



2004 BOARD MEMBERS

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COUNTRY BREAKFAST!

Our Annual Country Breakfast is Saturday, May 21st 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.

HAVE YOU CHECKED YOUR SMOKE DETECTOR LATELY?

We would like to once again apologize to everyone for the time it is taking to get our ISO testing done. We had been waiting on modifications to the tanker trucks and the purchase of a new medic truck. These items are complete. So please hang in there and we promise to do our best to have this testing done this year.

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. Our emergency calls last year consisted of 13 structure fires, 72 medical assists, 10 swift water rescues, 6 motor vehicle accidents, 1 extrication, 13 brush fires, 4 service calls, 2 automatic fire alarms & 7 smoke checks for a total of 128 calls. In the last year, our firefighters have spent numerous hours on calls and training sessions. Please don't forget our smoke detector program D.I.E. H.A.R.D. EFFORT is still in effect. 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 21st at the breakfast.
Ronnie Wood, Fire Chief

Washington County Technical Rescue Team By Shane Wood



Washington County TRT Continued

We have been involved in technical rescue operations for the past three years, mainly through swift water rescue. We have 10 firefighters that have spent countless hours training for swift water rescues and all of us are certified through Rescue 3 International.

In April of 2004 we realized, along with the entire county, that there was a need for a larger and more organized effort for protecting the citizens of Washington County during natural disasters such as floods and tornadoes. In the last year alone we ran a total of ten swift water rescue calls. In the summer of 2004 we started coordinating with the Washington County Department of Emergency Management to organize a team that could handle swift water rescues, high angle rope rescue, confined space rescue, trench rescue, and building collapse. We came up with firefighters from the 19 fire departments in the county to serve on the team. The county was divided into five sections or areas. These areas are east, south, west, Fayetteville and Springdale. The east team, which we are connected with, is comprised of the Round Mountain, Elkins, Goshen and Nob Hill fire departments. We cover all technical rescue situations that occur in the four departments areas as well as all swift water rescues that occur east of interstate 540 (West Fork, Whitehouse, Sunset and Winslow). We expect to run frequently to Madison County as well. We are equipped with a large array of equipment to handle nearly any situation that may arise. We have a 10 foot inflatable rescue boat and motor, numerous ropes, rigging and other specialized equipment to handle confined space and trench rescues. The Washington County Department of Emergency Management through federal grant money purchased all of this equipment. All of this equipment is carried on a 12-foot box trailer that is stored at our fire station number one.

We have a total of 29 members, eleven of which are our firefighters. They are Will Barton, JD DeMotte, Lance Gaines, Jimmy Gullede, Steve Lewis, Brian Reagan, Lance Selph, Jessica Wood, Jimmie Wood, Nathan Wood and Shane Wood. All but one has been certified in swift water rescue and six are already certified in rope rescue. Right now we are working towards getting all of our team members certified in all the areas of technical rescue. This should be accomplished by the end of 2006. Our equipment will be on display at the Country Breakfast on May 21st. We hope this service will add to the security of all residents in our community as well as Washington County as a whole.