

KASC Community Safety Awareness Meeting
July 21, 2009
Piccadilly Cafeteria

Gene Faxon called the meeting to order. Harold Gillenwater opened with prayer. We had several new attendees at this meeting: Amanda Gardner, Trane; Jim Williams, Attorney; Jared Williams

Fire Safety Rodeo – Harold Gillenwater reported there was a good crowd in attendance and all the competitors were pleased. Nolichuckey attended for the first time this year. There were a total of 7 teams. This year it was held at Holston Army Ammunition Plant and KASC was concerned that the crowd would not follow, but had a great turnout. Thanks to Bob Ragan and Jerry Hammonds for allowing us use of the facility. Consensus was that it is much easier than at DB.

Board of Directors meeting – Bill Hickam presented on behalf of Eastman a proposal to bring a company in from Atlanta for a presentation on personal safety and crime awareness. Eastman would like the support of the Council in promoting this event. Would have two presentations and be open to the public.

Special thanks to Melissa Hamilton, RN, Holston Valley, for offering to present the program today on short notice due to the cancellation of previously scheduled speaker. **Topic:** Swine Flu or N1H1. This epidemic costs 16 million lives in WWII or 1/5 of the population. The first case in the United States was reported on April 29, 2009. Since that date, there have been 247 cases in TN with 1 death; 319 in VA with 2 deaths. Overall, there have been 40,546 cases within the United States resulting in 263 deaths.

This disease is spread through contact – someone infected sneezes without using a tissue or covering nose – spread through air. Symptoms present same as seasonal flu – fever and headache. The largest number of cases reported are in the 5-24 age group. High at risk are the 65 and older; 5yrs or younger, and pregnant women.

For Prevention: Wash hands frequently – if soap and water not available, use alcohol-based hand sanitizer. Avoid touching eyes and mouth, close contact with sick people – keep at least 3 feet away. If you feel sick – stay home for 7 days. You can be contagious 1 day prior to symptoms and 7 days after. Avoid Swine Flu parties. The Influenza virus remains viable for 2-8 hours

on objects. Wash everything if you feel you have come in contact with someone that shows symptoms. Heat, chemical germicide, chlorine, peroxide, alcohol and detergents may kill the virus on objects and/or clothing.

At this time, there is not a vaccine for the N1H1 (Swine Flu). For more information, go to these websites: www.cdc.gov www.health.state.tn.us

