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Dates To Remember:

- ◆ 10/8 Monthly Meeting- Clambake
- ◆ 10/16 Ladies Auxiliary
- ◆ 10/31 Board of Directors Meeting
- ◆ All Scuttlebutt articles need to be in by 10/28

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Letter From Our Chief

The month of September was a fairly quiet one. There isn't too much to report on however I do want to sincerely thank Amy Lissow for all of her efforts in organizing the family picnic held on September 9th. While the weather didn't cooperate as well as I'm sure Amy would have liked, I've heard that a fun time was still had by all in the fire hall. Unfortunately, my family was unable to attend due to other commitments but we certainly would have been there if we could have. Thanks again, Amy.

While I'm on the subject of the Fire Department and "family", I have a few thoughts that I'd like to share. I'm sure you've all heard over the years the phrase "fire department family." One of the formal definitions of "family" is "two or more people who share goals and values". I like to believe that the ultimate goal and value of each member of this department is to maintain our passion for the highest degree of service to the Hilton community.

Since all of us are members of our formal families we are also well aware that adversity and differences do occur that call upon us to rise above those differences for the good of the "family". The Hilton Fire Department is no exception to adversity and differences from time to time, as is any organization that involves human beings!

It's important to keep in mind however that adversity and differences are not necessarily always a "bad" thing. Overcoming them helps greatly in growing in maturity which should be essentially one of the goals of our

lives. I recently ran across a quote from an unknown author that goes like this, "A true measure of success is one who gives of his efforts and his wealth to help others overcome adversity." I happen to believe that to be true and I hope you will too.

Also, I'd like to share a few qualities that I believe a faithful organization/public servant should have. They should certainly have a sense of loyalty as might be demonstrated by: Demonstrating department values; Valuing being a public servant; Supporting organizational decisions; Being service oriented; Acting as a good steward of tax dollars; and speak positively about the organization outside of the work environment.

I think it's important too that each member should strive to cultivate individual and organizational trust, pride and commitment; realize that each member will be held to the same standard or ethics and behavior and that each member's behavior will either weaken or enhance the reputation of the department. We should also be willing to put the best interest of the department above personal interests or differences and to first and foremost strive to provide the best community service. Of course, having a good sense of humor always helps too!

Well, I've rambled on enough. Until next month....Thanks, Eric

2C26 News

Submitted by Jeff Mullen

We are quickly approaching an extremely important event- Fire Prevention visits to the school district- to educate the children of our family, friends, and community. We have posted a sign up schedule for the tours, which will be from 9am – 1pm for both Quest on 10/09 and Village Elementary on 10/12. If you are available and want to help, please sign up. We would appreciate any help that is offered from anyone involved in the department. If anyone wants to participate, please meet our fire prevention officer Don Harter at the hall at 0830 hrs. I can guarantee that the rewards you receive from spending a day with our children talking about fire prevention will be well worth your efforts!!

Anyone that does not have kids and/or is available on Halloween night- don't forget our annual Halloween detail where we take the trucks out into the streets to meet the kids and hand out candy! This is always a fun night for those who attend and the kids really look forward to getting candy from a fireman on a big fire truck! So if you can make it, please watch for the sign with times to be posted in the lounge as we get closer to the SPOOKY night!!

The off road vehicle committee is demo-ing several different styles of vehicles to determine which direction they want to head in designing a great vehicle to meet all the needs of the entire department. We will keep everyone informed as to where we are headed as we go.

Let's all try to remain focused by not getting distracted from our mission and continue to provide the best service possible to our community! The most important part of our jobs is to make sure we ALL keep our pagers on 24/7 and we ALL make the equipment go down the road when our community calls for our help! You **ALL** are the **BEST** and should be proud of the professional service you provide 24/7!!! Your community needs YOU and the department can't do it without ALL of YOU!

Jeff

Ladies Auxiliary News

Submitted by Sue VerWulst

Hi Ladies, First of all I would like to thank everyone that helped us out on Sat. for the chicken BBQ. It was a great success and it could have never been that way with out all the volunteers! A special thank you to Dick Popowich for all the help hanging and removing the signs, all the traffic control and every other thing he helped us with. Thanks to the fire police and the explorers for help with traffic control as well. To everyone that purchased a dinner, Thank You too. We are looking forward to doing this again soon.

Our budget meeting went well. For everyone who was not at the meeting your papers are with one of the officers.

Our elections are in November and nominations will be next month. Please consider running for an office. All the current officers will be glad to assist any new incoming officers. It is rewarding to hold an office and help steer the direction of the Auxiliary.

We are invited to Walker for dinner on October 16 for their Fall Frolic. The theme is Hawaiian, so come in your Hawaiian attire. Our October Auxiliary meeting will be October 23 at 7:15 in the fire hall training room.

