



Scuttlebutt

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Dates To Remember:

- ◆ 1/8 Monthly Meeting
- ◆ 1/16 Ladies Auxiliary
- ◆ 1/23 Exempts Meeting
- ◆ 1/31 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 my final year as chief. The last two years have been both very challenging and rewarding. I look forward to continuing to build on the accountability that we have worked very hard on to put into place.

I have made some significant changes in regards to officer's responsibilities for 2007. This will all be discussed at the **January Goals drill on 1/15**. I highly encourage everyone to attend this drill since this drill will lay the foundation on how things will be run for this year.

There have been some changes in where medic 42 has been staging. It has been decided by Monroe Ambulance that medic 42 will stage at route 104 & 259 twenty-four hours a day. With this being said, Monroe has sent a contract proposal to the department for ALS services. We are currently reviewing the proposal to decide if this is an option we would like to pursue.

If you see Jim Hare around the firehouse please congratulate him on his successful election of president of the MCVFA. I am sure Jim is going to do a great job in his new role as president.

My sincere condolences go out to the Harris family on the death of Life member Reed Harris. For the people who did not know Reed he was an asset to the department during his active years serving as carni-

val chairman for numerous years and also serving as a line officer. More recently Reed was one of the key people who have kept the Hilton exempts organization running. He will be sorely missed by everyone who new him.

On a happier note congratulations go out to Joseph and Jennifer Lissow on the birth of their baby daughter Madeline.

In closing please keep Rita Klienbeck and Bill Lemon in your thoughts and prayers. They both have been stricken ill and are battling to get better.

Until next month please be safe....

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Training Schedule

Submitted by Joe Lissow

January 2007 Training

Jan. 1 - No Drill New Years Day

Jan. 8 - Monthly Meeting @ 19:00

Jan. 15 - Mandatory Department Goals @ 19:00

Jan. 16 - Mandatory Department Goals @ 09:00

Jan. 22 - Tour of Unity Health @ 19:00

Jan. 23 - Tour of Unity Health @ 09:00

Jan. 29 - CPR/Defib. @ 19:00

Jan. 30 - CPR/Defib. @ 09:00

Also, if anyone has any ideas for training for the upcoming year feel free to see Jeff Gates for any fire related training or Kevin Corcoran for E.M.S. related training.

Thanks, Joe

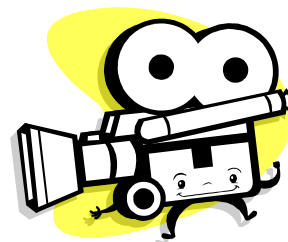
Don't Forget Our Mandatory Training



Movie Night

Submitted by Amy Lissow

This month's movie will be held on Friday, January 12. The movie Ice Age 2 will be the feature at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited, bring your pillows, blankets, friends and come down



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Explorers – Monthly Meeting	4	5 Wed	6 Tue
7	8 Monthly Meeting -	9	10 Explorers –	11	12 Yellow Movie Night “Ice Age 2”	13 Thur
14	15 Firematic Drill— Mandatory Department Goals	16 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting	17 Explorers –	18	19 Sun	20 Mon
21	22 Firematic Drill— Tour Unity Health	23 Exempt Monthly Dinner Meeting	24 Explorers –	25	26 Tue	27 Wed
28	29 Firematic Drill— CPT/Defib	30	31 BOD Meeting Explorers –			

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This Month's Birthdays – Happy Birthday To All



Jan 2: Blake Trowbridge	Jan 14: Bob Forth	Jan 25: Joe Lissow
Jan 6: Jim Buongiorne	Jan 16: Mike Piper	Jan 29: Erin Stiles
Jan 6: John Sweeney	Jan 18: Gerry Morrison	Jan 29: Linda Kaiser
Jan 6: Debbie Kwiatkowski	Jan 20: Debbie Buongiorne	Jan 31: Bruce Castle
Jan 12: Mary Hebblethwaite	Jan 20: Chris Case	
Jan 14: Bill Chatterson	Jan 23: Brian Lissow	

