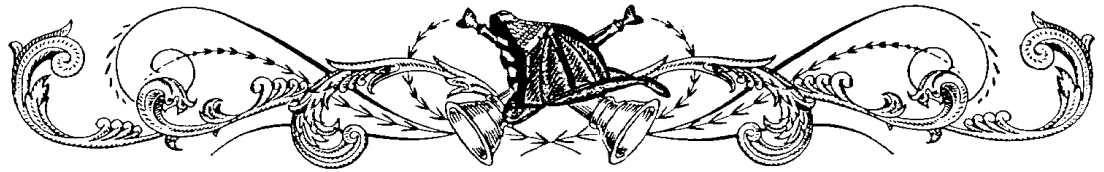




The Guernsey County Firefighter



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DON'T FORGET: Guernsey County Firefighters' Association Meeting
Tuesday - October 09, 2007
7:30 P.M. @ Antrim VFD / L.E.P.C. @ 6:00 P.M.

OHIO DIVISION OF EMS GRANTS PUBLIC FORUM

The Ohio EMS Board is seeking public and constituent input for administering the EMS Training and Equipment Grant (Priority 1), Injury Prevention Research Grant (Priority 2) and Trauma Grants (Priorities 3 and 4). EMS Board Chair Carl Jordan stated, "It is important that we consider individual EMS agency needs in determining how to administer Ohio's EMS grant program so that we may get the most value for funding available".

Ohio is one of only a few states in the nation that has a grant program specifically for EMS providers. The Ohio EMS Grant program has experienced diminishing seatbelt funding within the last 3 years. Increases in seatbelt use throughout Ohio, coupled with reduced funding available for local enforcement of Ohio's seatbelt laws, has contributed to an irreversible trend of decreased funding for the Ohio EMS Grant Program. The Ohio EMS Board and Grants Committee will likely be making difficult decisions about the Division's ability to fund all departments for future grant cycles, therefore we are asking for your input and assistance.

EMS agencies are invited to offer comments and address the Board in a public forum at the EMS Board meeting held on October 17, 2007 at 9:00AM at the Ohio Emergency Management Agency, 2855 West Dublin-Granville Road, Columbus, OH 43235 Room 204, 614-889-7150. The Board Meeting will begin at 9:00 AM, the open forum for grants will begin at 10:00 AM. A short presentation on the state of the current grant program will be given in advance of public comments. To accommodate all who wish to be heard, we respectfully request that an attempt is made to limit comments to 3 minutes. The Board asks that comments presented verbally also be presented in a written format. All comments will be weighed equally. Individuals or agencies who are unable to attend or who wish to present written comments only are invited to submit comments regarding Ohio's EMS Grant Program to the attention of:

Alan Boster, Grants Administrator
Ohio Division of EMS
P.O. Box 182073
Columbus, OH 43218-2073

Plan and practice your home escape

"Practice Your Escape Plan!" is the theme of Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 7-13.

In 2006, 80% of all fire deaths were caused by home fires. Last year, roughly 2,600 people were killed by home fires and 12,500 were injured, according to NFPA reports.

"It is not enough just to have a home fire escape plan in place; it is vital that everyone living in the home practice the plan," said Judy Comoletti, AVP of public education for NFPA. "You can have as little as two minutes to get out when fire strikes."

Guernsey County Firefighters Association Minutes of Meeting August 14, 2007

Guernsey County Firefighters Association Meeting, August 14, 2007 at Byesville VFD.

Meeting opened by President Mike Warner with 18 members present at 19:35 hours.

Old minutes read and approved.

Finance report stands the same as last month with no outstanding bills.

OLD BUSINESS:

Region 8 news, they are having a meeting about reorganizing, Gerry has paperwork and everything going through the EMA Directors and 2 fire chiefs.

Also going to be a website thru Muskingum County EMA, which will be the official website for information. Looking to appoint a training officer and they still need to pass a site visit. The state wants a goal of FEMA type II team.

NEW BUSINESS:

QUAKER CITY; responded to 160 incidents so far this year and still in line to get new mini-pumper by the end of the year. Folk Festival went well.

OLD WASHINGTON; Tanker back in service, holding golf scramble August 25th at Robin's Ridge, shutting down bingo till after the fair.

