

Office of Mine Safety and Licensing

A Word from the Executive Director



Being in the midst of mine rescue competition activities this season, I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate each and every one on a mine rescue team. Because in our eyes, here at the Office of Mine Safety and Licensing, no matter where you place in a competition, you are a winner.

The Office and Mine Safety and Licensing knows that mine rescue team members are the most unselfish people in the nation. You are willing and ready to pick up and leave your family behind and don a mine rescue apparatus to help a fellow coal miner who you may not even know and be a life saver! So, with that said, good luck to all of you in your competitions.

Freddie Lewis

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Our Mission

To ensure that all coal miners in the Commonwealth are provided with a safe working environment; to provide effective education and training to coal miners to foster safe work practices; and to ensure that statutes and regulations regarding coal mining are enforced fairly and consistently throughout the Commonwealth.



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OMSL Interagency Mine Rescue Teams Compete at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park

Mine rescue coverage for the nation's coal mines is mandated by the Federal Mining Act. To comply with these requirements, OMSL competes annually in a contest held exclusively for its 12 teams comprised of highly qualified mining professionals from its six inspection districts. OMSL completed a competition at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park in Prestonsburg on April 25 - 26.



Freddie Lewis, OMSL executive director, speaks of the importance of mine safety during the awards session.

Despite challenging weather conditions, Kentucky mine rescue teams worked diligently to solve mine rescue simulations, discuss mine rescue strategies, and practice mine communication skills. They also were randomly selected to take written assessments that test their mine rescue knowledge. The contests were judged by MSHA employees from District 10, District 6, and District 7 along with a few company representatives from Patriot Coal, Teco Coal, James River Coal and Alliance Coal. At the culmination of the competition, participants enjoyed an awards luncheon. Executive Director Freddie Lewis addressed the importance of mine rescue and Commissioner Steve Hohmann spoke of the importance of each member's commitment to industry safety.

Madisonville District Overall Winner for Mine Rescue

Pictured in Photo:

Front row: Rodney James, Bill Blalock, Charles Maddox and Steve Morgan

Back row: Executive Director Freddie Lewis, Richard Walker, Eric Nichols, Bill Millay, James Tabor and Commissioner Steve Hohmann



OMSL Interagency Mine Rescue Teams Compete at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park

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Working Problem



Reading Map



Rescuing Victim

Mine Rescue Team Winners are Pictured with Executive Director Freddie Lewis and Commissioner Steve Hohmann

Day One Awards



*1st Place: Madisonville District
(Captain Steve Morgan)*



*2nd Place: Martin District – Team A
(Captain Orville Mitchell)*



*3rd Place: Martin District– Team B
(Captain Adam Akers)*



Mine Rescue Team Winners are Pictured with Executive Director Freddie Lewis and Commissioner Steve Hohmann (Continued from Page 3)

Day Two Awards



*1st Place: Hazard District
(Captain Jeff Brock)*



*2nd Place: Barbourville District
(Captain Randy Partin)*



*3rd Place: Madisonville District
(Captain Steve Morgan)*



**OMSL District Mine Rescue Team Participants
Jenny Wiley State Resort Park April 25-26, 2012**

**Barbourville District
Mine Rescue Teams**

| <u>Team A</u> | <u>Team B</u> |
|-----------------|----------------|
| Ralph Crawford | Rick Johnson |
| Randy Partin | Randy Turner |
| Mike Partin | Walter Brumley |
| Pat Turner | Doug Roark |
| Bobby Hubbard | Johnny Morgan |
| Ronnie Whitaker | Dean Bush |
| James Skidmore | Jake Lawson |

**Harlan District
Mine Rescue Teams**

| <u>Team A</u> | <u>Team B</u> |
|----------------|----------------|
| Ernie Hawkins | James Owens |
| John Dixon | Todd Middleton |
| James Strunk | Joey Morgan |
| Tim Pennington | Terry Nelson |
| Michael Partin | Roger Boggs |
| Mike Johnson | David Brock |
| Billy Allen | Dustin Clem |
| | Michael Thomas |

**Hazard District
Mine Rescue Teams**

| <u>Team A</u> | <u>Team B</u> |
|-----------------|---------------|
| Jeff Brock | Tim Burns |
| Ronnie Shell | Derek Cook |
| Rodney Eversole | Dave Maggard |
| Gary Fugate | Jerry Back |
| Leon Mullins | Mike Eldridge |
| Duane Bates | Randy Maggard |
| Mac Southwood | T.K. Hays |

**Martin District
Mine Rescue Teams**

| <u>Team A</u> | <u>Team B</u> |
|----------------------|---------------|
| Orville Mitchell Jr. | Adam Akers |
| Eddie Combs | Nathan Moore |
| Rodney Mosley | Jimmy Slone |
| Eddie Paige | Garland Kidd |
| Jack Bartley | Tommy Bays |
| Randy Smith | Danny Hurt |

