



News



May- June, 2015

12th annual Arkansas Fire Boat School, another Success!



More than 200 trained at the 12th annual Arkansas Fire Boat School, at DeGray Lake, May 29-30th. Crews participated from 27 Arkansas fire departments (across 17 counties) and one Mississippi fire department. Arkansas Fire Boat School continues to be a free event for all participants, thanks to generous donations, support, and participation by partner agencies, and funds set aside in each year's budget by the Arkansas Forestry Commission. The weekend brings together statewide fire boat crews to train under a

formal Incident Command system as a fleet, and to respond to live emergency scenarios designed to imitate those that could actually happen on an Arkansas waterway. Arkansas Fire Boat School is recognized by the Arkansas Fire Academy for 12 hours of accredited training. CEU hours are also available for EMTs. No in-land marine training event exists like Boat School in the Southern Region. Most importantly, the majority of Fire Boat School participants are volunteer firefighters - Arkansans that protect and serve communities all year long for little compensation or recognition.

Simulated scenarios on DeGray included: Wildland Fire, Gas Pump/Boat Explosion Medical Scenario, Water Stream Operations, Defensive Driving/Serpentine Course, and an Urban Slackwater Scene. At the nearby Caddo River, another set of scenarios was simulated specifically for small boats; those included: Basic Small Boat Operations, Small Boat Defensive Driving/Serpentine Course, Victim-in-Tree Rescue, Victim-in-Water Rescue, and Victim-on-Bridge Rescue. A U.S. Coast Guard helicopter and boat crew also participated, to demonstrate basket lift exercises, and swimmer drops over DeGray Lake.

Fire Boat School would not be possible without the generous support and donations from event partners and volunteers: Arkansas Governor's Office, Arkansas Game & Fish Commission, Arkansas Forestry Commission, Arkansas Fire Academy, Air Evac, AAMSCO, Salamander, Arkansas Department of Health, Sysco Foods, Subway, U.S. Coast Guard, Elkhart Brass, EVS/G&W Diesel, National Weather Service, UAMS Emergency Preparedness Office, Air Evac, LifeNet, LifeNet Air, U.S. Corps of Engineers, Iron Mountain Lodge and Marina, Camper World, Summit Exercises and Training, Clark County Dept. of Emergency Management, and a host of Arkansas fire departments including Buckville, Conway, Gamaliel, Haskell, Jessieville, Joplin, Lake Hamilton, Lake Village, Malvern, and Little Rock.

Send an e-mail to arkansasfireboats@gmail.com to be part of the regular distribution list, and to register your crew for Arkansas Fire Boat School, 2016 (which will open in February of next year).



Best All Around Small Boat Crew: Houston Fire Department



Best All Around Large Boat Crew: Van Buren Cnty. Rescue Squad

Participating Fire Boat Crews at Arkansas Fire Boat School, 2015

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| Bismarck (Hot Spring Cnty.) | Lake Village (Chicot Cnty.) |
| Caddo Valley (Clark Cnty.) | Lake Hamilton (Garland Cnty.) |
| Conway (Faulkner Cnty.) | Maddox Bay (Monroe Cnty.) |
| Dermott (Chicot Cnty.) | Malvern (Hot Spring Cnty.) |
| Faulkner Cnty. Emergency Squad | Murfreesboro (Pike Cnty.) |
| Halley (Desha Cnty.) | NEBCO (Benton Cnty.) |
| Haskell (Saline Cnty.) | Rockport (Hot Spring Cnty.) |
| Heber Springs (Cleburne Cnty.) | Scott (Pulaski Cnty.) |
| Hot Springs (Garland Cnty.) | South Fork (Montgomery Cnty.) |
| Houston (Perry Cnty.) | STARR (Mississippi Crew) |
| Jessieville (Garland Cnty.) | Strawberry (Lawrence Cnty.) |
| Johnson Cnty. RFD #5 | Wilburn (Cleburne Cnty.) |
| Joplin (Montgomery Cnty.) | Van Buren Cnty. Rescue Squad |
| Lake Maumelle (Pulaski Cnty.) | Yell Cnty. Dive Team |



Rural Fire Update May - June, 2015

Department of Defense (DOD) Fire Fighter Property (FFP) available through Rural Fire may include vehicles like freightliners, tankers, and/or brush trucks, as well as generators, winches and more, based on requests made by fire departments and availability. Fire Departments below have either received equipment or have it ready for pick-up at Rural Fire Headquarters, from requests filled during May-June, 2015:

Joy (White Cnty.)
Parthenon (Newton Cnty.)
Morning Star (Garland Cnty.)
Mt. Judea (Newton Cnty.)
Pine Snag/Lobo (Cleburne Cnty.)
Shannon Hills (Saline Cnty.)
Western Greene Cnty.
Pyatt (Marion Cnty.)
*Alread (Van Buren Cnty.)

South Fork (Montgomery Cnty.)
Milltown/Washburn (Sebastian Cnty.)
Bethesda (Independence Cnty.)
Gentry (Benton Cnty.)
Upper White Oak (Ouachita Cnty.)
*Prim (Cleburne Cnty.)
Haskell (Saline Cnty.)
*Winfield (Scott Cnty.)



*Alread



*Winfield



*Prim

Mark your calendar for the annual Rural Fire Show: Halloween, 2015!

Join us Saturday, October 31 at Rural Fire Headquarters in Greenbrier for a casual day of fire vendors, door prizes, equipment giveaways, Halloween candy and prizes just for the kids, and hot lunch for all. The annual Fire Show is absolutely FREE and is our small way to THANK YOU for all that you do in protecting Arkansas communities and partnering with AFC crews in wildfire suppression. We hope your entire crew and families will join us on October 31, from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Look for full event details, soon.

Come see us at the Warehouse ...

RCP items (general firefighting equipment) are available at the Greenbrier Headquarters Warehouse on a first-come-first-serve basis. The warehouse is open to fire departments Tuesday - Thursday, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Call anytime: 501-679-3171

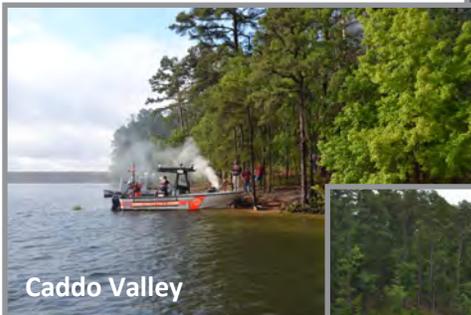
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Yell County Dive Team



Haskell



Caddo Valley



Nebco



Wilburn



Joplin