

SIGNAL 27

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Volunteer Board Meeting

Meeting Notes (excerpts from the meeting)

- ?? New Business – Volunteer Mileage / Food Reimbursement policy approved.
- ?? Old Business
 - ?? Uniforms – The Company “Roy Taylor” has been selected to provide uniforms for all members, and full time staff. The representative has provided some samples for evaluation. A committee will be appointed to review the samples, and dates will be posted for ALL members to be “fitted”
- ?? New Business – NONE
- ?? EMSI Board Notes – Reported that the board has formed an committee to research possible new Administrative Assistant for Paid Staff.
- ?? Big Heart Award Winner – Linda Marrero
- ?? Volunteer of the Month – Jeff Warner
- ?? Next Meeting – August 7, 2001
This meeting is OPEN to ALL members and if any members have concerns, they are encouraged to attend.

New Uniforms

By: Fred Doyle

The FCEMS Board is going through great expense to ensuring every member has a professional appearance. The measuring process will not be with a measuring tape, but with the actual “trying on” of uniforms to assure the best fit. There could be some exceptions to this process if your size is not available at that session. The volunteers will be entitled to either an EMS navy jumpsuit, or EMS navy pants and a light blue shirt. You can let us know at the measuring session of your choice. All of these items will be of better quality than is currently being used.

Hopefully, everyone will be proud to wear these uniforms and will represent the squad in a professional manner. If any volunteer has a reason for wanting to order more than one outfit, please discuss this with me at the measuring session.

It is my hope that everyone will have an outfit that fits, and will be able to slip into their uniforms quickly, if necessary. When you receive your new uniform, I will give you a call and ask that you turn in your old uniform.

Jackets will not be measured at this time as we are looking at various styles at this time. If anyone has any concerns about the new uniforms, please feel free to discuss this with a Volunteer Board member or me.

Uniform “Fitting” Dates/Times

- ? ? Thursday July 26th 07:45 a.m. ~ 09:30 a.m.
- ? ? Wednesday August 1st 06:30 p.m. ~ 08:00 p.m.
- ? ? Tuesday August 7th 06:30 p.m. ~ 08:00 p.m.
- ? ? **All members MUST attend one session.**

Fred Doyle

FCEMS Administrator

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Continuing Education

Upcoming Dates

- ?? **Helicopter Landing Zone Safety**
 - ?? Medflight – Saturday July 21 @ 9:30 a.m.
 - ?? CareFlight – Wednesday August 22 @ 6:30 p.m.
 - ?? Both classes are worth 2 C.E. credits, and will be held at Southern State Satellite Center on US 62, across from WALMART. Sign up is required @ Fayette Base.
- ?? **Crew Leader Class** – Date pending - See Phil Funk or Fred Doyle with any questions.
- ?? **Orientation Class** – All students that have taken the recent EMT class
 - ?? August 1st & 2nd 6:30 p.m. ~ 9:30 p.m.
- ?? **OB\GYN Emergencies** – Two dates available
 - ?? August 4th @ 9:00 a.m.
 - ?? August 14th @ 6:30 p.m.
- ?? **OSHA/Bloodborne Pathogens** – REQUIRED TO ATTEND ONE SESSION –
 - ?? September 6th @ 6:30 p.m.
 - ?? September 16th @ 1:00 p.m.
 - ?? September 26th @ 6:30 p.m.
- ?? **Emergency Incident Rehabilitation** – Guest Speaker is Steve Maffin – FF/EMT-P
 - ?? September 8th @ 10:00 a.m.
 - ?? September 12th @ 6:30 p.m.

Check with Nancy Cooper for any specific Training or educational requirements.

Dates to Remember

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- ?? **Nominations for Volunteer Advisory Board**
 - Deadline is by the August 7th meeting of the Volunteer Board.

New Volunteer Policy

Mileage and Food Reimbursement Policy

By: Jim Coldiron

Effective July 16th, 2001, The Fayette County E.M.S. will reimburse ALL volunteers for mileage and/or food while serving with the Fayette County EMS. The reimbursement amount will be \$5.00 per run OR special event.

This will be for all current **ACTIVE MEMBERS** of the Fayette County EMS only. This includes all runs either taken at the base, by satellite crews (Jeffersonville or New Holland), back up runs, or special events. For normal runs this includes a maximum of four personnel per truck, and for special events a maximum of four personnel.

For **MEMBERS** running a shift at Fayette Base, the minimum reimbursement will be for one run per shift worked, even in the event that there are **NO** runs for that shift.

Reimbursement will be given to transports, no transports, first responder, and mutual aid runs provided that there is a completed run report for each incident. Any run that is cancelled WILL NOT be reimbursed.

Reimbursement will **NOT** apply to continuing education or training exercises.

EMS personnel who are running as students, either EMT or MEDIC are not eligible. Any MEDIC student that is a MEMBER of FCEMS Will be eligible in the event they are working a “regular” shift (while not running for MEDIC “time”), or responding with a Satellite Unit as an EMT B or EMT I, and NOT receiving MEDIC EVALUATIONS.

