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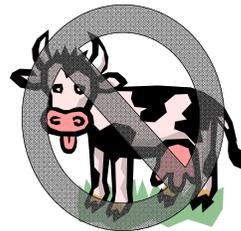
No Cows Allowed ... On I-85

Perpetrators in Concord, NC led local public safety officials on a atypical police chase in the early morning hours of November 17, 2009. The perpetrators were finally brought under control by the efforts of a historic response unit know as cowboys. Yes, cowboys. Just before 0400, a tractor-trailer from Martin's Abattoir Wholesale Meat Company wrecked at U.S. 29 ramp to I-85 north. The truck was carrying 40 cattle, many of which were killed or had to be euthanized. The remainder of the cattle escaped up the interstate in a heavily wooded area between Concord Parkway and the I-85 North rest area.

Some neighbors in the area were surprised as they woke up and found cattle grazing in the back yard off Goodman Circle. As each called was received in the 911 Center or Call Center, the cowboys would be "dispatched" to lasso up the loose cattle. Drivers along the interstate did double takes as cowboys raced up the interstate's emergency

lane in hot pursuit of loose cattle with lasso circling overhead.

Unfortunately, the driver of the tractor-trailer was killed in the crash and his partner, asleep in the rear of the truck, suffered a broken leg. Captain Darren O'Brien remembers "ducking for cover" as shots unexpectedly rang out as cattle were put down. One neighbor remembers looking at "strange feet print" in her back yard and a hole in her shrubbery..."It must have gone through there" when ask where the cows were she had reported. Every time we thought the last cow had been captured, we would receive calls from local neighbors, motorists and even the clean-up contractor as additional escapees were reported in the community. One cow was reported to have charged (actually it appeared to be running away from) a State Trooper attempting to join the round-up. The trooper was last seen high-stepping through the woods back to the safety of traffic control.



Fortunately, the incident was confined to the on-ramp of the interstate and cattle were prevented from wondering into the heavy traffic of rush-hour, though the ramp remained closed into the early afternoon hours. Wreckers were used to hoist many of the dead live stock from the wooded area.

No additional traffic accidents were reported from the loose cattle and a huge thanks goes out to the local ranchers who "rode-out to help". The tractor-trailer received minor damage from the accident. The value of the lost cattle was estimated at \$150,000.00.

Submitted by Jim Sells

Bragging Board



- The Stewart's are proud parents of Mallory Farrell Stewart. She was born December 21st around 2:45, 7lbs and 15 oz.

Hot Topics

- ♦ Awards ceremony, February 20, 2010 @ 3:00 p.m.
- ♦ FY11 Budget Due, February 12, 2010
- ♦ Valentines Day 

Recruit Class 16-6

Recruit Class 16-6 began on Monday, December 28th. There are a total of 13 Recruits (12 from Concord and 1 from Harrisburg). They are currently taking EMT, which will last through the month of January. Their Fire and Rescue Classes will begin on February 1st. Due to

EMT, the class will again be 6 months long. Graduation will be held on Saturday, June 26th. The Location has yet to be confirmed. I will attempt to keep everyone updated through the newsletter as the Recruits progress.

Submitted by Roger Cline



The Blades - Concord Firefighters on Ice

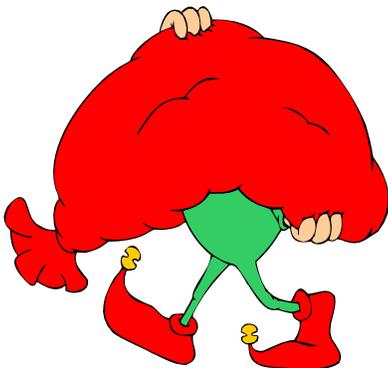
We call ourselves the Blades, this team has been playing together for about 4 years and we continue to grow adding Concord's bravest to the team each season with new players. Robert Weber joined our team two seasons ago and he is our goalie (he is amazing)! Hard to believe he was born and raised in the south...We have won two straight championships from the time Robert became our goalie. You can't get a tic tack past this guy. Over the last 4 years we have had players come and go such as Steven McLendon, Jason Dyer, Captain Cragan, John Hilferty, Nick Brazee, Steven Madorin, Myself and this season I am trying to convince Jeff Tracy, Joe Coyle and Michael Nichols to play with us and for the first time Jason Starr will stepping on the ice as a Blade. We play every Sunday at Extreme Ice Center in Indian trail right off the 485 and we would love some support from our brothers and sisters...Anyone who would love to strap on a pair of skates and join the team is more than welcome to come out or if you're looking for a good time the rink has a restaurant overlooking the ice rink so you can enjoy a meal or a drink while you cheer us on...



