

BUGLE & STAR NEWS

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Welcome to our next issue of the Bugle & Star News! 😊

Caroline County Fire & Rescue enhances ability to treat respiratory emergencies

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Bowling Green, Virginia, July 23, 2009: The Caroline County Department of Fire & Rescue is pleased to announce the recent acquisition of Continuous Positive Airway Pressure devices, also known as CPAP. The devices are currently being deployed to all ambulances within Caroline County, allowing responders to more effectively treat many severe respiratory conditions.

CPAP is similar to a ventilator, except it utilizes a mask fitted to a conscious patient instead of traditional advanced airway devices which require the patient to be unconscious and can carry many dangerous side-effects. Once the mask is applied, the device supplies pressurized oxygen to the patient, making it easier for them to breathe. In patients suffering from congestive heart failure (CHF), fluid accumulating in the lungs is forced by the pressure back out and into the bloodstream. In patients experiencing asthma or emphysema, the pressure forces passages in the lungs to open and "splints" them open. In many cases, CPAP can completely reverse the patient's condition, often in as little as 90 seconds.

Traditionally, Paramedics have been forced to insert advanced airway devices, which increase the risk of infections such as pneumonia, or treat with medications, which take considerable time to begin working. By utilizing CPAP, Caroline EMS personnel are able to help decrease the need for lengthy hospital admissions, harmful side effects, and even the likelihood of death. "These devices definitely will benefit patients by alleviating their symptoms much faster than drug therapy can alone," says Training Officer Travis Womble, "If we can alleviate the symptoms quickly, that allows the drugs time to begin working and maintain the relief once the CPAP is later discontinued."

CPAP has been in use for many years in hospitals. It is only recently that units suitable for pre-hospital use have come to the market. This means that once a patient arrives at the hospital, the relief they feel with CPAP will not have to end, they will simply be switched to a hospital CPAP unit. This project was funded through a grant from the Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services and the support of the Caroline County Board of Supervisors. For more information, contact Caroline County Department of Fire & Rescue at (804)633-9831.

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Congratulations

To **Anita Heller** on her graduation from the Hanover County Fire Academy!!! We are extremely proud of Anita's accomplishment. Her hard work and dedication is an example for all of us.



To **all** the graduates that completed the Firefighter 1 program held at the Upper Caroline Volunteer Fire Department. All passed with flying colors topped off by a great graduation ceremony :)



To **Melissa Trainum** on her graduation from Prince William Fire Academy. Melissa completed nearly 300 hours of physically and mentally demanding training and is now Virginia Firefighter I and II certified.

As you recall, this course was delayed due to the tragic death of one of the students while training. It would have been easy for Melissa to have quit the program. Instead, Melissa chose to continue the program and excelled as a student.

We are extremely proud of her accomplishments!



Services provided to our Emergency Providers

Florian Foundation:

If you are serving Caroline County as an Emergency Service Provider, we encourage you to read about this program and find out what you can do NOW for your family to assist them in case you were to be injured or died in the LINE OF DUTY. This is a free service that will last a lifetime. You can participate in the program as an individual; your agency does not have to participate in full. The first step to participating is to complete a 2 page form and then contact Sandie Doptis, Executive Director, under contact us, for a personal appointment. You can also go to our website at www.visitcaroline.com/firerescur.html, scroll down to the Florian Foundation information or, www.florianfoundation.org. The foundation will assist you by providing free wills, free medical directives and free power of attorney documents. They will also make changes to these documents free of charge at any time in the future as needed.

Check it out! Any question contact Dana Main at our office

New Incentive Program at Caroline Fire-Rescue

Caroline Fire-Rescue is proud to introduce our new incentive program - STARS REWARDS. This program is designed to recognize your contributions and to say "Thank You" for the training you complete and the hours you serve at your station and/or squad. Your dedication to emergency services in Caroline County is as exceptional as you are.



The premiums are shown on the inside of this brochure along with their redemption value. Simply collect your STARS REWARDS certificates. When you have enough to "purchase" the item of your choice, then contact Fire Administration to set up a time to redeem your certificates.



