



# Scuttlebutt

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## Dates To Remember:

- ◆ 12/7 Monthly Meeting—Elections
- ◆ 12/12 Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Party
- ◆ 12/26 Exempts Meeting
- ◆ 12/27 Board of Directors Meeting
- ◆ All Scuttlebutt articles need to be in by 12/27

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## Letter From Our Chief

It's had to believe that the year is coming to an end. We have had a very productive year. There have been great efforts made this year to make sure everyone has the required mandatory training, along with the on going fire prevention/public awareness events that we participate in throughout the year. The effort that everyone has put forth this year has been outstanding and is greatly appreciated.

I would like to remind everyone that when you are in the public eye and you are wearing any type of fire department apparel that you need to act appropriately. We had a situation last month in which I was called by a local resident complaining about a person's action. Fortunately this person was on their own time but due to that fact that this person was wearing a fire department jacket they were recognized as a fire department member. People look up to the EMS/Fire Service so, inherently the standards set for us are very high. Please be aware.

We are in the final stages of awarding the bid for the new ambulance. Both Aaron and myself will be presenting the results and recommendation at the monthly meeting. The goal is to be able to award the bid the following day. As I mentioned at the November business meeting Aaron Horowitz deserves a

tremendous amount of credit for keeping this committee going. It has been a long hard year with many different opinions and ideas that needed to be incorporated. Aaron's efforts on this committee are greatly appreciated.

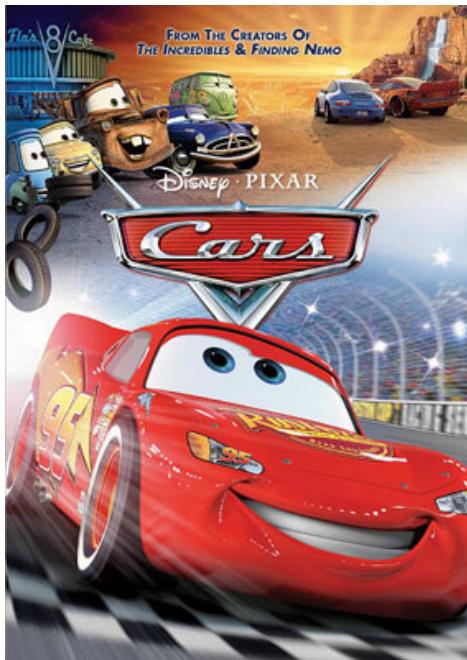
Elections are in just a few days. I would like to encourage anyone who can vote to please show up and cast your ballot. This is the one time of the year that you can voice your opinion. In addition the Fire Commission elections are the following week. I would also encourage everyone who can vote to please show up and cast your ballot.

In closing I would like to than everyone for the support I have had throughout the year and that I hopefully look forward to working with everyone again next year.

Please have a safe and happy holiday season.

Thanks,

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## Movie Night

Submitted by Amy Lissow

Movie Night - Movie Night is going to be Friday, December 8 at 7:00 p.m. Last month there were approximately 46 kids that watched the movie. Come on out, bring your friends, your pillow and blanket and enjoy this months movie. This month's movie is going to be Cars.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Yellow	2 Thur
3 Mon	4 Finance Meeting	5	6 Explorers – Monthly Meeting	7 Monthly Meeting - Elections	8 Sun <b>Movie Night</b> ‘Cars’  Teen Party	9 Mon <b>Breakfast w/ Santa</b>  Adult Party
10 Wed	11 Firematic Drill— Jeopardy	12 Commission Vote  Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Dinner (Carmestros)	13 Explorers – Jeopardy	14	15 Tue	16 Wed
17 Yellow	18 Firematic Drill— Christmas Drill	19	20 Explorers – Christmas Drill	21	22 Thur	23 Yellow
24 Sun	25 <b>Merry Christmas</b>	26 Exempt Monthly Dinner Meeting	27 BOD Meeting Explorers – Open Night	28	29 Mon	30 Sun
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## 2006

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



Dec 2: Ginny Kimball  
 Dec 7: Ed Tobey  
 Dec 9: Shaun Castle  
 Dec 9: Linda Yousey  
 Dec 11: Carm Carmestro  
 Dec 11: Jim Hare

