

May 9th Island Fork Staff Ride

You are cordially invited to a Stakeholders Staff Ride of the Island Fork Incident on May 9 at 1130 hours at the Route 377 Fire Department. The plan for the day is to meet at Route 377 Fire Department on HWY 377 in Rowan County. There will be a meet/greet, and preliminary learning session starting at 1200, and we are asking everyone to please bring your own lunch for this portion of the event.

Following our lunch and initial learning session we will begin the field portion of the staff ride and travel to the Island Fork site. The plan is to carpool as much as possible to minimize the number of vehicles at the site due to very limited parking. Please dress appropriately for walking in steep, rough, uneven terrain. There is a trail that we will be following through the field portion of the staff ride that is quite steep in places for short distances, and ground conditions can be loose and slippery. This time of the year ticks and bugs are also abundant, so bring bug repellent if you desire. This event will take place rain or shine, so please dress and plan your day accordingly.

Following the field portion of the staff ride, we will all travel back to the Route 377 Fire Dept. for an integration dinner. This phase of the staff ride is very important and is essential to putting all of the pieces together and making this a true learning event for everyone involved. We are asking each person to bring \$15 dollars to cover the meal and drinks, with all of the proceeds going to the Route 377 Fire Department. The dinner will be a steak dinner with side dishes. Again, this is a very integral part of the staff ride so please plan to attend the dinner which should start about 1700 concluding around 1830 at the latest.

Directions to RT 377 FD are as follows: I-64 to the 137 exit, turn west on KY 32, travel approximately 1 mile and turn North on Route 377. The Route 377 Fire Department will be on the right about 10 miles, (just past Tilden Hogge Elementary School, and just before the main entrance to the large gas pipeline booster station).

So to recap, dress for walking in woods with proper footwear, consider a rain coat or umbrella if forecast rain is possible, bring your own lunch, and \$15 dollars for the integration dinner.

A packet of pre-work material which will take approximately one hour to complete will be emailed to you by the end of the week (5/5/17).

We are excited to present this staff ride to you, so please come ready to learn, share, and be involved with in mindful conversation.

Very Respectfully,

Island Fork Staff Ride development team.