



Squad #65

Guard Against These Summer Spoilers:

Protect your good health and good times during the warmer weather by watching for the backyard hazards.

Sticks 'n Stones: Objects can be propelled by a mower blade at up to 200 miles per hour. So before mowing, clear the area of rocks, sticks, boards and other debris. Important: Let the mower cool 10 minutes before adding gasoline to the tank.

Pretty Poison: Certain common garden plants are poisonous. Examples: chrysanthemum, daffodil, morning glory and narcissus. If someone you know eats anything poisonous, call your local poison control center immediately.

Tip: Keep ipecac syrup in the cupboard if you have young children at home or who visit.

Risky Roads: The typical bicycle-motor vehicle crash occurs within one mile of a bicyclist's home, the American Automobile Association says. So use caution when biking around the neighborhood, where familiar surroundings might lead you to be less careful. Don't forget to WEAR A HELMET.

Go Ahead...Barbecue: Grilling food is the healthy way to go. When you barbecue, the fat drips onto the coals instead of into your stomach. As fat burns it smokes the food, the taste we enjoy. But that produces nitrosamines, which some think are cancer-causing. Most scientists believe this risk is minimal.

Congratulations to Jeanne Mays who has completed and passed the N.C. State EMS course and is now a Medical Responder. Our squad and the Town of Pine Knoll Shores are delighted to have her aboard. After raising 3 children Jeanne and her husband John moved to PKS in 1991. Jeanne is involved with Women's Club and the Aquarium. She is an avid tennis player and was one of the original Carteret County Senior Cheerleaders. As a member of the Presbyterian Church Choir she has traveled abroad several times to compete in choir competitions and festivals. With this busy schedule she still found time to join the EMS Squad...way to go Jeanne!

After 4 years of duty with the squad, Bill Schmid has retired from active duty but will continue to play a roll in keeping our supplies and equipment available and in good working order. He never refused a request to take over extra duty and we are glad he will continue to be of service.

Our squad members joined with other squads in a 4-day search for the young boy missing in Atlantic Beach. Starting at dawn and continuing until dusk the search included every inch of ground, beach and house-to-house coverage. Unfortunately, the young boy's body was found washed ashore. It was an amazing effort by hundreds of volunteers.

Congratulations to squad member Art Langdon and wife Mary Lou on their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Art is another one of our "Young at Heart" members.

Did you know that 6 members of the EMS squad just competed in the County Senior Games? Everyone received a medal and will be competing at the State meet in Raleigh in October.

One Saturday, May 5 the annual "Mile of Hope" sandcastle contest was held at the Atlantis Motel. As in the past our EMS squad was there with the ambulance and 6 members rotating through the day in case of an emergency.

In April the EMS squad responded to 10 medical emergencies, completed 18 training hours and was on active duty 1,519 hours.

Submitted by: Maureen Danehy

PKS Fire Department



There were no fire calls during the month of April. One of the month's training sessions was a simulated fire at the NC Aquarium. An attack was made on the west side of the building testing the department's deployment of hose, building entry procedures, water application, communications, and adequacy of our pre-fire plan.

The department is adding and changing a number of items of equipment used in fire fighting. Among the additions is a hot stick to identify electrical hazards; a Tiff gas detector to locate flammable vapors; a Heat Gun to locate hidden fires and heat sources; and, 500 feet of 5-inch supply hose that will greatly increase our water delivery capability. All the self-contained breathing apparatus masks have been changed to the most current model and each firefighter has his own assigned mask. New lightweight oxygen bottles and packs are being acquired to replace the heavy tanks we have been using. This change to lighter weight breathing equipment is particularly welcome by our senior citizen firefighters!

The department's Annual Physicals will be conducted during May and June. The physicals help our volunteers monitor their personal health and help the Fire Chief assign responsibilities within the capabilities of our volunteers. They also insure the department's compliance with OSHA and NFPA standards.

Submitted by: Roger Middlesteadt