This picture was taken Sunday December 20th. The Blades Hockey team made up of Goalie Robert Weber and Players Renee' Lutz, Steven Madorin, and Nick Brazee won the Championship for the second season in a row.

Submitted by Renee' Lutz

Santa's FF Helpers



A huge thanks to all the crews who came out and helped with the Angel Tree distributions next to where the old Goody's used to be. The Salvation Army was so grateful and appreciative for all the help. They said each time a crew came they would be so willing to do whatever and so full of energy it would rejuvenate their spirits. This year the Salvation Army helped more families than it ever had in the past. A special thanks to B-Shift Engine 3 who went out and bought a tricycle with their own money late one night for a child who was supposed to get a bike but didn't. Also, a huge thanks to the crews from Station 8 who came out to help along with the Battalion Chiefs who stopped by. A-Shift Ladder 3 came and helped pack up tables and chairs on the last day and then agreed to go and help unload everything in the rain. Everyone was so willing to help and it made a positive impact on so many. Everyone did such a great job, that you've all been requested to be Santa's Helpers for next year!!! Thanks again to all the crews for stopping by and giving a helping hand.

Submitted by Amanda Butler



Cookbooks

Cookbooks are still available. Proceeds will go to benefit the Cabarrus County Chapter Firefighters Burned Children's Fund. The book is filled with over a 100 pages of easy to follow mouth-watering recipes. They range from appetizers and beverages to soups, salads, vegetables, main dishes and breads. Most importantly though is a long list of desserts! Cookbooks can be purchased for \$12 by cash or check.

If you have any questions see Amanda Butler.



Meet the Crew of Rescue 7 - A Shift

Mike Carter

Nickname: Mike Lowery

Age: 40

Hometown: Concord

Married: Once

Children: Michael Thomas (for Tom Joyner) Carter - 18
Tyler Bryant Carter - 13 (will be 14 on April 1)

Hobbies: According to my friends and co-workers a want-to-be hunter and fisherman. Most importantly spending time with my sons and going to watch school sports games.

What makes your company special? Well, anybody can put the wet stuff on the red stuff, and anybody can block the road with a big ladder truck, but not just anybody can ride the Rescue. Just Kidding! There is nothing special about us, just some dedicated guys with a lot of specialty training in several forms of rescue.

Can anyone teach my SFF to use spell check? Oh, can someone remind PJ that the Steelers didn't make the play-offs this year. He loves to talk about that.



Codey Elwood

Nickname: Senior for Life, Back Fat

Age: 31

Hometown: China Grove, NC

Married to Jessica

Hobbies: Looking for wild defenseless animals in the woods that have tiny brains and have no way to defend themselves, but somehow manage to elude me all the time. I also enjoy spelling bees that I never win, but continue to get better and one day will win a big trophy. My other hobbies include anything that Jessica wants me to do like.

What makes your company special? ME. Without my skills as the greatest delegator ever, we would be an average engine company. I ensure that everything gets done by the firefighters so Carter and I can discuss hunting.

I really don't enjoy being bald, but I can't afford Rogaine because I have really cheap lawn equipment and continually have to repair it or two busy flipping it over on the highway.



Paul Cwynar

Nickname: P.J.

Age: 31

Hometown: Franklin, PA, raised in Anderson, SC

Engaged to Diana Picchi. I am definitely playing out of my league.

Hobbies: Clemson football, Steelers football, despising the Cowboys and anything related to UNC and USC, climbing, running,

attempting to cook.

What makes your company special? Our senior firefighter makes our company special. Without his expertise in all things useless, we would be lost. His ability to delegate all work assigned to him makes him invaluable. On a serious note, Rescue 7 A-shift gets along and works together extremely well. We all take our job seriously and want to do our jobs well. R-7 A-shift may be a great company, but it probably has two of the worst hunters around. The closest they get to killing anything is watching it on TV.



Bruce Hodges

Nickname: Snake Handler

Age: 36

Hometown: Jacksonville, FL

Married to Angie or Yes Ma'am

Children: Samantha 16

Hobbies: I was really into rock climbing and reptiles until I moved to Station 7. Now I just train really hard to be like my senior firefighter Cody Elwood.