Our next quarterly dinner is November 12th. Cathy and Beth are on this committee. Don't forget the fire dept. clam bake, if you signed up, it's Oct. 8, after their meeting @8:15. Don't forget your secret Pal.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue VerWulst

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Open House	1 Firematic Drill— Ventilation (M)	2 Firematic Drill— Ventilation (M)	3 Explorers – Meeting	4	5 Tue	6 Wed
7 Yellow	8 Monthly Meeting Clambake	9	10 Explorers – Ventilation	11	12 Thur	13 Yellow
14 Sun	15 Firematic Drill— Interior Attack/ Drivers Recert	16 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting Firematic Drill— Drivers Recert	17 Explorers – Pumper Efficiency	18	19 Mon	20 Sun
21 Tue	22 Firematic Drill— CO Emerg & Chim- ney Fires	23 Exempt Meeting Firematic Drill— CO Emerg & Chim- ney Fires	24 Explorers – Tim Relay	25	26 Wed	27 Tue
28 Thur	29 Firematic Drill— Large Area Search & Rescue	30 Firematic Drill— Large Area Search & Rescue	31 BOD Meeting Explorers – Open Night			

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October Birthdays – Happy Birthday To All

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| Oct 2: Donna Lemcke | Oct 13: Ryan Hess |
| Oct 3: Diane Johnson | Oct 14: Dick Mackenzie |
| Oct 4: Anthony Rogers | Oct 23: Denise Montalbano |
| Oct 6: Courtney Wehbring | Oct 25: Greg Nichols |
| Oct 7: Eric Guest | Oct 31: Jim Rice |
| Oct 8: Ron Valder | |
| Oct 9: Sue VerWulst | |

EMS News

Submitted by Kevin Corcoran

Can you believe the weather we have been having? If only it would last till about mid April...

Several things to report this month.

The new EMS Turnout gear that was ordered carnival week is in and I will be passing it out to those that ordered it as I see you. I will be getting with newer members to get you outfitted in some gear if you don't already have some.

Thank you to everyone who has been filling out the Post Run Check Sheet after each and every ambulance run. We have had a good response from the forms and the rigs seem to be left in a better condition after each call. That was the hope, that everyone would take an extra minute and put the rig back to the way it should be for each and every call.

To all who attended the second EMS Meeting last week, Thank you! I think once again there was some great discussion and topics covered. We all discussed the way the group system has been running, how it should run and what we can do to improve it. We also discussed that when a group is already on a call or no group is on that people do the right thing and call in to secure a crew for the ambulance. We have been having trouble getting the rig on the road some days and some nights also. Please everyone, if you hear the tones continually go out, please pick up the phone and help out. If everyone takes just one more call once in a while, we will be able to solve our issue. We have plenty of manpower to cover the rigs day and night, so lets step up and be ready to secure crews so we don't have to miss calls. With the money we receive from carnival and donations from the fund drive, the community expects us to show up and transport or console the sick or injured. I know we are all volunteer, but we all made a commitment when we joined to do what we can when able. We are already doing a great job, the best in the county for an all volunteer corp. Maybe some of these dropped calls have something to do with vacations and carnival burnout, and that is fine, but the majority of vacations are over and life is getting back to normal for most. Between everyone's jobs, second or third jobs, family and other social events, please do what you can do to help cover calls and get the rigs on the road when possible.

Group leaders, make sure you have you monthly group coverage schedules done in a timely manner and to me as soon as possible so I can post it for everyone to see. This hopefully will help with making sure there is coverage day and night. Also, members can look at the schedules and see where there are holes that need filling. I have not been posting them for some time now because I have not received many schedules, so please get them to me so we can accurately show where help may be needed. Once done, I will email it to all EMS members and post one in Dispatch and the EMS board next to the office each month. If you don't already receive emails from me, I don't have your email address. Please write it down and drop it off to the office or email me with it. KPCFF29@rochester.rr.com, KPCFF29@gmail.com or ems@Hiltonfd.org.

The next EMS meeting will be on Thursday night October 18th at the firehall. We will continue to tackle key issues and have an open floor discussion. It seems to be working well, so lets keep up the good work. I am also working on training on Aspirin for that night. We as a BLS agency are required to carry and administer aspirin for any patient with a cardiac condition that is experiencing chest pains or discomfort. I will have more info soon on that and will publicize it when details are finalized as to when training is. Please make every effort to attend the next EMS meeting. This is open to everyone that has anything to do with the ambulance. Drivers, Medics, Observers and anyone that wants to be involved.

Congratulations to the following people on obtaining their EMT cards through Rapid Recert. Tom Bertrand, Rich Maier, Nancy Kress, Tom Hare, Wayne Collins, Steve Reiter and Tracy Reiter. Nice job all. With that said, please do not wait until the last minute to see what you need to complete the required training for the State. The paperwork has to be in the State's hands 45 days prior to your expiration date. See me if you need assistance with your material.

