



# Scuttlebutt

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**Dates To Remember:**

- ◆ 12/6 Monthly Meeting- Elections
- ◆ 12/18 Ladies Auxiliary
- ◆ 12/26 Board of Directors Meeting
- ◆ All Scuttlebutt articles need to be in by 12/26

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## Letter From Our Chief

With December bringing the year 2007 to a close, I'd like to reflect upon just a few of the many accomplishments of the Hilton Fire Department. (It would be impossible for me to remember them all!) Probably the greatest accomplishment this year was the positive vote from the community for the new Fire Hall along with the huge grant received from the State. We also purchased a new ambulance and a new grass fire truck. Our carnival, open house and holiday raffle were all a success. We brought in 6 EMS people and 12 new firefighters; the explorer post has a waiting list. The Ladies Auxiliary continues to be an asset to the department in many ways; and finally our continued service to the Hilton community was excellent with a total of over 1400 calls for service, and still counting!

"It is amazing how much you can accomplish when it doesn't matter who gets the credit". Quote taken from someone unknown.

While the time and effort of each committee and individual is greatly appreciated and not overlooked, this month I do want to give emphasis on the terrific effort of Dave Z in organizing the holiday raffle. Five years ago the "turkey party" was floundering and Dave took it upon himself to improve this event and now it is a huge success in money raised and morale of the department as can be

seen in the amount of volunteers that turn out to help.

I want to mention to everyone to please continue to keep Adam Yockel, son of RJ and Lori Yockel, in your prayers for his complete healing after his recent car accident. As I type this, Adam is a patient at Strong Memorial Hospital recovering from his injuries and is expected to remain there until possibly next week. Our condolences also go out to Bob Hebing and his family on the passing of his father. And when you see Jeff Gates, I'm sure he'd appreciate congrats on graduating from the Utica Fire Academy on November 29th.

On a final note, a quick reminder that the Fire Department Elections are Thursday, December 6th and the Fire District Elections are Tuesday, December 11th so don't forget to vote.

Lastly, during this month of "giving" I want to say "thank you" to every person involved with the Hilton Fire Department for so generously giving of yourselves. Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and Peace to all, Eric



# 2C36 Training News

Submitted by Joe Lissow

## Training Schedule

Thurs. Dec. 6	Monthly Meeting / Elections
Mon. Dec. 10	Jeopardy / Turn Out Gear Inspection
Tues. Dec. 11	Jeopardy / Turn Out Gear Inspection
Mon. Dec. 17	Christmas Drill
Tues. Dec. 18	Christmas Breakfast
Mon. Dec. 24	No Drill – Merry Christmas
Mon. Dec. 31	No Drill – Happy New Year



Well another year is quickly coming to an end and the yearly training is winding down. This year as with any year has been a busy year in the Training Office. When an individual joins a Fire Department, and in our case one that also runs an Ambulance service, whether we realize it or not the members are held to a higher standard within that community. Some calls that we respond to might not seem like a big deal to us, may in fact be the worst day “our Customers” may be having. The public has a problem, calls on us to fix their problem and expects well trained people to come to fix that problem. I think that through our memberships’ commitment to the community and training that is being accomplished. We should all be very proud of what we do for our community. Thanks you to **everyone**. As with any program no matter how good it is, we should always be looking at ways we can improve. If anyone has feed back on training please feel free to share it with a line officer. Let us know how we are doing, do you like what we are doing? What would you like to see us do?

I have always felt that the leaders in this department have a great responsibility to provide good training to our members, after all the safety of our members should be one of our biggest concerns. Through training hopefully we can keep some of our injuries from happening. That way we can provide the great service to our community. I can not thank the fire and EMS line officers enough for your contributions towards training this past year. You have spent a lot of hours planning and delivering many classes in our organization. Whether it is the weekly training, Recruit training, Driver training, Ice Water Rescue, etc., you all have spent many hours at this and your efforts do not go unnoticed.

Many other members have also stepped up and volunteered to assist with training. Some examples of this are many of you have taken equipment to the PSTF to support the classes that our members are enrolled in. Many of you have also helped the officers with the weekly training and Recruit training. Also the members that work with the explorers who also put many hours into training the explorers. Again your efforts are very much appreciated.

Again to everyone, thank you for what you do. We have a very diverse group of people with many talents. It takes a lot of people to accomplish the hard work that goes into operating an organization such as ours. Keep up the good work.

I hope that you and your families have a great holiday season.

