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STFD “Senior Fellows” Breakfast a hit

Platoon Chief John Norris

In February, the first quarterly “Senior Fellows” breakfast was held at the Shawnee Fire Department. Any retired Shawnee Township Firefighter is invited to share breakfast with that day’s duty crew. “The purpose of this was twofold”, stated Chief Todd Truesdale “We are a young department now, and I wanted our guys to get a sense of the history of this place- things that happened, how things came to be, and how we got to where we are today. But I also wanted to stay in touch with our retirees. This seemed like a great way to do that.”

The first breakfast was a hit. With eight retirees attending, Chief Truesdale hopes the numbers continue to climb in attendance. “I know a couple of our retirees called and were unable to come to this one. We are hopeful they will attend the next.” He said. The next breakfast will tentatively take place sometime in May of this year.

Spring is here...Are you being safe?

Platoon Chief John Norris

It’s FINALLY here!! Sunny days are starting to become more and more common, the temperatures are starting to climb, and the snow has FINALLY melted!! So in keeping with the warmer temperatures, we wanted you and your family to keep a few things in mind so that you may enjoy your spring activities. In the spring, people often like to clean their homes. It’s a great thing to do! But it’s important to stay safe while you’re doing it, especially from falls and poisoning - two of the top causes of home injuries. Here are just a FEW things to consider this spring to keep your family safe:

- When cleaning out closets or re-organizing things, always keep stairs, steps, landings and all floors clear.

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STFD Volunteers- 2 Reach a Milestone

Fire Chief Todd Truesdale

Volunteer or volunteering are two words everyone hears about, thinks about, participates in, or sometimes recognizes. When we think of volunteering at the Shawnee Township Fire Department it comes with a sense of duty, obligation, pride, and honor. As with most volunteers an organization could not provide certain things to a community without these dedicated people. I would like to recognize a milestone for two of our own Volunteers at Shawnee Township Fire Department. Firefighter **Kevin Mayer** and Firefighter **Paul Neff** have helped provide service to this community for over 25 years now. I have listed all of volunteers in this newsletter so maybe the next time you see them at a community function or grocery or wherever please say thanks to them for their service of trying to make our community better, safer, and all while risking their own lives to help out others.

Chief Truesdale can be contacted by calling the fire department's business line (419) 224-2636 or chief@shawneetwpfire.com



FF Kevin Mayer
25 years of service



FF Paul Neff
25 years of service

2010 Shawnee Township Volunteers

FF Al Behnke	FF Jonathan Coffey
FF Michael Coffey	FF David Coulter
FF Daryl Darding	FF Nathan Haines
FF Paul Harris	FF Phil Hicks
FF Keaton Lehman	FF Danny Yoakam
FF David Marris	FF Kevin Mayer
FF Paul Neff	FF Trevor Pellegrini
FF Devin Swygart	FF Zack Walters

Here is a tip of our helmets in gratitude to Kevin and Paul along with all those who volunteer for the Shawnee Twp. Fire Dept. If you would like to, you may contact Chief Truesdale by either calling the Fire Dept. business line at (419) 224-2636 or via chief@shawneetwpfire.com

STFD 50th Anniversary Set

On May 15th, 2010 the Shawnee Township Fire Department will be hosting a 50th Anniversary Celebration. Come join us from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM for refreshments, door prizes, and live demonstrations of the services we provide.



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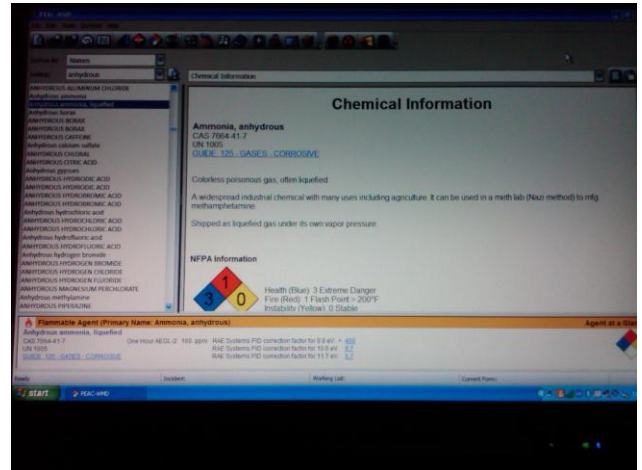
- Carry loads you can see over, and keep one hand free to hold banisters and railings
- Five gallon buckets are often used while cleaning and present a serious drowning danger to young children. Never leave a bucket or any standing water unattended and store buckets empty and upside-down.
- Follow safety recommendations when using harsh products, such as wearing gloves and masks. Do not mix products together because their contents could react with dangerous results.
- Never use gasoline to clean something and never use or store gasoline in your home, even in tiny quantities. Gasoline vapors can explode with just a spark. If you must keep some, use a special safety container. Store it in an outside shed. **DO NOT DISPOSE OF OIL OR GAS SOAKED RAGS IN TRASH CANS**
- When you clean out your cabinets, look at the labels on the products. If you see the words “Caution,” “Warning,” “Danger,” “Poison,” or “Keep Out of Reach of Children,” be very careful. These products should be locked up when you are not using them.
- Remember to put things away so people cannot trip on them. Safely tuck away telephone and electrical cords out of walkways. In homes with children, make sure toys and other items are always safely put away when not in use.
- If you need to climb to clean something, use a stepladder or ladder. When using a ladder, stand at or below the highest safe standing level. For a stepladder, the safe standing level is the second rung from the top, and for an extension ladder, it's the fourth rung from the top. Before using, make sure the rungs are dry.

Some information
courtesy of the Home
Safety Council

PEAK Software Purchased and in Use

Shawnee Township Fire Department continues to strive to have the most up-to-date technology at our fingertips while keeping in mind an ever present economic responsibility. While updating our fleet, our once frontline Heavy Rescue has been transformed into a Haz-Mat/Confined Space Rescue Vehicle. This emptied a once overfilled pull behind type trailer. The department was able to sell that trailer to the Van Wert, OH Fire Department. The proceeds of this sale allowed the department to purchase "PEAK Software" which is a Haz-mat resource software that allows responders a LARGE amount of information such as chemical data, symptomology, leak/spill/plume probabilities and also allows for the responder to enter in information and plot prediction information on a map. "This gives our responders a tool they wouldn't have been able to have." Stated Chief Truesdale "It's the latest technology, and it puts it in our responder's hands right on the scene

of the incident", He said.



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