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Dates To Remember:

- ◆ 6/9 Monthly Meeting
- ◆ 6/17 Ladies Auxiliary
- ◆ 6/24 Exempts Meeting
- ◆ 6/25 Board of Directors Meeting
- ◆ All Scuttlebutt articles need to be in by 6/25

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Letter From Our Chief

Let me start off this month's article with a big "Thank You" to everyone who responded to the working fire at 1127 Hamlin Parma Town Line Road on May 6th. We had a total of 70 members at the scene which is phenomenal. While the fire scene was very hectic at first and the fire **v e r y s t u b b o r n**, we persevered. Thanks to all EMS, Fire, Explorers and the Ladies Auxiliary for making the delicious spaghetti dinner. I received more comments on how good the spaghetti dinner was then I did about the actual call!!!

Next, as I have officially completed my first year as Chief, I thought I would use this opportunity to share a few things I have learned and also a few observations. Your first few months of being Chief is very overwhelming and very stressful...so many things to do and think about. After that feeling wears off it is very easy to fall into the illusion that you are important...You have the "Chief" pager, district cell phone and don't forget the Chief's car. You are also in the public eye and receive all the accolades for the Department. In reality though, you are a department member like everyone else albeit with a higher level of responsibility.

Our membership is composed of a wide range of people, male/female, married/single, large families/smaller families, EMS/Fire, corporate, ladies auxiliary and explorers just to name a few. Our common bond throughout these groups is our passion to help the community through the EMS/Fire service. Personally, I see the main duty of the Fire Chief as channeling everyone's

unique qualities, gifts and energy and to work as a "team" to accomplish this. Remember...there is no "I" in "teamwork" and "Together Everyone Achieves More".

I'd like to congratulate you all on doing a fabulous job. Just one example of this is that just last month 101 out of 104 EMS calls were manned. The average number of people at fire calls is also up. Thank you from myself and the Hilton community. Hopefully we will continue this great level of service without the temptation to ever become complacent with what we are doing. We need to continue to strive to do even better and above all have a good attitude!

Over the last year the thing that I have grown to dislike the most about being Fire Chief is point review. While I realize we are volunteer and the Board of Directors does offer a little wiggle room, we are the members of a *service*, not *social* organization (although the socializing is a

nice plus) 😊 and we have to realize what our sole purpose is and that in any organization there are minimum standards. On a positive note, although we did have 2 people receive letters last time...one member got out due to work and the other one is diligently going to more calls.

Well, that is my abbreviated thoughts during my 1st year as Chief and again I thank you for all the support the members have given me. I hope to see you all marching at the Spencerport parade on June 12th and at Barnard on June 26th. Thanks, Eric

Training Schedule

Submitted by Joe Lissow

June Training

M/F	Mon. June 2 nd	19:00	Ground Ladders/ Tools & Equip.
M/F	Tues. June 3 rd	9:00	Ground Ladders/ Tools & Equip.
M/IF F/E	Sat. June 14 th	9:00	Initial fire Attack/ Rehab.
	Mon. June 16 th	19:00	Master Streams/ Handlines
	Tues. June 17 th	9:00	Master Streams/ Handlines
M/IF F/E	Mon. June 23 rd	19:00	Initial Fire Attack/ Driver Recert.
	Tues. June 24 th	9:00	Driver Recertification
	Mon. June 30 th	19:00	Smoke Reading/ Size Up
	Tues. July 1 st	9:00	Smoke Reading/ Size Up

*Teamwork...means
never having to
take all the blame yourself.*

2C-26 News

Submitted by Jeff Mullen

Thanks to everyone whom participated in the DWI drill at the High School, it was reported to have been quite impressive to the audience. Hopefully it will have made a lasting impression for our young drivers and we will have a safe summer!!

