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Dates To Remember:

- ◆ 12/8 Monthly Meeting—Elections
- ◆ 12/6 Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Party
- ◆ 12/20 Exempts Meeting
- ◆ 12/28 Board of Directors Meeting
- ◆ All Scuttlebutt articles need to be in by 12/29

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Letter From Our Chief

It is hard to believe that the year is almost over. I have to say this year has been a very eye opening experience for me to say the least. With the help of all the officers, I think this past year was very productive. As we wind down the year I encourage everyone to provide feedback (good or bad) on what they liked or disliked this past year. Your feedback does not have to be anything formal, so please feel free to drop a note in my mail slot at the fire house. I would like to be able to use this feedback when we finish planning our 2006 year.

The department elections are Thursday December 8th at 7:00pm. This is the one time during the year that each one of you has a say in determining the new leaders of the department. Too many times I have heard that the elections are just a popularity contest. Each one of you has earned the right to vote so please attend the elections on 12/8 and exercise this right.

I would like to also extend my sincere thanks to everyone who attended Fred Videan's funeral in November. The turnout showed just how big the fire department family truly is. After the funeral, Glenda Videan (Fred's wife), said the entire Videan family is extremely grateful for all that the department did for their entire family.

As a reminderstarting December 1st the gas (unleaded) tank out back will be locked with a new lock. In order to get gas you will need to use your FOB. You will still be required to fill out the gas log sheet. This is going to be monitored on a monthly basis to make sure that the all gas we are using is accounted for. If there are any questions about this, please see me and I will be happy to help you.

I will be scheduling another fire department picture session after the first of the year. This will be for the people who do not currently have their picture posted in the department lounge. I encourage everyone to sign up if you have not had your picture taken yet.

In closing I would like to wish everyone in the entire fire department family a safe and happy holiday season.

Happy Holidays,

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2C26 News

Submitted by Eric Guest

As I sit here thinking about what to write this month I can't help but reflect upon the tragic death of our fellow firefighter and friend, Fred Videan. To be sure, Fred will be missed by all. Fred was instrumental in implementing the fire safety trailer as well as being an active fire safety officer. Fred always had a positive attitude and patience that I can only hope to have. My thoughts and prayers are also with his family, as being a husband and a father myself, I couldn't even imagine losing my spouse. On the positive side, the fire department turnout for Fred's funeral was overwhelming. Words cannot describe my feelings as we passed by the fire hall seeing the tribute given to Fred. I know that his family deeply appreciated everything that we did to honor Fred's memory.

With that, a few thanks are in order. First, to Dave Z for the tremendous help he was in the funeral arrangements and a huge thanks to John and Sue VerWulst and the Ladies Auxiliary for the great meal they put on at the Exempt Club...to John Sweeney for arranging bus transportation...Jeff Mullen, Joe Lissow, Mike Mullen and Jeff Gates for doing everything I asked them to do and for all the firefighters who participated in the Honor Guard...to Ron Bucci for making the enlarged picture of Fred...the Fire Police for traffic control...the Exempts for allowing the use of the Hall...and to the Past Chiefs, John Lemcke, Mike McHenry and Mike Lissow for offering their assistance and helping me in any way they could while "allowing me to exercise my individuality". Last, but not least, the Fire District for purchasing a flower arrangement and paying for half of the meat trays. Hopefully I haven't forgotten anybody and if I have, I apologize in advance.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Eric

2C36 News

Submitted by Jeff Mullen

I want to extend a ***HUGE Thank You*** to all of you!!

Those of you who made time in your day to complete your driver's course for the EVOC class- Thanks, there are only a handful who still need the field portion of this class.

To all of you for putting forth the effort in ***"your"*** Mandatory Training, we are only a couple people shy of 100% completion for the whole department! I don't remember us obtaining this goal before, and we couldn't have done it without your support- THANKS. Captain Lissow did a **great** job managing the make up list and tapes!

The Drivers Recertification is also well on its way to being complete, hopefully it will also be a couple members shy of 100% completion for the whole department.

Congratulations to Dan Hasenauer, Matt VerWulst, and Roland Yockel for completing the Firefighter 1 class at the Scottsville Rd Fire Academy. This is a 27 class course that they began on Aug. 22, which is quite an accomplishment- great job guys!

There is a ***Barn Burn Drill scheduled for this weekend-Saturday Dec 3rd*** on Payne Beach Rd. We will be meeting at the fire hall at 8:30 am to prepare and plan on lighting it up around 9AM. This drill is open to fire, EMS, and explorers. I hope to be done around noon and have lunch at the hall afterwards. As with all burns- this is weather dependant and several forms and permits are required- but everything looks good for Saturday, hope to see you all there.