Dec 13: Charlie Lissow  
 Dec 14: Russ Wright  
 Dec 16: Craig Burritt  
 Dec 16: Nancy Kress  
 Dec 17: John Calaci, Jr.  
 Dec 17: Nicole Dixon

Dec 21: Jessica Heinrich  
 Dec 21: Bobby Wirth  
 Dec 22: Tom Bertrand, Sr.  
 Dec 23: Janet Val Allen  
 Dec 25: Dennis Bates

## Adult Christmas Party

Submitted by Jeff Gates

The adult Christmas party is fast approaching. With that, this year the body has decided to use the money normally used for door prizes to purchase toys that will be donated to Toys for Tots. We will have a small tree set up with the presents that have been purchased with the door prize money and donated by our members. I know by the time that you are reading this it may only be a few days before the party but if you would like to make a donation in the form of a small unwrapped toy it would be greatly appreciated. This is an opportunity for two great organizations, the Hilton Fire Department and Toys for Tots, to make some children's Christmas a bit more enjoyable.

Thank you  
Jeff Gates



Merry Christmas  
Merry Christmas

## Ladies Auxiliary News

Submitted by Sue VerWulst

We held our elections at our Nov. meeting. The following people were elected into office;

President, Sue VerWulst

Vice President, Tracy Jarvis

Secretary, Cathy Carmestro

Treasurer, Beth Mueller

Trustees, Sandy Popowych, Dennis Montalbano, Laurie Gavigan

Congratulations Ladies!

I would like to thank our out going officers on a fine job. Mary Hebblethwaite and Carol Gillette. It was a pleasure to hold office with you.

Our Aux. Christmas party is at Carms this year, on Dec. 12th.

Spencerports Aux. Christmas party is Dec. 14th. We will meet at the fire hall at 5:45 to car pool. Hope we get a good turn out.

John and I would like to wish everyone in the Hilton Fire Dept. a Very Merry Christmas and a healthy, Happy New Year. God Bless, Respectfully submitted, Sue VerWulst

# **BOD Meeting, October 25, 2006**

## **Approved Minutes**

Submitted by Amy Lissow

PRESENT: Zajonczkoski, Yockel, Kendrick, Lissow, Floyd, Meyer, Speer, Horowitz, Kalen, Guest, Mullen

ABSENT:

GUEST: Chris Tobin, Bill Palma, Bob Floyd

The minutes of the September meeting were read and approved.

Personnel:

A number of personnel issues were discussed.

Old Business:

Neil met with Nancy Snyder regarding the audit. She will present a written report on her findings. She reviewed the tax returns and gave Neil suggestions of better ways to track our spendings. Neil will analyze the information and talk with Scott Gerken about our next year's tax return. She suggested having written procedures for handling cash donations for internal controls. She also asked if we have a conflict of interest policy.

Neil is opening a couple of six month CD's at a good interest rate. These will be opened within the week.

Fire Safety Trailer is at Hushard's getting some repairs done. Once the repairs are done the trailer will go to Hendershot's barn for storage for the winter months.

New Business:

November 4<sup>th</sup> Lakeshore will be using some of our gambling tables. These will be manned by our members.

The trustees have finished the driveway that leads from the back of the carnival stands up to the Exempt Club parking lot. They also will be planting trees in the grove on the field.

The ambulance replacement committee has the specs almost ready to send out. They are doing a formal bid process to be opened on December 18<sup>th</sup>. Aaron discussed a couple of options that they have been presented with regarding the chassis.

New municipal law states that we have to have a code of ethics for the line officers, president, vice-president, treasurer and secretary. Dave will check with our lawyer for recommendations.

There is a new state law that alcohol vendors can not make up signs for organizations to put in the general public for their fundraisers. Wright Weisner could not advertise for us for the Holiday Raffle. Ryan printing has made 20 signs that would be put around town to advertise. Ryan printing will also be making the sponsor poster. They have donated all the signs for the party.

Holiday Raffle – donations are coming in well. Neil reminded Dave that any product that is returned to Big M needs to have a receipt. This year we also are making vouchers so that people do not have to take the product that night, they can take a voucher and go to Big M and pick it up at their convenience – Rick Furnal is okay with this procedure. We will be borrowing the wheel from Barnard again this year.

