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**COUNTRY BREAKFAST:**

Our Annual Country Breakfast is Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> 6:00am to 11:00am. Biscuits & gravy, scrambled eggs, hash browns, bacon, sausage, pancakes, juice, milk and coffee will be served. All you can eat for \$4.00! Children under 6 eat free.

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We hope to have a new truck for everyone to check out at the Country Breakfast, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. It will be replacing the 1985 Chevrolet medic truck, which will be moved to the Black Oak Station and will be used as a service truck for additional ISO points. The new truck will respond on practically every call we go on. It is a 2004 Chevrolet, one ton, single rear wheel, 4x4, extended cab, long bed, with a commercial camper shell with compartments and storage on top. It will respond on medical emergencies, motor vehicle accidents, swift water rescues, structure fires, and numerous other emergencies that arise. It is going to be a much needed addition to our fleet of apparatus.

**From the Chief:**

As always, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the fire department members for their continued support over the past year.

This year has been another progressive one for the department. Through the dedication and hard work of our volunteers, most of our goals for the past year have been reached.

We feel that we have advanced greatly by the many hours of training and the newer updated equipment we have added, thanks to your financial and moral support.

Our emergency calls last year consisted of 9 structure fires, 67 medical calls, 17 motor vehicle accidents, 17 brush fires, 2 rescues other than motor vehicle accidents and 9 service calls. Last year the fire fighters spent 747.95 hours on calls and 1558 hours at 38 training sessions.

Please don't forget our smoke detector program D.I.E. H.A.R.D. EFFORT is still in affect. If you need a smoke detector, battery, or any type of assistance with your detector, don't hesitate to give us a call.

Thanks again for your support and we hope to see everyone May 22<sup>nd</sup> at the breakfast.

Ronnie Wood, Fire Chief

**HAVE YOU CHECKED YOUR SMOKE DETECTOR LATELY?**

*We would like to apologize to everyone for the time it is taking to get our ISO testing done. Modifications are being made to a few of the tanker trucks and we are waiting on the addition of the new medic truck. It is very important to lower this rating and all of us need the lower insurance rates. So please hang in there and we promise that it will be done this year. It is important not to settle for a higher rating when, with a few modifications, we can get a lower one.*

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## ***ALL WASHED UP***

This April was an unusually busy month for our fire department and specifically the swift water rescue personnel. We all remember the weather that began the evening of April 22<sup>nd</sup> and ended on the 24<sup>th</sup>. We received about ten inches of rain in those 3 days. In the forty-eight hours or so after the storms, we responded to fifteen calls. Though not all of these calls were related to the rain, most of the personnel were the same firefighters.

It all started for us the morning of the 23<sup>rd</sup> about 5:30am. We were dispatched to assist the Elkins Fire Department with a woman stranded in her car at the Mount Olive Bridge. We arrived on the scene to find that the woman was in shallow water that was not too dangerous and a policeman had already retrieved her from the car. We were then requested at the scene of two campers that were stranded on a island in West Fork. It took a while to find them, but as it started to get daylight they were found and were OK. The campers didn't realize they weren't trapped at all, because they did not have a light. During the course of the day, we responded to two medical calls and went to Elkins to assist in sandbagging around four residences that were in danger of flooding during the night.

The next morning started even earlier for us. At 1:30am we were dispatched to a report of two people trapped in a truck floating down the White River at Springston Ford. When we arrived, we found once again that the victims had already gotten out on the other side of the river and were OK. We responded directly from there, by request of Madison County EMS, toward the Hindsville area for a report of two people trapped on an island and one trapped in a car. We were cancelled before we arrived. Nob Hill fire department personnel had rescued them easily without ropes. We were then asked to standby at a central location in the county for possible deployment on other swift water rescues. While we were standing by, we responded on a medical call in the Wyman area. At 6:45 am we were dispatched to a truck in the water with a man on the roof, at the bridge on

Black Oak Road. When we arrived we found a truck 100 yards into the river with a man stranded in the bed. We made two attempts to rescue him but the water was too swift and dangerous. While we were assisting Fayetteville rescue members in setting up their boat, the water began to recede. We decided that the safest thing to do would be to wait until the water was at a safe level to affect a rescue. After about 30 minutes, we re-entered the water and retrieved the man from his vehicle. At around 10:00am we responded to the Wesley area to assist in searching for the child that had been swept away in the floodwaters on Hawk Creek. That evening we had two more medical calls and a possible structure fire. On the 25<sup>th</sup> we again assisted in the search for the child in Wesley.

After all was said and done we put in 237.76 man hours. We all were extremely worn out and ready for a break Sunday evening when we got back to the command post at Wesley. We learned several lessons. 1) There weren't enough of us to go around with the amount of calls we had. 2) We could still use some more equipment and new blood and 3) In order to stay on top of the game we are going to have to keep training. We are one of the few formed teams in the area that perform swift water rescue and after getting our name out like we did this weekend, we can expect to be called on more often.



Round Mountain FD Swift Water Team

We would also like to thank the Fayetteville Fire Department Tactical Rescue Team for all of their help.

Shane Wood