F/E	Dec. 3rd (Sat)	Payne Beach Rd Barn Burn
	Dec. 5 th	No Drill
	Dec. 8 th (Thurs)	Meeting and Elections
F/E	Dec. 12th CME	Jeopardy
F/E	Dec. 19 th	Christmas Drill
F/E	Dec. 26 th	Inventory and Turnout Gear Inspection

I would like to extend my Best Wishes to everyone and your families for the upcoming holidays. May we all find Peace, Happiness, and have a Safe Holiday season.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Tue	3 Wed Payne Bch Rd Barn Burn @ 8:30 AM
4 Yellow	5 Firematic Drill— No Drill	6 Finance Meeting Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Party	7 Explorers – Meeting	8 Monthly Meeting— Elections	9 Thur Movie Night Teen Party	10 Yellow Breakfast w/Santa Christmas Party
11 Sun	12 Firematic Drill— Jeopardy	13 Commission Elections	14 Explorers – Jeopardy	15	16 Mon	17 Sun
18 Tue	19 Firematic Drill— Christmas Drill	20 Exempt Monthly Dinner Meeting	21 Explorers – Christmas Drill	22	23 Wed	24 Tue
25 Thur Merry Christmas	26 Firematic Drill— Inventory & Turnout Inspection	27	28 BOD Meeting Explorers – Turnout Check	29	30 Yellow	31 Thur

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This Month's Birthdays – Happy Birthday To All



Dec 2: Ginny Kimball	Dec 16: Craig Burritt
Dec 7: Ed Tobey	Dec 16: Nancy Kress
Dec 9: Shaun Castle	Dec 21: Bobby Wirth
Dec 9: Linda Yousey	Dec 22: Tom Bertrand Sr.
Dec 11: Jim Hare	Dec 25: Dennis Bates
Dec 13: Charlie Lissow	Dec 29: Christopher Gonyo
Dec 14: Russ Wright	

EMS News

Submitted by Aaron Horowitz

I submitted my Scuttlebutt article last month prior to the untimely passing of Fred Videan. Fred was an outstanding member of this department and an all around wonderful guy. Fred has been sorely missed by all. In the month since his passing, the huge void has helped many of us realize how much space he filled. Please continue to keep Fred and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

This year has been very busy with ambulance calls. As of November 26th we received a total of 880 requests for the ambulance. Of those calls we mutual aided only 78. This means we have covered 92% of our calls. This number is slightly above our average for the last several years. We should all be very proud of this. I don't know of any other volunteer ambulance service that covers their calls as well as we do. Many combination paid/ volunteer departments are unable to do this as well. Thank you for all that you do and please continue to keep up the good work.

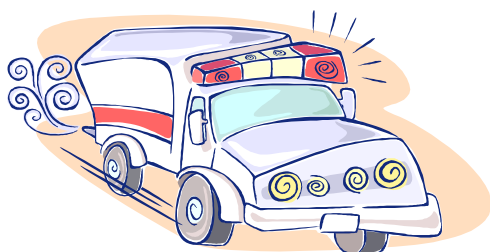
With that said, we still have the occasional shift that needs coverage. Please look at the day and nighttime group schedule for any holes that you may be able to fill. Please make every effort to contact the appropriate group leader if you are able to assist their group with coverage.

The points are up to date and posted on the EMS communications board. Some of the monthly meetings have not been recorded yet. If you feel that your points are not accurate please contact me.

As a reminder, if you are in the rapid recertification program you are required to complete all of your requirements at least 60 days prior to the expiration of your EMT card. If you have any confusion with this please make me aware as soon as possible.

The ambulance replacement committee has met several times and is making progress. Our goal is to have an ambulance specified and delivered by January 2007. We will be seeking input from the body as we design our new ambulance. Attached in this months Scuttlebutt is a brief survey created by the ambulance replacement committee to gather information from you. Please be as honest and accurate as possible when filling these out. After you have filled your survey out please place it in my mailbox. We would like all completed surveys turned in by December 20, 2005. Please note this is the first survey of several.

The ambulance replacement committee has determined that we will be specifying a type III ambulance (same style as we have now). We decided not to specify a van style ambulance for many reasons. These include: we tend to run with 3 person crews and a van will not accommodate this (especially with ALS and a family member on board), a van will not hold all of the equipment we have now, it is less stable on the road, and has less safety features that a mod style ambulance. Please feel free to address any comments regarding this to the ambulance replacement committee. The committee is made up of the three EMS officers, the three Chief's, the HFD president, Kevin Corcoran, and Tom Scheg.



Ambulance Replacement Committee Survey #1

Submitted by Aaron Horowitz

Please complete all the answers for each of the sections below. Please answer the following questions based on your experience with running on an ambulance. Try to be as unbiased as possible when answering. Thanks in advance for taking the time to assist the ambulance replacement committee towards the purchase of the new ambulance.