It is time again to educate our youth at the elementary schools. The sign up list is on the radio room window in the lounge. If you are available, please sign up to help. This is both educational for our kids as well as a rewarding experience to spend a day with the kids! Everyone whom wants to help is encouraged to participate; we will teach you if you have never done it! You don't have to stand in front and speak if you are not comfortable- there are many jobs for everyone and many hands make light work!

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!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Mon	2 Firematic Drill— Ground Ladders/ Tools & Equipment	3 Firematic Drill— Ground Ladders/ Tools & Equipment	4 Explorers – Meeting	5	6 Sun	7 Mon
8 Wed	9 Monthly Meeting	10	11 Explorers – Ground Ladders/ Tools & Equipment	12	13 Tue	14 Wed
15 Yellow	16 Firematic Drill— Master Streams/ Handlines	17 Ladies Aux Meeting Firematic Drill— Master Streams/ Handlines	18 Explorers – Pumper Efficiency	19	20 Thu	21 Yellow
22 Sun	23 Firematic Drill— Initial Fire Attack/ Drivers Recert	24 Exempt Meeting Firematic Drill— Initial Fire Attack/ Drivers Recert	25 BOD Meeting Explorers – Master Streams/ Pumper Relay	26	27 Mon	28 Sun
29 Tue	30 Firematic Drill— Smoke Reading/ Size Up					

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This Month's Birthdays – Happy Birthday To All



June 1: Bill Zarpentine
 June 2: Tracy Jarvis
 June 3: Dick Popowych
 June 5: Amy Lissow
 June 6: Jim Mullen
 June 7: Jason Wille

June 8: Jim Maley
 June 11: Tyler Frankenberger
 June 17: Tracy Reiter
 June 18: Jill Porter
 June 19: Dave Lloyd
 June 21: Mike Werner

June 24: Jill Wirth
 June 25: Brian Furtner
 June 25: Ron Bucci
 June 29: Jason Heinrich
 June 30: Ray Gillette

Commission News *Submitted by Ray Ward*

New Fire Hall – Hopefully, everyone has had a chance to check out the web cam. It is a link off of our main website page, www.hiltonfd.org. It is interesting to watch the progress. The building appears to be progressing very well. The administrative side of the building now has all the footers in place, should start taking shape once the metal starts getting here. The footers for the truck bas should begin next week.

Finance—The bond have been finalized for the new building. The money will be in the bank sometime in June.

Grants – We are working with the village and our lawyer to put a contract in place for the money exchanges that need to occur between the district and the village. We want to make sure there are no issues in next years audit. This work is part of the FEMA Grant for the existing building.

Audit—Hopefully the audit will be done by the next Scuttlebutt article, the auditor stated that he should be done in the next couple of weeks..

Next Meeting – The next meeting of the Hilton-Parma Fire District is June 4th, 7:30pm at the Fire Station.



EMS News *Submitted by Kevin Corcoran*

I want to start off with a word I learned last month after writing the EMS Scuttlebutt article. **Brevity.** (the quality of expressing much in few words; terseness) Last month's article was full of information and good reading but I guess two pages was a little much. When I get writing, it is so hard to stop. I just want everyone to know as much as possible and the scuttlebutt is usually a great information tool. Maybe I should have been a writer. Anyway, here is the article in a condensed format.

The Soccer Tournament is coming up on **June 6th-8th**. All hands are welcome and encouraged. Please see the sign up on the EMS Board in the hall. Refreshments and food will be provided for those that join in the fun annual event. We need drivers, medics and medic observers to join in.

The Boy Scouts will again be having their carnival at the town hall on **Saturday June 21st**. This is a fun event for the kids and parents and helps raise money for their organization. We have been asked to supply a rig

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Submitted by Kevin Corcoran

and a couple of medics for them and their safety. Standby will be from 12 noon to 5pm. Sign up in the hall on the EMS board.