Matt Johnson is now a First Medic and Tom Hare is now a Driver. Thanks for your time and dedication guys! Nice job. Please also welcome onto the rigs, Ron Valder and Tom Krewer as they start their journey with Hilton. Ron will be training to drive and Tom will be training to clear as a medic. Good luck.

As we all know. Applefest is here and what great weather we are having for it. Thank you to everyone in advance for the help that you have signed up to give with EMS coverage for the event. We appreciate it and so does the community. I will report next month on how well it went and how few casualties we had.

EMS News (continued)

Submitted by Kevin Corcoran

As I said at the monthly meeting, if anyone has any issues with an ALS Unit or for the matter, any other agency on a call or has a problem with how something went, please do not tackle the problem by yourself or at a scene. It looks unprofessional and will not be tolerated. Contact an EMS Officer if you need to report something or someone. We will do our best to assist in resolving the problem.

Ok, enough babbling for now. Thank you so much for everything you do for your community, neighbors and friends. We should all be proud to say we belong to Hilton FD! Keep up the good work. As the weather changes, don't forget to throw an extra sweatshirt or jacket in the car.

Commission News

Submitted by Jim Bimmler

Hope you are all enjoying this GREAT September weather. I know the theme of all these past columns has been the new fire hall, but it really is the "biggie" on our plate. Many people have been devoting a lot of time to try and make our first shot with the bid process hit the target. We have some good news to report in regards to that issue. Because of Spencerport's recent problems with this very issue the building committee went through several exercises with the Bergman and LeChase people in an attempt to get a good feel of just how close we were to hitting the target of 6.15 million dollars. You recall this is what we asked for during the bond referendum process to build the new fire hall. The first few rounds placed us well over the target based on the specs at the time. We looked into reducing the size of the "original" plan by about 2000 square feet. No one really liked that option as it really didn't produce what we told you and the general public we were going to do. So the committee went back to the specs on the "original" plan and literally line-by-line decided what we should keep and what we should question and possibly eliminate. This process wound up saving thousands of dollars without compromising the integrity of the building. There are so many items that I can't begin to elaborate on them (it would take too long). However, this "wish list" of sorts is still on the table. Many of these items may be brought back into consideration in the form of an alternate bid. Which simply means an item could be bid separately and then considered for addition to the building if conditions warrant. Sounds kind of complicated but it really isn't. Suffice it to say because of some productive meetings, Bergman & Co. has informed us that we are tentatively BELOW our target. All is not finished nor cast in stone, but we are indeed heading in the right direction. Hard work has lead to good results. The building committee has plans to present a much more detailed presentation to all of you at the November monthly meeting. In the mean time if you have any burning issues please see a committee member or a fire commissioner. Plans are to finalize the documents as best we can and go out to bid just prior to Thanksgiving, get the bids back just prior to Christmas and hopefully award a bid in January.

The commission has also been working on the 2008 district budget. Recent NYS law now requires all fire districts to hold a public meeting in regards to the proposed budget for the upcoming year. We think this is a good idea for a number of reasons. The public meeting for the Hilton-Parma Fire District is scheduled for October 16th @ 7:00PM at the fire hall. Our numbers to date reflect a reduction of about \$100,000 in operating expenses. Good news no doubt, but that does not take into account the amount required to start the financing part for our new fire hall. After all is said and done (accounting for the new bldg) the budget for 2008 will go up by about 57%. We wound up just where we told the public we would in order to fund the building. Any questions, as usual ask a fire commissioner for further details.

Last but not least.... Ray Ward has just completed all the work on our NOW Annual Audit. Good news is we passed (at least they said we did). The paperwork and comments have been sent to the state comptroller's office for recording. Great job by Raymond.

Until next month.... Keep the cards & letters coming !! Commissioner Jim Bimmler

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Halloween Story

Found on the Internet (From: "[The Perkins](#)")

One day when I was home alone a parcel was left at the door I opened it and there was a box. Inside there were puzzle pieces. I didn't think much of it and left it at that. Later that night when I was in bed and I heard noises outside my window. Scared, I decided to solve that strange puzzle to keep my mind off of the spooky noises. As I was putting it together I realized that the puzzle was of my bed room scared and yet curious I continued to solve the puzzle. Until I noticed that I was in the puzzle solving a puzzle and that there was a tall dark man outside my window holding a knife!! Totally freaked and dazed I looked slowly up at my window and there he was the man from the puzzle looking at me!! I screamed as loud as I could and ran into the lounge and tried to tell mum what had happened. She completely ignored me like I was invisible or something. That was when I realized she COULDN'T see me. Horrified I ran outside only to feel a sharp pain right in my back I turned expecting the man from the puzzle. As soon as our eyes met.....I woke up!

I know everyone hates that ending but I cant think of anything else so there!
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