



Scuttlebutt

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Dates To Remember:

- ◆ 3/13 Monthly Meeting– Dinner Meeting
- ◆ 3/21 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting
- ◆ 3/28 Exempts Meeting
- ◆ 3/29 Board of Directors Meeting
- ◆ All Scuttlebutt articles need to be in by 3/29

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Letter From Our Chief

I would first like to start off by apologizing to Eric and Kelly Guest for not acknowledging the birth of their son Justin in my Scuttlebutt article last month. This was a huge oversight on my part and one I am truly sorry for. Everyone please welcome Justin to the department family.

The line officers have been doing a wonderful job in getting the New Year started out on the right foot. We have had two very good mandatory drills with fantastic participation. The recruit training is in full swing so if you see one of the new members down at the firehouse, please introduce yourself. In order to make it easier to recognize the new members we have posted their pictures on the bulletin board in the lounge.

We have also updated the fire department active members picture board in the lounge. If your picture is not on the board, please contact me as soon as possible and I'll make arrangements to have your picture taken.

The first mass physical day will be scheduled for first part of May. I will be posting (in the lounge) the members that will be required to have physicals this year along with a sign up list with the dates and times. As a reminder, it is department policy that you have a department physical on a yearly basis depending on your age. For your own health safety if you are required to have a physical this year please make sure you have this done either at the mass physical day or on

your own.

I have had the opportunity to review the ballots for the People Choice award this year. I feel compelled to address an issue that both truly upsets and disappoints me. There are a few individuals within the department that have failed to recognize what the peoples choice award really is for. This award was established to acknowledge a members effort throughout the year and is voted on by all the department members. To the members who felt compelled to use this opportunity to instead slam fellow department members, I have to say I am truly disappointed. The opportunity to vote and honor a fellow members dedication and efforts should be taken seriously and maturely. I urge you to re-think your actions and not repeat this mistake in the future. As the saying goes, " If you can't say something nice, don't say anything at all."

The department banquet is coming up later this month. This is the one time of the year we are able to recognize department members for their dedicated service. I hope to see everyone there.

Until next month please be safe....

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Stroke Recognition

Submitted by Jim Mullen

During a BBQ a friend stumbled and took a little fall - she assured everyone that she was fine (they offered to call paramedics) and just tripped over a brick because of her new shoes. They got her cleaned up and got her a new plate of food - while she appeared a bit shaken up, Ingrid went about enjoying herself the rest of the evening. Ingrid's husband called later telling everyone that his wife had been taken to the hospital - (at 6:00pm, Ingrid passed away.) She had suffered a stroke at the BBQ - had they known how to identify the signs of a stroke perhaps Ingrid would be with us today.

Recognizing a Stroke

----- A neurologist says that if he can get to a stroke victim within 3 hours he can totally reverse the effects of a stroke...totally. He said the trick was getting a stroke recognized, diagnosed and getting to the patient within three, hours which is tough.

RECOGNIZING A STROKE

Thank God for the sense to remember the "3" steps. Read and Learn!

Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster. The stroke victim may suffer brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke.

Now doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:

1. *Ask the individual to SMILE.
2. *Ask him or her to RAISE BOTH ARMS.
3. *Ask the person to SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE (Coherently) (i.e. It is sunny out today) if he or she has trouble with any of these tasks, call 9-1-1 immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.

After discovering that a group of non-medical volunteers could identify facial weakness, arm weakness and speech problems, researchers urged the general public to learn the three questions. They presented their conclusions at the American Stroke Association's annual meeting last February. Widespread use of this test could result in prompt diagnosis and treatment of the stroke and prevent brain damage.

Come One, Come All to Family Movie Night At the Fire Hall

Submitted by Amy Lissow

Come on out and see the last Movie Night for the season on Friday, March 17. The movie that is going to be shown is a surprise. So, bring a friend, a pillow and a blanket - sit on the floor and have a fun night together. The movie will be shown in the training room at 7:00. It is open to everyone's children, grandchildren and friends. There will be popcorn and drinks. Come on out and have some fun.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 HPFD Meeting Explorers – Meeting	2	3 Thu	4 Yellow
5 Sun	6 Firematic Drill— Safety/Blood Borne Pathogens	7	8 Explorers – TBD	9 Finance Meeting	10 Mon Movie Night Surprise	11 Sun
12 Tue	13 Monthly Meeting	14	15 Explorers – TBD	16	17 Wed Happy St. Patrick's Day	18 Tue Annual Banquet
19 Thu	20 Firematic Drill— Tour of Monroe Fluid/Town Hall	21 Village Election Community Center 12:00—9:00 Ladies Auxiliary Monthly Meeting	22 Explorers – TBD	23	24 Yellow	25 Thu
26 Mon	27 Firematic Drill— Hydrant Operations	28 Exempt Monthly Dinner Meeting	29 BOD Meeting Explorers – TBD	30	31 Sun	