General

1) Please indicate your department status by circling it below.

EMS FIRE BOTH OTHER

2) How often do you transport a patient in the ambulance?

_____ **Hours per Month**

3) How many hours of ambulance group coverage time do you provide?

_____ **Hours per Month**

Comments: _____

Ambulance Drivers Compartment/Area

1) Do you feel you have enough leg room when driving the ambulance?

Yes No

2) Would you like to see an ambulance with an extended cab to provide more room in the driver's area (cab of ambulance)?

Yes No Doesn't Matter

3) Do you feel the current control panel (lights/ sirens) is easily accessible?

Yes No

Comments: _____

4) What type of control panel would you like to see in a new ambulance? Circle choice

Toggle switch Electronic push button Computer Screen Control Don't Know

Comments: _____

Patient Care Area

1) Is having extra headroom in an ambulance important to you?

Yes

No

Doesn't Matter

2) Is it important to be able to access most cabinets from the inside and outside of the ambulance?

Yes

No

Comments: _____

3) Would you like the ability to access backboards (collars and head blocks) from the rear of the ambulance? (This would prevent members from standing in either the road or a ditch when getting a backboard and supplies.)

Yes

No

Comments: _____

Safety

1) What type of lighting would you like to see in a new ambulance?

Traditional (like we have now)

LED

Don't Know

2) Do you feel our current ambulances are safe? (Please evaluate the vehicle as a whole and not who may be driving it?)

Yes

No

Somewhat

3) What features would you add to an ambulance to improve its safety?

4) Do you feel our current ambulances are too large, too small, or the right size?

Comment: _____

Ladies Auxiliary News

Submitted by Sue VerWulst

Our condolences to Glenda and the Videan family on the loss of Fred. He will be sorely missed. Thank you to everyone who donated dishes to pass and helped things run smoothly after the funeral.

We had our elections at our November meeting. The following women were elected into office for 2006. Sue VerWulst, President, Tracy Jarvis, Vice President, Mary Hebblethwaite, Treasurer, Cathy Carmestro, Secretary. Trustees are as follows; Chuckie Bimmler, Laurie Gavigan, Carol Gillette. Congratulations Ladies! Thank you to all of our outgoing officers on a fantastic job.

I would like to thank the Fire Dept. for the wonderful dinner they prepared and served us before our meeting. We all appreciated that.

Don't forget our Christmas party on Dec. 6th at the Arlington and Spencerport's Aux. Christmas party on Dec. 15th. Be at the hall @ 5:45 if you are riding together.

I wish God's blessings on everyone this Christmas, may you have a very Merry Christmas and a joyful, healthy New Year.

Sue VerWulst, President



Friday Night At The Movies

Submitted by Bob Floyd

IT'S BACK → Movie Night will always be the Friday after monthly meeting. Family movie night at the fire house on the big screen.

Bring a friend, a pillow and blanket - sit on the floor and have a fun night together. It will be in the training room. It is open to everyone's children, grand kids and friends. This month I will be showing Polar Express. There will be popcorn and drinks. Start time is 7 PM till movie is over. The date is December 9th, mark your calendar. Let's all come and have some fun. Just a note, we had about 30 kids and parents at the last movie night. A good time was had by all.

2006 Service Awards

The following list has been updated with information from our membership data on who should be receiving service awards at our next Annual Banquet. All calculations are based on service time till May 1st, 2006.

If your name should (or should not) appear on the following list, please contact Ray Ward and we will re-check the department records.

The Gift Catalogs are currently in my mail slot at the fire hall. If your name appears under Service Awards, please stop and pick one up. We will need the gift choices by January 1st 2006. Please see any of the members of the Service Award Committee to indicate your choice.

