



Fully Involved

2nd Annual Fire Safety Quiz Bowl

The Second Annual Fire and Life Safety Bowl was a huge success this year! We grew from eight teams last year to ten this year. Schools that participated were Bethel, Beverly Hills, Coltrane Webb, Jackson Park, Odell, Rocky River, R. Brown McAllister, Shady Brook, Wolf Meadow and Woodrow Wilson.

These teams were made up of fourth and fifth grade students who studied fire and life safety over the past three months. They came and competed against other schools in a quiz bowl atmosphere. Students, parents and coaches al-

ways enjoy the fun filled evening. Holly Blackwelder from Cabarrus County School Board gave the opening remarks while former NFL player and current dentist Dr. Mike Morton was our celebrity moderator. CiCi's Pizza donated 60 pizzas and McDonalds donated over 200 hamburgers to help feed the participants and their families.

The top three spots and cash prizes went to

- 1st Place Beverly Hills \$500.00
- 2nd Place Rocky River \$250.00
- 3rd Place Odell \$125.00

This evening could not have been a success without the help of so many from our department. A huge thanks to Deana Martin, Rescue 7, Engine 1, Battalion 1, and Robert Page & Family for all of your support. We couldn't have done it without you!

If you have a child in 4th or 5th grade next year within the Cabarrus County School System who might be interested in participating be sure to see Amanda or Norman.

*Submitted by
Amanda Butler*

Bragging Board



- ◆ *Brian & Sara-Kathryn Cranford are proud parents of Bryant Easley Cranford born 3/2/10 at 7 lbs. 14 oz. and 21" long.*



- ◆ *Amanda Butler and Christopher "Kit" Henry are happy to announce their engagement.*

Hello from Sunny Southern Afghanistan!

All is good here, just busy as ever.

Spent the last month with the Army Special Forces, they really challenged my EMT Skills but I think I represented Concord just fine :)

Things are really heating up here (weather, etc.) but we are taking care of

business.

I should be home in June and look forward to seeing you all!

Take care
Dave



Hot Topics

- ◆ *CPS class offered April 27 - 30, 2010, see page 7 for details.*
- ◆ *City offices closed for Easter on Friday, April 2nd.*

Archie “Cooter” Cook - Retired Concord Firefighter

Firefighter Archie Cook retired from Concord Fire Department in 1987 after 33 years of service. He was recently honored at Concord Place Assisted Living where he is known as “Mr. Archie”.

When the Fire Department was contacted to participate in this event, Norman Franklin took the lead and I started researching and quickly discovered that his fire department nickname was “Cooter” or “Cooter Cook”.

When Battalion Captain John Eury and Battalion Chief James Isenhour were hired, they quickly learned that only the older firefighters were allowed to call Archie, “Cooter”. Although John was proud to share that he later got approval to call him “Cooter”.

Looking through our old photo’s, I found that Archie usually turned his back to the camera for pictures. Retired Chief Joe Misener helped to pick him out on several shots. I put together a binder including pictures of Stations 1 & 2, where he served, pic-

tures of Archie with his fellow firefighters around the station, and minutes from the Board of Alderman Meeting recognizing Archie on his retirement.

Retired Captain C.J. Alexander was there to share some fond memories of working with Archie.

Thanks to everyone who made this event special for Archie!

Deana
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Note from Pam Clark, Concord Place

Norman Franklin, James Isenhour, John Eury, and Charles Alexander visited Concord Place Assisted Living on Rock Hill Church Road March 17 to honor fellow fireman Archie “Cooter” Cook. Archie was born and raised in Concord becoming a fireman at the age of 28, working at both Firehouse #1 and Firehouse #2. He retired February 25, 1987, after 33 years of service. The residents of Concord Place enjoyed hearing tales of Archie in his younger years and about his bravery in fighting fires in our area. There were plenty of stories that allowed his new friends see his humorous side in younger years. Archie sat front and center wearing a red-rose boutonniere enjoying seeing his old friends and reminiscing about days gone by which were a very important part of his life. Everyone laughed when James told the story of Archie running him, a 19 year old rookie, off the couch because Archie had plans to lie around watching westerns. Everyone found this story so funny because Archie has already claimed the sofas at Concord Place to make himself comfortable. Joining us to honor Archie were his son and daughter-in-law. Archie was presented t-shirts, coffee mugs from Stations 1 and 2, a hat, and a memory book.

The following article appeared in the Concord Place newsletter for March 2010:

IN THE Spotlight

Mr. Archie

Mr. Archie was born and raised in Concord growing up at the corner of Buffalo and Spring. He attended Long School and married a Landis girl whom he was married to for over 50 years before her death. Following school, Mr. Archie joined the Army serving for two years in the medical division even though he hated giving shots. He was stationed in the Pacific Islands in New Guinea where he made time to keep a journal and take lots of pictures. These are items that his two children now treasure. After finishing his tour in the Army, Mr. Archie worked briefly at Locke Mill before becoming a fireman at the age of 28. He was stationed at Firehouse #1 on Church Street. The fire he remembers most was the Kerr Bleachery fire of January, 1979. Mr. Archie retired from the fire department February 25, 1987, after 33 years of service.

