

Safety Share – Mine Rescue Competition Season

- Many of the local mine rescue contests are held outdoors.
- We need to make sure we make preparations ahead of time to provide means to protect the team members, judges, and spectators from the heat.
- Make sure there are multiple ambulances and ample medical staff present that are dedicated to the entire event.
- Provide plenty of liquids in lock-up for the team members.
- Ensure there are plenty of liquids available at the mine rescue fields for the spectators and judges.
- Make sure there are ample judges scheduled for the event so that there is time for the judges to cool down between assignments.
- Provide cool wet towels in designated coolers at the Fresh Air Base (FAB) for immediate treatment of heat exhaustion.
- Provide enough additional cool wet towels and water/gator aid at the FAB for each team member and judge to use at the conclusion of the working of the mine rescue problem.
- Provide sun screen to team members, judges and spectators. (Sun screen 'towelets' are available in individual single application packets at a very low cost).
- Install tents for shade and small portable fans if possible to provide an area for the judges and spectators to escape the sun/heat. (This will take some pre-planning, as many of the tent rental services require advance notice.)
- Provide plenty of chairs/bleachers for ample spectator seating.
- Communicate these precautions with the team members and judges at the pre-contest briefing.
- Communicate these precautions with spectators as well throughout the day.

***** REMEMBER *****

THE FIRST PRIORITY IN MINE RESCUE IS THE SAFETY OF THE TEAM!!!!