

## KASC Community Safety Awareness Meeting

Tuesday, February 16, 2010 at Picadilly

Harold Gillenwater opened the meeting with prayer. Gene Faxon gave a brief report on the upcoming Kids Safety Fair, KASC 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Safety Seminar, and the 2010 Fire Safety Rodeo. Jack Alvis also presented information that will be useful for our Safety Community Award.

Mike Livingston and Tim White of Tele-Optics in Kingsport presented a program entitled "TOSHA Investigated Fatalities of 2008." Mike gave an in-depth review of 39 fatalities investigated and one catastrophe, including photos of the actual locations and the citations issued by TOSHA. The leading cause of investigated fatalities was falls, while other leading causes included logging fatalities and struck by fatalities. There were also multiple fatalities that were a result of equipment operators not wearing their seat belts. Mike elaborated on several cases where employees in the Tri-Cities region were killed. Although the employer is required by law to provide a safe work environment, it is also the responsibility of employees to implement safety measures. In several instances, employees were wearing protective equipment, but not correctly. This was an eye opening presentation that reinforces the need to monitor our safety programs for effectiveness.

Gene presented an appreciation award to our speaker, and two additional door prizes were given away. There were 20 members in attendance.



Mike presented photos and citations issued for each incident, discussing possible measures that could have prevented or at least reduced the severity of the accident.