

Safety and Security Committee Report

We met on June 18th at 5 pm, and we discussed only a couple of things. We discussed the progress on the walking path, and the other subject that we discussed in depth was golf carts and whether it was a good idea letting 14 & 15 year olds drive them, even with a parent with them. One thing is what if we have someone give lessons to those under 16 on how to operate a cart. The only thing is, if the person is not certified to do so, and the legal ramifications that could come back because of it, outweighed the need to change what we have. **So it is the recommendation of the Safety and Security Committee that the policy stating that people driving the golf carts need to be 16 years old and have a class D drivers license, stay the same. It was a unanimous decision of the committee.**

We also discussed who to make our CERT leader for when there is a need or disaster. Charlie Moore was asked and accepted the role. Also we discussed possible locations for headquarters when the need arises. I believe the final agreement was to have the fire house as the 1st one, with the lodge, main office, and maintenance in that order.

One other opportunity that was presented to Gerry, Paul, and myself was having a self-defense course for women at the lodge on Saturday August 29th starting at 8 am. It's a 10 hour 1 day course and would be taught by Deputy Sheriff Matt Lunsford and Jo-Co Enterprises. They are licensed to teach this course. The class size would be kept to 25, and if there is enough interest in it he may do more than one class at a later date. Cost per student is \$75.00 each, and they would get a certificate at the end of the class.

Participants must be at least 18 years of age, due to insurance requirements. There would probably be about 3 hours of classroom work (book) and the rest of the time is all hands on training. This is going to be co-sponsored between the Safety & Security Committee and the Woman's Club. To sign up call Matt Lunsford at Jo-Co Enterprises at 456-3841, but like I stated there is only room for 25 and then we will have to see if we can have another class later. I think this is a good class for women to take giving the way things seem to be getting with the muggings and all.

The next meeting is on July 16th at 5pm at the lodge. Not 6pm as it stated in the paper again for some unknown reason. August's meeting is also at 5 pm on the 20th .

Article on golf cart accident below;

Monday, June 29, 2009

Juvenile crashes golf cart

Intoxicated father requires CareFlight

Mike Ullery
Chief Photographer

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A Fletcher fire helmet sits near the scene of a Sunday evening golf cart crash as CareFlight lifts off to transport the victim to Miami Valley Hospital. Mike Ullery/Staff Photo

FLETCHER - Emergency personnel from the Fletcher Rescue Squad and Fletcher Fire Department responded to the 8000 block of Lostcreek-Shelby Road around 7 p.m. Sunday after a golf cart crashed, ejecting the passenger. CareFlight was called when the man reported that he had no feeling below his waist. Reports from the scene also indicate that the man was intoxicated at the time of the crash.

Once deputies conclude their investigation they will turn the case over to the Miami County prosecutor's office to determine if charges are to be filed.

Miami County Sheriffs deputies report that a man was riding as a passenger in a golf cart driven southbound on Lostcreek-Shelby Road by his juvenile daughter. The family dog also was riding on the cart when it either jumped or fell from the moving vehicle. The youngster apparently panicked, hit the brake, and swerved. The cart left the roadway, struck a mailbox and ejected the girl's father.