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Dates To Remember:

- ◆ 7/12 Monthly Meeting on Field
- ◆ 7/20 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting
- ◆ 7/21 Board of Directors Meeting
- ◆ All Scuttlebutt articles need to be in by 7/27

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Letter From Our Chief

We have made it through the first six months of the year, and I would like to thank everyone for their support in our training so far. Our attendance at mandatory training has been outstanding. We will be taking off the next few weeks so we can put our time and effort into carnival.

Our next two parades are Kendall on the 9th and Barnard on the 14th. The Quint will be going to both parades and will leave at 6pm both nights. A sign up sheet will be in the lounge for those interested in driving either the Quint or the van to these parades. There also will be a sign up sheet for members staying in the district these nights.

I would like to ask everyone has a class A uniform to please make every effort to march in our parade this year. This is a great time to show our community who we are. I know that getting your stand going for parade night is important but please try to get someone to cover for you after you get it opened. If you are a driver for any of the equipment and do not have a class A, come on down in your work uniform and drive so those who have a class A can march. We should easily be able to have fifty to sixty members in line!

Carnival will be here before we know it. This is a very important time for us as a department. It is our biggest fundraiser of the year. It can, at times, be very trying on your nerves, but at the same time it can really be a good time. If we all remember to do our part and

remember the saying that “many hands make light work,” we can make it go by a lot quicker. Let’s all have a good time and before you know it carnival will be past us for another year.

Just a reminder to the firefighters, during carnival hours we have fill-ins to respond on calls for us. We also have assigned fire crews that respond with the fill-ins. If you are not on the crew list you do not need to respond. Deputy Chief Kalen and Assistant Chief Guest will be working on the crews and will have them done and posted very soon. If you have any questions about the fire crews please see Mark or Eric. Thank You!

Congratulations to Bill and Jill Porter on the birth of their daughter Abigail and to Dennis and Tracy Bates on the birth of their daughter Madden. All are home and doing fine. On another note, our sincerest condolences go out to Ron and Karen Bucci on the passing of Karen’s Mother.

Until next month,
Mike



Commission News

Submitted by Ray Ward

We have made a decision on the Workman's Comp Insurance. We will be utilizing Fire District of New York. They came in with the better quote and were recommended by Mendon who has been using them for 20 years.

The new dispatch computer is currently in the radio room. We are having some issues with the paging (mobile pagers) program. As soon as we get that corrected we will put the new computer as the primary computer and leave the old one as backup. Once our confidence is obtained, we will de-commission the old computer.

The building improvement committee has been meeting regularly. We had an article last month on the effort. The Building Improvement Committee welcomes your input. To submit suggestions, see the committee listed on the meeting minutes posted on the information board.

There have been changes in the MCFDOA lineup. Larry Pierce has been elected 2nd Vice President and Frank N. (not sure of the spelling) was elected treasurer.

We have gotten quotes for the new lock scheme for the firehall. We also bought a new air conditioner for the upstairs lounge.

Ladies Auxiliary News

Submitted by Marie Ward

Hi Girls,

The picture of the girls that was taken by Ron Bucci will be blown up and framed for display in the training room. It will be after carnival before it's ready.

It's CARNIVAL time!! Your chairpersons have been busy doing all the background work necessary to get carnival up and running. All the booths have chairpersons and co-chairpersons ready to go. Don't forget that although our by-laws only require two nights, there are only a limited number of us to work. If at all possible please work as many nights as you can. Saturday afternoon is considered the same as one night. This is the only fundraiser that

we do all year.

Kiddie parade is July 28th and you can submit your child's picture for the Kiddie Contest King or Queen at the Parma Library as always. There should be posters or notices in the village containing the necessary information. This was not mentioned at our last meeting, Sorry.

Kendall parade is July 9th and Barnard is July 14th. If you would like to march and need a jacket or other information give Donna Lemcke a call.

Our next meeting is July 20th.
Don't forget your secret pal.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4  Happy 4 th	5 Firematic Drill— Carnival Setup	6	7 Finance Meeting Explorers – Monthly Meeting	8 Rope Rescue Training @ 7:00 PM	9 Sun	10 Mon
11	12 Monthly Meeting On Field	13	14 Barnard Parade Explorers – Carnival Setup	15	16 Tue	17 Wed Carnival Setup @ 8:00 AM
18	19 Firematic Drill— Carnival Setup	20 Ladies Auxiliary Monthly Meeting	21 BOD Meeting Explorers – Carnival Setup	22	23 Wed	24 Tue
25	26 Firematic Drill— Carnival Setup	27 Family Fun Night 6:00 till 8:00	28	29	30	31 Carnival

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This Month's Birthdays – Happy Birthday To All



July 2: Tim Jarvis
July 2: Dale Nesbitt
July 2: Steve Speer
July 2: Bob Floyd

July 4: Donna Carter
July 8: Kevin Yousey
July 17: Kevin Allport
July 19: Jeff Gates

July 20: Mike Mackenzie
July 20: Dick Barrett
July 25: Mike McHenry

EMS News

Submitted by Aaron Horowitz

During the past month we have continued to remain busy with ambulance calls. Thanks again to all those members who responded to these calls for service. Your time and efforts do not go unnoticed. Last month we mutual aided more calls than what has become our norm. Some of this was due to multiple calls coming in at the same time. Some of this was also due to no crew available. As always if you are available to respond please do so. Please make it a point to check the daytime and nighttime schedule for holes. If you are available for any part of an uncovered shift please sign up for it. Also please keep in mind that the schedules are for only one ambulance crew. This means that if a second call comes into the district, this is still an **all call** situation.