Joe

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Sun
2 Tue	3	4	5 Explorers – Meeting	6 Monthly Meeting Elections	7 Wed <b>Movie Night</b>	8 Tue
9 Thur	10 Firematic Drill—Jeopardy/Tuurn Out Gear Inspection	11 <b>Commission Elections</b> Firematic Drill—Jeopardy/Tuurn Out Gear Inspection	12 Explorers – Jeopardy	13 Ladies Auxiliary Spencerport Christmas Party	14 Yellow	15 Thur
16 Mon	17 Firematic Drill—Christmas Drill	18 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting—Christmas Party Firematic Drill—Christmas Drill	19 Explorers – Christmas Drill	20	21 Sun	22 Mon
23 Wed	24 Firematic Drill—No Drill	25 <b>Merry Christmas</b>	26 BOD Meeting Explorers – Open Night	27	28 Tue	29 Wed
30 Yellow	31 Firematic Drill—No Drill					

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### December Birthdays – Happy Birthday To All



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|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Dec 7: Ed Tobey          | Dec 13: Charlie Lissow   | Dec 21: Bobby Wirth      |
| Dec 9: Shaun Castle      | Dec 14: Russ Wright      | Dec 22: Tom Bertrand Sr. |
| Dec 9: Linda Yousey      | Dec 14: Jason Inzinga    | Dec 25: Dennis Bates     |
| Dec 10: Jesse Giamartino | Dec 16: Craig Burritt    | Dec 30: Richard Haberber |
| Dec 11: Carm Carmestro   | Dec 16: Nancy Kress      |                          |
| Dec 11: Jim Hare         | Dec 17: John Calaci, Jr. |                          |

## 2008 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>, 2008.

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 6th. We will be looking for the choices by January 1, 2008.

### Service Awards

#### 5 Year

Craig Lemcke  
Bob Wirth  
Mike Werner  
Phil Carris

#### 10 Year

Stephen Carter  
Aaron Horowitz

#### 15 Year

Larry Speer  
Kevin Allport

#### 25 Year

Bruce Castle

### Service Time

#### 25 Years

Tom Parizek

#### 30 Year

Mike Mackenzie

#### 40 Year

Bob Forth  
Ed Tobey



## Movie Night

*Submitted by Amy Lissow*

December's movie night is going to be on Friday, December 7 at 7:00 PM in the training room. This month's movie will be Ratatouille. Come down and bring your friends and family for a fun night with popcorn, drinks and a movie!!

## ***Commission News***

*Submitted by Ray Ward*

As you probably already have heard, Jim Bimmler has resigned from the commission so that he can take on the challenging job as the Fire Department treasurer. We would like to thank Jim for all of his dedicated service and wish him luck in his new endeavor. That being said, the commission elections will be held on December 11th, from 6:00 till 9:00. Please come down to the fire hall and show your support by voting.

The building committee has been extremely busy getting together to review the design documents for the new fire hall. We have moved the date of going to bid to December 10th. This gave us, the building committee and LeChase, our construction manager, time to review the final documents prior to going to bid. We will have the public bid opening on January 8th and hope to award the bid by the end of January. The start date has not changed, it will still be the end or March early April time frame. As you have probably noticed, the majority of the trees have been removed from the new property. If you have any question, please see any of the commissioners.

We turned in our final budget to the towns last month, the majority of the increase to pay for the bond for the new fire hall. We had a very light turnout at the public hearing. This seemed to be the norm across the state.

We opened the bids last month for the sale of the old 267. The high bid was from S & J Super Auto.

Please remember to come out and vote on December 11th to show your support for the fire commission.

From all the commissioners, I would like to wish everyone a safe and joyous Christmas season.

## ***2C26 News***

*Submitted by Jeff Mullen*

The off road vehicle committee demo-ed the last styles of vehicles we wanted to see and are presently deciding upon the top 2 vehicles (the decision should be made by the time you are reading this). We are also in the process of determining the type and design of skid mount for the rear as well as ironing out the details for the trailer, since we now have a vehicle type, we now know the height and are able to proceed in this area as well. Our tentative goal is for a presentation to the department for January's business meeting. We will continue to keep everyone informed as we go.

The building standard that we have been working to develop has been unanimously approved by the Parma Town Board at their last meeting and is going for public hearing and final approval at the Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> board meeting. As this becomes standardized, we will have a drill to explain what the details are, but I am sure you will hear of this, if you haven't already, it is a very good thing!!!

