

First Responders Newsletter May 2011

Trevor Johnson from Salmon Arm Rescue Unit was our guest speaker May 11, and we had a tour of the layout of the rescue equipment truck and a demonstration of how some of the equipment is used. He gave us information on how to manage air bags in vehicles which have been involved in an accident as it can be quite tricky to be attending patients and the air bags have not yet deployed. It was valuable information as some of the newer model cars have as many as 26 air bags! Hybrid cars are something EMS personnel have to be aware of, as even if the vehicle is in an accident and the motor is "stopped" the electrical part of the motor can make the vehicle very untrustworthy. So Thank you Trevor for a very informative presentation and discussion.

Mother's Day Breakfast at White Lake Hall saw a lot of people and a lot of very good food (delicious)we are pleased that a number of reflective house signs were ordered, Thank you White Lake.

Ann and Dean were on hand for the Emergency Preparedness Expose' May 7, they say that it was very enlightening. It begs the question are we as a community ready for a disaster? are we as individuals ready? Do we think that the area known as CSRD could handle a disaster like we are seeing in Slave Lake? What if we had only moments to get out of our homes and comfort zones with just the clothes on our backs, do we have a "Plan"? It doesn't take much time, money or effort to have a emergency exit plan. The people at Emergency Preparedness are more then willing to give you all the information you need. Contact the office of the CSRD and ask for Cliff Doherty.

June 15, 5:30pm is the Annual FR Family Barbeque at the Shuswap Lake Motel. Everybody involved with FR, responders, dispatchers, board members and their families are invited to come. The food is terrific, conversations interesting, entertainment is hilarious. See you there!

We need responders, so if you are thinking about joining our ranks, come see for yourself what is involved. Practice is every second Wednesday, 7:00pm Fire Hall #1 next to Sorrento Hall, Passchendaele Road. Need more information? phone Sherri 250-675-2420.

Have you made your Fathers Day order for a reflective house number sign? You may still have time to get one, best present you can give anyone, it is life saving. To make your order call Debbie or Tom at 240-675-3355 Thank you