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Dates To Remember:

- ◆ 9/13 Monthly Dinner Meeting
- ◆ 9/21 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting
- ◆ 9/25 Board of Directors Meeting
- ◆ All Scuttlebutt articles need to be in by 9/27

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Letter From Our Chief

I would like to update everyone on a few things that have happened the past month. First the Fire District and the Chiefs met last month to work on the budget for 2005. I know this may seem a little early to be talking about next year already, but the District has to adopt a budget at the September meeting. Mark presented the Chief's budget for next year and except for a couple of small items that actually come from a different area, the budget was accepted as presented. There is a large increase for next year and that is the purchase of new pagers to comply with the narrowbanding that the County is going to. You will be hearing more about this throughout the next year or so. The District also had some increases that were out of their control and the big one that comes to mind is Workman's comp insurance. The insurance is really getting out of control. At the end of the night I think everyone involved was satisfied with the final numbers of the budget. I would like to thank the Commission for allowing the Captains and Lieutenants to be able to sit in on the budget presentations to get a better understanding of the whole process. I think this was a valuable experience for the officers.

Another item that has started is the access control system that the District is putting in the building. This

system will replace the keys that we all have to gain access into the building and will replace them with fobs. The fobs are kind of like the speed pass that you can use at Mobil gas stations. The contractor has started to install the system in the last week and should be done sometime this month. Soon everyone will be receiving a fob after they are programmed. Please understand that this may take a little time to get everyone his or her fob. You will be hearing more about this probably at the September meeting. Mark will be working with the district getting the system up and running.

I would like to thank everyone that showed up for the training on the new thermal imaging camera. We had forty firefighters on a warm August Monday night, this just shows the dedication of our members. The camera is not very difficult but there were a few things that are different from our other camera. If anyone has any questions on the new camera please ask an officer. For those who were not able to make the training there is a CD that anyone will be able to use and learn about the functions of the camera. The new camera is now on the Quint.

Until next month ,
Mike

Commission News

Submitted by Ray Ward

We are adding four new members to the fire department. The turn out gear vendor was selected as Morning Pride. The Firefighter/EMS Physical Day is set for September 11th. The Chief also asked to purchase a second Thermal Imaging camera, which was approved and is now on 260.

We are working on repairing the generator roof leak. It was determined that there is no way to re-pitch the roof, without expending significant funds. We will be re-sealing the down spout and using heat tape to keep the drain from freezing.

As can be seen in the engine room, the old turn out gear rack has been removed and the new are full.

Soon you will see new tires on several of the trucks. It was determined that they should be replaced prior to winter.

We have finished the budget proposal and will be voting on it at our September meeting..

That's all for now. I will bring you more news in the next month's newsletter.

Ladies Auxiliary News

Submitted by Marie Ward

Well, it looks like the "summer that never was", is on its way out with as much rain as it started with. School will be starting in a few days and our schedules will get back to normal, whatever that is.

Our next meeting promises to be enjoyable. As many of you know, the fire department will be serving dinner for us on September 21st. The chief has asked us to be at the Exempt Hall between six and six thirty. We will conduct our business meeting after the feast, if we can breathe J.

If you purchased food after carnival and still owe money, please bring it with you to the meeting.

Evie can then clear the books for carnival expenses and profits.

Don't forget we have a quarterly dinner on September 13th. Please be at the exempt club around 4 o'clock to help Joan and Tracy with the dinner.

As always, don't forget your secret pal!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Commission Meeting Explorers – Monthly Meeting	2	3 Thur	4 Yellow
5 Sun	6 Labor Day Firematic Drill— No Drill	7 EMS Drill— Sports Injuries	8 Explorers – EMS Drill	9	10 Mon	11 Sun
12 Tue	13 Monthly Meeting Dinner Meeting	14	15 Explorers – Advisor	16	17 Wed	18 Tue
19 Thur	20 Firematic Drill— Drafting/Tanker Operations	21 Ladies Auxiliary Monthly Meeting	22 Explorers – Family Drill	23	24 Yellow	25 Thur
26 Mon	27 Firematic Drill— Foam Operations	28	29 BOD Meeting Explorers – Line Officers	30		

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This Month's Birthdays – Happy Birthday To All



Sept 5: Larry Speer	Sept 16: Don Stilson	Sept 24: Bob Cusenz
Sept 6: Jim Bimmler	Sept 17: Tom Vereecke	Sept 24: Joe Yockel
Sept 9: Debbie Peter	Sept 18: Jason Hasenauer	Sept 25: Evie Hoyt
Sept 9: Jeff Mullen	Sept 18: Bill Carter	
Sept 10: Roger Gavigan	Sept 19: Mark Lage	
Sept 15: Charlotte Bimmler	Sept 21: Jane Gebhardt	
Sept 16: Marie Ward	Sept 22: Dave Zajonczkoski	

EMS News

Submitted by Aaron Horowitz

Thank you to everyone who has helped to cover calls during both the day and night shifts. Through July we have received a request for an ambulance **581** times. This number is just slightly higher than average for us. Out of the 581 calls we have covered over **94%** of them. This percentage is a significant improvement over the last couple of years. Again thanks to everyone who contributed their time to make this possible.

