

FLORENCE FIRE DEPARTMENT SPONSORS “SAFE DAY”

It was a warm, June 5th Saturday in the City Of Florence, Texas. But, in spite of the heat, the community enjoyed the first ever, “Safe Day”. The event was sponsored in part by the Florence Fire Department headed up by Chief Robert Shelton and firefighters of his department. The event was held at the Florence Middle School facility. The theme was to enlighten the attendees of the many services which are provided to promote safety in the home and while traveling.

There were a number of entries which provided demonstrations of their duties and responsibilities. Amongst the participants, there were representatives from Oncor, The Forest Service, Pedernales Electric, Medic helicopter, EMS and Emergency Management. Face painting was offered at no charge. Five tables lined end to end were full of home baked pastries which were available for a free will donation. The Texas Department Of Transportation and The Texas Municipal Police Association sponsored a safety table and provided traffic safety materials and information to parents regarding child safety seats and underage drinking.

Events out on the parking lot included a visual demonstration on the use of the “Jaws Of Life” The junked vehicle was provided by Lee’s Paint And Body Shop of Florence and the hands on demonstration was provided by firefighters and EMS personnel. The Emergency Management vehicle which was present on the grounds gave onlookers an opportunity to see for themselves how many entities and personnel become involved in reaction to a major disaster.

Talking with Fire Chief Shelton, he regarded the event as a success and gave a hearty thanks to all those who gave up their Saturday to help put on this event. He looks forward to hosting the event again in the future.

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