Operation Medicine Drop

March 14th - 20th was Poison Prevention Week. The need began to appear in 2007 when 901 people died from unintentional poisoning in North Carolina, which is the second leading cause of death among our children. To show support NC Safe Kids hosted Operation Medicine Drop. Over 134 events were held statewide. This gave people a chance to come and drop off prescriptions or medications that had expired or they no longer needed. It also kept them out of reach of our children and pets. In the past, we were taught to flush medications down the toilet, but now we've learned this is contaminating our water supply.

Throughout the week we hosted five events and collected over **32,000** pills and filled up 2 ½ sharps containers. The oldest prescription was written in November of 1982. All the medicine was collected to be incinerated by Sherriff's Deputy Kevin Klingsmith. We look forward to doing more of these in the future.



*Submitted by
Amanda Butler*

RECYCLING PILOT PROGRAM



Recycling is set to begin, as a pilot program at **Stations #2 and #4** in April. The program is designed to recycle and reuse more disposable product than is placed in the garbage. Mixed paper and co mingled drink containers will be divided into separate containers and roll out garbage cans will be provided for the trash. The trash dumpsters will be removed once the program is up and running. Once the details are worked out at these two stations the goal is to put this process in place at all of the stations.



Submitted by Ray Allen

Recruit Update

Recruit Class 16/6 has reached the mid-point of the classes. All of them are doing well, both physically and academically. They participated in their first live burn on March 13, 2010. Several of them had never been involved in any live fire training before, and all of them did well. They have several more burns coming up soon. They will be going to the burn building at Cleveland County Community College twice, will have 2 more house burns, they will be going to RCCC North for a night-time LP burn, and will be going to RCCC North for the Flashover Simulator. They recently took the state EMT test (for those who were not already certified), and all of them passed. As you see the Recruits, please congratulate them on their progress. Thanks to all of the fire instructors for their hard work and dedication. Also, Thanks to Paramedic Esther Adkins and her assistant instructors for the great job during EMT.

Submitted by Roger Cline

Meet the Crew from Station 6 - B shift

Eric Reynolds

Nickname: Mumbles

Age: 49

Hometown: Kannapolis

Married to Lynn and has 2 children, Dustin 19, and Austin 16

Hobbies: Following and supporting my family in their school activities. Hunting when time allows.

What makes your company special? Maturity. Our crew is all over 40 years old with the exception of Watts. With age plus experience usually come calmness and confidence in one another.

Jesus said, "I am the way and truth and life, no one comes to the Father except through me". John 14:6
This life is a vapor, then comes eternity.



Andy Johnson

Age: 40

Hometown: Concord

Married to Lesley and has 2 children, Evan and Spencer.

Hobbies: Camping

What makes your company special? Morning line up for Geritol.



Randell Carrington Jr.

Age: 43

Hometown: Concord

Married: No

Hobbies: Fishing, riding my motorcycle with Kerry & the gang.

What makes your company special? All over 40 except our rookie. The 6 oaks gang.



Kerry Ritchie

Age: 49

Hometown: Concord, NC

Married: No

Hobbies: Riding motorcycles with the boys

What makes your company special?

We are all over 40 except for the new guy what's his name.



Rusty Watts

Age: 21

Hometown: "The Grove"

Married: No

Hobbies: Fire-fighting, country music

What makes your company special? The fact that I'm the only one under 40!



Relay for Life - Team Concord

Join Team Concord in the fight to raise money for Cancer Research!

Cabarrus County Relay For Life

May 15 and 16, 2010

11:00 am - 11:00 am Sunday

Cabarrus Arena and Events Center

What is Relay For Life?

* A life-changing event that gives everyone a chance to celebrate the lives of people who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and fight back against the disease.

* Celebrate: Relay starts with a Survivors Lap an inspirational time when survivors are invited to circle the track together and help everyone celebrate the victories we've achieved over cancer. **OUR OWN CONCORD PIPE AND DRUM WILL BE PERFORMING FOR THE SURVIVOR LAP.**

* Remember: After dark, we honor people who have been touched by cancer and remember loved ones lost to the disease during the Luminaria Ceremony. Candles are lit inside bags filled with sand, each one bearing the name of a person touched by cancer, and participants

often walk a lap in silence.

* Fight Back: Fight Back Ceremony, where we make a personal commitment to save lives by taking up the fight against cancer.

The event is full of fun, excitement, enthusiasm and also it is a very touching and moving event!!! There will be bands performing, K-9 demonstrations, magic, live performances from many talented singers and groups, food and lots of fun.

Around 2:00 on Saturday, Mr Relay and Jr. Mr. Relay will flirt for funds. We will crown the winner around 4:00. Last year Bobo was our team's Mr. Relay and he took second overall. He should have won. The Police Department has agreed to send a Mr. Relay this year and we hope to have Bobo back again this year. Come out and cheer them on!

Team Fundraiser:

Saturday, April 24 7pm Intimidators Game for the City of Concord Employees.