The next BOD meeting is Wednesday, November 29 at 7:00 p.m. at the fire hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Lissow, Secretary

# Commission News

Submitted by John Lemcke

**Meeting Highlights** – Audit: The District has completed the GASB-34 requirements for Asset Management and Depreciation. Buildings & Grounds: Carbon Monoxide Detectors have been installed in the firehouse on both the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> floor areas. Fire Equipment & Apparatus: Pump Testing on all the apparatus is complete. There are a few minor repairs needed that will be done by year's end. Personnel: Personnel Meeting/Training is scheduled for November 11<sup>th</sup>. Policies: The District is reviewing the new Fire District Accountability Laws to determine what needs to be updated, or written to comply with the new laws that go into effect in January.

**ETIN** – Programming work continues on the equipment. They are currently in the process of updating information on the system. **It is important that the equipment is left in the ON position in order for the software to be downloaded.** Please do not turn any of the equipment, including the monitor, off. As a reminder, if you are not trained in the operation of this equipment, please do not touch it. As the Training Information becomes available on this system, it will be shared with the members.

**Building Feasibility** – The Fire District has modified its offer to St Leo's Church for the purchase of land. The parcel across the street that was originally part of the deal, will now be sold to another person for building houses. At the time of writing this report, the Diocese of Rochester has approved the sale/purchase of the land to the Fire District, and the offer has been submitted to the NYS Supreme Court for their approval. Prior to completing the land purchase, the property will need to be tested, and sub-divided for our use. The District and Committee will be meeting with the Architect and our Bond Agent to determine our path forward on the 29<sup>th</sup> of November.

**Grants** – The District has received a grant from Senator Maziarz for the purchase of Fire Equipment, specifically GEMS PASS Alarms. The grant for \$5,000 will purchase another 5 alarms that will be distributed to those that have not had one issued to them. The DHS Fire Act Grants are in approximately the 4<sup>th</sup> round of distribution. The Fire District has not heard anything regarding our request for SCBA's and related equipment.

**Elections** – As you may be aware, the Fire District elections will be held on December 12<sup>th</sup> at the firehouse. There are 2 candidates that have submitted petitions to have their names placed on the ballot. With the major undertaking that the district is involved in (Building Project) it is extremely important that everyone exercise his or her right to vote. To be eligible to vote in a Fire District election, you must live within the Fire District boundaries, and have been registered to vote in the November elections.

**Next Meeting** – The next meeting of the Hilton-Parma Fire District is December 12th, 7:30pm at the Fire Station.

*On behalf of the Board of Fire Commissioners, we wish you and your families a very Happy and Safe Holiday Season.*

# EMS News

Submitted by Aaron Horowitz

It's almost the end of another great year for EMS. We have had 958 (as of 11/29) calls for the ambulance and are on track to break 1,000. Of those calls we only had to mutual aide a total of 34, meaning we were able to cover 96.5% of our calls. This is a remarkable number that we should all be very proud of. Very few other corps are able to accomplish this without some type of paid/ contract assistance.

Please remember to check both the master schedule and the daytime schedule posted on the EMS communications board and fill any available spots you are able to. This will help to ensure that we continue to provide the best coverage that we can to our district. Yellow group is still seeking the assistance of permanent group members. Any help provided to them would be greatly appreciated.

EMS points are posted on the EMS communications board. If you feel an error has been made in calculating your points, please contact me. Code U and parade points are still missing, but will be entered as soon as I am able to obtain that information.

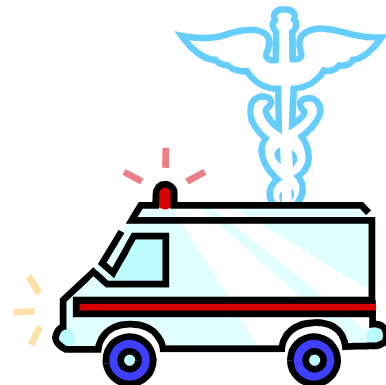
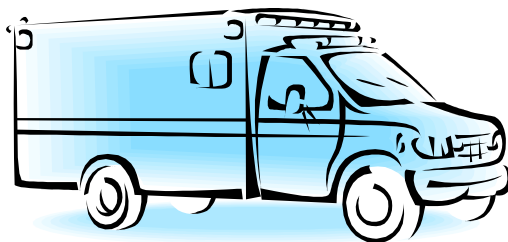
If you are involved in the rapid recertification program please remember that you must complete all requirements at least 60 days prior to the expiration of your EMT card. If you feel that you are unable to do this please see me prior to your card expiring so that we can get you enrolled in a traditional EMT recertification class. I should have a confirmed schedule from Terry Taylor very soon for the upcoming core classes that he will be teaching in Hilton. This will be posted as soon as it is complete.

