

Mine-rescue teams from Kentucky win top honors in national contest

Kentucky mine rescue teams swept top honors in the biennial National Mine Rescue and First Aid Contest held last weekend at the Kentucky State Fairgrounds.

Kentucky teams placed first and second in the two-hour mine rescue contest. Winning top honors for the event, including a \$5,000 scholarship for a team member or relative, was the mine rescue team from Eastern Coal Corp. in Stone, Ky.

The rescue team from Leeco, Inc., in London, Ky., placed second in the two-hour contest and took first place in the one-hour mine rescue test. Eastern Coal's team placed third in the one-hour test.

The rescue team at Peabody Coal Co. in Graham, Ky., took the top position in the first-aid contest.

The winner in the combination contest was the team from Island Creek Coal Co. in Oakwood, W. Va. The Beckley Coal Mining Co. team from Glen Daniel, W. Va., placed second.

Scoring in each contest was done on the basis of the accuracy in solving problems proposed and the time involved in solving them.

In each event, winners of the top three places are as follows:

✓ Two-hour Mine Rescue Contest:

First place: Eastern Coal Corporation, Eastern/Kentland Team, Stone, Ky.

Tony Casebolt, captain; James Brad Fuller, Fred Runyon, Jr., Dave Williamson, William H. Linkenhoker, Charles H. Runyon, Roger Bartley, Dennis H. Phillips.

Second place: Leeco Inc., Laurel Team, London, Ky.

Bruce Schoolcraft, captain; Lewis Mills, Paul Gill, Lorne Harms, Steve Adams, John Curry, Walter Brumley, Mike Eslinger.

Third place: Consolidation Coal Company, Matthews "A" Team, Tackett Creek, Ky.

Joseph Mosley, captain; Charles C. Chadwell, Kim C. Noah, Morgan D. Bayless, Allen R. Keck, David C. Jones, Lenard E. Thomas.

✓ One-hour Mine Rescue Contest
First place: Leeco, Inc., Leslie Team, London, Ky.

Patrick Graham, captain; Pearl Farler III, Kevin Bruner, Donnie Spurlock, Steve Adams, Surapong Praestersang, Ray Adams, David Altizer.

Second place: Jewell Smokeless Coal Corporation, "B" Team, Vansant, Va.

Archie Ruble, captain; John Paris, Marty Potter, Jay Cole, Rodney Lee, John Fuller, Bill Messick.

Third place: Eastern Coal Corporation, Eastern/Kentland Team, Stone, Ky.

✓ First-aid contest
First place: Peabody Coal Company, Star-Graham Complex Team, Graham, Ky.

Clarence Gillespie, captain; Jack Littlepage, Delbert Richie, Randy Duncan, John Crockett, Jr., Jerry Durall, Tony Tabor, Dennis Adama.

Second place: Carbon County Coal Company, Rescue Raiders, Hanna, Wyo.

Benny Wilson, captain; Joe Vendetti, Robert Cochrane, Bill Fulbright, Chris Schade, Mike Montoya, Dennis Decker.

Third place: Island Creek Coal Company, Potomac District Team, Bayard, W. Va.

David Dixon, captain; Bob Quattro, Pat Arnold, George Cook, Jerry Cosner, Allen Judy, Gene Worden.

✓ Combination score (two-hour rescue plus first aid)
First place: Island Creek Coal Company, "B" Team, Oakwood, Va.

McDonald Hagy, captain; Jackie Perkins, Allen Gross, Richard Stanley, Wayne Davis, Louis Vilseck, Rocky Lambert, Ricky Belcher.

Second place: Beckley Coal Mining Company, Beckley Team, Glen Daniel, W. Va.

Roger Law, captain; Lon Jones, David Utt, Leon Jarosz, Delmer Webb, Bill Humphrey, Robert Webber, Scott Vargo.

Third place: Cannelton Industries Inc., Indian Creek Division Team, Peytona, W. Va.

Jack Hatfield, captain; Kenneth Mitchell, Tom Moody, Joe Evans, Jr., Leonard Brown, Chuck Kuzyna, Jim Harmon.

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