As Christmas quickly approaches, I want to take a moment to wish you all a Safe and Happy Holiday season!!

Don't forget 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

## **EMS News**

*Submitted by Kevin Corcoran*

Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving!

As previously stated, we are going to be doing electronic pcr's in the near future. I met with a company that does just that last week and signed an agreement with them so that we can start training and implementing this soon. EMS Charts who is located in Pittsburgh, PA, is well known in this area and well utilized. It is a web based program and when a chart (pcr) is entered, the possibilities with it are great. Personnel tracking, training data, call geographical data and response reports, quality assurance, message boards for members to keep informed on changes or events upcoming with charts and so much more. This will be the only reporting we will be doing in the near future. I hope to go live in early January. There will be training and familiarization to be done before we jump into it. It is a good program and easy to use once people learn it. It will be mandatory for all CFR's and EMT's to complete a chart after each and every call. No more placing paperwork in your mailboxes and waiting till later to complete them. Once comfortable with the entry system, it usually only takes 15-20 minutes to complete a chart, no longer than it would take to write one. One benefit to doing these is when you drop a patient off at the hospital, you can leave right away and get back into the district. This will be a nice treat for the drivers. The chart needs to be completed within two hours of the call whenever possible so doctors and other health care officials can view the document as needed for better care of the patient. Doctors will have a limited view of the chart and can not change anything in the document. There will be a dedicated computer in the firehouse for completing charts. So....more information to come. Keep your ears and eyes open.

As of the first of the year, there will be a new sign off / refusal form to be filled out when releasing a pt if no transport is needed or wanted. This will also be mandatory per MLREMS. There are some questions and confusion throughout the region, but we are working on getting the answers from the Second Battalion EMS Coordinator. These forms will be in the rigs soon. With that being signed, this form will then be scanned into the computer and added to the chart that is completed on EMS Charts.

I would like to thank all of you that helped out at the Applefest in October with the EMS stand. I missed the deadline last month for the article and didn't want to miss saying thank you! We had several transports and many bee stings. Once again, ALS was on location and needed for several patients. One pt was having an active heart attack while in our rig and he signed off. Medical control was called and even spoke to the patient, but the patient became violent and verbal abusive so he tore off the ekg leads and got up and out of the rig. So to say we had an interesting weekend is an understatement. Once again, Thank you to everyone that spent some time to make it another successful public relations event.

The ambulances now have new cell phones in them. The mobile chargers will be installed soon. If you notice that a phone needs charging, please feel free to hook it up. The chargers now are in the EMS office and a dispatcher can access them if needed. The numbers are the same for each rig.

Yellow group still needs a group leader to schedule coverage. If anyone can help, please let me know. Other groups are always in need of assistance also. If anyone wants to cover more shifts or newer members that want to get in more calls, please feel free to come down and ride.

Anyone that was in a drivers training class this year and needs to finish, please contact me so we can finish that up. I would like to get everyone cleared so that you can get on the road and running calls.

It seems lately that if there is no one scheduled on a group or shift, that the rig does not get on the road. We have been giving more and more calls away especially on overnights. I am not sure if people are turning their pagers off or not, but it would be nice if after four or five sets of tones go out, that someone would get up and answer the call. People in the community are calling for help and expecting for us to show up. It only takes

## ***EMS News (continued)***

*Submitted by Kevin Corcoran*

two warm bodies to make a crew. We know that Monroe is closer than they used to be and they will be on scene sooner than they used to be, but they are not being called to be the transporting agency, we are. They are the ALS to assist our crews. More often than not, there is one person waiting at the rig and we just need one more to complete the crew. Please everyone, if a call gets toned out please make every effort to answer the call. We owe it to our residents to cover calls and make sure they all get the proper attention that they called for.

Wishing everyone a Happy and Safe Holiday Season!

Kevin Corcoran

EMS Captain

## ***Ladies Auxiliary News***

*Submitted by Sue VerWulst*

We had our elections at our November meeting. The following people were elected to office. Kelly Nichols President, Mert Davenport Vice President, Cathy Carmestro Secretary, Beth Mueller Treasurer, Trustees are; Denise Montalbano, Laurie Gavigan, and Sandy Popowych. Congratulations Ladies!

We had a visitor from the Hilton Candy and More store. He told us about his store and brought samples. They were delicious. We can thank him by shopping at his store.

