



Town of Seven Devils Public Safety Committee

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From: George Ehlinger
Chairman, Public Safety Committee
To: Larry Fontaine
Mayor, Town of Seven Devils

Subject: SafetyFest

Larry,

It is with deep regret that I inform you that the Public Safety Committee will not be able to organize and run SafetyFest, since we found out that the Town's insurance will no longer be able to provide coverage for the event and also because SafetyFest involves many man hours - all from volunteers. SafetyFest has become a victim of its own success. Attendance of SafetyFest has grown so much from the beginning and unfortunately the "core group" of volunteers has been steadily getting smaller due to health, deaths, and relocations. Supporting increased attendance with decreased volunteers has become more and more difficult.

SafetyFest was created to bring the Town together to achieve what my mother used to say was "breaking bread together" and to help supply a very needy Volunteer Fire Department with new and modern equipment. I believe that as a fundraiser SafetyFest has accomplished this over the last 16 years.

I am proud to have been a member from the inception of Public Safety Committee and the SafetyFest. During these 16 years it is with great pride that we have provided the best Bar-B-Q meal at the best price, Craft Booths, Silent Auction, and Raffle and during this time over \$150,000 for safety items for the Town. It has been a win-win event for all.

It is a hard decision but after difficult discussions with what is left of our Public Safety Committee members we have decided that we can no longer organize or run SafetyFest for the above mentioned reasons.

The Public Safety Committee will, as always, be here to help and suggest any safety issues that come up in the future.

Sincerely,

George Ehlinger
Chairman, Public Safety Committee