

KASC Safety Awareness Meeting on August 19, 2008, at Piccadilly Cafeteria

At the KASC Community Safety Awareness meeting on August 19, 2008, Mike Livingston opened the meeting with prayer. A first time visitor from Wellmont was introduced. It was announced that the KASC Annual Awards and Recognition Banquet will be held at the Eastman Lodge on September 17, 2008. The food will be from Braeden's Barbeque, and Pearl Dotson and Brenda Lowder will take care of getting the food. Nominations for the Officers and Board of Directors will be made after a meeting of the past Presidents. If you have nominations, please inform Mike Livingston, Randy Cassell, Pearl Dotson or Gene Faxon. The KASC webpage is being reconstructed, so please submit suggestions to Julia Williams who is our webmaster. Jean Rhea delivered the check from ETSU for the seminar to KASC Treasurer Randy Cassell. Mike Livingston informed us of the new storage trailer for KASC. All of our materials will be moved from the old trailer to the new trailer by late October, and Mike will handle the transfer. Randy Cassell suggested that we send a letter of appreciation to TeleOptics for using the trailer and keeping it on their lot.

Max Middleton of Eastman led an open forum on the benefits of networking with those attending the meetings and of being involved with the safety council. He distributed a sheet on networking and asked us to respond to the following three statements about networking: "In the last 12 months I looked for help in answering a question on the following topic: In the last 12 months I was asked for help in answering a safety question on the following topic: The following are topics I would feel comfortable answering questions on:" As a follow-up, the members in attendance were asked to list some topics that they would feel comfortable answering questions on. The list Max received includes: Emergency Medicine/Level I Trauma Center, Hospital Emergency Centers and their available resources, Medical Emergency Preparedness, Trauma related injuries, Injury Prevention, Identity Theft, Traffic Safety, Neighborhood Watch Programs, HAZMAT Emergency Response, Use of Fire Extinguishers, Fire Prevention Practices, Firearms Safety, Industrial Security Functions, Fire Emergency Response Operations, Flash Fire Garments, and Fixed Fire Protection systems. It's clear why the networking resource of the KASC membership is a critical component of the council. Do some networking each meeting and invite someone to come or better yet, bring someone with you.