Marie Ward is putting together a Christmas care package for soldiers and is looking for donations. She is having a gathering at her house on Dec. 4th at 7:00 to pack up the goodies and send them off. She will have a box in her garage for drop offs before Dec. 4. I was reading an article in a magazine that was telling what items would be nice to send. beef jerky, candy, gum, reading and writing material, personal hygiene items, news from home. Some of the most requested items are homemade cookies, Kool-Aid, hot cocoa mix, instant soup, toothpaste, sunscreen, insect repellent, antacids, CDs and magazines. If you can donate anything, I'm sure you will make a lonely soldiers Christmas a little nicer.

Also Please remember the food shelf needs your help too. Fill the boxes in the lounge and help out our neighbors in need.

I would like to take this time to say thank you to everyone that I have had the opportunity to work with these past 2 1/2 years as President of the Ladies Auxiliary. It was a pleasure to have had this opportunity and a Blessing.

I would like to thank my husband John and all our children for understanding when my elected position came before them.

Just a reminder that our Christmas party is Dec. 18th, bring a recipe and get a free drink.

John and I would like to wish Everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May God Bless us all with Peace and Joy in the new year!

Don't forget your secret Pal

Respectfully submitted,

Sue VerWulst

# ***Nomination Report***

*Submitted by Amy Lissow*

Office	Candidate	Also Eligible
<b>Chief</b>	Eric Guest	All of the above plus J. Hare, M. Kalen, J. Lemcke, M. Lissow, M. McHenry, S. Speer
<b>Deputy Chief</b>	Jeff Mullen	All of the above
<b>Asst. Chief</b>	Joe Lissow	All of the above plus W. Collins, B. Lissow, M. Mullen, G. Nichols
Fire Captain (3)	Wayne Collins Mike Mullen Jeff Gates Stephen Carter Bill Porter	All of the above plus H. Johnson
Fire Lieut. (3)	Mike Hare Mike Werner	All of the above plus J. Buongiorno, P. Carris, R. Clark, B. Cusse, Ben Floyd, Bob Floyd, R. Manhardt, J. Porter, L. Speer, J. Sweeney, D. Zajonczkoski
<b>EMS Captain</b>	Kevin Corcoran	<i>N. Alton, T. Bertrand, J. Hare, A. Horowitz J. Lloyd, R. Maier, G. Nichols, D. Noltee, R. Ward, RJ Yockel, K. Yousey, D. Zobel</i>
EMS Lieut. (2)	Debbie Waterman	All of the above EMS plus W. Collins, J. Gebhardt, M. Hare, T. Hare, M. Mullen, W. Porter, L. Yousey
<b>President</b>	Richard Popowych	All of the above EMS & Fire plus J. Acton, K. Allport, P. Ayers, D. Barrett, Ryan Benson, R. Bourret, R. Bucci, C. Burritt, S. Burritt, P. Butler, A. Carris, W. Carter, B. Castle, Shawn Castle, W. Chattersson, D. Harter, R. Gillette, R. Hare, J. Heinrich, R. Hess, T. Jarvis, J. Kibby, C. Kimball, C. Lemcke, D. Lloyd, J. Maley, K. Mault, T. Mills, Jim Mullen, S. Nealon, D. Nesbitt, B. Palma, T. Parizek, M. Piper, C. Quartieri, E. Quigley, S. Reiter, W. Smith, G. Stephens, E. Stiles, B. Wirth, T. Wirth, T. Vereecke, W. Voigt, Roland Yockel, W. Zarpentine
<b>Vice-President</b>	Steve Speer	
<b>Secretary</b>	Amy Lissow	
<b>Treasurer</b>	Jim Bimmler	
<b>Trustee (1) For a 3 year term</b>	Ben Floyd	

Note: Larry Speer and Todd Meyer 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.**

# ***Nomination Report***

*Submitted by Amy Lissow*

Not eligible for any office this year: C. Barclay, D. Bates, Roger Benson, J. Calaci, C. Carmestro, C. Case, Scott Castle, C. Chick, B. Cusenz, A. Duggan, R. Floyd, R. Forth, Jim Gates, R. Gavigan, D. Gebhardt, D. Hasenauer, R. Hendershot, W. Hess, B. Jock, G. Johnson, N. Kress, M. Lage, D. Leeming, J. Lemon, C. Lissow, D. Mackenzie, M. Mackenzie, G. Morrison, J. Rice, J. Sage, D. Speer, D. Stilson, E. Tobey, B. Tobin, D. Trembeth, Russ Wright, J. VerWulst

## 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 is at bottom of this sheet) 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.