On a personal note, I would like to thank everyone who has supported me over the past six years while I was in EMS office. I think we accomplished a lot together and helped the EMS department remain strong and progressive. Although I have chosen not to run, I will greatly miss being an EMS officer. I remain confident that EMS will continue to move in a positive direction. I also look forward to the many exciting and challenging things EMS in this department will face in the upcoming years. Please continue to provide as much support as you have provided me to the new EMS leadership. Thanks a million!!

I would also like to thank Kevin Corcoran and RJ Yockel for all of their help as EMS Lieutenants over the past year. I couldn't have done it without you.

As always, please remember to wash, clean, and restock the ambulances after each and every call.

Have a happy and safe Holiday Season!!!



# Nomination Report

Submitted by Amy Lissow

Office	Candidate	Also Eligible
<b>Chief</b>	M. Kalen	All of the above plus E. Guest, J. Hare, J. Lemcke, M. Lissow, M. McHenry
<b>Deputy Chief</b>	E. Guest	All of the above plus Jeff Mullen
<b>Asst. Chief</b>	Jeff Mullen	All of the above plus W. Collins, D. Harter, B. Lissow, J. Lissow, G. Nichols
Fire Captain (3)	J. Lissow W. Collins M. Mullen J. Gates	All of the above plus S. Carter, H. Johnson
Fire Lieut. (3)	S. Carter	All of the above plus D. Bates, J. Buongiorno, R. Clark, B. Cusse, Ben Floyd, Bob Floyd, M. Hare, R. Manhardt, W. Porter, J. Porter, L. Speer, J. Sweeney, M. Werner, D. Zajonczkoski
<b>EMS Captain</b>	K. Corcoran	N. Alton, J. Hare, A. Horowitz J. Lloyd, R. Maier, D. Noltee, R. Ward, RJ Yockel, K. Yousey, D. Zobel
EMS Lieut. (2)		All of the above EMS plus T. Bertrand, W. Collins, J. Gebhardt, M. Mullen, W. Porter, M. Werner, L. Yousey, D. Waterman
<b>President</b>	T. Yockel	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, W. Carter, B. Castle, Shawn Castle, W. Chatterson, R. Gillette, M. Hare, R. Hare, J. Heinrich, M. Hoffman, T. Jarvis, J. Kibby, C. Kimball, N. Kress, C. Lemcke, D. Lloyd, J Mackenzie, J. Maley, Jim Mullen, S. Nealon, D. Nesbitt, T. Parizek, M. Piper, R. Popowych, C. Quarters, E. Quigley, S. Reiter, J. Sage, T. Scheg, W. Smith, G. Stephens, E. Stiles, J. Van Allen, B. Wirth, T. Wirth, W. Zarpentine
<b>Vice-President</b>		
<b>Secretary</b>	A. Lissow	
<b>Treasurer</b>	N. Kendrick	
<b>Trustee (1) For a 3 year term</b>	T. Meyer	

# Nomination Report

Submitted by Amy Lissow

Note: Ben Floyd and Larry Speer are currently serving ongoing Trustee terms for 2007.

**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: C. Barclay, Roger Benson, J. Calaci, C. Carmestro, P. Carris, C. Case, Scott Castle, C. Chick, B. Cusen, A. Duggan, R. Floyd, R. Forth, Jim Gates, R. Gavigan, D. Gebhardt, T. Hare, R. Harris, D. Hasenauer, R. Hendershot, R. Hess, W. Hess, M. Hoffman, B. Jock, C. Jock, G. Johnson, M. Lage, D. Leeming, J. Lemon, C. Lissow, D. Mackenzie, M. Mackenzie, K. Mault, B. Meehan, T. Mills, B. Moore, G. Morrison, B. Mullen, B. Palma, P. Reuschle, J. Rice, D. Speer, S. Speer, D. Stilson, E. Tobey, B. Tobin, C. Tobin, D. Trembeth, Russ Wright, T. Vereecke, J. VerWulst, M Verwulst, W. Voigt, Roland 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.



