

From the ashes...

An update to the community....



Friday, October 1, 2010, 08:45 a.m.



Cell phone photo taken at the time of the 911 call

Why we couldn't go inside...

- Photo taken right before the first firetruck arrived on scene...



What we lost...all were fully equipped...

- First out fire engine...E-261



Rescue 265



Tanker 263...



UTILITY 260...



Plus...(this is a partial list)...

- Twenty (20) sets of bunker gear...
- Forty (40) Air packs and Spare bottles...
- Approximately 4000' of fire hose...nozzles, fittings, etc...
- Generators
- Fans used for ejecting smoke from houses...
- All our training equipment...
- Tools...
- All our brush fire fighting equipment...rakes, blowers, etc...
- Spare tires and parts for trucks...

Total loss...

- Building +
- Contents +
- Trucks +
- Equipment +

• \$1,250,000.00 or more

Thanks to the County...

- Sissonville was never without Fire or Rescue Protection...
- Resources were being requested and assigned literally while the fire was still burning...
- Short-term and long-term plans were being formulated in the shadow of the smoke...
- The damage assessment process was started...
- Coordination was immediately started to avoid confusion, panic, and ensure that the community's needs were being met.
- County Fire Truck was provided and in station by 2:00 p.m.

Special Thanks to...

- Charleston Auto for giving up two (2) bays and office space to our fire department so we could continue to operate...
- Rodney Loftis & Son Contracting for helping out...
- RC General Contractors...
- Buddy B's...
- TopSpot...
- NGK...
- Purple Turtle...
- Hurst...the makers of the "Jaws of Life"...
- The West Virginia Fire Service...
- VFIS of West Virginia...our insurance carrier...

Thanks to...

- Davis Creek VFD for having a truck in Sissonville before the fire was out to be able to respond to calls...
- To Malden VFD and the Tyler Mtn VFD for affirming our existing dual response/mutual aid agreements...
- Malden VFD for providing Air Packs
- St. Albans FD and Pratt VFD for providing bunker gear
- Tyler Mtn VFD for providing rescue tools...
- Metro Communications for all their communications support during the incident...
- Danville VFD for the use of a loaner utility truck

Where we are today...

- Have completed preliminary insurance assessment...
- Compiling lists of assets, resources, funding sources, and potential opportunities...
- Received some donations from the community...
- Have met with contractors about site clean-up and making necessary improvements at the temporary facility...
- In the process of setting priorities for moving forward...
- Assessing what we have, what we need, how bad we need it, when we will need what, who will get it, from where...

Myths and rumors...

- The fire was **NOT** Arson nor is it considered suspicious in any way... WV SFMO and the Insurance Carrier concur...
- No one's business or homeowner's insurance premiums should change or rise...
- Yes, there has been contact with EMO HE (lock & Key productions) but they are **NOT** guaranteeing anything...
- Yes, we have insurance but no we don't know at this point what all will or won't be covered...
- We have NOT stopped answering calls...

What we need...

- The community's support...
- People to go with facts and not rumors...
- The community's input on ideas for fundraising, future station plans, etc. – REMEMBER!!! – if you have an idea we will challenge you to help formulate how to make that idea a reality...
- Our Auxiliary will be working hard to help us get through this – they need volunteers to work fundraisers...Becky Oakley and Heidi Miller will be the POC's...

Questions?-?-?

- Please use this as an opportunity to ask any questions that you may have...we will do our best to answer them...