



# Scuttlebutt

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**Dates To Remember:**

- ◆ 1/10 Monthly Meeting,
- ◆ 1/18 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting
- ◆ 1/25 Exempt Meeting
- ◆ 1/26 Board of Directors Meeting
- ◆ All Scuttlebutt articles need to be in by 1/28

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## Letter From Our Chief

I would like to start off the New Year by saying that I am very excited to get the opportunity to lead this great department for the next two years. A dream of mine that began some 20 years ago has now become reality.

We (Eric, Jeff and I) have been very busy getting organized so that we can start out the year right. For all the active members please keep **January 24** open on your calendars. This will be the first mandatory drill for the year; "department goals". During this drill we will go over everything that is going on in the department. PLEASE try to attend this drill.

I have several policies that I would like to talk briefly about before the goals drill. First, I am an equal opportunity chief, meaning that I don't like to play favorites and will treat everyone the same. Second, there is now an open door policy directly to the chief. I feel **communication is the key to success**. Please feel free to contact me anytime, for any reason. Last but not least is accountability. This something that I feel VERY strongly about and take very seriously. I have already stressed this to the line officers and I am prepared to enforce this. I believe that if you hold people accountable for their actions, in return you get a sense of equality.

This is exactly what I am looking to achieve throughout the entire department. I will be reviewing in detail all the changes you will see at the goals drill.

I would like to thank Past Chief Mike Lissow for unselfishly dedicating the last three years of his life to leading this department. I think everyone would agree going through the Ice Storm would be enough for any Chief but to add on the great flood of 2004 ...that's almost too much for anyone to handle. You pulled us through. It certainly was a memorable three years! Mike, on behalf of the entire department, I thank you for a job well done.

As we go forward I would like to challenge everyone to look with an open mind at the upcoming changes. With new officers leading the department inevitably come some kind of change. There are many benefits of change. We ALL need to work together for the common cause. It is now my job to manage this and I plan on doing just that. It is with much excitement and a deep sense of responsibility that I now begin my term as your Chief. I ask for your continued support and in return promise to do all I can to make this department great.

Thanks,  
2C16.

## 2C36 News

Submitted by Jeff Mullen

### January Training Schedule

|                            |              |                                       |                |
|----------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------------|----------------|
| Jan 3 <sup>rd</sup>        |              | Strategies and Tactics                | Mike Mullen    |
| Jan 10 <sup>th</sup>       |              | Meeting                               |                |
| Jan 17 <sup>th</sup>       |              | Natural Gas/CO/Electrical Emergencies | RGE            |
| <b>Jan 24<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>M/EMS</b> | <b>Department Goals</b>               | <b>Chiefs</b>  |
| Jan 31 <sup>st</sup>       | CME          | Water/Ice Rescue                      | Lissow/Collins |

The remainder of the schedule will be announced at the mandatory Department Goals drill.

**FYI**-Also please note that anyone who has taken the State's Basic Firefighter Class and plans on someday attending the Advanced Class or Firefighter II Class- You must complete the Intermediate Class as a pre-requisite. **This is the last year** that class will be offered (one is on the training board now), if you do not complete it you will be required to take the new 80 hour Firefighter 1 class in its place. If any one wants to attend this or any other class-see me ASAP.

Thanks,  
Jeff

## Commission News

Submitted by Ray Ward

The year is wrapping up for us. The building is finishing up quickly. We have a few minor issues to get done, and then I think we will be done, just in time for the new year. Hopefully everyone has seen the shiny, thanks to Ed, new siren in place. We still have some technical difficulties with it which I am sure we will straighten out.

As you can see from the articles in this issue of the Scuttlebutt, the Building Improvement Committee is working diligently in its endeavors to determine what to do to bring us into the future with our fire hall. They always welcome comments or ideas, please pass these on to a committee member.

We would like to welcome our new (actually not so new) commissioner for 2005. Welcome aboard Jim Bimmler. Once again we would like to thank John for his twenty plus years of service. He will be staying on to help as an active member of the Building Improvement Committee.

We would also like to welcome the new chief, Mark Kalen, as he moves into this position. I am sure his line will support him as he and they have supported our past chiefs.

| Sunday    | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday | Friday   | Saturday                         |
|-----------|--|---|---|----------|----------|----------------------------------|
|           |  |   |   |          |          | 1 Thurs<br><b>Happy New Year</b> |
| 2 Mon     | 3<br>Firematic Drill—<br>Strategies & Tactics                            | 4   | 5<br>Explorers –<br>Monthly Meeting               | 6        | 7 Sun    | 8 Mon                            |
| 9 Wed     | 10<br>Monthly Meeting  | 11  | 12<br>Explorers –<br>TBD                          | 13       | 14 Tue   | 15 Wed                           |
| 16 Yellow | 17<br>Firematic Drill—<br>Natural Gas/CO/<br>Electrical Emergen-<br>cies | 18<br>Ladies Auxiliary<br>Monthly Meeting       | 19<br>Explorers –<br>TBD                          | 20       | 21 Thurs | 22 Yellow                        |
| 23 Sun    | 24<br>Firematic Drill—<br>Department Goals—<br><b>Mandatory</b>          | 25<br>HFD Exempt<br>Monthly Meeting<br>@7:00 PM | 26<br>BOD Meeting<br>Explorers –<br>Line Officers | 27       | 28       | 29                               |
| 30        | 31<br>Firematic Drill—<br>Water/Ice Rescue                               |   |   |          |          |                                  |

