

**KASC Community Safety Awareness Meeting
April 20, 2010 @Picadilly Cafeteria, Kingsport, TN**

Welcome by President Jean Rhea. Jean reminded everyone that the 25th annual Safety Seminar will be held on May 12, 2010 at Eastman/Toy F. Reid Employee Center.

Our guest speaker was Chris Amella from Louisville Ladder who spoke on ladder safety.

Ladders are designed to get you to the working height, not to keep you there. He discussed the pros and cons of ladders verses scaffolding. He reminded us that it is never a good idea to paint ladders due to hiding flaws. Never lean to the side of a ladder past your belly button /belt buckle. Never climb above the top 3 rungs of an extension ladder or the top 2 rungs of a step ladder. If you are working on uneven surfaces, ladder levelers can be used to level the ladder. It is safer for 2 people to handle a 28 foot ladder. Always look at the weight capacity for a ladder. A ladder needs to be inspected by the user before each use. There is a mandatory \$1000.00 fine from OSHA if there is a missing label from the ladder.

Mr. Amella was presented with a Thank You gift from Jean Rhea on behalf of the KASC. An additional door prize was distributed. Jean Rhea thanked attendees and closed the meeting.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Secretary Debbie Morelock