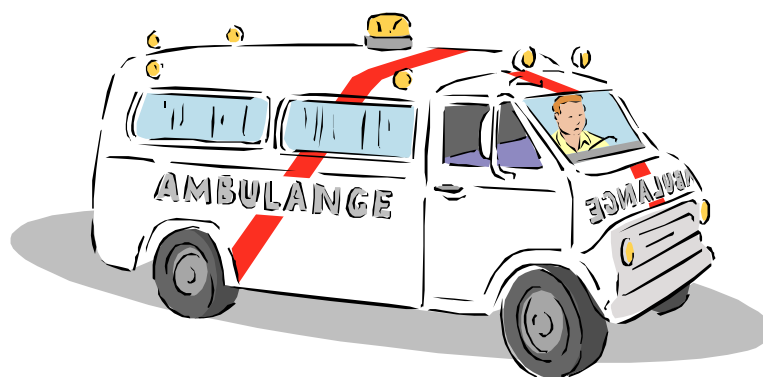
Ambulance Replacement

Submitted by Aaron Horowitz

As many of you know from the last monthly meeting, the new ambulance bid was awarded to Braun. The replacement committee met with the dealer (J.W. Carney) the second week of December to finalize everything. Blueprints will be posted at the firehouse very shortly.

Currently, the ambulance is in production at the manufacturing plant in Van Wert, Ohio. The committee will be going there to do a pre-paint inspection sometime in February. We plan on taking many pictures during this inspection and will make them available for all to see.

Look forward to seeing the new ambulance at our firehouse toward the end of March.



Trustee News

Submitted by Todd Meyer

The end of another year is upon us. Fortunately 2006 did not bring us any major flooding and carnival field damage was minimal. Thank you to all of those who helped us out at carnival with preparation of the field and all of the buildings. Special thanks also goes to those who stuck around late Saturday and Sunday morning with Ben to pull all of the rides off of the muddy field.....you saved us a lot of possible damage!

This fall, five new trees were planted in the zoo. For all of you wondering why we need more trees, last year we took down 3 mature trees that were dead and there appear to be 2 or 3 more that may not live much longer. These new trees were planted to help preserve the "natural" atmosphere that the zoo animals prefer.

Thank you to Al Carris and all of the others that helped to keep the field mowed so nicely. The tractor got a lot of use this year and will be in need of some TLC this winter.

Thanks again for all of the help everyone!

-Todd, Ben and Larry

BOD Meeting, November 29, 2006

Approved Minutes

Submitted by Amy Lissow

PRESENT: Dave Z, Yockel, Kendrick, Lissow, Floyd, Meyer, Horowitz, Mullen

ABSENT: Kalen, Guest, Speer

GUEST: T. Vereecke, J. Lissow

The minutes of the October, 2006 meeting were read and approved.

Tom Vereecke came to the board meeting to say that the Exempt Club will be changing their outdoor locks.

Joe presented to the board on behalf of the membership committee. He came with six applications. Jason Wille is an explorer applying for fire he is all set to become a probationary member. Jeremy DeMott and Matthew Johnson are both transfers from Walker applying for fire, they are all set to become probationary member. Robert Hebing, Lyle Weaver and Tracy Reiter are applying for EMS – they are all set to become probationary members. There are two more applications that will be done before the January monthly meeting. Tom Hare will be transferring from EMS to fire. Wayne Collins has expressed interest on being on the membership committee. Bob Floyd will be taking over chairman of the committee.

Personnel:

- A number of personnel issues were discussed.

Old Business:

Ambulance replacement is going on; the public bid will be done at 6:30 on 12/7. The presentation to the body will be done at the December meeting.

End of year training report is almost complete.

Holiday raffle – the voucher system worked well, next year there will be a better tracking of the vouchers with a limit of 3-5 examples of the product, but most will be done with the vouchers.

New Business:

Planted 6 big trees in the grove, ripped out stumps.

Issues with exempt club room – is this being used during exempt club parties. Jeff will be calling Tom Parizek to check this out.

The next BOD meeting is Wednesday, December 27 at 6:30 at the fire hall

Commission News

Submitted by John Lemcke

Meeting Highlights – Budget & Finance; We are having some issues with the E-Z Passes in the van and Chief's car. They have been removed until the issue is rectified. If you use the van on the thruway, you will need to stop at a tollbooth, and pay the toll unless you see the E-Z Pass tag back in the vehicle. Computers & Communications; The county continues to program and distribute the new digital pagers. Currently we sit at number 14 on the list, with several large departments before us. Policies; Reminder to all that all the Policies currently in effect are on the Hilton Fire Department Web Site. You need to hover your mouse over the NY on the first page, click it, and that will bring them up. The district is currently writing polices for Financial Audit, and Back-up Check writing. Safety; The district is negotiating a 2-year deal with Workout Warehouse to continue assisting members with their monthly dues.

