



Spring Valley Fire Rescue

Station 1 • 6726 West 710 Road Station 2 • 3668 Highway 51
Hulbert, Oklahoma 74441

July 2008 Incident Reports

- 6 - First Responder
- 5 - MVA
- 1 - Community
- 1 - Electrical Fire
- 1 - AED
- 1 - Notify of Controlled Burn
- 1 - Other

August 2008

Discussed:

- 1. Reports
- 2. Training
- 3. Vests, cones and Turbo Flares
- 4. Incentive pay
- 5. SOG Manual

Board Action Summary

Approved:

- 1. Reports
- 2. Pay incentive pay
- 3. Purchase equipment
- 4. Approve SOGs

The Noble Calling

"I wish my wife, my mother, everyone who ever asked me why I do what I do could see the humanity, the sympathy, the sadness of these eyes, because in them is the reason I continue to be a fire-fighter."

Federal Government Begins Mandating High-Visibility Vests for Emergency Responders

On November 24, 2008, a new federal regulation ([23 CFR 634](#)) goes into effect mandating that anyone working in the right-of-way of a federal-aid highway must be wearing high-visibility clothing that meets the requirements of ANSI / ISEA 107; 2004 edition class 2 or 3. This requirement will apply to all emergency responders. "High-Visibility Safety Apparel" is defined to mean "personal protective safety clothing that is intended to provide conspicuity during both daytime and nighttime usage, and that meets the Performance Class 2 or 3 requirements of the ANSI/ISEA 107-2004".

Officers

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Deputy Chief.....Delbert Wilson
Captain.....Gordon Gambill
Lieutenant.....Grant Phelps
LieutenantEli Cole
Lieutenant.....Dennis Guinn
Lieutenant.....Frank McCully

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MDA Boot Drive-Scott Bynum, Chairman

Meet at the park gate at 8 AM Saturday August 30th.

Over-Aggressive Attacks on Vehicle Fires

There is absolutely no reason to put firefighters at risk of injury for an unoccupied vehicle. A fire department has little chance of saving a vehicle unless it catches the fire during the very early stages. For this reason, we must proceed with caution and be aware of inhalation and explosive hazards. We should also take exposures into consideration. Do your 360 size-up and determine the potential for exposure problems. Maintain scene control by keeping civilians clear away from vehicle. If vehicle is near a structure or within a structure take the necessary means to increase man power to protect the related exposures.

Apparatus positioning -Wind, leaking fluids, exposure issues — how should we position our equipment and make the attack? **Life hazard** - Occupants or no occupants — how aggressive do we really need to be?

Type of car-Airbags, struts, bumpers, tires, hatchbacks, magnesium blocks, two piece rims, green vehicles **The unknown**-Fertilizer, propane tanks, gas containers, weapons, etc. Assume every vehicle contains a BBQ tank and fertilizer. Once the majority of the fire is knocked down the firefighters can make their move toward the vehicle. If there is still some fire in the engine compartment you can utilize the piercing nozzle or halogen to make a purchase on the edge of the hood and fender. Once the end is inserted into the seam you can peel back enough to get the nozzle stream into the engine compartment. This technique is not only easy, it keeps the firefighters away from the bumper. If there is some fire in the rear trunk utilize the flat head axe and the halogen. Attacking the lock will usually do the trick. Open slowly and make the final attack. Be sure if you open any trunks or hoods you safely secure them in the upwards position. Car fires are typically either very minor or a total loss.

I continually think about and am asked, "what to do about getting more volunteers to come out". You are the one who they call. You are the one who is supposed to know what to do. You are the professional. Do you think that firefighters take the time to consider, "I didn't sign on for this kind of situation?" So what do you do? You do what your values dictate. That mission is the protection of life and property in just that order, and it could be yours or one of your family. Who else is going to do it? Maybe it will be you on the end of that hose, hoping all works!



Our crew hard at work during a recent Vehicle Extrication class

Annual Meeting
October 4th
Sign up to work now before all the easy work is taken.

TAHLEQUAH/CHEROKEECOUNTY FIRE TRAINING CENTER

If you are interested in attending any of this training let me know. Gordon

Accountably System Training

September 4 6:00 PM to 10:00PM

Accountability System training for implementation and usage of system.

Basic Auto Extrication

September 9, 11, 16 & 18 6:00PM to 10:00PM

A basic auto extrication class, course will cover Responders safety, Incident management, Basis Extrication tool identification and use. Practical exercise will consist of basic vehicle extrication methods and safety.

Engine Operations Class

September 22 & 25 6:00PM to 10:00PM

This course is designed for drivers/operators. Will cover multiple aspects of pumper operations in regards to rural fire suppression including drafting, static supply and apparatus requirements.

OSU Instructor 1

October 3, 4, 5, 10 11 & 12

Friday 6:00PM to 10:00PM and Saturday and Sunday 8:00 AM to 5:00PM

WMD (Weapons of Mass Destruction)

October 14 & 16 7:00PM to 10:00PM

Structural/Advanced Vol. Fire Fighter

September 30, October 2, 7 and 9 6:00PM to 10:00PM

This course is designed to enhance the VFFP course with 16 hours of practical training exercises including fire streams & hose handling, incident management, ventilation, PPE/SCBA, Rescue and Ladders.

Volunteer Firefighter Practices

October 21, 23, 28, 30, November 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20 and 25. 7:00PM to 10:00PM

Swiftwater Awareness

November 1 8:00AM to 5:00PM

Will cover techniques involved for rescuing victims from water from boat and land based rescues.

OSU Haz Mat Awareness

December 6 8:00AM to 5:00PM

OSU FIRE SERVICE TRAINING SCHEDULE

Emergency Vehicle Driver Training (13652) Locust Grove Fire Dept

Starting September 27th, 2008—Ending September 27th, 2008

SEAT BELTS SAVE LIVES

The Spring Valley Volunteer Fire Dept.
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