## A Different Christmas Poem

The embers glowed softly, and in their dim light,  
I gazed round the room and I cherished the sight.  
My wife was asleep, her head on my chest,  
My daughter beside me, angelic in rest.  
Outside the snow fell, a blanket of white,  
Transforming the yard to a winter delight.  
The sparkling lights in the tree I believe,  
Completed the magic that was Christmas Eve.  
My eyelids were heavy, my breathing was deep,  
Secure and surrounded by love I would sleep.  
In perfect contentment, or so it would seem,  
So I slumbered, perhaps I started to dream.

The sound wasn't loud, and it wasn't too near,  
But I opened my eyes when it tickled my ear.  
Perhaps just a cough, I didn't quite know, Then the  
sure sound of footsteps outside in the snow.  
My soul gave a tremble, I struggled to hear,  
And I crept to the door just to see who was near.  
Standing out in the cold and the dark of the night,  
A lone figure stood, his face weary and tight.

A soldier, I puzzled, some twenty years old,  
Perhaps a Marine, huddled here in the cold.  
Alone in the dark, he looked up and smiled,  
Standing watch over me, and my wife and my child.  
"What are you doing?" I asked without fear,  
"Come in this moment, it's freezing out here!  
Put down your pack, brush the snow from your sleeve,  
You should be at home on a cold Christmas Eve!"

For barely a moment I saw his eyes shift,  
Away from the cold and the snow blown in drifts..  
To the window that danced with a warm fire's light  
Then he sighed and he said "Its really all right,  
I'm out here by choice. I'm here every night."

"It's my duty to stand at the front of the line,  
That separates you from the darkest of times.  
No one had to ask or beg or implore me,  
I'm proud to stand here like my fathers before me.  
My Gramps died at 'Pearl on a day in December,"  
Then he sighed, "That's a Christmas 'Gram always remembers."  
My dad stood his watch in the jungles of 'Nam',  
And now it is my turn and so, here I am.  
I've not seen my own son in more than a while,  
But my wife sends me pictures, he's sure got her smile.

Then he bent and he carefully pulled from his bag,  
The red, white, and blue... an American flag.  
I can live through the cold and the being alone,  
Away from my family, my house and my home.  
I can stand at my post through the rain and the sleet,  
I can sleep in a foxhole with little to eat.

I can carry the weight of killing another,  
Or lay down my life with my sister and brother..  
Who stand at the front against any and all,  
To ensure for all time that this flag will not fall."

"So go back inside," he said, "harbor no fright,  
Your family is waiting and I'll be all right."  
"But isn't there something I can do, at the least,

"Give you money," I asked, "or prepare you a feast?  
It seems all too little for all that you've done,  
For being away from your wife and your son."  
Then his eye welled a tear that held no regret,  
"Just tell us you love us, and never forget.  
To fight for our rights back at home while we're gone,  
To stand your own watch, no matter how long.  
For when we come home, either standing or dead,  
To know you remember we fought and we bled.  
Is payment enough, and with that we will trust,  
That we mattered to you as you mattered to us."



# 2007 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007.

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

We will have the Gift Catalogs available at the next monthly meeting, December 7th. We will be looking for the choices by January 1, 2006.

## Service Awards

### 5 Year

Neil Kendrick  
Mike Hare  
Ben Floyd  
Chris Tobin  
Shaun Castle  
Pat Reuschle  
Jane Gebhardt  
Dave Gebhardt  
Jerry Acton  
Bob Cusse  
Dick Barrett  
Paul Butler  
Pat Ayers

### 10 Year

Bill Porter  
Rich Maier

### 15 Year

Dave Noltee

### 25 Year

Jim Bimmler  
Jim Buongiorno  
Mike McHenry  
Jeff Mullen  
Greg Nichols

### 30 Years

John Sweeney  
Anne Duggan

## Service Time

### 10 Years

Sue Nealon

### 40 Year

Don Stilson  
Bill Hess

### 45 Year

Dick Mackenzie

### 50 Years

Russ Wright

### 65 Years

Bob Floyd



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