Please remember that groups are expected to cover from **1800-0600**. Please make every effort to provide coverage for this **entire** time. It is acceptable to call other EMS members to cover for a group they do not regularly run with. If you are a group leader that is having consistent difficulty with scheduling please contact an EMS officer. If you are a member that is able to run on another group night, even as a substitute, also let an EMS officer know or contact that groups leader.

Many, many, many thanks to those who provided coverage at the annual soccer tournament. This year proved to be once again a challenging and busy time. We had many incidents where multiple injuries occurred at the same time. We also received a greater than normal amount of ambulance requests in our district. All incidents were covered without the need for mutual aide. This just shows how well we function as a team when the pressure is on. **NICE JOB** by all!!! Thanks again!!!!

As always, July will be a busy month due to the carnival. Please remember to come down for all work details. Also please remember that your help is expected throughout all the hours of the carnival. For those of you who have not been in the department during a carnival you are in for a lot of fun and a lot of hard work. All EMS members will be rotated into the EMS stand at some point. A schedule will be posted in the next couple of weeks to indicate this. Also, if you are a group leader, please schedule your group for their normal scheduled night and weekend rotation during carnival week, as have been done in the past. Thank you for your help and cooperation in advance.

EMS member points will be posted very soon. Our computer software has finally been repaired allowing us to generate these reports. We have been spending a considerable amount of time to get the points up to date and posted. Thanks again for your continued patience.

As always, please remember to clean and restock the ambulances. Any problems found should be reported to an EMS officer. Please remember to drop off all biohazardous materials at the hospitals. Ambulances should be washed after every call, especially with bug season back in full force.

As indicated in last months Scuttlebutt article many great comments have been coming back, accompanied by donations, from our annual fund drive. Below is just a small sampling of these great compliments:

- ◆ "I appreciate all the hard work and dedication of the volunteer ambulance corps"
- ◆ "Staff very efficient and courteous in a difficult situation"
- ◆ "Your service is the best, very professional"
- ◆ "Thanks for all you've done for my family, everyone is not only well trained and professional but also caring and compassionate"
- ◆ "This space is not enough for me to compliment the HFD, I can't say enough about you"
- ◆ "Your men and women are a godsend to the community"
- ◆ "Responded quickly and efficiently when I needed them"
- ◆ "You are a special kind of people"
- ◆ "Thank you all for being here, it means so much for older folks"
- ◆ "We will always appreciate what you have done for our son, your team of people are truly professional and heroes in our community"

- ◆ “I have seen the ambulance at Hilton East many times...I have a great deal of comfort to know that the whole team is concerned and supportive of our entire community”
- ◆ “Still thankful for the many services when my wife was ill **15 years ago**”
- ◆ “Over the past 50 years my family needed you twice, both times help arrived quickly and helped not only the one in trouble but the rest of us too...You are caring saints and I am glad I live in Hilton, thanks for always being there. ”

Many more positive comments have been sent in. If anyone would like to read them, please contact an EMS officer.

SEE-YA all at the CARNIVAL!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Safety News

UNSEEN DANGERS AT THE SCENE

Submitted by Fred Videan

I arrived at a reported auto accident where two vehicles were on fire and one of these was totally involved. It was very apparent that the occupants of the most involved vehicle were deceased and unsaveable. The fire crew immediately went to extricate the trapped and critically injured occupant of the second vehicle. I walked up to the scene and as I did a massive explosion occurred sending the trunk lid of the first vehicle into the sky and sending all of us to the ground. The deceased in the vehicle had a large oxygen bottle in the trunk of the vehicle so he did not have to carry a small bottle all the time. (A firefighter close calls reader)

Firefighters in Bucks County Pa., had just doused a small blaze in the floor of a 2002 Mercedes-Benz when Chief Flanagan heard two loud bangs, like shotgun blasts. Flanagan ran from his truck back to the Mercedes and found one of his firefighters lying unconscious in the cars front seat and another—Flanagan’s 18-year old son—wandering around in a daze. The car’s front air bags had deployed in their faces, knocking out 25 year old Taggart and leaving Flanagan’s son with powder burns and temporary hearing loss. The two men might have died from the blows if they had not been wearing helmets.