Stop by and pick up the full Brochure @ our office

1st Annual Trucks, Cars & Motorcycle Show

Frog Level Rescue held their first-ever car show on Saturday, July 11th, at Caroline High School. The show featured a whole range of vehicles from 18-wheeler tractors and tandem dump trucks to pickups to antique automobiles. There was a moon bounce and kid's corner to keep the kids entertained while their folks were admiring the cars and shopping the vendors. The most popular spot was the Famous Dave's Barbeque concession. These community friendly folks not only served great food but they donated 20% of their profits to the squad. (We hope to see them around Caroline again soon.)

Hamburgers, hot dogs and other foods were also available.



Up-Coming Events:

- Sheriff's Department National Night out-Aug. 4th 5-8 @ Caroline Community Center
- Virginia State Fair- Sept. 24-October 4 @ Meadow Event Park
- Frog Level Car Show-Oct. 17-18 Caroline High School from 10AM to 4Pm
- Fire Prevention Week - October 4th-10th "Stay Fire Smart Don't Get Burned"

Up-Coming Training Events:

- August 8,9,15,16-Hazmat Operations (Tentative)
- August 20- REMS Skills Drills
- August 22-MCI Drill
- September 10-EMT Basic
- October 19-23- Hazmat Conference @ Hampton, VA

Email training announcements to
twomble@co.caroline.va.us

Announcements:

The Hoskins family would like to thank all who have helped us out during Chief 2(Butch's) illness and recovery. Thanks to all who donated to the relief fund it will help as his recovery is going to be a long one with another procedure in the fall. We would like to give a special thanks to Cheryl Brooks (A-1 Insurance), Joyce Luck (Hair Jungle) and the Caroline Moose for the fundraisers that they have done on our behalf. Their kindness can never be repaid. On August 22 Bill Green and Preston McLain are doing a fundraiser, thanks in advance to them.

Engagements:

Heather Eades to Jerry Wayne Jones. The wedding is planned for November of 2010

**If you run into these people make sure you wish them a
Happy Birthday on their special Day!**



Aug:

2nd -Marie Farmer; 3rd-Ryan Abernathy, Pete Stevens; 4th-John Green, Janet Parker; 5th -Leigh Doucet, Chip Hartle; 8th-Rachel Collins; 11th -Victor Podbielski, Carolyn Lane; 13th -Truett Jeter,Sr; 14th -Suzanne Edwards;16th-Becky Garner, Amanda Serrett, Robert Stout; 17th-Jean Kelly; 18th-Mike Hall; 19th -Mark Ivey; 21st -William Atkins, Jr; 23rd -Robert Mitchel, Kevin Bise, Bobby Ketterman; 24th -Matt Harding;25th -Sherry Sterner; 30th-Kevin James; 31st -David Carpenter.

September:

1st -Berniece Dietrich; 2nd -Henry Quash; 4th -David Cochran; 5th -George Bauserman; 6th -Richard Harris; 7th -Frances Barlow Jr, Ronald Stover, Michael Griffin; 10th -Keith Barlow, Kevin Barlow; 11th -Amie Collison; 14th-Brian Russell; 15th -Lisa Harvey; 16th -George Fortune; 17th -Robert Powell, Susan Hayden; 18th -George Fortune; 19th -Carlos Collins; 20th -Joyce Frye, Joey Schiebel; 21st -Freddie Loving; 23rd -Jenna Carpenter, Frank Dashnaw, Jim Werling; 26th -John Oates; 28th -William Satterwhite.

October:

1st -Danny Prescott; 7th -Nancy Swain; 9th -Harold Myers Jr, Ed Ansel; 14th -David Denniston Jr; 15th -David Harris; 16th -Jack Marmaduke, Eric chenault, Stacie Massie; 21st -Debera Beasley; 22nd -J.D. Satterwhite; 24th -Daniel Gordon; 28th -Bob Carlson; 29th -Jusin Cecil; 31st -Kevin Tate, Kathy Burchell.

If you would like your birthday, anniversary, or another special occasion to be included, please email us so your name can be added to our list!

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**The next issue
will be near the
end of March.**

**We are in need of
articles for the
newsletter.**

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