

## **Week of April 20, 2009:**

- I attended the Education Foundation awards program at Montero's on Wednesday. These awards are named in honor of Martha Swain and are given to teachers in the school system who apply for innovative programs within their classrooms. Congratulations to all of the recipients.
- AT&T conducted a successful test of a cell tower location at Edgewood Center last week. They have contacted us about moving forward with a lease of a site behind Edgewood Center. Rodney is working with them to locate the utilities in this area and we will be reviewing their lease proposal for submission to the Board.
- I met with the District Manager for Adult Probation & Parole, Ray Griggs about the lease of district space in the old Social Services Building. I am trying to determine the cost effectiveness of continuing to rent space to the State or whether the space will be suitable for other offices that we are currently leasing from private owners.
- Don't forget the budget meeting on Monday at 5:00 pm. We will have a dutch treat dinner.

## **The following are reports from some of our other departments:**

### **PASQUOTANK-CAMDEN LIBRARY:**

Stats for April 17 - 22, 2009

Total materials checked out = 2,418

Total computers checked out= 892

Total number of holds processed = 252

Total Patrons visiting the library = 2,607

Average number of patrons per day=521

Total Library Cards Issued = 56

Total community Room use = 5    Total attendance = 189

Total Faxes Sent = 41

Total Faxes Received = 14

### **Emergency Medical Service:**

We have begun compiling information for our latest grant submission for our State Medical Assistance Team. This year's grant will include monies for local team augmentation as well as funding for the following:

- Oxygen delivery devices for a mass casualty event
- Mobile field beds with linen
- Mass casualty in-the-field medications
- A vaccine work station

EMS had its quarterly Peer Review and Educational Committee Meetings this past Wednesday. We had the opportunity to review of some of the positive progress in cardiac care that Pasquotank – Camden EMS has made in the past year, including:

- Completion of the Zoll cardiac monitor/defibrillator replacement phases. We replaced and upgraded all of our EMS units with Zoll E Series Monitor/Defibrillators.

- Basic EMT's and EMT-Intermediates were trained and certified to obtain 12-lead EKG's in the field. This dramatically reduces the workload on the Paramedic when assessing and treating a patient suffering from a cardiac condition.
- Mobile Data Terminals and new technology was introduced to fax and/or email 12-lead EKG's to the receiving hospital.
- Continuation in the advancement of our electronic submission of data in order to ensure an accurate patient care report.
- And most of all: The outstanding contributions of each technician and support staff within our system, both paid and volunteer.

Along with using COA as our base for the provision of continuing education, EMS is also now utilizing on-line continuing education through Davidson County Community College. We are now able to obtain an even broader scope of continuing education by using this totally on-line format. Thanks to our training officer, Jeffrey Davis, for coordinating this advancement in education.

Things have been going well with staging an ambulance at Station 4 (Nixonton VFD). Currently, we only operate an ambulance from that district from 8 am until 5 pm, 7 days a week. As there appears to be a great working relationship with the volunteers of Station 4 and community response to having an ambulance in that district have been extremely positive, we plan to initiate 24 hour/day, 7days/week EMS coverage from that station beginning May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009. We are proud of this advancement of our EMS System into the use of satellite stations. We hope that this trend will continue in the upcoming years.

## **Cooperative Extension:**

### **Agriculture**

Elizabeth City Employees attended classes at Knobbs Creek entitled "Health and Safety Outdoors".

There will be a lecture on spur weed and fire ants held at the YMCA on Saturday at the Healthy Kids Fair.

Master Gardener Volunteers set up a booth for the Flower Garden Show in Currituck to be held on Friday from 12 noon to 7:00 p.m. and on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m

1 local commercial strawberry grower was consulted about weed control.

17 participants attended classes about the basics of Vegetable Food Gardens

Wheat fields are being scouted at this time for disease and insects

2 vegetable gardens were planted for the Kids in the Garden Program

Newsletter was sent to farmers with results from the 2008 soybean yield contests, upcoming pesticide trainings and other useful tips

### **4-H**

24 youth attended the River Road 4-H Club meeting

Summer enrichment activities are being finalized

4-H Embryology was initiated at Weeksville for 4 classes.

## **Family and Consumer Sciences**

SIDS class was held for 41 day care workers

Eat Smart Move More Weigh Less was conducted at Museum of the Albemarle for 6 participants and Lovers Lane for 4 participants

4 attended the Dining with Diabetes class

3 seniors were helped with Medicare Part D

7 centers/15 classes with 206 youth participated in Eat Smart Move More at day cares

Read me a Story Training was held for 7 day care workers

5 after school groups participated in the 4-H EFNEP Professor Popcorn Series

2 groups from NCDC participated in a protein lesson

5 home visits were made with the EFNEP program entitled "Making Smart Lunch Choices, Choosing to Save More throughout the Day"

7 ECSU students participated in the "Fix it Fast – Eat at Home" curriculum

2 home visits were made to breast feeding moms and 2 follow up visits were made.

5 participated in the Mother and Baby Morning Program

## **Other**

Pasquotank Youth Council met with members in attendance and they focused their attention on the upcoming shadowing days, where our youth will shadow local department heads.

Meeting was held with Mike Goodman from the Daily Advance to discuss the upcoming on-line answer/question session regarding extension.

Final plans are underway for the 64<sup>th</sup> Annual 4-H Livestock Show and Sale which will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>. Please come out to support our youth.

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