What makes your company special? We have all been assigned to a ladder company at some time. As the saying goes, you have to walk before you can run. We have learned a lot from our Ladder days. And to be sure we give back to the community we are always looking for that Truckee with a little something special. To make the next great Rescue team member.

Scenes from the 2009 Christmas Party



Support the Irish Heritage and our Pipes & Drums Band

The Pipes and Drum band has shirts for sale to benefit the band. Short sleeves are \$12 and Long sleeves are \$15. Contact D Reese, M Sellers, D Ward or T Jones in person, or D Reese by email. We have white and green in both styles.



Our Little Miracle

We believe in Miracles....

After standing on God's promise for 7 years, Robert and Tamara Page, along with big brother James, proudly announce the adoption of their miracle, Anna Elizabeth. Our adoption story has been long, complicated and stressful which would make a great book, but we know that all of it was a part of God's plan to prove how special this little girl truly is... to Him and to us.



Anna Elizabeth was born on August 4, 2008 weighing 5 lbs, 9 ozs and 18" long. After weeks of knowing that our baby girl had been born, we turned to God for another miracle...we wanted our baby girl with us, her forever family. God answered and delivered her into our loving arms on September 29, 2008.

For 16 months, we grew attached to this baby girl that was not legally ours. We lived everyday with the thought of a pending trial where we would have to prove that she should be ours forever. That day came on December 10, 2009. After 4 hours in court, the case was dismissed without further contest from the birthparents. Anna Elizabeth could legally be a part of our family.



We realize everyday how special she is so it came of no surprise when we learned the meaning of her name (the name given by James when he was 3 yrs old to his "future baby sister"). Anna means "favor" and Elizabeth means "my God is a vow." Anna did find favor with God when he protected her from a 30 week partial birth abortion and he kept His vow to bring her to her forever family. God kept his promise to us and in His perfect timing.

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord,... plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

Submitted by Robert and Tammy Page



Benefit for Chance Branson & Family

On Friday, January 22nd at 8:30 pm, there will be a benefit ice hockey game hosted at Extreme Ice Center between the Concord and Charlotte Fire departments. Entry fee into the game is a donation and a good time.

Extreme Ice Center has graciously donated ice time for the Concord Fire Department for the benefit of Chance and his family. We have several Concord Firemen who will be participating in the hockey game on this evening. The charge per player will be \$25. This game will be non-USA sanctioned. Many people have volunteered their time to

help at the rink: refs, score keepers, waterboys, etc.

What do we need from you?

Each station can come up with something for the silent auction. ie. Lottery tree, baskets, gift cards, etc. (be creative) If anyone is interested in selling tickets for 50/50 raffles or silent auction, please see Renee' for tickets. Be sure to give the tickets and money to Kim Smith upon collection prior to this event. Winners from the 50/50 and the silent auction will be announced after the hockey game. For those of you that are unable to

attend this event, please give your donations to Kim.

There is a bar/restaurant above the rink if you are interested. Thank you all for your support!



Driving Instructions:

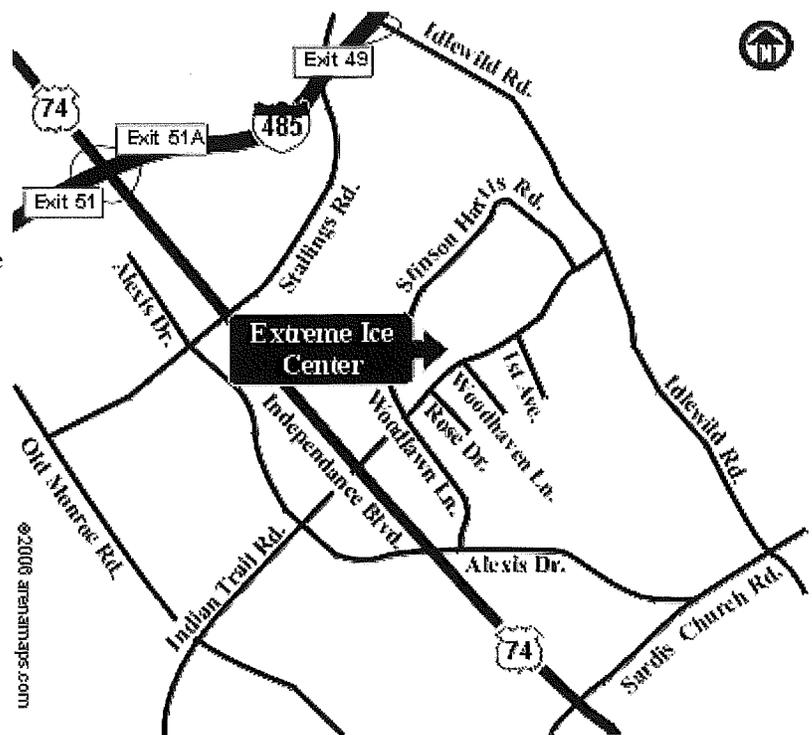
Indian Trail is located approx. 15 miles south-east of downtown Charlotte, just past I-485 (perimeter expressway that circles Charlotte).

