

**KASC Safety Awareness Meeting
May 19, 2009 at Picadilly Restaurant**

The meeting was called to order with 16 members present. Harold Gillenwater opened the meeting with prayer. Several first time visitors were introduced and welcomed by the membership. There were brief reports on the Kids Safety Fair, the Safety Seminar and the upcoming Fire Safety Rodeo. The rodeo will be held at Holston Army Ammunition Plant near Allandale due to construction on the DB parking lot. We also discussed the possibility of having a KASC Picnic in early June, but this has not been confirmed.

Our guest speaker was Caroline Bowery, intern for the Join Us program for the Sullivan County Fire Fighters Association. Her office is located at J. Mark Bowery Insurance, Inc., and her father Mark is currently serving as President of the SCFFA. Caroline presented information on the expenses, return on investment, tax savings, insurance savings, and life safety facts associated with providing fire protection services through volunteer departments. 73 per cent of our nation's fire departments are manned by volunteers, and Sullivan County has approximately 700 volunteer fire fighters who provide services to our community. Tennessee has one of the highest rates of fire deaths in the country, so this program is designed to increase the resources available to reduce these statistics.

Caroline discussed a Join Us Event for the Sullivan County Volunteer Fire Departments and Rescue Squads that will be held at the Kingsport Towne Center (Fort Henry Mall) on Saturday, June 6, 2009 from noon to 4pm.



Caroline presents an overview of the local Join Us Program



She also provided several handouts on statistics and upcoming events