

**KASC Community Safety Awareness Meeting  
January 19, 2010 @ Picadilly Cafeteria, Kingsport, TN**

Welcome by Jean Rhea. Harold Gillenwater opened with prayer.

**Attendees:** Jean Rhea, Whitney Allen-Carr, Joel Nelms, Randy Cassell, Doug Giles, Gene Faxon, Harold Gillenwater, Keith Stanley, Marion Bailey, Tom Patton, Kevin Hite, Keith Bennett, Kirk Jones, Melissa Hamilton, Susan Oliver, Mike Livingston, Tim White, Joel Jones

**Announcements:**

Safety Seminar meeting on 2/21/10. This will be the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary so we are ordering special bags. Jean asked for everyone to get the word out about the seminar. A sheet was passed around to sign up speakers for 2010 Community meetings.

Tom Patton introduced our speaker, Officer Brian Hite from Kingsport Police Department. Officer Hite is a K-9 officer. He spoke regarding the use of K-9 dogs in the police force including: bombs, narcotics, search/tracking, building clearing & apprehensions. Kingsport's K-9 unit is the 2<sup>nd</sup> oldest running in the state. 4 dogs are currently working. Average cost of dogs = \$1,000 to \$15,000.

Officer Hite was presented with a Thank You gift from Jean Rhea on behalf of the KASC. Door prize was distributed. Jean Rhea thanked attendees and closed meeting.

*Minutes taken by: Whitney Allen-Carr*



Officer Hite covered many aspects of utilizing dogs to supplement police department activities