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Westgate Kiwanis donate 5 KW Generator

Carol Walker & Churton Budd

The TADMAT will soon be receiving a five Kilo-Watt generator that has been donated to the team by the Westgate chapter of the Kiwanis society. The Kiwanis society is a philanthropic organization that raises funds in the Toledo area. The donation came as a result of a lecture that Carol Walker gave at a monthly Kiwanis meeting detailing the TADMATs work in Florida after Andrew and describing the TADMAT and its function in the Toledo area. The Kiwanis were so impressed that they set aside funds for the TADMAT. The 5 KW generator is large enough to provide power for a complete TADMAT site with limited lighting in all the tents and additional power for some medical and radio equipment. The generator has a 5 gallon fuel tank which reduces the number of times someone needs to refuel. The unit is still small enough that it will be portable and very versatile for the team. The generator is being shipped from the factory in Wisconsin to a local Cliff Clarks store, from where it will be turned over to the TADMAT team. Everyone should show their appreciation to the Kiwanis for their donation by supporting them in their fund raising activities and especially should show their appreciation to Carol Walker for her hard work in organizing this donation.

TADMAT member to receive Humanitarian Award

Churton Budd

Lee Mauk received a letter in the mail from the Black Swamp Humanitarian Awards Committee of Wood County stating that he had been selected to receive the "Beyond the Call of Duty Award". This award will be presented to Lee during the Friday, November 12th Humanitarian Awards Banquet at the Pemberville, Ohio Legion Hall (Front Street) beginning at 6PM. The letter states that this award was selected "based upon your volunteering to aid the victims of Hurricane Andrew in Florida last year with the Disaster Medical Assistance Team." The Black Swamp Humanitarian Awards Committee was formed in 1988 to bring recognition to those persons in the Wood County area who take extraordinary action to help their fellow man. Lee stated to me, "I dont know how my name was submitted but I am proud to request the attendance of other team personnel at this event." The awards banquet costs \$10 and interested persons should contact Lee or myself by November 5th if planning on attending.

TADMAT personnel treat victims of the LifeSaver '93 drill at Toledo Express Airport, October 9th, 1993

The TADMAT along with 84 other agencies, participated in the Toledo Express Airports disaster drill, LifeSaver '93. This drill was enacted as a simulation of a large commuter jet striking a small plane taxiing on the runway. Close to 150 mock victims were treated in the drill and transported to area hospitals. This drill was the first that the TADMAT Rapid Deployment Team (RDT) was utilized. About 10 minutes after the occurrence of

the crash, the RDT left the staging area for the crash site. The remainder of the TADMAT followed about 15 minutes later. The use of the TADMAT and especially the RDT in this drill is indicative of the respect that the TADMAT has acquired from the local fire and EMS agencies and emergency management planners. The drill was almost canceled due to poor weather conditions in the morning and drill planners made the decision to go ahead with the drill after careful deliberation in the morning. Three of the volunteers who were simulated victims had to be transported to area hospitals due to mild hypothermia, but no serious injuries resulted. During the drill, some fundamental mistakes in disaster operations were made. There was the usual degree of disorganization that often accompanies a disaster. The drill did achieve its goal of providing a learning experience to the agencies involved, practical and logistical experience for most attendees and many lessons learned. In essence, that is why we all participate in these drills. The TADMAT received high marks from the drill planning committee and evaluators who were invited in from out of town to make comments on the strengths and weakness' of the response. A number of evaluators lauded the TADMAT and remarked on how fortunate the Toledo Area was to have our team within its locale.

Deadline for 1993 dues December 31'st !

Churton Budd

In late 1992 the TADMAT Executive Committee decided to require \$10 / year dues from all TADMAT members. As this year was the first year requiring dues, team members were given one full year to pay the \$10. The deadline for these dues is December 31'st. In early November, a letter will be sent to each team member that has not paid dues for 1993. This letter will remind those persons that if dues are not paid by December 1'st, they will be placed on inactive status on the team for 30 days, and then after the 31'st of December they will be officially removed from the roster at both the local and national level at NDMS headquarters. This dues requirement was initiated in order to aid in reducing the number of those on the team who do not participate in drills, show up to meetings and eventually deploy with the team. It is hoped that these dues will create a level of commitment and remind people that remaining on the team requires some effort on their part, and deploying with the team requires attendance at meetings and participation in drills and training events.

Point system for deployment organization

Churton Budd

In order to assist in choosing members of the TADMAT who will accompany the team during a deployment, the TADMAT Executive Committee utilizes a point system. Points are awarded for attendance at monthly meetings, team drills and training exercises, previous deployments and educational offerings. It is emphasized that These points aid in making a decision as to which team members will make up a team complement for a deployment, and are not the sole determinant. Other factors such as team size required, the medical mission of the team, and the type of disaster the team is responding to may have more of an influence on the exact team complement. To summarize this point system, 10 points were given for team members responding to Andrew, 6 points each for

the Cape Girardeau and Long Prairie drills, 5 points total for the entire 1993 Field Exercises, 1 point for each monthly meeting. Additionally, 3 points were given to anyone assisting in the Arby's fund raiser and 3 points for the 1993 airport disaster drill.

TADMAT fund raiser at Arby's - or.... I'll never do this again !

Carol Walker

A great big thank you to all who volunteered their time to work at the different Arby's stores. Everyone did a super job of diverting customers to purchase at the designated register. Some problems occurred at the Alexis store when the manager apparently had their own idea about what the fund raising event should involve. Those who volunteered at that store did a fine job of positioning themselves in front of the other registers to steer people to the designated fund raising register. Your patients was very much appreciated! Arby's donated 20% of the register receipts at one register in each of their stores. This amounted to over \$500 in register receipts from the 5 stores and over \$80 in unsolicited cash donations from patrons collected in the store. These funds will be matched by the Lutheran Brotherhood to amount to over \$1000 toward the TADMAT bank account. Special thanks go to Michelle Lezon and Tricia Kunkle who assisted in the preparation of this event. Additional thanks to all who assisted in the fund raiser, your time spent on a weekend was greatly appreciated!

Kelly & Churton interviewed on Chan 24 News:

Be sure to watch Community Closeup on Channel 24 at 06:30am Sunday October 10th. Churton Budd and Kelly Burkholder-Allen were interviewed by Rebecca Fondessy. Topics of discussion focused on the TADMAT, NDMS and the October 9th drill at the Airport.