LIBERTY; had a few interesting calls lately, Mini back in service, seeing about remounting an engine. Having an open house to celebrate 50th anniversary August 26th at 13:00 hours and will have safety trailer there.

CASSELL STATION: Will have 18 2.2 S.C.B.A.'s for sale when the new truck is in service, looking into trading somebody for fair coverage Sunday with anyone, Old Washington interested, asked if the association has to provide EMS coverage, checking into it and fair board and Association agreed to do fire protection, 1st responders are used if available.

LORE CITY: responded to 50 some incidents this year and Lore City is having there festival August 17th and 18th with the parade Saturday, chicken barbeque

September 1st, Noted STARS in-service August 29th

at 18:00 hours at SEMED Morrison room. Had 17 for the ropes awareness class and having a class at Liberty VFD August 20th and 23rd at 18:00 hours.

BYESVILLE: Been really quiet, 17 1st respond calls for the month.

NEW CONCORD: 17 fires and 54 EMS calls for the month, brush truck in service and had a successful festival.

CERT: Looking to have a class in September, 20 hour course and get a hold of EMA office.

EMA: reported the region 8 stuff, nothing else.

GOOD of the COUNTY: Torches across America again this year September 7th and looking for more departments to participate, flyers passed out.

County fire school schedule looked over and decided to go with what we have and get flyers passed out. Class will be September 22nd at Buffalo JVS. Noted anyone taking fire class will have to bring a copy of their fire card, everyone needs to bring a door prize, Cambridge may have a house to burn, med-flight is teaching a 6 hour class with CEU's.

Poker Run a go and getting route figured out, flyers passed out, starts at 11:00 and finishes at 16:00 hours, needs some door prizes and cookout at end of run at Lore City

Fair Schedule;

Monday; Cumberland and Pleasant City,

Tuesday; New Concord,

Wednesday; Senecaville and Cassell Station,

Thursday; Liberty and Lore City,

Friday; Senecaville and Quaker City,

Saturday; Antrim and Old Washington,

Sunday; Byesville and Old Washington.

Lore City motions and Byesville seconds for adjournment at 2039 hours; Passed

DHS ADOPTS 11 NFPA STANDARDS FOR EMERGENCY RESPONDERS

The National Fire Protection Association and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) today announced the adoption of 11 NFPA standards for emergency responders by DHS. The newly adopted standards will set requirements to assist federal agencies and state and local officials responsible for procuring equipment and services used by emergency responders.

"It is enormously important that first responders have the tools and qualifications necessary to perform their duties well - their lives and the lives of others depend on it," said James M. Shannon. "DHS has taken an important step in supporting the needs of first responders with the adoption of these standards."

The documents adopted will provide direction and allow officials to make better procurement decisions in the following areas: professional qualifications, occupational safety and health, fire apparatus, personal protective clothing, powered rescue tools, and other equipment.

"The threat of fire in any home, school, or business is a reality. To expect first responders to run into the current all-hazard environment without training, equipment and the basic tools to do their jobs, is unacceptable," said U.S. Fire Administrator Greg Cade. "These newly adopted standards by DHS further ensure communities have well-informed, well-trained, and well-equipped first responders, supported by manufacturers, and outside agencies dedicated to protecting the people of this nation."

A list of the standards can be found on the Department of Homeland Security's Web site (www.dhs.gov) and the Responder Knowledge Base (www.rkb.mipt.org). The standards documents are available from the National Fire Protection Association (www.nfpa.org) and from the American National Standards Institute (webstore.ansi.org).

Junior Fire and Emergency Service Program Resource Now Available Online

Junior programs help recruit new volunteers and develop interest in others to engage in full-time emergency service work. VFIS offers a recently revised resource to assist organizations that might be considering a new youth program. This resource can help organizations decide whether a program is right for them, what kind of program best meets their needs, how to organize a program, and how to keep track of the program throughout the years. Included are descriptions of model programs, an introduction to legal and liability issues applicable to youth programs, and a review of resources available to departments seeking guidance in establishing a youth program. You can view this free resource, as well as other downloads, at <http://www.vfis.com/resources.htm>.

