

The Bethany Flame

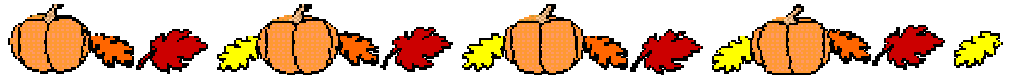
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Lessons Learned

Some years back I was asked to present a fire prevention class for a church in the Bethany Community. The fire department had just taken possession of the "smoke house" from the RC Fire and Rescue Association and I thought I would take advantage of the opportunity and deploy the trailer into service. I loaded the trailer and supplies up on Saturday morning and headed out. Upon arriving at the church I was greeted by a group of church family and their children. Excitement was in the air and joy shined on the children's faces. I provided a lecture and handed out some "goodies" and then took them on a tour of the smoke house and let each child experience a simulated fire in the house. Afterward I said bye to the people who had come out to spend their morning with me and I packed the trailer up and headed back to the station. On the way back I started reflecting on the class and thought, "was I able to prepare even one child to handle such an emergency?"

Less than a month later I was told of an incident involving one of the families that was present during that fire prevention class. The mother was adding wood to the heating stove and left the house to retrieve some more wood. While doing so, the sound of a smoke detector was heard. The mother ran back into the house and found that a heavy layer of smoke had filled the room. She immediately started looking for her child. After a very short search, she found her daughter crawling on the floor with her face covered, feeling of the walls and doors and searching for the door to exit the house. They both exited the house and later figured out that the house wasn't on fire and that the smoke was coming from the stove that was left open. As I listened to the story I thought to my self "It worked". "It really worked!" Children are great learners and soak up everything! We stand committed and dedicated to our citizens and challenge each family to be dedicated to the safety of their children and families. October is Fire Prevention month and we recognize and support the ongoing efforts of fire prevention. Join me this month, and every month, in do so and discussing your safety plans with your family. Stay safe!

Chris

Fire Truck

My little girl looked startled
as a fire engine passed in haste,
And from my rear-view mirror,
I saw the expression on her face.

Her eyes were opened wide
filled with curiosity and fear.....
She said, "mommy, what is that big truck
with the loud noise that I hear?"

I explained that the "truck" carried
men and women who's only aim
was to help someone in danger
though they may not know his name.
She said, "mommy, aren't those the ones
who wear the shiny hats?"
And I said, "yes honey, that's right....
but it means much more than that."

Those people are trained and dedicated
and many times have shown....
that to save the life of someone else,
they'll often risk their own.

Then my other child joined in
with a bright inquisitive stare.
"If the people they help are strangers,
then what would make them care?"

Her question made me stop and think,
what are the rewards of being "brave?"
Is it the smiles on the faces
of the children they may save?

Or the beholden expression of a man
standing beside his wife
watching firefighters battling to save
the house he'd worked for all his life?

Or pulling someone out
of a burning house or car?
There's a memory like that for them
behind every burn or scar.
The word "courage" is described as:
the strength to withstand fear
and firefighters use that courage
many times in their career.

So, to answer her question honestly
and explain why they're so "daring,"
I said...."they're very special people
with an uncommon sense of caring."

By Linda Ellis

News from the Training Department

Another "Training for Survival" class is scheduled for the weekend of November 25th and 26th. It will be held at the RCC Emergency Services Training Facility in Wentworth. If you are interested, please contact Perry Hall at 362-1124

to register as class size is limited. In other news, the Training Department is in need of donations of junk cars to be used in extrication training. Remember they are tax deductible. Also, be on the lookout for the addition of a training calendar to the website in the near future. Anyone in need of Self Rescue equipment contact Perry Hall. Perry wished to express a special

the 9-11 Memorial Service. Over 50 people were in attendance for the special event that remembered the 343 firefighters lost in the terrorist attacks.