The incident that night in April reflects a mounting problem for emergency workers nationwide. Automakers are packing cars and trucks with new devices to increase safety for motorists such as air bags that can fire off twice or are located in doors or roofs, but the same equipment poses dangers to rescuers, who often aren’t aware the hazards even exist.

“Pre-tensioning” seat belts, which use a charge of gunpowder to yank against an occupant during impact, can explode in the hands of a firefighter working to cut someone free.

A retractable roll bar that springs up behind seats in some convertibles can cause serious injuries to an unsuspecting rescue worker.

Metal detonators tucked into rooftops to inflate side-curtain air bags can go off like missiles if cut into by rescuers, firing into the cabin of the vehicle. (Jeep Grand Cherokee with these, look no different than those without.)

Cars today are “a loaded bomb waiting to try to hurt us as responders”. (Howard County Department of Fire and Rescue, Pa)

Today’s cars are designed to save lives at the moment of impact, after that all bets are off. There are no guarantees to the EMT, the Cop, or the Firefighters trying to do the rescue.

(David Long, Minnesota Nurse and EMT who tutors emergency workers nationwide)

Explorer News

Submitted by Joe Yockel

Hello! It was a good month for the Explorer Post. At the June monthly meeting, as many of you may already know, we elected both new line officers and new business officers. The new officers officially take office during the July Monthly Meeting. The new officers are:

<u>Chief:</u>	Matt VerWulst	<u>President:</u>	Joe Yockel
<u>Deputy Chief:</u>	Roland Yockel	<u>Vice President:</u>	Nick Traino
<u>Captain:</u>	Jason Wille	<u>Secretary:</u>	Kevin Gimartino
<u>Lieutenant:</u>	Jeremy Carbonaro	<u>Treasurer:</u>	Zach Weneck

If you see any of these people, be sure to congratulate them on their new office. We are looking forward to a great year! A special thanks to Jeff Gates, who drove Roland, Nick and I to the State Chief's Conference in Syracuse. Thank You Jeff. We appreciate it, and yes we are looking a new gear to purchase. We are restocking. I'll try to keep all posted on that. Thank You to Wayne Collins as well, he gave Nick, Adam and I pagers. Nick and I especially appreciate it. Also, a thanks for everyone who was at the soccer tournament, I heard a lot of compliments. Thanks everyone.

It was a little while ago, but a special thanks to everyone who showed up to help during that storm we had. I had a lot of fun helping, and I'm sure everyone else did as well.

I have selected the new committees and will be sharing them with everyone soon, probably by the time you read this.

Once again, I'm looking forward to a great year. Congratulations to everyone in their new offices.



More Explorer News

Submitted by Aaron Horowitz

On behalf of the EMS officers and EMS members, I would like to extend my appreciation to all of the Explorers who assisted with EMS coverage during the annual soccer tournament. Your help, professionalism, dedication, and maturity should be commended by all. Many of you committed your time during the entire tournament. Without your assistance I am confident that EMS coverage would not have been as smooth as it was. You have shown that you have the ability to become excellent providers in EMS. I optimistically anticipate your continued support with upcoming events. Thanks again!!!!

Special Thank You

Submitted by Marge Fisher

Dear HFD Friends,

Not only was it a special surprise to me to have my grandchildren ask me to be a counselor at their summer camp this year but as always the members of the Hilton Fire Department came through for me by buying the 5 boxes of candy bars necessary for me to pay my way to camp. I THANK YOU and my grandchildren (Cameron & Connie) THANK YOU for your support. Have a safe and successful July!

Marge Fisher,
HFDLA

Thank You!!



Fire—A Hard Lesson

Submitted by Traci Jarvis

My brother and his wife learned a hard lesson this last week. Their house burned down...nothing left but ashes. They have good insurance, so the home will be replaced and most of the contents. That is the good news. However, they were sick when they found out the cause of the fire. The insurance investigator sifted through the ashes for several hours. He had the cause of the fire traced to the master bathroom. He asked my sister-in-law what she had plugged in the bathroom. She listed the normal things....curling iron, blow dryer. He kept saying to her, "No, this would be something that would disintegrate at high temperatures." Then, my sister-in-law remembered she had a Glade Plug-in in the bathroom. The investigator had one of those "Aha" moments. He said that was the cause of the fire. He said he has seen more home fires started with the plug in type room fresheners than anything else. He said the plastic they are made from is a THIN plastic. He said in every case there was nothing left to prove that it even existed. When the investigator looked in the wall plug, the two prongs left from the plug-in were still in there. My sister-in-law had one of the plug-ins that had a small night light built in it. She said she had noticed that the light would dim....and then finally go out. She would walk in a few hours later, and the light would be back on again. The investigator said that the unit was getting too hot, and would dim and go out rather than just blow the light bulb. Once it cooled down, it would come back on. That is a warning sign. The investigator said he personally wouldn't have any type of plug in fragrance device anywhere in his house. He has seen too many burned down homes. Thought I would warn you all.

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Nice picture Ron Bucci!!