

Haz-Mat Awareness

Class Set:

By Rick Couri

LeFlore County Firefighters Association, Inc. will host a haz-mat awareness class this Saturday, 04 November 2006 at the Kiamichi Technology Center in Poteau with class starting promptly at 08:00 a.m. and testing will begin at 05:30 p.m. Mr. Vernon Phillips will be teaching the class and this is open enrollment, which means show up and you will get credit. As you are aware all firefighters are required to have the awareness class each year and this must be documented. This is your chance to get a class close to home and you not have to travel for the class.

Please be present and be ready to learn a lot because Vernon sure knows his business and you will learn from him.

LCFA Elections Coming

Soon:

By Rick Couri

The election of new officers for the Association will be held this meeting and you need to be present or you just might be elected President. President Crandell has done an excellent job and we need someone to continue in that vein. Please think seriously about who you want to be your President and let's continue to move forward in meeting the needs of the fire departments in LeFlore County.

Each department needs to be represented at meetings so that everyone has an equal voice in all matters coming before the Association.

Support LCFA

– Attend Meetings

November LCFA Meeting/Training:

By Rick Couri

09 November 2006 will be our last Association meeting date for the year and all are urged to attend and let's make this the best Association in Oklahoma. Training for the November meeting that counts toward your Volunteer Fire Fighting Practices will be Loss Control.

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

**Next Meeting:
09 November 2006**

Four Fire Fighters Die In California Blaze

By Rick Couri

Sadly we saw on the news the loss of four firefighters in the California blaze that continues to burn in that state. We mourn the loss of these heroes who were trying to save a house when the fire storm blew over them trapping them between the structure and the apparatus. A fifth fire fighter with that crew is in critical condition at this time. Pray for the families of these people that God will give them comfort in this their time of need.

Let's all be careful that we don't have to experience this type of tragedy.

Poteau Loses A Retired Fire Chief:

By Rick Couri

Poteau Retired Fire Chief, Tom Cabe, died while in his garden last week. Tom was fire chief when this author was on the fire department and I had the pleasure of serving under him. Our hearts go out to the family of Tom and thanks to the Poteau Fire Department for their participation in this funeral. Tom was laid to rest in Waldron, Ark., near his family.

Grants Awarded:

By Rick Couri

Congratulations to several fire departments in our area for the awarding of grants for 2006. Those include:

Brent Fire Department -	\$133,000.00
Clayton Fire Department -	\$162,450.00
LeFlore Fire Department -	\$11,400.00
Post Mountain Fire Department -	\$6,674.00
Roland Fire Department -	\$172,710.00

Way to go people. Make good use of every one of those dollars and let's continue to move forward in Oklahoma.

Due to a crash of my hard drive I hope I have recovered all the email addresses.....

Training Needs For 2007 Need To Be Set:

By Rick Couri

Each department needs to decide what type of training they want through the association or just in their department and make up your training schedule for 2007. If you would send those schedules to Rick so he can post those in the newsletter.

Post Mountain FD Has A Blog:

If you have not checked out Post Mountain Fire Departments new blog site you are truly missing out on a great one. Amy Howard has put together a great way to publicize the Post Mountain Department and to let the people who support the department know what is going on with their fire department. I suggest you check this out at:

www.pmvdb.blogspot.com

Great job Post Mountain and more especially to Amy Howard for a job very well done. Contact Amy and maybe she can share how to do this or would that not make for a great training night, she could teach all of us how to set up a blog and how to use it.

May your holiday seasons be the best ever and may each of you enjoy your families during this time. Please be safe and keep the wet stuff on the red stuff.

Congratulations LeFlore County Firefighters

Fill The Boot 2006

Raised \$15,101.00

The highest in Oklahoma for this region.