

# TEAM BRIEFING

New Iberia, LA

May 2-5, 2016

Thank you for coming to aid us at the Froggy Bottom Mine. We don't have much information to offer at this time and we are all very worried about our missing miners. What we do know, is yesterday's swing shift initiated a routine shot from surface with no miners underground at the time and it is believed that a large amount of methane was liberated during the shot due to the fact that the area wide methane monitors kicked out the main power, just as they were designed to do.

The oncoming graveyard shift was made aware of the situation and the production and electrical foreman began making plans to reestablish power and ventilation in the mine. Both foremen had been on the mine rescue team 15 yrs. ago and still had a working knowledge of the SCBA's used by the mines current mine rescue team.

The oncoming crew also had two production miners on shift that are new mine rescue members that just joined the team two weeks ago and are still in their initial training phase. The team members and foreman devised a plan to go underground and assess the conditions.

At approximately 12:45 am the two foreman and two mine rescue members grabbed BG-4's and headed underground to the 1300' level. After approximately 20 minutes the hoist man received a call from Dave (Production Foreman), he requested to send two electricians underground to the 1300' level. They were told to stay at the shaft landings by the phones until given further instructions. Both electricians contacted the hoist man to confirm that they arrived.

At approximately 1:30 am a large underground explosion occurred and thick black smoke started coming out of the #2 exhaust shaft. The Hoist man lost communication with the underground and decided to notify upper management and MSHA of the situation.

It is now 5:30 am, you will be the first team to enter the mine, we have reestablished electrical power but the fan is off and guarded. We are working to get up to date maps for you and additional materials that you might need. We will notify your team captain when we have these items.

If you are ready and willing, the services of your mine rescue team are needed. Your objectives are listed below and the mine manager will be available at the fresh air base for any questions or requests. GOOD LUCK!

## **Field Problem Objectives:**

- Explore all accessible areas of the mine
- Extinguish or seal all fires
- Locate all missing miners
- Bring all survivors to the surface