Service Awards

5 Year

Ryan Benson
Scott Castle
Jim Sage
Dennis Bates
Al Carris
Todd Meyer

10 Year

Bill Zarpentine
Erin Stiles

15 Year

Hiram Johnson
Tom Vereecke

20 Year (Life)

Brian Lissow

25 Year

Mike Piper
Nancy Alton
Dave Zobel

45 Years

Bill Carter

Service Time

15 Years

Ray Gillette

25 Year

Charlie Chick
Roger Benson

35 Year

Jim Gates
Glenn Johnson

40 Years

Roger Gavigan

45 Years

Bill Mullen



2006 Nomination List

Submitted By Amy Lissow

Office	Candidate	Also Eligible
Deputy Chief	E. Guest	J. Hare, J. Lemcke, M. Lissow, M. McHenry
Asst. Chief	Jeff Mullen	All of the above plus D. Harter, B. Lissow, J. Lissow, G. Nichols
Fire Captain (3)	D. Harter J. Lissow W. Collins M. Mullen J. Gates	All of the above plus S. Carter, H. Johnson, T. Wirth
Fire Lieut. (3)	S. Carter	All of the above plus D. Bates, J. Buongiorno, R. Clark, Bob Floyd, R. Manhardt, W. Porter, J. Porter, L. Speer, J. Sweeney, D. Zajonczkoski
EMS Captain	A. Horowitz	N. Alton, K. Corcoran, J. Hare, J. Lloyd, R. Maier, D. Noltee, R. Ward, R J Yockel, K. Yousey, D. Zobel
EMS Lieut. (2)	RJ Yockel K. Corcoran G. Nichols	All of the above EMS plus T. Bertrand, Scott Castle, W. Collins, J. Gebhardt, M. Mullen, W. Porter, P. Reuschle, M. Werner, L. Yousey
President	D. Zajonczkoski	All of the above EMS & Fire plus J. Acton, K. Allport, P. Ayers, D. Barrett, Ryan Benson, J. Bimmler, R. Bourret, R. Bucci, C. Burritt, S. Burritt, P. Butler, A. Carris, P. Carris, W. Carter, B. Castle, Shawn Castle, B. Chatterson, R. Cusse Jr, R. Gillette, M. Hare, T. Jarvis, J. Kibby, C. Kimball, N. Kress, C. Lemcke, J Mackenzie, J. Maley, Jim Mullen, D. Nesbitt, B. Palma, M. Piper, R. Pullen, C. Quartieri, S. Reiter, J. Sage, T. Scheg, B. Smith, G. Stephens, E. Stiles, J. Van Allen, B. Wirth, W. Zarpentine
Vice-President	T. Yockel	
Secretary	A. Lissow	
Treasurer	N. Kendrick	
Trustees (1) For a 3 year term	L. Speer	

Note: Mark Kalen is currently serving the second year of two year term as Chief.
Ben Floyd and Todd Meyer are currently serving ongoing Trustee terms for 2006.

The Board of Directors consists of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, 3 Trustees, 3 Chiefs and EMS Captain.

Not eligible for any office this year: K. Arilotta, C. Barclay, Roger Benson, M. Bridges, C. Chick, B. Cusenz, A. Duggan, R. Floyd, R. Forth, Jim Gates, R. Gavigan, D. Gebhardt, M. Hall, R. Hare, R. Harris, D. Hasenauer, J. Hasenauer, J. Heinrich, R. Hendershot, R. Hess, W. Hess, M. Hoffman, C. Jock, G. Johnson, M. Lage, D. Leeming, J. Lemon, C. Lissow, D. Lloyd, D. Mackenzie, M. Mackenzie, B. Meehan, T. Mills, G. Morrison, B. Mullen, S. Nealon, T. Parizek, R. Popowych, J. Rice, C. Smith, S. Speer, D. Stilson, C. Struble-Sage, E. Tobey, C. Tobin, D. Trembeth, D. Waterman, Russ Wright, T. Vereecke, J. VerWulst, M Verwulst, W. Voigt, R. Yockel

Remember:

1. Probationary members, corporate members, honorary members, and members not in good standing are not eligible to vote.
2. Active Fire and Active EMS members vote for Chief Officers.
3. Active Fire members vote for Fire Line Officers.
4. Active EMS members and qualified Active Fire members with EMS service (list will be available to identify them) vote for EMS Line Officers.
5. Active Fire and EMS members, Non-Active Life members, and Associate members vote for Business Officers.
6. Colored ballots will be available for each group of Officer Elections.
7. Nominations from the floor are allowed if the proposed nominee is eligible and accepts the nomination either verbally at the meeting or by written statement if not present at the meeting.



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Commission News

Submitted by Ray Ward

Just a few items to report on this month.

We would like to congratulate Carm on his election to the Town Board, unfortunately, this means that he had to resign from the commission. We would also like to thank Carm for his contributions over the last three years.

We are moving forward at record speed on getting a new/improved location for our fire hall. As part of this effort, we have hired Bernard Donegan for his help in Municipal Consulting Services. He was recommended to us by Steve Ayers and will help in the details of going to bond next year. Steve also volunteered some time to give us, the commissioner and the Feasibility Committee, a lesson in doing a bond. This helped in our decision to hire Bernie. We have also contracted Matt Lester of Ferrara and Jerum as our Real Estate Broker.

Commissioners Lemcke and McHenry attended a Parma Town Board meeting to discuss the rationale behind our significant increase in our budget this year.

Unfortunately, we have been notified about the DHS Grant for the extrication equipment and will not be receiving any money. The reason given was that we did not meet the funding priorities.

On the last note, we dedicated a memorial page in our November minutes for Fred Videan.

As a reminder to all members of the Fire Department, and their family members, the Fire District election is December 13th from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM at the firehouse. Please support the Fire District and Commissioners. Thank you from all of us.