

## **KASC Safety Awareness Meeting June 16, 2009 at Picadilly Restaurant**

The meeting was called to order and Tom Baker opened the meeting with prayer. The Fire Safety Rodeo Committee is meeting on July 17 to finalize plans for this Fun Fest Event to be held on Saturday, July 11 at Holston Army Ammunition Plant near Allandale due to construction on the DB parking lot. The Application Committee is working on the National Safety Council's Safe Community Award. A "Splash Dance" will be held on July 15 by the Kingsport Fire Department as a Fun Fest Event.

Our guest speaker was Barry Brickey, Public Education Officer for the Kingsport Fire Department. Speaking on the topic of Fun Fest Safety, Barry discussed several hazards that are addressed, such as lightning storms. Tennessee is in the top 5 states for lightning strikes. 90 % of people struck by lightning are not actually being rained on. Lightning can strike as far as 10 miles from the area where it is raining. During Fun Fest, Kingsport Fire Department utilizes portable computer radar monitoring and hand held detectors to monitor current weather conditions and prevent unnecessary exposures. All tents and buildings utilized for Fun Fest activities are inspected prior to use. They have established the Emergency Multiple Agency Command (EMAC) that includes KFD, KPD, Central Dispatch, EMS, Hospitals and other agencies. Disaster Preparedness includes the response plan, staging areas, preplanned response routes, medical response, disaster trailers and emergency evacuation routes, including plans for stadiums and large meeting facilities. Emergency Responders will be using ATV's and bicycles to provide rapid first response to medical emergencies.



Barry presents an overview of the emergency response plans for Fun Fest, including hazards such as lightning



Barry explained how activities are pre-planned by a special committee