

TELLICO VILLAGE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

July 2017

Mission: To Save Lives and Property

What you should know about your Tellico Village Fire/Rescue Team



How many are there ?

Our full compliment is thirty-six – all reside in the Village. They come from all over the country, from the mid-west and from all points east to west. Experienced or rookies, all are motivated to serve. They are Neighbors helping Neighbors.

Do any have prior experience ?

Some have worked on ambulances, some in emergency rooms, some with other volunteer fire departments, some were big city firefighters, some in law enforcement – all valued and with valuable experience. They are joined by those with no experience but with the same motivation to serve.

Are they up to the job ?

Yes they are! The training regimens are similar to those of the paid departments here in Tennessee. They are rigorous and designed to get new volunteers up to proficiency quickly and keep old pros on their toes. Training starts with basic fire fighting protocols aimed at structural and vehicular fires. Many will add specialized training – running the pumps and monitoring firefighters for safety concerns are a some of the specialties. Many volunteers attend supplemental fire fighting training offered on a local and even national level.

There is a heavy emphasis on medical training as nearly 85% of our 911 calls are for medical emergencies. Consequently all volunteers are required to be certified as an Emergency Medical Responder within the first year. That's a sixty hour course with training in medical and trauma assessment and treatment, measurement of vital signs, oxygen administration.

All volunteers must be CPR/AED certified.

Many volunteers have continued their training and are state certified EMT-A. They receive an additional three hundred hours of training to administer drugs, IV implementation, and advanced medical and trauma techniques.

How does our Fire/Rescue Department compare to others ?

The Insurance services Organization ranks us in the top 20% of the 48,000 paid and volunteer Fire Departments they tested and rated. Statistical data shows a direct relationship between fire protection and a reduction in injuries and property loss.

How does that accrue to the benefit of the village?

A complementary component of motivated volunteers, training and equipment is essential for the Fire/Rescue Team to provide the Village with superior service.

The proximity of trained volunteers and equipment to their neighbors homes cuts response time to a life saving 3-4 minutes.

Enhanced safety for the residents of Tellico Village is the result of the training, equipment array and dedication of these wonderful volunteers.

What motivates them?

Many say the appreciation shown thru emotional and financial support is a strong incentive to serve. Giving back is a common refrain.

Part one of a two part series

Neighbors Helping Neighbors 2017 Campaign

Yes, I want to join the 100% Club. Enclosed is my donation.

_____ \$50 _____ \$100 _____ \$125 _____ \$150 _____ Other

Name _____ Address _____

Please make checks payable to: TVVFD, 210 Chota Rd. Loudon, TN 37774

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.

The Tellico Village Fire/Rescue Team's Annual Open House

Neighbors Thanking Neighbors was the theme and was repeated time and time again by the more than 650 villagers that came to thank the Volunteer Fire /Rescue Team. There were many first-person stories of the quick response to 911 calls, and injuries tended to and nerves soothed.

The thanks were reciprocated by the Volunteers with hugs and handshakes... and the free lunch – dogs, burgers and other goodies – punctuated the feeling of deep gratitude.



The Tellico Village Fire Boat: A Floating Emergency Vehicle



The boating and grandchildren season has begun and the Tellico Village Fire/Rescue Team is prepared to respond to water related 911 calls. The Fire/Rescue boat, docked at the Yacht Club, is manned by trained members of the TVVFD who will provide the same medical service as does our land-based rescue team.

They are also prepared to respond to fires on boats and lakeside structures. The Fire Boat is equipped with a pump and deck gun that can deliver 500 gallons per minute or fires at boats and lakeside structures. It can also be hooked up to a land based truck to provide unlimited water for fire suppression.

The Fire Boat is a critical component of our equipment array.

TK Home Services, a bronze star supporter of the TVVFD, is a full service home maintenance repair and renovator of homes.

We are grateful for the support from this growing business.

Info that can help you avoid emergencies.

CHECK THE WEATHER

High winds and gully washers crop up quickly in Eastern Tennessee

CHECK YOUR EQUIPMENT

ie: Lifejackets, fire extinguishers, cell phone, two way radio

DESIGNATE AN ASSISTANT SKIPPER

Ensure that one person on board is familiar with all aspects of your boat's handling, operations, and general boating safety

WEAR LIFE JACKETS

The US Coast Guard reports that almost 76% of fatal boating accident victims drowned, and of these, 85% were not wearing a life jacket. Assign and fit all on board with a life jacket – be especially careful that life jackets for children are the correct size

USE COMMON SENSE

Operate at a safe speed and control your wake when approaching or passing kayaks, paddle boarders and swimmers.

DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE

Drinking is the leading contributing factor in fatal boating accidents; it was listed as the leading factor in 17% of the deaths. Operators with a blood alcohol level of 0.10 percent (for most of us, that means just one to three beers) are 10 times as likely to be killed in a boating accident as a sober boater.

A day on the water can be memorable. Make sure it is so for all the right reasons.