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**2005**

## This Month's Birthdays – Happy Birthday To All



|                          |                           |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Jan 6: Jim Buongiorne    | Jan 20: Debbie Buongiorne |
| Jan 6: John Sweeney      | Jan 23: Brian Lissow      |
| Jan 6: Debbie Kwiakowski | Jan 25: Joe Lissow        |
| Jan 14: Bill Chatterson  | Jan 28: Steve Madurski    |
| Jan 14: Bob Forth        | Jan 29: Erin Stiles       |
| Jan 16: Mike Piper       | Jan 29: Linda Kaiser      |
| Jan 18: Gerry Morrison   | Jan 31: Bruce Castle      |

# EMS News

Submitted by Aaron Horowitz

Happy New Year!!! In 2004 we provided excellent coverage to our district and maintained our high standard of care. A lot was accomplished throughout the year with the combined efforts of everyone. Thanks again!!

PCR data and points sheets are finally caught up. Year end statistics should be completed shortly and available for all those who are interested. The point sheets are posted on the EMS communication board. In 2005, assuming no flooding or computer problems, the points sheets will be provided more regularly.

The training schedule for 2005 will be posted on the communications board very shortly. If there is a topic that you would like to see, please contact an EMS officer as soon as possible so that we can accommodate your request (when possible). Our goal is to provide more combined training with fire and EMS since we are one department and work closely together on many of our calls.

The new recruits will be starting their training very soon. If you see an unfamiliar face please introduce yourself and help make our recruits more comfortable. Combined with the recruit training will be ambulance driver training. Dates and a sign up sheet will be posted on the EMS communications board.

Both 2629 and 2619 have had the new radios installed in them. There are still a few minor glitches with them that are being worked out. The radios in the front of both ambulances have not been permanently mounted yet. If you are unfamiliar with the radios, or are having problems with them, please contact an EMS officer.

All the new CPR equipment has arrived and is ready for use. With that said, we will be contacting all current CPR instructors for an overview of the new equipment. There are also a couple of pending CPR classes that will need to be taught.

Congratulations to **Scott Castle** for becoming cleared as a first medic!! He worked very hard for this and should be commended.

Please remember to wash, clean, and restock the ambulances after each call. As always if there is a problem with 2619 please contact RJ and if there is a problem with 2629 please contact Kevin. Also please note that each ambulance should have only the blue collar bag stocked with 2 sets of cervical collars (not 2 collar bags). Thanks.

Thanks to everyone for making 2004 a GREAT year!!!!

## EMS Training Schedule

|                      |                   |                  |
|----------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Jan 10 <sup>th</sup> | Monthly Meeting   |                  |
| Jan 24 <sup>th</sup> | Goals Drill       | <b>Mandatory</b> |
| Jan 31 <sup>st</sup> | Water/ Ice rescue | CME Credit       |

## **Safety News**

### **Responding to an Alarm —> Firehall or Scene**

Submitted by Fred Videan

- #1 Always buckle your seatbelt.
- #2 When responding to an alarm, all posted speed limits in the village and town are strictly enforced within the department.
- #3 Blue lights are only a courtesy light. It does not give you privileges on the road.
- #4 Have your vehicle under control at all times.
- #5 Drive on the right hand side of the center line of the roadway, except when passing.
- #6 If following emergency apparatus, beware that vehicles may have pulled to the curb, and may be re-entering the traffic lane.
- #7 On approaching the scene there may be vehicles trying to turn around. Be ready to stop abruptly.
- #8 Remember, if you choose not to exercise your right to use a blue courtesy light, do not expect any courtesy from highway drivers.

## **Reminders**

Submitted by Amy Lissow

If you hear that someone is sick or is having surgery, please let someone on the Sunshine committee know so that something can be sent to them. I have heard a couple of times that someone was upset because they didn't receive flowers, but the only way that something can be sent is if we know.

Also, for fire and EMS members if you are going to miss a drill or meeting, please utilize the excuse forms. They are located on the front of the excuse box in the lounge (under the dispatcher window). The excuses are extremely important when it comes time for point review and eligibility to hold office and vote in elections. The excuses are recorded on a monthly basis, so these need to be filled out as the year goes along.

# Ladies Auxiliary News

Submitted by Marge Fisher

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Hi Girls,

I hope you have all had a very safe and happy holiday season this year. I also hope we are all rested and ready to forge ahead in 2005. This year we are going to meet a very large challenge and that is to have our carnival booth and equipment rebuilt and working for the July carnival. So--with that in mind we are going to start our challenge with a work detail on Saturday, JANUARY 22nd at 9 AM. We will meet at the Exempt club and then divide in two teams. One for the Exempt club to clean and inventory equipment and then move it to our kitchen closet if necessary and one at the Fire Hall, doing inventory, cleaning and organizing our kitchen closet.

