

TELLICO VILLAGE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

January 2018

Mission: To Save Lives and Property

Preparation and Training is Everything

When experts like intensive care nurses and firefighters make decisions under pressure they don't systematically compare all options... that is the way people are taught but in real life it is much too slow. Instead, when faced with an emergency they would almost immediately size up a situation and act... drawing on experience, intuition and a rough mental simulation.

- Sources of Power by Gary Klein

The Tellico Village Fire/Rescue Team has an ongoing rigorous training regimen bolstered by our simulation exercises. Experience, intuition and mental simulation are products of that training and preparation.

Our simulation exercises include fire abatement plans for all public buildings in the Village. That entails scoping out the interior of the building, assessing the need for evacuation of occupants, pinpointing the locations of fire hydrants, establishing the need for fire fighting assistance from our fire boat and identifying the best fire suppression techniques for each location.

Our training regimen has a strong focus on medical emergencies as they account for nearly 85% of our 911 calls. Fire training involves proficiency with the equipment and honing fire fighting techniques. We currently have 4 EMRs in training, 28 EMRs and 7 A-EMTs.

Emergency Medical Responders – All volunteers must completed extensive in-house training and off site training sessions with Priority Ambulance Services and are licensed by the State. They generally perform non-invasive procedures such as bleeding control, positive pressure ventilation with a bag mask, use of airway devices, supplemental oxygen administration, and splinting.

Emergency Medical Technicians – They attend classroom training at Roane State Community College and shiftwork with Priority Ambulance. At this level of training they can initiate invasive procedures, apply airway devices and can perform cardiac monitoring and administer pharmaceuticals.

Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians – They have all of the above skills plus advanced training in the positive airway devices, pharmaceuticals and can initiate intravenous procedures. A state license is required.

Our mission is to save lives and property. Constant training and preparing is a step towards – mission accomplished.

**Thanks for your ongoing support of the
Tellico Village Fire/Rescue Team.**

Ever wonder what a day in the life of the Fire/Rescue Team looks like? Check out the article on the next page.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors 2018 Campaign

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Thank you!

Villagers Supporting Fire/Rescue Committee: Rich Planzo, Bob Thelen, Bill Koepp, Cap Purvis, Rich Seymour, Rich Herbst

Thank you for your generous moral and financial support.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors: Meet the Volunteers

The members of the Fire/rescue team see their roles as more than "just doing a job". They see it as helping their neighbors and making the village a better place to live.

Rosemary Bridget Koziara



Rosemary moved to Tommotely with her husband Ed in 2008 from Ohio. She is a registered nurse and worked as a Certified Hospice Case Manager.

A member of the Fire/Rescue Team since 2016 she is an EMR and says "I am privileged to be a member of this dedicated and caring team."

Susan Kirk



A resident of Toqua since 2017 she and husband Mike moved here from Florida.

Licensed as a Massage Therapist she joined the team as a Fire fighter in 2017 because she "... had something to offer the community."

Linda Jumer



Linda moved to the Chota neighborhood with spouse Tom in 2017 from Ohio.

She has a Nursing degree and was a public health nurse. An EMR and Team member since 2017 she wants to "... give something back to the community."

Five Days in the Life of the Tellico Village Volunteer Fire/Rescue team

The Tellico Village Volunteer Fire/Rescue Team is professional and dedicated. Add a heavy dose of neighborly concern and we are indeed in good hands.

DAY ONE

6:09 am

Smoke alarm. 17 Volunteers responded - two fire engines, two Rescue Vehicles, and one extrication vehicle. False alarm, faulty smoke detector. Replaced it. Onsite 29 minutes.

2:00 pm

Possible stroke. Six Volunteers responded and one Rescue Vehicle. Administered stroke test and oxygen- checked vital signs. Ambulance transported patient to stroke center. Onsite 22 minutes.

6:53 pm

Lift assist - patient could not get up. Four volunteers responded and one Rescue Vehicle. Assisted patient to bed - exam revealed no injuries. Checked vital signs. Patient refused ambulance. Onsite 25 minutes.

11:38 pm

Unconscious unresponsive patient. Seven volunteers responded and one rescue vehicle. Administered oxygen, checked vital signs. Ambulance transported patient to ER. Onsite 24 minutes.

Here is a recap of the five days:

- 12 incidents in 5 days to which our 39 team members responded 107 times.
- Nine patients were transported to the hospital.
- Every piece of equipment in our array was needed and well used.

DAY TWO

6:34 am

Diabetic coma and a history of violence. Nine volunteers responded with law enforcement and one Rescue Vehicle. Assisted law enforcement and ambulance personnel. Patient transported to ER. Onsite 14 minutes.

7:49 am

High blood pressure. Six responders and one Rescue Vehicle. Administered oxygen, checked vital signs. Ambulance transported patient to ER. Onsite 19 minutes.

11:26 am

Possible heart attack. Six volunteers responded and one Rescue Vehicle. Started IV, administered medications and oxygen, checked vital signs. Ambulance transported to ER. Onsite 17 minutes.

1:32 pm

Possible stroke. Six volunteers responded and one Rescue Vehicle. Administered oxygen, checked vital signs, started IV. Ambulance transported to stroke center. Onsite 28 minutes.

DAY THREE

10:24 am

Possible heart attack. Six volunteers responded and one Rescue Vehicle. Administered oxygen, checked vital signs. Ambulance transported to ER. Onsite 21 minutes.

10:48 am

Possible heart attack. Six volunteers responded and one Rescue Vehicle. Administered oxygen and medications, started IV, checked vital signs. Ambulance transported to ER. Onsite 12 minutes.

DAY FOUR

5:38 am

Breathing difficulty - possible Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease or Asthma attack. Ten volunteers responded and one Rescue Vehicle. Administered inhalation medication and oxygen, checked vital signs. Ambulance transported to ER. Onsite 24 minutes.

DAY FIVE

3:02 pm

Fire alarm. 48 foot yacht on fire on Tellico Lake. 19 volunteers responded and one Fire/Rescue boat, two Fire Engines, one Extrication vehicle, two Rescue Vehicle. Fire boat fought fire for 3 hours until fire extinguished.

Special thanks to Marianne Raft for her September newsletter fire boat photos