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Fire Chiefs report 4/8/14-4/12/14

No calls

4/19 Ice Rescue personnel attended a lecture on hypothermia does and don'ts. We discussed the different levels of hypothermia as dictated by the patient's temperature. We talked about the quickest transportation to get the patient / patients to the appropriate care based on their level of hypothermia. After the lecture a group of ice rescue personnel took the husky wind sled out for deteriorating ice rescue training.

4/23 The Fire Department, EMS, and Law Enforcement got together for an extrication-training scenario. We put together a two-car accident with two people in each car with varieties of injuries. Fire/Rescue practiced stabilization of the vehicles and aiding the EMT's with the injured victims. We used our hydraulic powered spreaders, cutters, and rams (the jaws of life) and many other tools to extricate the passenger in one of the cars. One of the vehicles was already in an accident and donated to the emergency services for this training. There wasn't much left of that car when we got done. The other truck involved was loaned from a local construction company for the training. It was hard to keep the crew from cutting that up too. The training was very realistic and we feel we learned a lot in how we have to work together on scenes like this. Once or twice a year we are going to try to have multi agency training events. An unfortunate thing that came out of this training is that our jaws of life are getting old and outdated, we will be looking seriously into replacing them.

I want to thank the ice rescue personnel for all the time and effort they put into training this winter. Even with all the icebergs floating around still I am pretty sure we can write this winter off as being quiet and uneventful.

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