84 hr Level 1 Transition Class

Devola FD has agreed to host an 84 hr Level 1 transition class starting Wednesday October 17th at 6PM. The classes will be held on Wednesdays (6-10PM) and Sundays (approx 8AM-5PM).

Members currently certified as a 36 hr volunteer with the state may take this course. Upon completion of the course and passing the test, members will be certified as FF Level 1.

If you have members or know of members wishing to attend this class please have them contact Jeff Deeks ASAP at 740-680-6228. At this time enrollment stands at 4 members of the Devola FD. We need at least 8-10 students to hold the class. Also please email me with student names and addresses at rheinzman@mid-east.k12.oh.us to allow sufficient time for mailing and completion of required paperwork prior to the start of class.

The Chief's signature on the paperwork and proof of a physical examination is required prior to the start of class. This paperwork may be submitted the first day of class.

Members wishing to check their state certification level may go to the Div of EMS website and type in their SSN or state certification number which can be found on any of your state cards. <https://www.dps.state.oh.us/ems/cert.asp> is the url for this web page.

ICS 300 & 400

Scheduled classes:

ICS 300

October 10 & 11 – 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
@ Job & Family Services

October 27 & 28 – 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
@ Liberty Fire Department

CANCELLED: Due to lack of interest

ICS 400

November 5 & 6 – 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
@ Job & Family Services

November 17 & 18 – 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
@ Liberty Fire Department

CANCELLED: Due to lack of interest

For further information or to register contact the Guernsey County EMA @ 432-9292.

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NOTICE

Anyone that would like the
Newsletter e-mailed to them.
Send your e-mail address to
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Guernsey County Firefighters' Association

2006 Meetings

January 9	Senecaville***
February 13	Cassell Station
March 13	Liberty
April 10	Cumberland***
May 8	Lore City
June 12	Antrim
July 10	Old Washington***
August 14	Byesville
September	No Meeting—Guernsey County Fair
October 9	Pleasant City***
November 13	Quaker City
December 11	Cambridge

Guernsey County Firefighters' Association meeting start at 1930 hrs.

***GCLEPC meeting at 1800 hrs;

Guernsey County Hazmat meeting to follow LEPC meeting

UNITED STATES FIRE ADMINISTRATION TO BROADCAST MEMORIAL WEEKEND LIVE FROM EMMITSBURG, MARYLAND VIA THE INTERNET

FEMA's United States Fire Administration (USFA) will join with the production crews of WITF Studios of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, IBM and Cisco to provide a live internet broadcast of the 2007 National Fallen Firefighters Candlelight and Memorial services on October 6th and 7th. The broadcast quality production can be viewed on the Web and also by satellite. As firefighters from around the Nation come together in Emmitsburg, Maryland to remember the 87 firefighters lost in 2006, all firefighters, media, and the general public are invited to join these national remembrance services through these live Web broadcasts.

The events will be live on the internet at www.ibm.com/PREPnet/Fallen-FireFighters. For information regarding this broadcast, contact the National Preparedness Network (PREPnet) of the USFA at 301-447-1853. Fire service members are encouraged to contact their local media to capture the feed for rebroadcast on the local public, governmental, or educational cable channels. The production is in the public domain, so firefighters and media are welcome and encouraged and to record this free programming.

FireGrantsHelp.com

The mission of FireGrantsHelp.com is to provide members of the first responder community with a comprehensive resource for grant information and assistance. FireGrantsHelp.com will feature the most extensive fire grant database ever created, with a library of information not only for federal grant programs, but also state, local and corporate grant opportunities.

FireGrantsHelp.com features a grant database that allows users to spend less time searching for grants and more time on research and grant writing. As it expands, FireGrantsHelp.com will also offer users a multitude of grant assistance tools such as: research guidance, glossaries of common grant terminology and abbreviations, a grant discussion forum, statistics, news, and much more.

Always Stay Alert!!

A Sedgwick County (Kansas) Firefighter died in the line of duty after suffering a severe shock while operating at a grass fire ignited by a downed power line. A tractor trailer struck a pole which caused the downed power lines, which ignited a grass fire. The 37 year old Firefighter somehow came into contact with the line after arriving at the scene of the fire.