The period for this will be from July 16th to November 30th for 2001 and From December 1st to November 30th each year after that. Payable on or about December 15th, each year.

The original draft of this policy can be viewed at the base or by request in the policy manual.

Any questions can be referred to the committee that wrote the policy:

Dave Mason – Volunteer President
Jim Coldiron – Volunteer Vice-President
Fred Doyle – FCEMS Administrator
Dave Thomas – Volunteer Board of Directors – Jeff. Rep.

Spotlight on you...

In upcoming issues of the *SIGNAL 27*, members of FCEMS will be interviewed, and their stories written here. If you know of someone who has an interesting story, or anecdote, please feel free to contact me either by email, or leave me a message in my mailbox at the base.

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Fair Sign Up

Volunteers needed for Special Events

BY: FRED DOYLE

Sign up sheets have been posted in the dispatch room for Volunteers members to indicate their intent to help at the Fayette County Fair with special events. There is an event each evening of the Fair, and an additional event on Friday and Saturday afternoon. There is room for two EMT's for each event. The events are as follows:

?? 7/23	Mon.	6:30 p.m.	Tractor Pulls
?? 7/24	Tues.	6:30 p.m.	Demo Derby
?? 7/25	Wed.	7:00p.m.	Bull Riding
?? 7/26	Thur.	6:30 p.m.	Demo Derby
?? 7/27	Fri.	1:00 p.m.	Harness Racing
?? 7/27	Fri.	7:30 p.m.	McGuffey Lane
?? 7/28	Sat.	1:00 p.m.	Harness Racing
?? 7/28	Sat.	6:30 p.m.	Truck Pulls

Remember the FCEMS will not be manning the First Aid booth; your help will be needed with the special events listed above. Either come in to the base to sign up, or call the base to see if there are any openings.

Focus...

... FAYETTE COUNTY FAIR "FIRST AID BOOTH"

BY: JIM COLDIRON

In the last issue of the *Signal 27*, it was reported that the Volunteer Board had voted NOT to provide coverage for the First Aid Booth. I understand that this "change" to past practices has upset some of our Volunteer and Paid Staff. This I can understand. Any change either radical or mild can bring complaints from every direction. If I may, let me explain some of the decision making that I employed in deciding NOT to cover the First Aid Booth.

1. Volunteer involvement has been steadily decreasing.
2. NO one "volunteered" to oversee the scheduling, staffing, supply, or managing of the booth.
3. Last year, the paid staff had to "man" the booth just to provide full time coverage.
4. Last year the paid staff had to call the volunteers just to get anyone to work at the booth, and special events. Not many volunteers signed the sheet to work at the first aid booth.
5. It was reported to the Volunteer Board that Washington Fire would have the resources available to cover the First Aid booth.

Now given the above five items that are listed, I based my vote on the point that also many of our volunteers are busy during the week of the Fair with other organizations, projects, or just visiting the fair.

Nowhere in our by-laws is it stated that the decision whether to cover the First Aid Booth should come to a full membership vote, it is the decision of the Volunteer Board, and Administrator. Based on the items listed above, I feel the Volunteer Board had no choice but to vote NOT to provide coverage for the First Aid Booth, based on the information that was available at that meeting.

This decision was **not intended** to remove FCEMS from the Fayette County Fair. We are still bound by contract to cover the special events for the fair, and are still in need of volunteers. And this year you will receive a \$5.00 credit (see Mileage and Reimbursement) for each special event worked.

I ask that if any member is really upset by this decision, by all means make it known to the board by attending the August meeting. It will be held at Fayette Base on August 7th @ 7p.m.

From the Editor...

BY: JIM COLDIRON, EDITOR SIGNAL 27

As a member of our community I also get upset sometime over some of ludicrous things that I see happen in our community. I (like everyone else) get frustrated sometimes when I see that something could be much better than it currently is. If you feel the same way, I encourage you to get involved in your community. Everyone has a voice, no matter how small, in everything. People in elected positions get there because of the voters support OR lack of opposition.

If you feel angry or upset over decisions made at FCEMS I encourage you to make your feelings known. Attend the Volunteer Board meetings, run for an elected position, there are 4 open this year. But do something. Don't wait for someone else to do it for you. The FCEMS was created to serve our community because a group of people saw a need to make things in our County better. To provide the highest level of pre hospital care possible.

Jim

From the Administrator

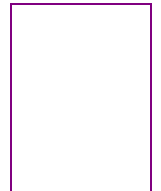
BY: FRED DOYLE, FCEMS ADMINISTRATOR

An election of Volunteer Advisors for the upcoming year is approaching us very rapidly. According to the by-laws, the election committee will accept nominations at the August 7th Advisory Board meeting. A written ballot will then be mailed to each eligible member within a week after nominations have been closed.

This year, there will be nominations for three 3-year advisors; and a nomination for one 1-year position (from a vacancy). This is a total of four positions to be filled. If you would like to be considered for one of these important positions, please make your wishes known. If someone asks you to consider a nomination, please give it some serious thought. All persons nominated must have at least two years active service with FCEMS.

Fred

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