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## Albemarle Firefighters Attend Life Saving Training Sessions

**By MARGUERITE MCCALL**  
Fifty-five firemen from the 10-county area making up the Albemarle Firemen's Association missed church services Sunday morning.

They were in Edenton participating in various, two-day training exercises geared toward saving lives.

"People may wonder why we're doing this on Sunday, but the truth is, many of us are volunteers and the only time we can get away is on a weekend," said a Town of Hertford fireman.

Lt. Gary Swanner, Edenton Fire Department, said the annual training, which is offered the first week of February each year, varies with the type of courses taught. Also, he said it rotates from year to year throughout the association.

Vice President Billy Bass, engineer with the EFD, serves as training coordinator for the association.

Participants spent Saturday in classroom activities

held at the Chowan COA Center. Practical exercises began early Sunday morning.

Repeatedly, firemen ignited a large, LP gas container set up in the middle of the softball field on the corner of Park Avenue and Oakum Street. Successfully, each

time they doused the roaring inferno with efficiency, although not without the danger such a fire presents.

Swanner said the course is titled LP Gas Emergencies.

"Firemen learn about different types of LP gas containers and their valves and

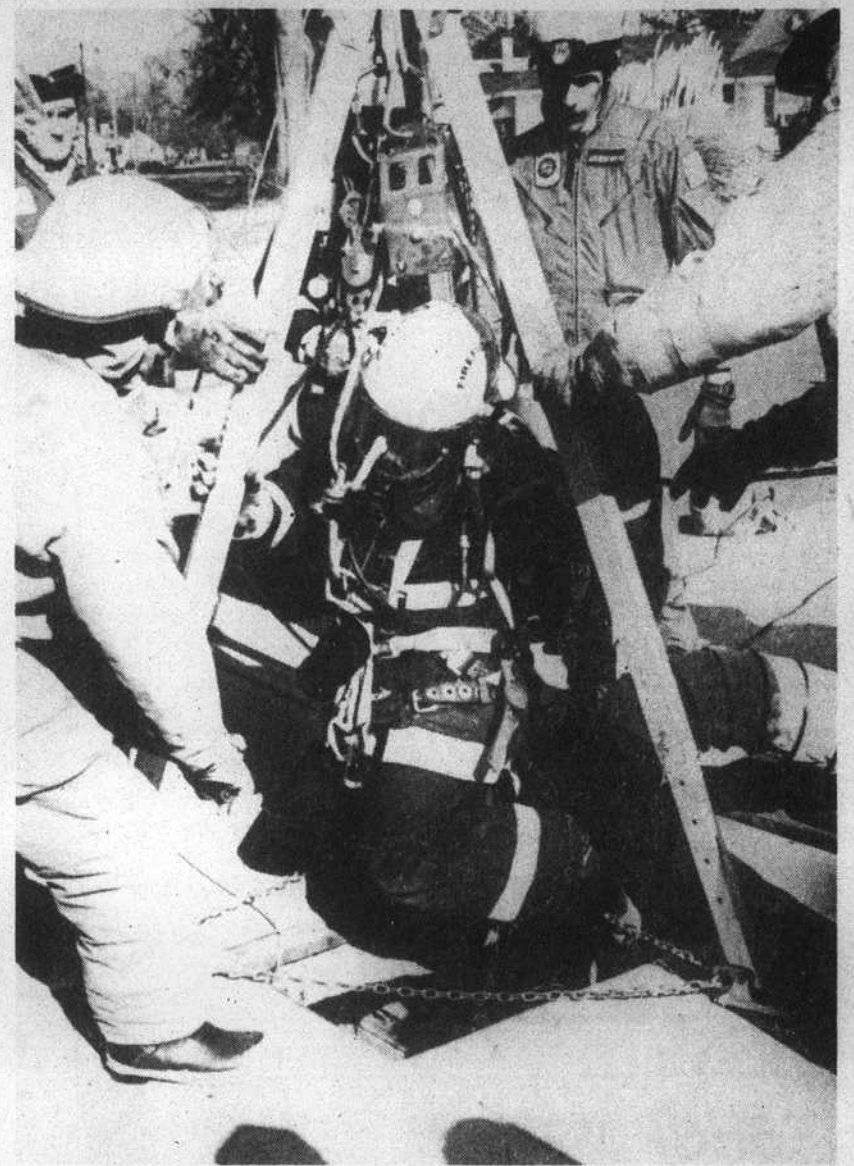
how to fight LP gas fires," he said. "Fighting an LP gas fire and a structural fire are two different things."