Many hands make fast and light work. I hope to see you all there.

Our January meeting will be Tuesday, January 18th at the fire hall. If you have any questions or need to contact me please call Sue VerWulst who will be acting President from Saturday 12/18/04 to 1/18/05 as I will be in Florida with my brother Rick and family. I want to thank you all for the cards and prayers during his hospital stay from the accident. If you have an item you need to have put on the January Agenda please contact Nikki Dixon 392-2550.

I look forward to a wonderful 2005 as your Ladies Auxiliary President.

### 2005 Officers for the Hilton Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary

|                 |                    |               |                            |
|-----------------|--------------------|---------------|----------------------------|
| President:      | Marge Fisher       | (585)392-5861 | 655 Peck Road              |
| Vice-President: | Sue VerWulst       | (585)392-7943 | 1871 Clarkson/Parma TL Rd. |
| Secretary:      | Nichole Dixon      | (585)392-2550 | 24 Gorton Ave.             |
| Treasurer:      | Mary Hebblethwaite | (585)392-8744 | 1040 Peck Road             |

### Trustees:

|                   |               |
|-------------------|---------------|
| Charlotte Bimmler | (585)392-3301 |
| Mert Davenport    | (585)392-4548 |
| Denise Montalbano | (585)392-5677 |

### Carnival Chairperson:

|               |               |
|---------------|---------------|
| Kelly Nichols | (585)392-3036 |
|---------------|---------------|

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# HILTON-PARMA FIRE DISTRICT



# HILTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Window Decoration

# Building Improvement Committee–November Minutes

Submitted by Charlie Kimball

Meeting minutes - November 18, 2004

Present: Eric Guest, Mark Kalen, Bob Floyd, John Duggan, Mike Lissow, Mike McHenry, Bill Porter, John Lemcke

Others present: Charlie Kimball

The meeting consisted of 2 presentations from architectural firm followed by a general discussion.

Bergman Associates: See associated handout materials.

- ◆ This firm uses mainly in-house personnel for most activities.
- ◆ They generally do not provide construction management.
- ◆ Presentation included a number of fire hall construction projects.

Barkstrom & LeCroix: See associated handout materials.

- ◆ They use mainly outside consultants except for architectural planning.
- ◆ Presentation was limited as to fire hall projects done.

General discussion followed where members agreed that the District needs to hire its own construction manager for this project. Both firms recommended we do it this way so that the manager is accountable to us and not the architectural firm.

Committee also agreed that we invite another firm to make a presentation at the December meeting. Members at this point seem to be leaning towards hiring a firm that does many activities in-house instead of just architectural planning.

Tasks for December:

1. John Duggan will provide the name of an additional firm to make a presentation in December.
2. All members are to look over the questionnaire presented by Mike McHenry and suggest changes that will "Hiltonize" it.
3. John Lemcke will check on RFP.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Charlie Kimball, Secretary

# Building Improvement Committee–December Minutes

Submitted by Charlie Kimball

Meeting minutes - December 23, 2004

Present: Eric Guest, Mark Kalen, Bob Floyd, John Duggan, Mike McHenry, Bill Porter, Jeff Gates

Others present: Charlie Kimball

The meeting consisted of a presentation from the SWBR architectural firm followed by a general discussion.

This firm is part of a “team” that includes ME Engineering and Perrone Associates that handles most aspects of a construction project. See their related handout. They have done a number of fire house projects in our area and their presentation included samples of some of them. They tend to use “enhanced services” in lieu of a construction manager in many cases.

They agreed to provide us with a written feasibility study outline prior to the January meeting for our review. The intent is to have the firms we wish to deal with to have an equal starting point for their presentations. This outline will be sent to John Duggan by mid-January.

John will also check with the NYS Comptrollers Office regarding the proper procedure for hiring an architectural firm to do our feasibility study. (Are we required to bid the study or can we just hire a firm directly.)

The initial member survey instrument was discussed. Questions were added, revised, or removed with the following decisions made:

- ◆ There will be 2 surveys, one for officers & committee chairpersons and one for the general membership.
- ◆ The surveys will be distributed at the “Goals Drill” in January.
- ◆ The surveys will be returned at the February Mandatory Drill.
- ◆ A postcard reminder will be sent to members prior to the February drill night with the cost borne by the District.

The next meeting of this committee will be January 27 at 7:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Charlie Kimball, Secretary

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**Retirement Party**

**For**

**Chief Mike Lissow**

**When: Friday January 21<sup>st</sup> 2005**

**Where: Lodge On The Green**

**Time: 7:00pm**

**Cost: \$25.00 per person**

**For Tickets – Please see John Lemcke , Mark Kalen , Mike McHenry or  
Jeff Gates**