## Firefighters eligible to vote for EMS officers:

Barrett, Dick  
Collins, Wayne  
Floyd, Ben  
Guest, Eric  
Hare, Mike  
Heinrich, Jason  
Kalen, Mark  
Lissow, Joe  
Manhardt, Rodney  
Mullen, Jeff  
Nichols, Greg  
Popowych, Dick  
Quartieri, Chris  
Schwan, Jason  
Werner, Mike  
Yockel, Roland

Carter, Stephen  
Corcoran, Kevin  
Gebhardt, Jane  
Hare, Jim  
Hare, Tom  
Johnson, Matt  
Kendrick, Neil  
Lissow, Mike  
McHenry, Mike  
Mullen, Mike  
Noltee, Dave  
Porter, Bill  
Reiter, Steve  
Ward, Ray  
Wirth, Tim  
Yockel, Tim



\*\*\*\*\*If you find a discrepancy of where you think your name should be, you must contact the President before the elections. This will not be reviewed during the election meeting.

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## **10 Christmas Facts you Did Not Know**

By: [Sean Carter](#)

**The Twelve Days of Christmas:** The Twelve Days of Christmas refers to the twelve days between the Christmas Day (December 25) and the Feast of Epiphany (January 6). Tradition has it that this is the time taken by the Three Wise Men (the Magi) to reach Bethlehem to see the babe in the manger, Jesus.

**Mistletoe:** Mistletoe is a plant hung on the doorway of every American household during Christmas. The mistletoe symbolizes love, having been closely associated with Frigga, the Scandinavian's goddess of love. It's from this that the convention of kissing under the mistletoe originated.

**Hanging Stockings:** The practice of hanging stockings over the fireplace on Christmas Eve comes from England. The legend of St. Nicholas has it that the latter was a kind saint who was believed to have left gifts of gold coins in the stockings of three poor maidens, who badly needed the money for their wedding dowries. They hung their stockings to dry over the fireplace, and to their great surprise, they found bags of gold in them the next morning. Following this, children kept hanging Christmas stockings over the fireplace on Christmas Eve in the hope that Santa would drop gifts and toys in them !

**Christmas Carols:** The first carols are said to have been sung by angelic choirs at Christ's birth. St. Francis of Assisi is also accredited as the 'Father of Caroling'. The word 'carol' comes from the Greek 'charaulein', a Greek dance, later replaced by song. By the 17th century, caroling was restricted to Christmas time, and now, it's customary for kids to go caroling in groups from door to door, singing favorites such as "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing", "O Come All Ye Faithful", "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" and many more !

**Holly Boughs:** The boughs of holly are another very important symbol of Christmas. These are red berries with thorny leaves. To the Christians, the holly berries symbolize Christ's blood and the sharply pointed leaves stand for the thorns in His crown. Henceforth, the holly became part of the Nativity tradition.

**The Nativity Scene:** The Nativity Scene includes the scene at Bethlehem, when Jesus was born. The manger, the swaddling clothes, the bright star in the sky, the shepherds surrounding baby Jesus and the Three Wise Men (the Magi) form part of the scene.

**The Poinsettia:** Poinsettias are beautiful winter blooms, native to Mexico. They've been named after the first US ambassador to Mexico, Joel Roberts Poinsett, who brought the plant from its land of origin to America. Since the beginning of the 19th century, poinsettias have come to be associated with Christmas.

**Eggnog:** Eggnog, a very popular Christmas drink, is prepared by mixing cream, milk, sugar and beaten eggs with some kind of liquor. This has a close connection to the Christmas holiday, and on Christmas Eve, it's fairly common to spot groups of people eggnogging at their neighbors' and friends' places. People also gather round the Christmas tree, drinking eggnog and then move from house to house caroling.

**The Yule Log:** The yule log is a huge log used to light up big fires during festive celebrations. It originated in Europe, where it used to be placed in the hearth and continued to burn throughout the year, till it turned into ashes. Bringing in the yule log was as much a custom during the Christmas holidays as was decorating the Christmas tree. The yule log is generally placed in the fireplace. It's from this yule log that Christmas also came to be known as 'Yuletide'.

**Boxing Day:** The day after Christmas is known as the Feast of St. Stephens. The alms box of the Church was opened on Boxing Day, and the contents, known as the "dole of the Christmas box" were distributed by the parish priest among the needy. Henceforth, the day after Christmas came to be known as the Boxing Day

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