October Training Schedule

10	Sprinklers/Supplying FDC@ RCC	1900
24	EMT Con-Ed	1900
31	5th Tuesday Training Dinner	1830



Fire Department Events Calendar

4	Command Staff Meeting	1900
12	Rockingham County Fire Chiefs Council Meeting—Bethany Fire Department	1830
27/28	Fall Stew	

Fire Prevention
Schedule for
Bethany School
October

10/3 - 0815-1200
10/4 - 0815-1300

November
11/1 - 0815-1200
11/2 - 0815-1300

Auxiliary Matters and Calendar

10/9	Auxiliary Meeting	1915
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The Spaghetti Supper and Bingo was held at the Fire Department on Saturday, September 30 and was a huge success. A great meal was prepared by the Auxiliary members and an enjoyable Bingo event followed. Over 100 items were donated for the Bingo and altogether over \$1,100.00 was raised to support the auxiliary. Chairman Betty Baynes wishes to say "THANK YOU" to all who donated items, donated and prepared food as well as all who came out to support this function. Great Job! And keep up the outstanding work!

The Bethany Fire Department Auxiliary will be hosting the October Meeting of the Rockingham County Fire Chief's Council on Thursday, October 12 starting at 6:30 pm. This is an annual Fall fundraiser for the Auxiliary and members are needed to bring food and dessert items for the meal. Betty Baynes is heading up this event and will be contacting members via phone to solicit support. Planning will also be discussed at the October meeting.

The Fall Stew is arriving very quickly and your help is again needed. Auxiliary Members are needed to help peel potatoes and onions on Friday afternoon, 10/27. We will begin around 3:00. In addition, your help is needed on Saturday morning 10/28 to fill stew containers and serve lunch. For more information, please contact Betty Baynes.



News from the Bethany Fire Department

The Bethany Fire Department will host the October meeting of the Rockingham County Fire Chief's Council on Thursday, October 12, 2006 at 6:30 pm. Fire Chief's from across Rockingham County along with officials from the Emergency Services community will be representing their respective agencies. This is an annual event for the Bethany Fire Department and Chief's Council to discuss current matters of the fire service of Rockingham County. Elected officials will also attend the meeting to become informed of decisions being made by this organization. The Auxiliary will be preparing a meal that will precede the business meeting.

The Bethany Fire Department will be preparing its annual Fall Stew on Saturday, October 28, 2006. Orders are being taken at the station and anyone wishing to place an order can do so by contacting the station at 951-2155. Make plans to attend our annual fundraiser as your help and support is greatly appreciated.

Pics of the Month



Happy "October" Birthdays

10/04	Ken Hudson	10/06	Mike Lee
10/14	Tommy Ashley	10/21	Chad Malloy
"Happy Birthday"			

October's Firefighter Profile



Name: Timothy Gray
Rank: Firefighter
Yrs. of Service: 4
Birthday: February 16
Spouse: Single
Children: 0
Career: R.H. Barringer
Certifications: NC EVD
Haz-Mat Operations



Safety First!

Halloween Safety Tips

- ◆ An adult or older youth should accompany children at all times
- ◆ Children should only travel to familiar areas; never enter a stranger's home
- ◆ Pin a slip of paper with the child's name, address, and phone number inside a pocket in case the child gets separated
- ◆ Costumes should be made of light colored materials with reflective tape to make children visible
- ◆ Carry a flashlight
- ◆ Walk, do not run; walk on the sidewalk or on the left side of the road facing traffic if there are no sidewalks
- ◆ Treats should be brought home for inspection before anything is eaten
- ◆ WHEN IN DOUBT, THROW IT OUT!!
- ◆ Also, as motorists, please be especially alert for children who are out and about this Halloween.
- ◆ BE SAFE!!



