



Kachemak Emergency Services

The Smoke Signal

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May Newsletter

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy Birthday wishes to our May Birthday Members: Jose Diaz, Tim Myers, and Scott Schneider. Enjoy your "Special Day".

EQUIPMENT

All equipment at Station 1 and Station 2 are operating and ready for response. The following equipment is out of service and stored until further notice: Engine-11, Squad-2, Rescue-1, and Medic-3.

Brush Trucks: A new cover has been fabricated and installed on Brush-1. A cover for Brush-2 has also been made and is in the process of being installed. Brush-3 will get one soon. The new covers cover and protect the hose reels and the electric motors. Brush 1, Brush 2, and Brush 3 all have tools, water, and hose on them – and are ready for response. They each have 150 feet of booster hose.

Radios: KES has purchased several new Motorola APX1000 radios. These radios will replace some of the older ICOM and Motorola EX560 radios. The new radios are on Back-Order with Motorola, but hopefully will arrive by the end of June. Stay tuned.

Tanker-3 Replacement: KESA has requested a revised bid from Rosenbauer for a new replacement tanker/pumper on a custom chassis. The decision was made to pursue a Tanker/Pumper, rather than just a replacement tanker. Pierce has also submitted a bid, so will also be in consideration.

Replacement Temporary Loaner Tanker-Pumper

In June, KESA will receive a replacement loaner 4000 gallon tanker/pumper from Nikiski (pictured below), which will be on loan to us until our new replacement tanker/pumper arrives. Until June, old Tanker-3 remains in service, so don't poke at the seeping pits in the side of the tank.



TRAINING

Keep your eye on the calendar schedule board located in the entry into the training room. It is constantly being updated with new opportunities. Grab the chance to learn!

Fire Training: Fire Training in May is set for Wednesday, May 23rd at 6pm at Station 1. The new style MSA Air-packs will be available for us to try out and get familiar with. They are pretty cool and a little bit different, so please make the extra effort to attend. Training is only one night a month. Support and EMS folks are always welcome to attend and stay familiar with the fire-ground activities and their roles on fire scenes.

EMS Training: The Regular Monthly EMS training is on the second Wednesday of each month – The next regular training will be Wednesday June 13th at Station 1. The training will begin at 6pm. Come and check it out. Stay current in your skills. Fire and Support personnel are also welcome to attend.

Twink Dalton: Twink Dalton is one of the most extraordinary EMS instructors in the United States. Her teaching is informative, engaging and always captivating. It is suited to EMTs of all skill levels. She will be teaching a variety of topics. See the schedule at the end of this newsletter for details. The classes will be held at the HVFD station, and are open to all area EMS providers. Classes are Monday through Friday (May 14-18) 6pm to 10pm, and also Saturday May 19th 9am to 5pm. Come for some sessions, or all of them.

Rope Rescue: The May Rope Rescue training has been cancelled so that team members can attend the Twink Dalton Training. The June Rope Rescue Training is scheduled for Wednesday, June 20th. Stay tuned for details.

Officer's Meeting: The next regularly scheduled Officer's Meeting is slated for Monday, June 4th at 6pm at Station-1.

Advanced ALS Training: Advanced ALS Providers will meet on Thursday, May 24th at the KESA Station 1. The instructor will be Harrison, and may include some outside activities. Contact Samantha Cunningham for details. This training is only open to EMT III and Paramedic individuals.

Trauma Review at SPH: The next SPH Trauma Review session will be held at the SPH Conference rooms 1 & 2 at 6pm on Wednesday, June 6th. These reviews are always interesting, tracking cases from field treatment through the emergency room and into the care provided post-ER. The Trauma Reviews are open to anyone in the Emergency Services.

Alaska State Firefighters Conference: This year's Conference will be held in Kenai September 24th – 28th. With it so close on the Kenai Peninsula, it will allow several people to attend. It's not too soon to start planning for this opportunity! KESA Ladder-1 will make an appearance at the Conference – as a Demo-Display for Rosenbauer, who will be at the Conference.

Next FF-I Class: The next Fire Fighter-1 class is currently waiting for a few more people to express an interest. If you or a friend are interested, see a Chief.

Fire Investigation: A few folks have stepped forward expressing interest, so a Team meeting will be scheduled soon. If you are interested, please let Deputy Chief Sallee or Chief Ciccarella know.

Ideas / Suggestions: If you have any ideas or suggestions for training, please let Deputy Chief Sallee know. He is eager to put together training that is interesting and helpful for the members. Let him know your thoughts. He will appreciate the feed-back.

RIG CHECKS

The first Wednesday of each month is devoted to rig checks (Both EMS and Fire). The Rig Checks in June will be on June 6th at 6pm. Some folks will meet at Station 1 and go over the rigs there. The Rig Check Lists at Station 1 are on the board by the entrance. Other folks will meet at Station 2 and check the rigs there. The Check Lists at Station 2 are next to the panel box. Use the Operative IQ system for checking the EMS supplies and gear. Thanks for your help in keeping our equipment response ready.

\$100 CERTIFICATE FOR A TOOL OF YOUR CHOICE

With your certificate, you get to pick out any “gear, equipment, or clothing approved for emergency services” from “The Fire Store” – (value up to \$100.00). KESA will order it for you – and it will be yours as part of your personal KESA gear. A \$100 purchase certificate will be awarded to any member that signs up a new recruit for an ETT or FF-1 Class. The new recruit must complete the class and pass the final testing before the purchase certificate will be awarded to the sponsoring member. No limit for the number of new recruits a member can sponsor!

