

**BOONE COUNTY WATER RESCUE  
MONTHLY REPORT**

April 2006

**GENERAL ACTIVITIES**

1. General team meetings, supervisor meeting, fire chiefs meeting.
2. Diving equipment has been replaced and repair is on going
3. The air station is being updated with tanks supplied by Covington Fire Department.
4. Phase two of three phases to complete side scan sonar setups, includes preparing quotes for day light monitors, various wireless transmitters, equipment, and is ready for purchase. Various departments thru out the United States will be looking at the finished product. Once all wireless equipment is put together we will be the only team having the abilities to review sonar images, video images and diver cameras in real time. Also the ability to review the images from the shore and other boats. This will enhance the recovery and evidence collection details, saving time, improving the safety of the divers and having the ability to do more than one function at a time. Ken Purcell a member of the team is the designer of the equipment and has been working on this project for months.
5. Boat 218 has been removed from the river for general maintenance and repair.
6. Summer maintenance on boat 219 has been completed and is ready to be put in the water May 3<sup>rd</sup>.
7. Boat 220 is being reconfigured to use both the side scan sonar and drop camera equipment.
8. Boat 217 is in the process of being made ready.
9. Preparing end of the year purchasing is on going.

**Training**

1. In house CEU training for EMT's 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month on going.
2. 2006 training of new divers has started class room training is every Tuesday and pool training is every Sunday beginning at 1:00 pm at Scott High School.

**Details**

1. Team members Creston Stickels & Capt. Dale Appel along with Forsythe Fire & Rescue department from Georgia and Shelia Burleson from Seth Foundation was requested to assist the local departments in finding a 16 year old boy, Jonathon Hudson that had drowned in a boating accident in the Dale Hollow lake Tennessee . The local teams had been searching for the boy 18 days without finding the boy. After we reconstructed the drowning it was found that the search had been conducted in the wrong area. On the 20<sup>th</sup> day using Forsythe fire and rescue side scan sonar and the underwater camera equipment we found the boy in 108 feet of water. The father of the boy had one request to bring his son home for Easter. The young boy was a football and track star. We have received numerous e-mails and phone calls thanking Boone County for our assistance.