TRICK OR TREAT



Chaplain's Corner

I wanted to take the opportunity this month to answer a question I have been hearing a lot lately. "Where have you been?" I haven't been at fire training lately and I haven't made as many fire calls as I have in the past. The simple fact is, I'm very busy right now. Now, you probably say, "so am I" so let me explain. I am nearing the end of my requirements for Master of Divinity. It has been a three-year process and if all goes as planned; I will be finished at the end of this year. I am also in the process of obtaining ordination in the Evangelical Covenant Church, the denomination I serve. I am licensed to pastor at this time, but that is only temporary. I am required to take master level classes through North Park Theological Seminary in Chicago. It also requires travel throughout the United States to obtain these classes. For the next few months I will be traveling, reading, researching, writing and praying, and I ask for your prayers during this time as well. I am still here and proudly serve as Chaplain to Bethany Fire Department. I am also a husband, father and pastor. If you need me, call me (552-8130). On another note, we have some new materials available. I now have a DVD entitled 'The Journey to Recovery.' This is a documentary of people that are on the other side of addiction. It offers wonderful, faith-based, testimonials from people that have suffered addictions to such things as alcohol, drugs, sex and gambling. It is not a cure, but offers hope for those suffering addiction and desperately want a better life. If you or someone you know could benefit from this DVD, call me or email me (552-8130 or kcochran@bethanyfire.org). We also have a special book entitled 'The End of the World As We Know It.' The first part of the book tells the story of God's redemption for his people from the Garden of Eden to Canaan. It is also a New Testament in the New International Version language. You may also request one of these for yourself or others.

As Mark Twain once said, "Reports of my death have been greatly exaggerated!" I am still around and still humbly serving a Mighty God.

Blessings,

Chaplain Kevin Cochran, 1410

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Downtown Bethany

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8/16-9/15 2006 Call Summary

Medical Response	16	Service Call/Other	2
Brush Fire	0	Structure/Fire Related	1
Mutual Aid Assist	8	MVA	2
Fire Alarm Activation	3	Total	32

Call Response and Training Summary

The following are summaries of response to incidents and training attended by Bethany Fire Department personnel.

August 16, 2006—September 15, 2006

Bethany Fire Department
6052 NC 65
Reidsville, NC 27320
951-2155

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Calls

Mike Lee	15 Calls
Perry Hall	12
Jason Collins, Chad Malloy, C. Wilson	11
Adam Moore	10
Keith Daniels	9
Lee Isley	8
Timmy Gray, Matt Patterson	7
Ronnie Tate	

Training

Jason Collins	27.00 Hours
Perry Hall	23.00
Timmy Gray	16.00
Tonya Hall	10.00
Mike Hudson	8.50
Ken Hudson	5.50
Lee Isley	5.00

The Chief's Desk

I was elected to the Executive Board of the Volunteer-Combination Officers Section of the International Association of Fire Chiefs during the Fire Rescue International, which was held in Dallas, Texas September 14-16, 2006. "The mission of the Volunteer and Combination Officers Section of the IAFC is to provide Chief officers who manage volunteers within a volunteer or combination Fire, Rescue, or EMS delivery system with information, education services and representation to enhance their professionalism".

When I took over as Chief, I stated that I wanted to take our Department to the next level of professionalism and that I wanted our Department to become a leader, not only within the County and State, but on a National level. With my election to a National Board of an International organization, I feel that we, as an organization are on our way to becoming a driving force within the fire service of the United States. I want to recognize the continued hard work and perseverance of all our Members, Officers, Board of Directors, Fire Commissioners and citizens who have allowed our Department to grow into the organization that it is today and what it may become in the future. *A Chief Officer may only do as much as their people allow them to do.*

The funding has been secured for Station #2 and ownership of the two acres on U.S. 158 was transferred to the Bethany Fire Department on Friday, September 22, 2006. In addition, the Board of Directors met on Thursday, September 28th and have awarded the construction bid to Dodson and Chatman, Inc. of Burlington North Carolina. A ground breaking will be held in the near future and construction should be complete within four months of that event.

I want to recognize Deputy Chief Chris Wilson and Photographer Ken Griffin for the organization and completion of departmental pictures on September 16th. The entire process ran smoothly and the end product will be of great benefit to our department for years to come.

In addition, I want to thank Lieutenant Perry Hall for organizing the 9-11 Memorial Service that was attended by approximately 50 citizens and firefighters from our community. Many favorable remarks were made by those that were able to attend this tribute.

Chief Mike Lee, CFO

Bethany Fire Department