THANKS TO THOSE THAT HELPED WITH THE EMT-II CLASS AND TESTING!

Thank you to all those that helped with the EMT-II Class – and the testing. Many hands made for fun and speedy work.

Congratulations to the EMT-II students for their efforts to improve their skills and better serve our community.

WHEN ASKED FOR KESA 'S HELP...

If anyone has an emergency and needs help, make sure that 911 Dispatch is called by phone or by radio. We are here to help and want our full team on board to assist. Sometimes people ask for KESA resources for non-emergency situations... Use of a tool, or plowing out a driveway, or pulling out a stuck rig, or some other favor. Remember that only a KESA Chief Officer can approve or authorize the use of KESA resources. If something goes unexpectedly wrong, you want to make sure that the proper channels of authorization have been put in place.

MAKE SURE THE RIG IS READY FOR THE NEXT CALL!

At the end of a call, you are tired and looking forward to heading back home. But wait!!! Make sure that the rig is fully stocked and everything is in its proper place. That attention to detail makes a huge difference for the next call, and could make the difference in being able to save a life. Additionally, make sure the rig itself is ready to respond. That especially means plugging in the shore power before leaving the building. Keys should be left in the ignition of the ambulances (not set on the dashboard). Fire Engines should have air supply hoses connected. Stay alert... be aware.

YOUR NEWSLETTER

This Newsletter is for and by KESA Members. That includes YOU! The Editor is looking for recipes, stories, jokes, cartoons, quotes, photos, volunteer profiles, and other interesting things. It is best if they are not copyrighted by someone else. If you have an interest in being a part of the Newsletter team, let me know.... I would love some help! Thanks. Gary.

STATION-2

The Foam Contractors completed their work sealing up the holes and seams at the building. We have been able to lower the thermostat a bit – and the building has stayed toasty warm. Since the insulating work, the propane used for heating has been reduced by nearly 50%. That is a huge savings.

The large water tank has been buried behind the station. The water line from the tank to the building has also been installed. Further installation is waiting for the Borough to locate a suitable Fire Pump.

The problem with the over-head door for Bay 4 (closest to the man-door) has been diagnosed (a frayed wire) and has been repaired. Medic-2 has been returned to its original stall closest to the man-door. Remember to plug it in after every call!

THE SMALL CORE GROUP NEEDS YOUR HELP

The KESA volunteer group has dwindled to a small core group of members that are doing most of the work and going on the bulk of the calls. Please help out your fellow members and step up to help as you can, even if it is only to drive an apparatus or lend a hand at an emergency scene. Let's try and give those few in the core group a break and some help. Every hand is appreciated.

You are all greatly appreciated and It takes participation from all of you to make us successful. KESA and the community needs each and every one of you!

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Our **QUOTE OF THE MONTH** comes from Yoda:

“Do, or Do Not. There is no Try.”

If you hear something that you think would make a good “Quote of the Month”, send it to the Editor, Gary at grt@xyz.net.

OUR NEWEST VOLUNTEER MEMBERS:

Courtney Moody – Fire Fighter I

Mike Roy – Coast Guard

Kiel Moe – FireFighter II

Introduce yourself to these newest members of our team. They are eager to participate with the KESA team.

PERSONNEL

Here is the current run-down of Staff and Officers:

Staff:

Bob Cicciarella – Fire Chief

Joe Sallee – Deputy Fire Chief

Harlon Engebretsen – Mechanic

Jeanette Johnson – Administrative Assistant

Officers:

Fire Chief: Bob Cicciarella

Deputy Fire Chief: Joe Sallee

Captains: Greg Collins, Jose Diaz, Kevin Jones, Maynard Kaufman, Jason Miller, Gary Thomas, Samantha Cunningham (EMS)

Lieutenant: Rob Porter (Fire & EMS)

AND all the rest of the dedicated volunteers which help to make our community a safer and better place to live. Thank you for all you do.

Stay safe.



TWINK DALTON SCHEDULE
May 14 thru May 19, 2018

Homer Volunteer Fire Department: 2018

Monday, May 14th 6 – 10pm – Critical Thinking
Review of General Assessment
Pharmacology Review
Assessment specific to stroke
Assessment specific to abdominal pain
Simulations: General Assessment practical

Tuesday, May 15th 6 – 10pm – Respiratory
EtCO₂ Review
Simulations: Asthma
Pneumonia
PE

Wednesday, May 16th 6 – 10pm – Chest Discomfort
Review of A&P/Pathophysiology
Review of rhythms, ACS and AMI mimics

Thursday, May 17th 6 - 10pm – Medical
Seizure Review and other movement disorders
Simulations: Seizures
Diabetes (DKA, Hypoglycemia, sepsis)
Abdominal Pain
Stroke
Shock (medical causes)
Allergic reactions

Friday, May 18th 6 – 10pm – Trauma
Issues in Trauma
Simulations: Head trauma
Spine trauma with deficit
Abdominal trauma
Chest trauma
Pelvic trauma

Saturday, May 19th 9am – 5pm – OB/Peds
Normal and abnormal delivery
HandTevy method for medication administration
Simulations: Pediatric medical
Simulations: Pediatric trauma