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This Month's Birthdays – Happy Birthday To All



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| Mar 2: Mike Hoffman | Mar 20: Bill Moore |
| Mar 3: Patricia Ayers | Mar 21: Brian Gilman |
| Mar 4: Kevin Coccooran | Mar 22: Nick Traino |
| Mar 10: Scott Castle | Mar 22: Brian Jock |
| Mar 12: Bill Smith | Mar 23: Wayne Collins |
| Mar 14: Kerry Mault | Mar 24: Rodney Manhardt |
| Mar 15: Dave Gebhardt | |
| Mar 16: Jim Mackenzie | |

BOD Meeting, January 25, 2006
Approved Minutes
Submitted by Amy Lissow

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

ABSENT:

GUEST: Ray Ward, Jim Hare

The minutes of the December, 2005 meeting were read and approved.

Ray presented to the board to give an update on carnival. The committee had their first meeting and gave assignments to each committee member. Verbal agreement has been reached with WBEE to do our advertising again at the same price as last year. When there is a written contract; it will be brought to Dave Z to sign. Saturday afternoon will be the same format as last year. It will be decided at a later date as to when the Family Fun time will be.

Ray also spoke about the Annual Banquet. They had their first meeting. The theme this year is Hawaiian. The date of the banquet is March 18th.

Jim explained that some of the insurance is going to be changing for the explorers he will be bringing paperwork to the next meeting to have Dave Z sign.

Personnel:

A number of personnel issues were discussed.

Old Business:

Trustees – the trailer is now in use and hidden behind the carnival stands.

New Business:

New recruits that will start on February 4 – fire recruits - Kerry Mault, Eric Quigley, William Moore, Brian Jock and Christian Benoit. EMS recruit - Carm Carmestro.

Committee list was updated to be included in the scuttlebutt.

Neil talked with Nancy Snyder who has offered to do an audit for us. Nancy will conduct a 'limited procedure audit' which consists of verifying financial data to hard copy data such as bank statements, invoices/receipts, financial statements. Nancy will present her findings and any recommendations to the BOD. She will not be charging us for this service. Motion was made to have Nancy do this, M/S/C. Neil will take care of working out the arrangements.

Department of Health will be conducting an audit on the EMS Office in early March.

Aaron received a call from a person who is interested in taking pictures of the ambulance; he can stop down

BOD Meeting, January 25, 2006 Approved Minutes (continued)

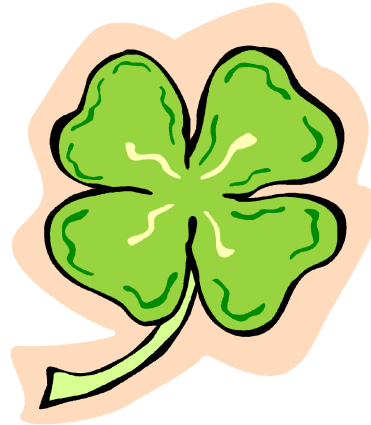
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anytime to take pictures.

Eric stated that a new generator is being bought for the safety trailer. He also mentioned that the district is looking to purchase a new van; this will be decided at the next commission meeting. The new van will be equipped to tow the safety trailer.

Frontier has sent us a bill for services during carnival, Tim is working with Frontier because we have already paid this bill. Tim believes that they did not turn the phone off after carnival and they are billing us for that time period.

The next BOD meeting is Wednesday, February 22, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.



Ladies Auxiliary News

Submitted by Sue VerWulst

Our Feb. meeting got off to a late start at the exempt club because of a mix up over the training room. All is taken care of and the rest of our meetings will be in the training room.

Thanks to all the girls who helped out at the quarterly dinner. Over 65 people were served. Thanks to the committee for a delicious meal.

Our Auxiliary jackets are in for all those that ordered one and missed the meeting.

Vice President Tracy Jarvis asked for help Saturday morning at 9 am on the 18th, for decorating the club for the banquet.

Jim Hare asked for Female volunteers to be advisors for the Explorers since they are having 2 female members join. Anyone interested, contact Jim for more info.

Spring fling date is April 11 at the Exempt club

Next meeting March 21

See you at the banquet. Don't forget your secret pals!!

