

Moose Lake News by Jim Onarheim

Last Friday July 10 the Sawyer County Ambulance Service conducted water rescue training on Big Round Lake. The training was based out property owned by the parents of Sawyer County EMT Logan Peterson. Their property is located on Twin Lake Rd. We would like to thank Barry & his wife Michele Peterson for allowing us to utilize their lake shore property for our training. We could not have made it work without your help.

Approximately 15 EMT's met at the Peterson property location at 9:30 AM Friday morning on the 10th. The training was organized by Round Lake Fire Department training officer Mark Gritzmacher. The training was conducted by WITC instructors Hayley Krehmeyer and Taylor Heinzel. Hayley and Taylor are both Paramedics for Sawyer County Ambulance.

A briefing and several demonstrations were held by the instructors for the first forty-five minutes before several different scenarios were conducted by the students. We put the Round Lake ambulance at the Linden Rd boat landing. If something happened on Round Lake in this approximate area, the ambulance would be directed to stage at the Linden boat landing until the rescue team could bring the patient to the ambulance.

For this training exercise we had two pontoons and our rescue boat that were used to assist with the training. The rescue boat is the inflatable raft type boat with a small motor on it that is owned both by Spider Lake and the Round Lake Volunteer Fire Departments. We use this unit for cold water rescue also.

We held several different exercises so everyone could experience some hands-on training. The patient that was rescued out of the water was transported to the boat landing by a pontoon where the patient was then transported to the ambulance cot and moved to the ambulance. Several spectators thought we had a true emergency and were asking many questions. We explained several times that we were just training. It just happened to be a remarkably busy day at the boat landing.

Each summer we have several water related injuries & emergencies in our county that Sawyer County Fire Departments & EMT's respond to. It seems like the, Round Lake Fire Department and EMT's respond to many of these calls because of the large number and the size of the lakes in our response area. This training is always valuable to everyone.

Our training lasted about 3 hours. Everyone enjoyed the experience of water rescue training, especially on a nice warm day. In the real world it may not be this nice of a day. I have been on many rescues in the past and it seems like it can be very miserable as far as the weather. There are never any guarantees.

The Moose Lake Improvement Association board of directors met last Thursday at Louie's Landing. We went through the agenda quickly. New officers were elected. The only change was for the position of Treasure. Cary Mc Donald is now our new treasure. Cary reminded me that we are still waiting for about 40 membership applications to be returned with the \$25. dues money. This is for the 2020-21 membership year. If you have not sent in your renewal yet please do so as soon as possible.

Your organization does a lot for the lake. We can not do it without your support. Please support the Moose Lake Improvement Association. If you never have been a member we are always looking for new members. Please contact Cary McDonald at 715-462-3652 or e-mail him at cary05@gmail.com

The board is also looking for a Loon Ranger. Someone to keep track of the loons that make Moose Lake their home.

This past week I received an e-mail from Sally Myers who is one of our long time Moose Lake residents. She told me that her smoke detectors went off at 3:00 AM and woke her up. She said she immediately checked for a fire but found none. Her question to me was why would they just go off? I told Sally with my years of experience in the Fire Service that smoke alarms have a life expectancy of only 10 years. Most manufacturers of smoke alarms guarantee them for 10 years. It is recommend to the consumer to replace them after that time period. She told me that her smoke alarms are way over ten years old.

The other thing that I told Sally is a person should clean their smoke alarms every year by vacuuming cleaning them or using compressed air to blow the dust out of the detector. If a detector is dirty or has some dust built up inside it can cause the detector to accidentally go off. High humidity with a dirty detector can also cause an accidental alarm.

Many smoke detectors now are interconnected, so if one goes off they all will go off. You must have at least one detector on each floor level of your home and one within 6 feet of your sleeping area. Having one in each bedroom is the ideal situation and having it interconnected with all the other detectors in your home. Having a detector in your bedroom is great, because if it goes off you will be able to easily hear it. I always say we put alarm clocks next to our bed so we can hear it when it goes off at 6 AM. A smoke detector is no different, keep one close to you bed so you can hear it if it goes off and the same with a CO alarm. (Carbon Monoxide)

Birthday greetings this week go out to Joyce Turnbull on July 17th, Wayne Janitschke on the 18th, Doug Laier, Caleb Ryan Richter both on the 20th & Diana Harris on July 22nd. Happy Birthday to all. There is one anniversary this week. Anniversary wishes this week are extended to long time Moose Lake residents Dorothy and Larry Briggs on July 18th. Happy anniversary to both of you.

Well that is it for this week. I hope everyone is enjoying the wonderful summer. Pease send any news that you may have to me so we can keep the Moose Lake column going. Jim Onarheim
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