

Emergency Services Week



Letting the public know

Members of the Hoke County emergency services wrapped up a week of demonstrations, dinners and parades Saturday, as fire, rescue and ambulance personnel worked together to make the public more aware of the services they provide.

During the week, EMS workers conducted demonstrations at the schools, held an open house and erected a sobering display at the old National Guard Armory in an effort to give Hoke County residents a clearer picture of the daily routine of the ambulance crews.

Members of the Hoke County volunteer Rescue Squad, also had equipment on display and held an open house of their facilities.

On Tuesday night, the firemen in the county were honored for their service at an annual dinner held at the Gibson Cafeteria at Hoke High.

The event is sponsored by the Raeford-Hoke Chamber of Commerce.

On Saturday, rescue vehicles, fire trucks and ambulances paraded down Main Street prior to the annual firemen's competition.

During the events, some county firemen were timed for speed on putting on turnout gear.

Competitors ran an obstacle course, raced through a bucket brigade and fought each other in a final squirt-off.

Antioch Volunteer Fire Department captured the trophy for the day's competition, and dethroned last year's champ Stonewall.

Rescue Squad members spent a portion of the afternoon dismantling an automobile in an effort to demonstrate equipment which is available to save persons trapped inside a wrecked vehicle.

EMS workers conducted CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) demonstrations as the week came to a close.

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