

2013 STATE OF OHIO MERD CAPTAIN' MEETING

This meeting is for all Captain's and # 3 men

- 1. This contest will be run in accordance with National Mine Rescue Rules for 2013 and guidance provided under those rules from MSHA for the 2009 MERD Guidelines. This problem will have a time limit on the problem of 45 minutes and the intent of the problem is for the team to clock out at the timing device at the fresh air base to have completed the problem. Team instructions will be given about this matter on the field as part of the problem.**
- 2. Teams that have left lock up for the field will not be allowed back into the lock area so they will have to bring anything out of lockup once they have been notified to be ready to go to the field. The items maybe left either alongside the building or the lock up area outside of the lock-up area, or these items may be picked up from inside the lock-up area after the last team has left lock up.**
- 3. For teams that are using a sound powered telephone system for communications, (cable reel) they are responsible for providing enough manpower to handle their own cable as described under Rules governing mine rescue contest on page 3 paragraph 1 of the N.M.R. Rules. The contest will provide a lifeline judge to monitor signals during the contest.**
- 4. The person in charge of the Fresh Air Base will identify himself/herself to the Captain and the Briefing Officer upon their arrival at the Fresh Air Base at that moment a four minute timer will be started this will allow time for the team to position their equipment and lay out lifeline cable and link line across the fresh air base. If at the end of four minutes the Captain has failed to start the team clock located in the fresh air base that clock will be started for the Captain by the person (judge) in charge of the fresh air base.**
- 5. There will be a gas box located in the fresh air base before your team turns off their gas detectors and advances into the mine. Use one of the team's gas detectors to go into the gas box and identify the gas that is in the box. You will not need to give a percent or a PPM just say what gas you have found in the box, if there is no gas present declare the gas box "clear". Then you may turn off your gas detector.**
- 6. Please find the Statement/ Problem attached to this handout that will inform your team about the problem that they will work. You are free to take the statement/ problem with you back to lockup and review it with your team. You will not receive a problem with the maps it is the same as the statement.**

- 7. We have drawn numbers prior to the contest and the # 3 man was drawn. All # 3 men please stay and take the written exam team captains may return to the lock up and instruct their teams.**

- 8. There will be sets of the old frames and brattice that will be used as builds for temporary stoppings on the field**