Respectfully submitted, Sue VerWulst

Commission News

Submitted by John Lemcke

Meeting Highlights –

Audit—Requests were sent to three financial organizations requesting an audit and review of the District Finances.

Fire Equipment & Apparatus—The Quint Aerial Ladder has been repaired, and is now back in service.

Grants—There is no word yet regarding the DHS Fire Prevention and Safety Grant or Polaris Utility Vehicle Donation that was submitted.

Policies—The district is continuing to review the policies they have in place. Upon completion of the review, all the policies will be in one place where the members may be able to view them, and have the most current version.

New Business—The District will be purchasing the remaining hydrant flags as a municipal cooperation with the Village. The Village DPW will install the 80 flags, once they are delivered.

Building Feasibility Study – Work continues on the purchase of a piece of property that the district has decided to pursue. The Feasibility Study cannot move forward until land has been secured, and testing can begin. The District is hoping to have an answer whether this particular property will be available, or another selection will need to be made by the end of March.

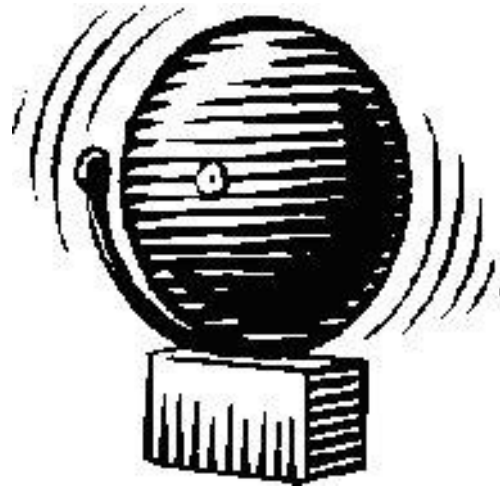
Building Relocation Funding – After speaking with the Office of Emergency Preparedness in Monroe County, it was determined that there was a miscommunication in SEMO (NYS Emergency Management Office) regarding the Pre-disaster Mitigation Grant that was submitted by the District. SEMO should have notified the district that their Letter of Intent was not selected for further evaluation. However, the Letter of Intent for the Flood Mitigation Assistance grant funding has been accepted, and work has begun on the completion of the Grant Proposal.

Van Replacement – A proposal was submitted to the District to purchase a new Chevrolet van to replace the Dodge van. After some discussion, the board approved the purchase of the van. The Van has been ordered, and the expected delivery will be the first of April or so. They tell me that it will be red this time, but we were told that the last time also, so it's anybody's guess as to what the color really will be.

The next Fire District meeting will be March 1, 7:30 pm at the firehouse.

Safety News—G.E.M.S. System

Submitted by Tim Wirth



It is time for the G.E.M.S. units to get their batteries changed. We have changed quite a few units at the drills these last few weeks.

Fire police need to see one of the safety officers to have theirs changed, along with a handful of firefighters.

(There will be a list at the fire hall of people that need their gem alarms changed and also a list for people that don't have a G.E.M.S. unit, so we can order you one.)

To check your alarm, remove the clip and you will hear the unit activate. Listen for a minute and if it starts to chirp the battery needs to be changed.

This also applies to any air packs that have the integrated alarms, if you notice it when they are turned on, let us know so we can change it.

Remember---

- To activate your alarms when at a fire and through the overhaul process. Also wear your safety glasses along with your visor.
- To wear your glasses at accidents
- If you need glasses see one of us as we usually have extra pairs with us at calls and back at the hall...
- Safety starts at the time of the call, through it, and till you get home-

—STAY SAFE —

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Glad You Are In My Dash

Submitted by Jim Mullen

I read of a man who stood to speak
At the funeral of a friend
He referred to the dates on her tombstone
From the beginning...to the end.

He noted that first came her date of birth
And spoke the following date with tears,
But he said what mattered most of all
Was the dash between those years.

For that dash represents all the time
That she spent alive on earth...
And now only those who loved her
Know what that little line is worth.

For it matters not. how much we own:
The cars... the house... the cash,
What matters is how we live and love
And how we spend our dash.

So think about this long and hard...
Are there things you'd like to change?
For you never know how much time is left,
That can still be rearranged.

If we could just slow down enough
To consider what's true and real.
And always try to understand
The way the other people feel.

And be less quick to anger,
And show appreciation more
And love the people in our lives
Like we've never loved before.

If we treat each other with respect.
And more often wear a smile...
Remembering that this special dash
Might only last a while.

So, when your eulogy's being read
With your life's actions to rehash...
Would you be proud of the things they say
About how you spent your dash?