team consists of Rusty Williams, Jim Williamson, and me. *That's right I will be running full speed in full turnout gear.*

On a more serious note, we need to be sure to submit someone from each squad for the awards this year. I know that there is someone from each squad who deserves to be turned in for these awards.

"I would like to thank everyone for their support over the past two years."

This will be my last time to speak to you as your President. I have really enjoyed serving as a State Officer for the past nine (9) years. I will now be joining the elite group of Past Presidents. I would like to thank everyone for their support over the past two years. Also, I want to say a
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HCRS is a good example of a well organized volunteer squad that provides an important service in its community at a very low cost. In twenty years the unit has done a lot of things right to acquire the building, equipment, members, community and government support to get the job done! ■

(President Message Con't from P 1)
special thanks to the group of officers who have served along side of me. We have had to make some tough decisions lately, but every thing has worked out for the best.

It has been great to see all of the improvements in buildings and equipment across the State. You should be proud of the hard work that you are all doing to help your community. Again, I am looking forward to seeing each and everyone of you at the convention in Franklin. ■

IN MEMORY

*Harold Coone - 1975 - 2002
Clay County Rescue Squad*

*Henry G. Gregory 1970 - 2002
U.A. W. Ford Rescue Squad*

*James Hayworth 1980 - 2002
Jefferson Co-Rescue Squad*

*Bill Woods 1968 - 2002
Jefferson Co-Rescue Squad*

*Jack French 1964 - 2002
Decatur County Rescue Squad*

*James C. (Jack) Moore 1974 - 2002,
Obion Co-Rescue Squad*

*Houston Corbitt 1974 - 2002
Obion County Rescue Squad*

*Fred O. Berry, Jr. 1995 - 2003
Knoxville Vol Rescue Squad*

*Hall Miller Jacobs 1963 - 2003
Coffee County Rescue Squad*

*Don Black 1957 - 2003
Chatt-Hamilton Rescue Sq*

*Maebelle Melton 1993-2003
Marion County Rescue Squad*

*Earl Melton 1973 - 2003
Marion County Rescue Squad*

The above members have answered their final call. Years of service is as reported on memorial plaque applications.

These members will be remembered in the Memorial Service to be conducted at this year's convention. If your unit has lost a member this year and is not listed please have your squad officer contact the TARS State Office for information to include them in this service.



REGION IV VICE PRESIDENT By Bill Sowell

I hope everyone is having a safe enjoyable summer. There have been many different training sessions this past winter and spring across Tennessee and I hope they were well attended by TARS members. I attended the Farm Rescue Class in Benton County and the Vehicle Extrication Instructors Update in Carroll County as an observer. Both of these classes were well attended by our members. I have visited 12 Rescue Squad meetings in Region IV since the last TARS convention and am

planning on attending more meetings this summer.

Region IV was hit hard by tornadoes in May. Several squads in Region IV helped with the cleanup in different counties.

Our annual TARS convention will be upon us before we know it. I urge all squads attending the convention to enter a team in at least one of the competitions. I hope to see each of you during the region travels and at the region meeting in June. ■

EVENTS CALENDAR 2003

RESCUE COLLEGE

WATER RESCUE & RECOVER
JUL 18-20, ROANE CO RESCUE

SWIFTWATER II - JULY 18-20
HIWASSEE/RELIANCE, TN

DIVE RESCUE I - AUG 1 - 3
WINCHESTER, TN

SWIFTWATER II, AUG 8 - 10
HIWASSEE/RELIANCE, TN

WATER RESCUE & RECOVER
Aug 8-10, HENDERSON CO RESCUE

TRENCH RESCUE - AUG 22 - 24
HUMBOLDT CO RESCUE

DIVE RESCUE II - SEPT 5 - 7
WINCHESTER, TN

SCHOOL BUS/BIG RIG RESCUE
SEPT 12-14, NEWPORT RESCUE

ADVANCED TRENCH RESCUE
SEPT 19 - 21, CHATT RESCUE

ADVANCED EXTRICATION
OCT 24 - 26, CARROLL CO RESCUE

INSTRUCTOR I, NOV 7 - 9
GREENEVILLE RESCUE

Specific information regarding meetings and training will be mailed to each TARS unit usually 30 days in advance. Training classes and dates are subject to cancellations or rescheduling.

W A T A R S NEWS
By Judy Smith, President

Registration forms for our Turnout Gear Relay Race were passed out to TARS members at the Region Meetings. If your squad has a team, please make sure to get the registration form mailed back in by August 20, 2003. The address is on the form. If anyone else needs a form or rules, please contact Judy Smith or Jennifer Blair at smithjj24@aol.com or tdblair@mail.tds.net or any of our officers.

We are proud to announce that our W A T A R S website at <http://pages.ivillage.com/watars/> has

been picked as an IVillage Supersite! This award was given to us for outstanding design, concept, ideas, programming skill, and ability to bring together community. Our appreciation to Sandy Laughlin and Jennifer Blair for the great job they have done on our website. Be sure to visit and check it out.

Hope to see everyone at convention. We look forward to TARS debut in the Turnout Gear Relay Race and WATARS debut in the Rambling Rescue Race. ■

WATARS WEBSITE NOW ON-LINE

The Women's Auxiliary to the Tennessee Association of Rescue Squads . You may visit it at:

<http://pages.ivillage.com/watars/>

*** TARS WEBSITE ***

WWW.TNARS.ORG

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MAIL

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM TO:

TARS, STATE OFFICE

1515 MAGNOLIA AVE SUITE 303

KNOXVILLE, TN 37917

REMEMBER!

PRE- REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 13

TFFC SEEKS AGREEMENT IN SUPPORT WITH TARS

The Tennessee Federation of Fire Chaplains, founded as a not-for-profit organization, desires to establish and improve quality chaplain care for all Fire, Rescue, and EMS professionals across the State of Tennessee. To accomplish this, we have established the following goals:

1. Establish a statewide standard of care for chaplain service (*standards established in accordance with nationally recognized professional guidelines*).
2. Establish a comprehensive training program to support the standard of care.
3. Establish a statewide network of chaplains for support and mutual aid.
4. Provide rapid response of appropriate Critical Incident

Stress Management resources including mutual aid (*the TFFC established the Tennessee Emergency Service Chaplains Association Critical Incident Management Team to provide multi-disciplinary/juri-sdictional crisis intervention.*)

In order to accomplish these goals, we request the support of the Tennessee Association of Rescue Squads to help us in the following ways:

1. We request that TARS officially recognize the Tennessee Federation of Fire Chaplains as the training and certification agency for Fire, Rescue, and EMS Chaplains in accordance with nationally recognized standards of care. We ask that you consider us your first point of contact for Line of Duty Deaths and as a referral agency to assist your department with

Emergency Service protocols.

2. We ask that you contact us for Critical Incident Stress Management through the use of the Tennessee Emergency Service Chaplains Association CISM Team and affiliated registered teams.

3. We request that your Squads across the State enroll new and existing chaplains in the TFFC to better build this network of assistance, coordination, and training.

4. We request your financial support to educate chaplains, prepare them with tools of service, and provide

crisis intervention for emergency professionals. We want to see quality chaplain care available to all emergency service personnel in the State of Tennessee. We will appreciate any support, encouragement, and ideas you may provide. *Please feel free to contact us at (865) 588-6994 if you have any questions.* ■

Roy L. Goddard, State Chaplain, TARS

Darrell L. Cook, Chaplain Anderson County EMS TFFC President

Paul N. Trumppore, Chaplain Seymour & Knoxville Fire Depts. TFFC Exec Director



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