

## **KASC Community Safety Awareness Meeting May 18, 2010 @Piccadilly Cafeteria, Kingsport, TN**

Welcome by President Jean Rhea. Randy Cassell opened with prayer.

**Announcements:** May 5<sup>th</sup> was the Kid's Safety fair with well over 100 kids in attendance this year. The total attendance at the KASC safety seminar held on May 12<sup>th</sup> at Eastman's Troy F. Reid Employee Center was 384 people. The annual picnic will be held at Golfers edge, on June 5 at 4:30. You are invited to come and bring your family for lots of fun and fellowship. If you haven't attended the picnic before you are missing out. Please RSVP to Jean Rhea to get a count for the food order.

Our guest speaker was Barry Brickey, Public Education Officer for the Kingsport Fire Department. Barry introduced Robert Sluss, the Kingsport Fire Marshall and Ralph Cline from the Kingsport Police Department. Barry was speaking on the topic of Fun Fest Safety. He discussed several hazards that could be addressed, such as a lost child, a heart attack victim, a grill fire at the food vendor's tent, a panic in a large crowd or lightning storms in the area. 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, pre-planned response routes, medical response, disaster trailers that can accommodate 250 people and emergency evacuation routes, including plans for stadiums and large meeting facilities. Emergency Responders will be using ATV's and bicycles for patrolling, and they also have a designated helicopter landing pad to provide rapid first response for medical emergencies.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Secretary Debbie Morelock