From the South (I-85): I-85 north to I-485 South (exit 10B). Proceed south on I-485 (toward Pineville) approx. 27 miles to US-74 (exit 51). Proceed east on US-74 (Independence Blvd.) approx. 2.5 miles to Indian Trail-Fairview Road. Turn left on Indian Trail-Fairview Rd. and proceed northeast approx. 0.75 mile to arena.

From the North (I-85): I-85 south to I-485 South (exit 48). Proceed south (toward US-29) on I-485 approx. 18 miles to Idlewild Rd. (exit 49). Turn left on Idlewild Dr. and proceed southeast approx. 2.25 miles to Indian Trail-Fairview Road. Turn right on Indian Trail-Fairview Rd. and proceed southwest approx. 1.25 miles to arena.

From the South (I-77): I-77 north to I-485 East (exit 1). Proceed east of I-485 (toward Pineville) approx. 17 miles to US-74 (exit 51). Proceed east on US-74 (Independence Blvd.) approx. 2.5 miles to Indian Trail-Fairview Road. Turn left on Indian Trail-Fairview Rd. and proceed northeast approx. 0.75 mile to arena.

From the North (I-77): I-77 south to I-277 South (exit 11). Proceed south on I-277 approx. 2 miles to US-74 East (exit 2B). Proceed east on US-74 approx. 14 miles to Indian Trail-Fairview Road. Turn left on Indian Trail-Fairview Rd. and proceed northeast approx. 0.75 mile to arena.



Cool Pics & Hot Shots



Company Run Totals

Company	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Current Fiscal Year	Previous Fiscal Year
Engine 1	163	142	156	915	804
Engine 2	138	137	123	790	1406
Engine 3	122	86	119	702	1070
Engine 4	43	46	57	342	575
Engine 5	76	71	69	452	848
Engine 6	55	50	47	301	596
Engine 7	63	66	83	412	765
Engine 8	67	53	63	395	730
Engine 9	68	60	68	402	372
Ladder 3	78	82	81	512	917
Ladder 9	70	63	64	370	591
Rescue 7	47	49	65	330	496
Batt. 1	32	32	34	217	352
Batt. 2	24	29	25	152	182
Haz-Mat 9	12	10	7	70	120
USAR 7	0	1	2	4	13

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We look forward to your input!



Holloway's Headlines

Hello to everyone and I certainly hope that you had a great holiday season. We look forward to another great year with the Concord Department of Fire & Life Safety Family. We are excited about the grant that we received to hire 12 additional firefighters to form a new ladder company for the Southwestern area of the City. The 12 new recruits will finish recruit class in June and hopefully the new ladder company will go in service shortly after their graduation. At this point we are not sure where the new company will operate from until the renovations to Station 5 are complete. When the renovations to Station 5 are complete the new ladder company will operate from that station.

Again, thanks for doing an excellent job taking care of our shareholders, customers and each other as we start a new year and a new decade.

Stay safe,

Randy

Concord Fire's Inaugural Cornhole Tournament

CFD will be holding its First Annual Cornhole Tournament. The tournament's first recipient will be Chance Branson and Family. All proceeds will go directly to the Branson crew.

Time, date and place TBD (Hopefully sometime in February) probably on a "C" shift day. "C" shifters on duty should be able to participate since cornhole is a non-contact sport with no balls involved. There seems to be a shortage of those anyway, so we all should be able to play.

- 2 Man/Woman Teams
- \$30 per team (if you would like

to give more, excellent).

- Format will be determined by number of teams involved

Winning team will receive custom made cornhole boards

Send me one email per team with shift, station, names and team name by January 20, 2010.

If you have cornhole boards and bags that we can use on tournament day, note that in your e-mail – we will need them.

Submitted by Dylan Daquila

