

KASC Community Safety Awareness Meeting October 19, 2010 @ Piccadilly Cafeteria

President Randy Cassell called meeting to order. Mike Livingston opened with prayer. We had a new attendee at meeting: Andrea Hamby with Grainger. Randy had everyone introduce themselves and who they represent and in what capacity.

Speakers – Randy Cassell announced that we need speakers for the year 2011 – Jean passed around sign-up sheet.

Project Drug Drop Zone – This was the first year for this project and it was a huge success. The Kingsport Police Department, in conjunction with several other agencies, took possession of 179 pounds of medications to be destroyed. Since this project was so successful, there are plans to have one approximately every 6 months.

Outreach Project at Gilbert Advanced Asset Management, Inc. – Thanks to Melissa Hamilton for heading this project along with Whitney Carr. Melissa put together a handout from the webpage. They had several people come through that voiced an interest in the Council.

Upcoming Events:

Halloween Treat Bag Stuffing – We will be stuffing treat bags tomorrow 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. at the old Eastman Pharmacy, 1880 Lincoln Street. If you are available and would like to help, please attend.

Halloween Treat Bag Giveaway – We will be handing out the treat bags at the Kingsport Towne Center this Saturday outside Belk, first level beginning at 10:00 a.m.. We will begin setting up at 9:00. If you are available, we welcome you to attend. This should conclude around noon.

November meeting – This meeting is sponsored by Eastman and will be held at Eastman Lodge on November 16, 2010. Speaker will be Keith Bennett. This will also be our annual Second Harvest Food Bank drive. Please bring monetary donations.

December meetings – The Board of Directors decided there will not be a Board of Directors meeting nor a Community Safety Awareness Meeting in December due to everyone's busy schedule getting ready for the holidays.

Introduction of speaker – Randy Cassell introduced the speaker for today's meeting: Joel Jones of the Kingsport Fire Department. Joel advised that October is Fire Safety Month. He sparked an interesting discussion on several fire safety topics.

Housekeeping is directly related to fires. Dust and clutter will create more of a fire hazard than most realize.

Joel showed several videos related to how quickly fire can start and spread. One example was a lit cigarette on a towel with oxygen underneath. The towel did not ignite until it became saturated with the oxygen, then it burst into flames.

Within 3 to 5 minutes, fire will flash.

It is very important to have a sufficient number of smoke detectors with working batteries and properly maintained. Best rule – when you change your clocks – change your smoke alarm batteries (whether they are beeping or not).

In a kitchen fire – a wet towel works well for a grease fire. The most important aspect is to make certain the towel covers the entire area. Keep several large size towels close by in kitchen for easy access.

Class K fire extinguishers are recommended for the kitchen. They are not powder-based.

Fire does not play by the rules. Be smart, be safe. Have a meeting place. Once out – Stay out.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45.

Respectively submitted:

Jean Rhea, Secretary

Kingsport Area Safety Council



Joel responds to questions from the audience



Joel makes a point on kitchen safety



Randy presents Joel a token of appreciation



Andrea/Grainger presented all attendees with a first aid kit