

Week of March 16, 2009:

- This week has been busy with completion of the new offices for the Tax Department, Register of Deeds, and GIS in the former Library building. The systems furniture was completed this week and the Tax Department accelerated their move into the building so they will be operating in the new location beginning Monday morning. Inmates from the prison will be here Monday through Thursday to move the rest of the furniture and equipment into the building. The GIS department will move later next week and the Register of Deeds staff will move on Monday, March 30th. Stop by and see the new offices.
- Chairman Stevenson and I met with the Mayor and City Manager today to plan the agenda for the joint City/County meeting on March 30th. It is the County's turn to host the meeting and it will be held at the DRS hangar. The agenda will include the amendments that have already been agreed upon for the Tax Collection contract and the Fire Department contract, a review of the Water agreements with the City, and an update on the Air Park.
- Please mark your calendars for County Assembly Day to be held on April 29th in Raleigh.

The following are reports from some of our other departments:

Finance Office:

The Finance Office received \$5,705.47 from the North Carolina Department of Revenue's debt setoff program on March 20th. Included in this amount was \$1,862.28 for delinquent EMS bills. The next notification of debts setoff will be on April 3rd.

Building Inspector:

The new generator building has a roof and the equipment for the jail building 2000 amp main electrical service is being installed. Work is progressing. Attached is a picture of the generator building.

Emergency Medical Service

- Maynard Moudy from Zoll Data Systems has been with us all week long in order to deploy our next phase of cardiac care. We are now able to transmit 12 – Lead ECG (electrocardiogram) readings directly from the ambulance to the hospital emergency department. This can be done anywhere that our ambulances receive a cell phone signal with our Verizon wireless cards. This new capability will allow us to get the ECG strip to the hospital quicker so that the appropriate care can be waiting at our arrival to the Emergency Department.
- Walter Meads, Jared Turner and Jerry Newell attended "After High School, What?" program at ECSU this past Saturday. We presented information on careers in EMS and a short background and description of our service to the approximately 25 high school students in attendance.
- Jerry Newell attended a career fair at CamTech at Camden High School on Monday. Approximately 20 students attended this presentation on careers in EMS and how to approach a career in Emergency Medical Services. We have planned two more presentations to the general student body of Camden High School on March 30th.
- Glenn Ward and Jerry Newell attended the Child Passenger Safety Conference. Attendance to this conference awarded the CEU's necessary to recertify as National

- Child Passenger Safety Technicians. Pasquotank – Camden EMS is the home of one of the state's permanent checking stations.
- Walter Meads and James Davenport attended a seminar in Minneapolis, Minnesota sponsored by Boundtree Medical. This all-expense paid trip demonstrated thoracic impedance threshold devices that can be used during cardiac arrest which will increase the survivability rate.
 - Walter Meads and James Davenport will be attending the National Child Passenger Safety Certification Course next week inThese two individuals were awarded all expense paid scholarships from the Office of State Fire Marshal (OSFM) in order to attend this week-long class to become Nationally certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians.
 - Over the last two weeks, we have hosted CPR recertification and basic first aid training for the Elizabeth City Fire Department. These trainings, each consisting of three days, have been held at our training facility at Station 50.
 - We have had a lot of positive response regarding our ambulance that is staged in Nixonton from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. every day. That unit has run several calls in that area and we are working on streamlining that response area so that we may house that ambulance in that district 24 hours a day/7 days a week.
 - Congratulations to Jared Turner. Jared was just hired on a full – time basis with our organization. His interest in EMS originally began with his senior project in high school. Shortly after, he obtained his EMT-Basic credential and began work with us as a volunteer Reserve Team Member in 2007. He worked his way up to part – time status and will now begin working with us on a full – time basis on April 1st.
 - We have now completed implementation of wireless dispatch via Mobile Computer Terminal (MCT). The program has been working well and our technicians are quickly becoming accustomed to the change. Wireless dispatch through MCT also allows us to shorten turn around times by giving technicians the ability to do mobile field reporting and they will also assist us with mapping.

Cooperative Extension:

FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES

Steps to Health Program at Virginia Dare – 21 participants

Steps to Health Program at Harriot Heights – 18 participants

EFNEP taught lessons for the following groups: J & W – 3 participants, Topic- "Introduction to EFNEP" and Mt. Carmel Group 13 participants, Topic – "Fix It Fast, Eat at Home"

EFNEP made 4 homes visits program entitled "Watch Less TV, Making Smart Drink Choices and Fix it Safe"

Program entitled "Introduction to Extension" which gave a brief overview of what extension does and what programs are available was given to 22 members at Mt. Carmel Baptist Church

Was a facilitator at ECSU for the Community and Conservation Program where there were 100 in attendance.

Eat Smart Move More visited daycare centers and provided nutrition and obesity information to children ages 0 to 5

Breastfeeding made 3 home visits, made 5 duration calls, 2 follow up calls, had 2 WIC referrals and 4 referrals from the Maternal Health Nurse.

4-H

12 adult volunteers and 4-H youth attended a meeting regarding the Centennial Celebration which will be held on August 22 at the 4-H Livestock Arena

Placed 4 incubators in the schools where 120 youth will participate in embryology.

Delivered and set up raised flower beds for the Kids in the Garden Program where 205 students will learn how the nutritional value and how to grow different vegetables. After school programs were conducted at the Pasquotank School system where youth learned the nutritional value of drinking milk.

AGRICULTURE

On Farm Tests and Demonstration sites are being determined and preparations for the upcoming crops are now taking place.

Spoke to several farmers on varieties of corn and soybeans and the identification of pests. Several calls came in on how to acquire a pesticide license and help was given along with the date of the next pesticide exam to be held here in the extension center. (April 14)

OTHER

Livestock judging practice was held for 14 participants. The team will be traveling to Wilson County next week to participate in a contest.

A "Report to the People" was delivered to local county officials and advisory members spotlighting the highlights of 2008.

Volunteer Fire Department Coordinator:

This week's picture for the Weeksville truck is attached. The chassis is back from GM with the corrections completed.

Randy Keaton
P.O Box 39
Elizabeth City, NC 27907-0039
252.335.0865 (phone)
252.335.0866 (fax)
keatonr@co.pasquotank.nc.us