**Madisonville District
Mine Rescue Teams**

| <u>Team A</u> | <u>Team B</u> |
|----------------|----------------|
| Steve Morgan | Lee Vincent |
| Rodney James | Brad Matheny |
| Bill Blalock | Ben James |
| Eric Nichols | Brad Thomas |
| Charles Maddox | Bill Perkins |
| Bill Millay | Billy Brewer |
| James Tabor | Kenny Mitchell |
| Richard Walker | |

**Pikeville District
Mine Rescue Teams**

| <u>Team A</u> | <u>Team B</u> |
|-----------------|---------------|
| James Tackett | John Ferrari |
| Johnny Stiltner | Andy Akers |
| Donnie Akers | Randy Chapman |
| Edwin Sanders | Tim Arrington |
| Dennis Akers | Marvin Taylor |
| Greg Phipps | Robert Smith |
| Randy Bentley | Richard Gibbs |
| Johnny McHone | Brian Jones |
| Kevin Ratliff | Worley Taylor |
| Roger Stacy | |

Mine Rescue Schedule

July—December 2012

| <u>Contest</u> | <u>Date/Location</u> | <u>Contact</u> |
|---|---|---|
| KEMI Mine Safety and Training Competition | July 10-12, 2012 Pikeville, Ky. | Daven Hoskins 606-273-7202 Becca Cordon 859-425-7800, ext. 1159 Marlena Hughes 606-432-0944 |
| Harlan County Safety Day Mine Rescue, Bench, First Aid and Preshift Contest | July 24-26, 2012 Southeast Kentucky Community and Technical College Cumberland, Ky. | Suzie Williams or Tracy Bailey 606-589-5812 |
| 2012 KCA Regional Mine Rescue Skills Contest, Division 1 (inexperienced teams) and Division 2 (experienced teams) | July 31– Aug. 2, 2012 Kentucky Coal Academy Madisonville, Ky. | Danny B. Knott 270-824-1774 |
| Kentucky State Mine Rescue, Bench, Preshift and MET Contest and Kentucky Mining Institute | Sept. 12-14, 2012 Lexington, Ky. | Geaunita Caylor 859-257-2820 |

To view the schedule online, please go to:

<http://omsl.ky.gov/Pages/2010KentuckyCoalMineRescueContest.aspx>

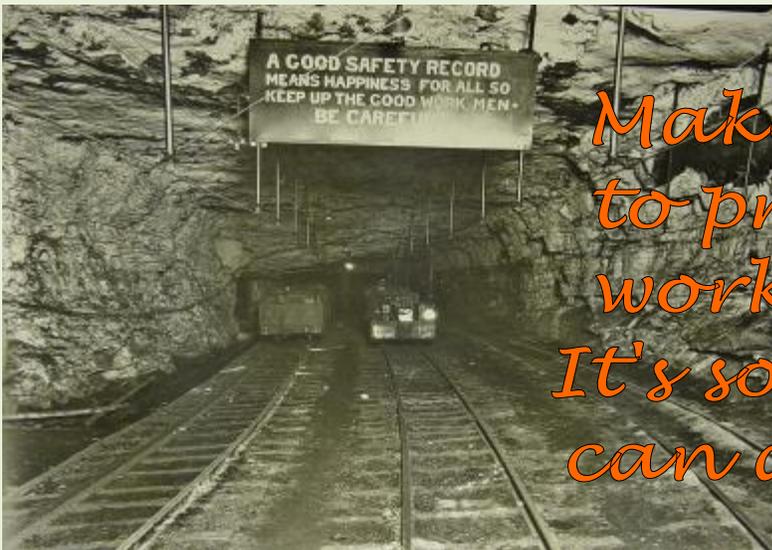
Fatalities

There are no fatalities to report for this quarter.



Serious Injuries

There are no serious injuries to report for this quarter.



Make it a point to practice safe working habits. It's something we can all live with.

To view online reports, please go to:

<http://omsl.ky.gov/Pages/KentuckyCoalMineFatalAccidentReports.aspx>



New Hires

April 1 through June 30, 2012

Martin District

Heath Holbrook

Mine Safety Analyst I



Frankfort Office

Kaelin Goff (Interim)

Production Tech I— Mine Mapping



Separations

April 1 through June 30, 2012

No separations have occurred this quarter.



We're on the Web



Additional information for OMSL may be found at OMSL.KY.GOV. Follow the *Quick Links* for the Mine Safety Review Commission, Sanctions List, Training and Testing Schedules, Staff Contacts and other useful information.



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