The activity was conducted by Assistant Fire Chief Gilbert Baccus and Assistant Chief Billy Pritchard, both of

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Firemen maneuver closer to extinguish a flaming LP gas tank Sunday morning during training exercises held here for the 10-county Albemarle Firemen's Association, which is comprised of 36 fire departments. (Staff photo by Marguerite McCall.)



A firefighter is lowered into the storm drain running beneath Park Avenue Sunday afternoon as firemen participate in "Confined Space Training." (Staff photo by Marguerite McCall.)

## Hicks Field To Receive New Lights

**By MARGUERITE MCCALL**  
Whether the major leagues resolve their differences and play baseball this year or not, umpires will walk onto Hicks Field in Edenton and shout, "Play ball."

Some had doubts there would be games this season, until the Board of County Commissioners, during its February meeting Monday night, approved proceeding with a four-year lease/purchase of new field lights.

Chowan County Manager Cliff Copeland said the Hicks Field Renovation Committee, chaired by Wallace Evans, has raised \$35,000. He said the amount is more than half the purchase price needed for six metal poles that will support 54 lights.

The committee plans to hold several fund-raisers including an auction and golf tournament to raise additional monies, Copeland said.

Town of Edenton Parks and Recreation Director Robbie Loughton told the board, "The present lights are in a

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## Good Works Are Recognized

**By CLIFF CLARK**

The gavel was passed and four special Chowan County residents were honored for their good works at the annual meeting of the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce Thursday night at the American Legion building.

While it was a night of camaraderie for the Chamber members, the real stars of the evening were the four special individuals recognized for their contributions to the community.

Vivian Phipps "Snooky" Bond was named Volunteer of the Year. Ann Perry was named Business Person of the Year and Frank and Carol Travers were honored with the Marvin Barham Humanitarian Award.

### Offender Attacks Officer Forehand

**By MARGUERITE MCCALL**

During the break-up of a mob fight on West Peterson Street Thursday night, Feb. 2, an Edenton police officer was forced to subdue an offender with Capstun spray when the latter attacked the officer and attempted to get his gun.

Police Capt. G.K. Bonner said Monday that he, Sgt. Linard Bonner, and Ptl. Wayne Forehand responded to a call at 11:23 p.m. saying 60 or 70 kids who had attended a party were in the street on the corner of West Peterson and Grand

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served on the ABC board and helped conduct the 1980 census.

Bond is extremely active in her church, St. Paul's Episcopal, serving as a member of

the vestry and volunteer breakfast committee. She also is involved in the Episcopal Women and serves in a special ministry to widows and those who live alone.

She has served as president of the Chowan Hospital Auxiliary and chairperson of several hospital balls and other committees. She is also a

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Snooky Bond, Carol and Frank Travers and Ann Perry (left to right) were recognized during the annual Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce Banquet for their work they have done to better their community. (Staff photo by Cliff Clark.)

## Criminal Justice Information Discussed At Public Hearing

**By MARGUERITE MCCALL**

Law enforcement officers from Chowan, Gates, Dare, Pasquotank, and Washington counties attended a regional public hearing in Edenton Thursday night, Feb. 2, regarding the best ways to share information.

Conducted by the state Criminal Justice Information Network Study Committee and its consultant, Price Waterhouse, the hearing, held in Swain Auditorium, was one of six provided across the state last week for giving an

overview of the project goals and to receive questions and comments from audiences.

Steve Holdridge, project manager for Price Waterhouse, said the study committee is charged with giving a report to the N.C. General Assembly in April 1995.

"We started on the project the middle of December of trying to develop a strategic information system statewide," Holdridge told the audience. "One thing we'll be looking at will be setting common standards for all law enforcement

agencies." He said the project plan is to confirm the present situation, identify opportunities for improvement, identify alternatives, determine constraints, and prepare reports.

Project member Mitch Kemp, who works with the technical aspects of information systems, discussed the many radio frequencies used among various law enforcement agencies.

"I would love to have one radio band across the state,"

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Following a regional public hearing on the goals of the N.C. Criminal Justice Information Network Study Committee Thursday night at Swain Auditorium, Chowan County Sheriff Fred Spruill (left) discusses the subject with (left to right) DMV Officer Hardy Gillam Jr., SBI Agent Ron Hawley, Project Consultant Mitch Kemp, and Gates County Sheriff Elmo Benton. Approximately 30 law enforcement officers attended the meeting. (Staff photo by Marguerite McCall.)

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