

"The Chief's Corner"

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The Chief's Corner of the website is something new that will be utilized to keep members and the public informed of the progress, training and development of the Jonesville Volunteer Fire Department throughout each quarter of the year. Starting in 2015, regular quarterly updates will be posted to the website with an occasional monthly update.

During the 2014 firematic year, Jonesville purchased and took possession of several important resources that will have a long-term positive impact on our training and operational side. The fire service is ever changing and it is important that the department keep pace with the newest in training methods and technology that is out there. Our goal is to continue to provide the best quality service to the public when called upon.

Jonesville is in the process of updating and upgrading its district pre-plans and how information will be maintained. Pre-plan information consists of building construction, building access, fire protection systems, contact information, water supply, diagrams, incident location and other relevant information necessary to us when responding. This is made possible through First Look Pro software which allows us to upload the pre-plan information onto a computer and create a centralized database which we will periodically update as needed. Once our database is created, our plan is to then move towards having this pre-plan information available on each of our apparatus.

Jonesville has also upgraded one of its training props; a Forcible Entry Door Simulator which will last for several years due to its machinery and durability. The prop is portable and can be used inside or outside during training. The durability and easy access to the prop being on site will benefit the firefighters by allowing them to train repeatedly on their forcible entry skills; which is just one of many skills that we are trained to perform.

Lastly, life safety is always a firefighter's number one priority. With that, the equipment that firefighters are now required to have and train in its use, plays a vital role in their safety. Currently, Jonesville is in the process of preparing for its Emergency Escape Training which will involve performing an exit from a window in the likelihood that a firefighter is entrapped at an elevation. Once up and running, the firefighters will be performing this training while wearing an emergency escape system, hasty harness and be supported by a belay and/or safety device. Jonesville has chosen and will be using the Sterling F4 Safe Tech Firefighter Escape System with Mercury Lumbar Bag.

Thank you for reading and please continue to visit this section for future updates!

Firematically yours,



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