*Police Chief Hamilton vs. Fire Chief Holloway or Deputy Chief Allen in the Dizzy Bat Game

*Team Concord's Relay For Life

committee will have donation buckets (committee members to man them) at the entrance to collect donations for the American Cancer Society.

* Team Concord will set up a booth to sell Avon Products, which is one of our team's fundraisers.

*Tug of War between the City Departments during innings: We are in the process of challenging the different City departments to form teams of 8 players and we will run a tournament to see which department has the toughest team (of course Fire and Police have already got teams). This will be held during some of the innings. Winners to win 8 \$20 gift certificates to different restaurants in the area.

Team Concord is made up of City employees. Can we count on you to join us to help find a cure for cancer? Please email Kim and let her know if you would like to join the fight! She will take care of signing you up.

Submitted by Kim Smith

2009 Relay for Life Pictures



Cool Pics & Hot Shots



Company Run Totals

Company	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Current Fiscal Year	Previous Fiscal Year
Engine 1	156	159	136	1210	804
Engine 2	123	141	122	1053	1406
Engine 3	119	124	102	928	1070
Engine 4	57	60	45	447	575
Engine 5	69	91	71	614	848
Engine 6	47	49	51	401	596
Engine 7	83	74	72	558	765
Engine 8	63	67	59	521	730
Engine 9	68	71	51	524	372
Ladder 3	81	86	61	659	917
Ladder 9	64	50	44	464	591
Rescue 7	65	60	48	438	496
Batt. 1	34	38	33	288	352
Batt. 2	25	23	22	197	182
Haz-Mat 9	7	4	11	85	120
USAR 7	2	0	0	4	13

Newsletter Information

This is the 9th Edition of Fully Involved and I need your input!

What would you like to see in *Your* newsletter?

I need your ideas, stories, pictures, events.

What happened to the hunting / fishing pictures? I know they are out there!

Grilling season is well underway, any recipes?

Is there something going on in your family you wouldn't mind sharing? The Bragging Board is not just for births!

Got a story to share? Send me the information or stop by and see me.

I hope you have, and continue to enjoy *Your* newsletter!

Thanks for your continued support!

Deana Martin
"Fully Involved"

CPS Certification Course

National Child Passenger Certification Course

April 27-April 30, 2010

8:00am -5:00pm

Concord Fire Station #8

1485 Old Charlotte Road

Concord NC 28027

If interested go to
www.safekids.org/certification

to learn more or to register

If you have any questions please contact

Angel Overcash Safe Kids Cabarrus
Coordinator at 704-403-2303

Norman Franklin Safe Kids Cabarrus
President at 980-521-0640

The National Child Passenger Safety Certification Training Program certifies individuals as a child passenger safety technician.

Burn to Learn

On Saturday, March 13th the Training & Safety Division conducted live fire training evolutions with Recruit Class 16. This exercise was the first introduction to fire for many members of the class and was conducted in a single family residence which had previously burned located at 120 Barbee Street. The house was donated for the training by the Angie Linker.

The house was prepared for the exercise a few days before and the burn class began with recruits setting up hoselines at 7:00am. Several fires were set, one at a time, to allow each team of recruit firefighters to have the opportunity to see a fire started and how it builds up so they can more fully understand how it reacts when it meets walls, ceilings, or other obstacles. It also gave the recruits the added benefit of seeing how fire reacts to various nozzle patterns.

By 6:00pm the recruits had everything cleaned up and went home dirty and exhausted for yet another day. As a result of the burn they now

have an appreciation and respect for fire and

hopefully, the beginning basis of a successful

career in the fire service.

Submitted by Curtis



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HOLLOWAY'S HEADLINES

I hope everyone has successfully survived the worst winter in 40 years as we all look forward to spring. The current economic conditions are challenging all of us to work together to find ways to keep providing a high level of service to our shareholders and customers. The current situation also provides an opportunity for us all to be creative in our approach to problem solving and decision making in order to keep our Department moving forward in these difficult times. Our strong sense of family will always keep our Department bound together and willing to do whatever it takes to provide for our fellow firefighters / co-workers in need.

Please stay safe and have a great spring.

Randy

Core Value: Teamwork

Travis McGaha is a Development Services Technician for the City of Concord and is now assisting the Fire Department Prevention Division in Dave Meyers' absence 2 days each week. He is conducting periodic fire inspections in existing business occupancies.

As a DS Technician, Travis is responsible for permitting, plan review, routing, Certificates of Compliance, etc. There's a lot of paperwork that is shared with the Fire Prevention Division. This sparked an interest in fire inspections and Travis took a Fire Inspector I course and now has his probationary certificate.

Travis is a native of this area,

graduating from Northwest Cabarrus High School in 1995 and is married to Elena. They have a 3-



Travis' swearing in ceremony at City Hall on 3/4/2010 with Mayor Padgett

legged dog named Dusty.

Travis enjoys woodworking, making wooden ink pens and wine bottle stoppers. Nature photography is another interest, especially taking pictures of waterfalls.

Travis is also bi-lingual, speaking fluent Spanish.

**Thanks for the
teamwork
and welcome
to the
Fire Department!**