

Fill The Boot 2006:

By Rick Couri

Fill The Boot 2006 was a huge success again this year with LCFA members raising a large sum of money once again. New participants included the Murry Spur Fire Department and they did a great job along with Pocola, Spiro, Poteau, Hog Eye and Wister. Heavener will run their Fill The Boot on Labor Day weekend and Arkoma plans theirs the following weekend. As of this writing we have \$12,760.00 at Arvest Bank and hopefully with the Heavener and Arkoma addition we can surpass last years amount. Special thanks to all who gave of their time and efforts to make this annual campaign a success. I heard some really kind comments from the general public while I was filling my boot.

Poteau Fire Chief Jon Pickel had some great help in his son, Mark, who really did a great job of filling his boot.



**Support LCFA
– Attend Meetings**

September LCFA Meeting/Training:

By Rick Couri

14 September 2006 will be our next Association meeting date and all are urged to attend and let's make this the best Association in Oklahoma. Training for the September meeting that counts toward your Volunteer Fire Fighting Practices will be Ropes/Knots and Ventilation and Forcible Entry. Make sure you bring either a 12 foot or 10 foot section of rope so that you can learn some knots. This is not regularly taught in the 30 hour course but I will throw that in free as I think it is important.

Remember, business meeting at 06:30 p.m. and training starts at 07:00 p.m. at the Kiamichi Technology Center in Poteau.

Fire Fighter Humor:

Taken from Rescuehouse.Com

You Might Be A Rural Southern Fire Department If.....

1. Your two way radio transmissions all begin with, "Breaker, Breaker"
2. You have ever been dispatched to a working "cow" fire
3. You ever put out a cow chip fire
4. Your PASS alarms goes "Yeee Haw"
5. Your dispatch center ever said "Y'all cant miss it"
6. You used your rescue air bags as furniture at the fire station
7. You refill your air bottles at the local gas station "Free Air" hose.....

HBRFSTC News:

By Rick Couri

Exciting news comes from the Harrell Bright Regional Fire Service Training Center. Thanks to Poteau Fire Department, the skills building is getting a complete make-over and I think it will be great. Chief Jon Pickel has designed some changes that will make the facility much more useable as well as being safer. Special thanks to Poteau Fire Department and its leadership for assisting in the upkeep of the training center and for their great ideas that benefit all of us.

What Do You Need In Training?:

By Rick Couri

I have had several requests lately for different types of training and believe it or not I really do listen to your needs for training. The problems are that we need a certain number to be able to provide the areas of training that each department needs or wants. Most of the classes from OSU-FST require a minimum of 16 people to make a class. Sometimes it appears that we can't get sixteen people to come to an association meeting much less training.

I have had requests for Introduction To Technical Rescue – an eight hour course; Instructor I – a 40 hour course and the Thirty Hour Volunteer Practices Course. I have promised Latham-Dog Creek that I will teach the 30 hour course at their fire station probably starting in October.

If you have training needs, call me or Mark Morris and we can usually fill all your needs locally. You need to let us know what you want and need. Call today. Many programs can be done in your department and some may have to be done at the training center.

LCFA Training Set For 2006:

By Rick Couri

The decision was made at the January 2006 meeting to set the thirty hour volunteer firefighting practices as the training for each meeting for the coming four months. The training schedule will include:

14 Sept. 2006	Ventilation & F Entry & Ropes and Knots
12 Oct. 2006	Intro To Wildland
09 Nov. 2006	Loss Control

Each three hour class attended will get credit. The completion of all ten classes will result in Volunteer Firefighter Practices.

**Next Meeting:
14 September 2006**

First Responder Refresher Training:

By Rick Couri

First Responder refresher training will be held 12, 13 and 15 September 2006 at the 911 Building in Poteau. This is required for you to keep your First Responder certification and to be up on all the newest and latest training in the field. Take advantage of this training and make plans to be present for all three nights.