The EMS member points are finally complete. They are posted on the EMS board and will continue to be updated on a regular basis. Thank you for your patience with this. Now that the computer program is working properly we will post updated points on a monthly basis.

Please remember that the Vitals Signs conference is coming up. If you would like to go, please contact an EMS officer A.S.A.P. (*I have a list of members who have already contacted an EMS officer*). The deadline to sign up will be September 15th.

Sign up for the Apple Fest EMS coverage will be posted toward the end of the month. Please make an effort to be available for this. We will be asking for help from everyone. Thank you in advance.

Due to weather we were forced to reschedule the M.C.I. drill. The rescheduled date will be announced as soon as it is determined. Please make every effort to attend this. This will provide a rare, fun, and challenging experience. Sorry for any inconveniences.

As always please remember to wash, clean, and restock the ambulances after each call. Please remember to check both the day and nighttime schedule for any openings that you may be able to cover.

Thank you for all that you do!!!!!!

EMS TRAINING SCHEDULE

Sept 7 th	Tues	Sports Related Injuries	CME Credit
Sept 13 th	Mon	Monthly Meeting	



CPR News

Submitted by Jan Lloyd

The Hilton Fire Department training center taught CPR to a total of 780 students last year. 191 students were from the Hilton Community.

Hilton is the AHA training center for the Second Battalion as well as Chili Fire, Churchville Fire, Eastmen Kodak Fire and Medical and Heidelberg Inc. A huge **Thank You** to all who helped make this program a success.

The CPR Committee takes care of reports, prints cards and maintains required files. The committee is in need of some help. If you are interested please contact Ray Ward or Jan Lloyd for more information. We are looking for help with printing and mailing cards and also filing.

Update From MLREMS Council and REMAC

Submitted by Jan Lloyd

This update has not made it to the meetings, because of work conflicts. MLREMS and REMAC are working with NY State, Rochester General and Strong to help keep RGH (Rochester General Hospital), a trauma center. Everyone is aware that Strong can not handle the larger volume of patients. One of the projects being worked on is Destination Determination. The idea is that the patient will be transported to the hospital that is able to treat them the fastest for their main complaint. This will involve a team effort between the transporting ambulance, patient and the local hospital.

In the near future the hospital color codes will be changing. (Yes again) There will be several categories; i.e. general sick, cardiac, stroke, psych, burns or trauma. The color changes will allow you, the EMT, the most up-to-date information. For example if you have a cardiac patient the color codes received from the hospital will tell you if they have a monitor bed available, or if you should take them to another hospital that will have a bed and care available for that patient. The doctors from REMAC have been working with family practice physicians and so have the insurance companies. This will allow the patient go to where the treatment can be prompt and to his/her benefit. More information on this project as it comes along.

PCR's – yes we all have the same feeling!

Right now we all are on the learning curve. I cannot say what will come in the future but the data and the information is being watched and discussed all the time.

If you have any question or if anyone ends up with long wait times at any hospital please get the information to your EMS officer and please have them forwarded to the council. I can bring them to the meetings. We cannot fix what is not working without input from the people doing the work.

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Labor Day Web Article

Labor Day: How it Came About; What it Means

"Labor Day differs in every essential way from the other holidays of the year in any country," said Samuel Gompers, founder and longtime president of the American Federation of Labor. "All other holidays are in a more or less degree connected with conflicts and battles of man's prowess over man, of strife and discord for greed and power, of glories achieved by one nation over another. Labor Day...is devoted to no man, living or dead, to no sect, race, or nation."

Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country.

Founder of Labor Day

More than 100 years after the first Labor Day observance, there is still some doubt as to who first proposed the holiday for workers.

Some records show that Peter J. McGuire, general secretary of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners and a co-founder of the American Federation of Labor, was first in suggesting a day to honor those "who from rude nature have delved and carved all the grandeur we behold."

But Peter McGuire's place in Labor Day history has not gone unchallenged. Many believe that Matthew Maguire, a machinist, not Peter McGuire, founded the holiday. Recent research seems to support the contention that Matthew Maguire, later the secretary of Local 344 of the International Association of Machinists in Paterson, N.J., proposed the holiday in 1882 while serving as secretary of the Central Labor Union in New York. What is clear is that the Central Labor Union adopted a Labor Day proposal and appointed a committee to plan a demonstration and picnic.

The First Labor Day

The first Labor Day holiday was celebrated on Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in New York City, in accordance with the plans of the Central Labor Union. The Central Labor Union held its second Labor Day holiday just a year later, on September 5, 1883.

In 1884 the first Monday in September was selected as the holiday, as originally proposed, and the Central Labor Union urged similar organizations in other cities to follow the example of New York and celebrate a "workingmen's holiday" on that date. The idea spread with the growth of labor organizations, and in 1885 Labor Day was celebrated in many industrial centers of the country.