



Squad #65

Squad 65 would like to thank Ted Lindblad for being the Chief for the past year. This is the second time Ted has come forward to be our leader and he has again proven worthy of the trust and faith placed in him.

Our newly elected officers are; Andy Smetana, Chief, Trish Wallace, Asst. Chief, Lois Heffelfinger, Treasurer, and Patti Swetz, Secretary. Thanks to all of you for accepting these additional duties.




After six years of service as an EMT Clyde McKeand has hung up his stethoscope and retired from our Squad. He has served the people of our Town with distinction and dedication. He was always there when anyone needed help and could be relied upon in any emergency. We wish him well in his new endeavors.


We regret that Marion Walker left after 8 years of dedicated and loyal service.


We will miss John Agatone who moved out of the Town and we will miss Henry Bannen who decided to pursue other interests.

All these people devoted countless hours, months and years of volunteering to be of service to our Town and the people of Pine Knoll Shores. We thank them, congratulate them for their service and wish them well in their new activities. We are looking forward to adding new members who are now in training, Jeanne Mays, Charlie Kirchner, Doe and Tom Martynowski, Diane Myer and Judy Salchow.

DID YOU KNOW:

-  The Pine Knoll Shores Emergency Squad has at least one qualified EMT and one Medical Responder (with Ambulance) on duty seven (7) days a week, twenty four (24) hours a day, three hundred and sixty five days (365) a year ... Add one day for leap year...
-  All Squad personnel must pass a North Carolina State written examination as well as a practical skills examination which includes CPR, Oxygen Administration, Splinting, Hemorrhage and bleeding control, Blood Pressure and vital signs evaluation.
-  All Squad personnel must attend at least 24 hours of continuation training each year and again pass a State practical skills examination after each four-year period.

 Last year the Squad members attended over 672 hours of training time and devoted 17,520 hours of on duty time.

 The Pine Knoll Shores Volunteer Emergency Squad responded to 195 emergency calls in the year 2000.

All Squad members get a great deal of personal satisfaction from these volunteer activities and we invite all interested residents to help and come join us in this effort.

Squad 65 responded to 8 medical emergencies and 4 transports in January.

Submitted by: Maureen Danehy



PKS Fire Department

There were no fire calls in January. Part of the Department's training during the month consisted of distribution and testing of new masks for use with the Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus - the oxygen supply system used when attacking a fire. Previously masks were not assigned to individual members. Now each fireman has his own mask, which has been properly fitted and provides him with a greater degree of safety.

One of the areas in our homes that presents a multitude of potential fire hazards is the garage. We all store chemicals for use in the garden or home, gasoline for power equipment, oil based paints or stains, mineral spirits, propane cylinders, and other substances that are flammable or toxic. In addition to these materials which can fuel a fire, we have appliances, such as water heaters, power tools, etc., which, if not properly maintained and separated from flammable materials, can ignite a fire. Periodically, review the housekeeping of your garage to see if you are taking the necessary steps to prevent the potential of a fire. Also, insure that if your electric panel is located in the garage, access to it is not blocked by materials stored in front of it. The panel controls electrical distribution in the home and will likely need to be switched off in the event of a fire.

Submitted by: Roger Middlesteadt