ETIN – Programming work continues on the equipment. They are currently in the process of updating information on the system, it is about 85% complete. Some information that is on it is only temporary to debug the system. It is still not complete enough to be used for Training purposes.

Building Feasibility – All necessary approvals in the sale of the land, and the Phase 1 Environmental Study is complete. The information will be presented to the Hilton Zoning Board in January for their blessings, and then the property will be sub divided. Closing should happen some time in January, early February. The committee has met with the Bond Agent and Architect to lay out a plan going forward towards the Bond Vote. We have targeted March 22nd as the Bond Vote. The committee has selected several firms to interview for Construction Managers, and interviews will begin in January.

Grants – The DHS Fire Act Grants are in approximately the 8th round of distribution. The Fire District has not heard anything regarding our request for SCBA's and related equipment. The District is currently working with the Village to submit a Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant for the firehouse and property. It is very confusing, but basically you need to be a municipality that can effect zoning restriction on property to submit grant requests. The Letter of Intent has been approved, and the application has been started.

Elections – Mike McHenry has won the election for another 5-year term. Thank-you to all that turned out to vote in our elections.

Next Meeting – The next meeting of the Hilton-Parma Fire District is January 3rd, 7:30pm at the Fire Station.

On behalf of the Board of Fire Commissioners, we extend our condolences to the family of Reed Harris.

EMS News

Submitted by Kevin Corcoran

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

First of all I would like to thank everyone for their support in the recent elections.

This year the EMS Office plans on strengthening the foundation laid out in previous years and continuing to make this dept. a better place to volunteer. The EMS sector in HFD has grown leaps and bounds and in many ways is farther ahead than most other corps in the county. We have a solid volunteer base that is dedicated and qualified for all the work they do, whether it is answering calls, doing public events, training within house or outside, and working as a team in time of need.

With that said, I would like to take this opportunity to say THANK YOU to Past EMS Captain Aaron Horowitz for all his time and efforts in making this a better and stronger organization. Aaron has completed six years in the EMS office with three years as Lt and three as Captain. There were many projects that Aaron has been involved in or has led so that this dept. can continue to grow. For the Rapid Recert Program, Aaron will continue to facilitate this as he is very well versed in the rules and regulations and guidelines of the program. Any questions can be directed to him through his dept mailbox.

Thank you to RJ Yockel for another term as EMS Lt. Once again he has done great things for this dept as far as training, QA/QI committee, PCR entry and Fund drive. RJ will be continuing his efforts with the fund drive as he has done for many years. RJ, Thank you for all your work.

Welcome to the two new EMS Lieutenants Greg Nichols and Tom Bertrand. They both will have their hands full with new duties and responsibilities. Please make them feel welcome in their new positions. Greg will be in charge of issues with 2619 and Tom will be overseeing 2629.

In January, we will be touring the new Unity facility so that everyone has a better understanding of the complex and setup of the site. Details will be coming to you as soon as dates are finalized.

For all members that have a CPR card, as of January 1st, the new American Heart Association guidelines will be in effect. Anyone that does not have these updates will be out of compliance. All EMT's also need the MLREMS protocol updates and we will be offering a training session soon after the first of the year. We will let you know.

The Master colored group schedule is available for delivery. Anyone that wants an electronic copy of it, please email me and I will send you a copy. We will be getting together with all group leaders to fine tune the group schedules and resolve any issues that you may have. If anyone has any issues with anything EMS related, please don't hesitate to contact an officer for assistance. We would be glad to help resolve any issue before it becomes a bigger problem. Thank you and everyone have a great new year!

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Ladies Auxiliary Information

Submitted by Marge Fisher

Hi Ladies,

Hope you all had a safe and happy holiday season. **NOW** as you put your decorations away **REMEMBER** to bring your extra unused Christmas cards to our January meeting. Our **Home on the Hudson** family will appreciate their card next year. If we do it now we won't have to remember next Christmas.

Thank you in advance for all the cards we are going to receive. I look forward to seeing you all in the Spring. Stay warm this winter!

Marge Fisher



New Year's Eve Ball In Times Square