The HAYLO (Hilton Area Youth LaCrosse Organization) will be having their annual tournament on **Saturday, June 28th** at the town hall from approximately 9am-3pm. We are looking for one rig to be staffed on scene for this event. Extra medics would be greatly appreciated. Sign up on the EMS board in the hall.

Thank you to all who showed up on Hill Rd Monday evening of Memorial Day for the Medical 500. While I was unable to make it due to work, I have been told that many of you did show up and once again showed the community what we are about. A great job was done by all. The neighbors were stunned at how many responders came in the time of need. Also, thank you to those that stayed after the call and assisted with cleaning up the house and taking the extra effort. That is what sets us apart from any other department. In time of need, we pull together. Thank you everyone for your efforts.

Thank you to all who showed up and helped out with the ReHab process at the working Fire on Town Line Rd last month. Things went very smoothly and only two minor injuries. That is a feat in itself as there were well over 100 people present between Hilton Fire/Ems and other agencies that responded. Nice job to all!

Congratulations to Jason Wille on the completion and passing of his EMT class and test. Nice job! Jason has been very active on the ambulance and in no time he should be a cleared medic.

Congratulations to Bill Palma as he is now a cleared driver on the ambulance. Bill has been riding with crews and completed his observation time. Welcome Bill and now that your ready to drive, get ready for the phone calls to cover shifts.

The Off Road Vehicle is getting closer to completion. If you haven't noticed yet, the trailer is all decaled and soon the credits will be on the front of it thanking those that made this opportunity possible such as State Senator Joe Robach and Congressman Steve Hawley. The SOG's are written and awaiting the approval of the Chief's Office and the Commissioners. Once they get approved, training will start. To all of you that have signed up for training, you will be notified of when that will take place. We are hoping to have people trained in time for the Soccer Tournament, but there is no guarantee that it will be going to the town hall with us. Details to follow.

Here is a little something written by Bill Evan, Third Battalion EMS Coordinator. I thought it would be nice to share with everyone.

Newest Members and EMT's: At some time in the past, we ALL were the newest member and looked to the Senior Members of our agency to welcome us and help us learn the ways of the organizations and community that we have signed up to serve in. Please take that extra moment to make sure that we keep these Newest members and make them feel part of the Emergency Service family, so soon they will be welcoming the next group of new members to help serve.

With that said, and even though it was not a short as I hoped, it's all good stuff.

Hope everyone has a great June!

Kevin Corcoran

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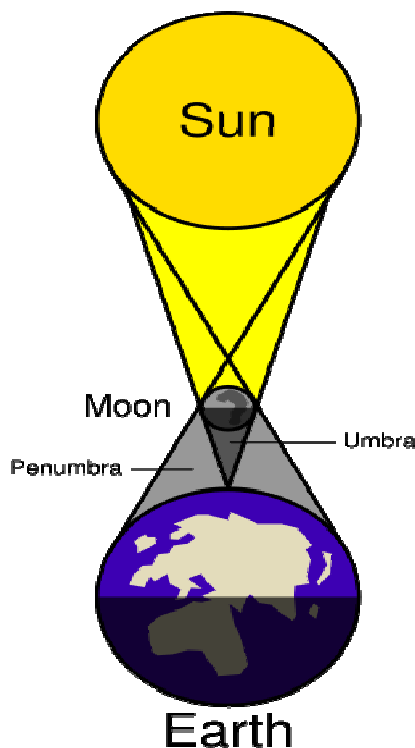
Summer Solstice

Submitted From Internet

Solstice, from the Latin for *sun stands still*, in astronomy, either of the two points on the ecliptic that lie midway between the equinoxes (separated from them by an angular distance of 90°).

At the solstices the sun's apparent position on the celestial sphere reaches its greatest distance above or below the celestial equator, about 23 1/2° of arc. At the time of summer solstice, about June 22, the sun is directly overhead at noon at the Tropic of Cancer.

In the Northern Hemisphere the longest day and shortest night of the year occur on this date, marking the beginning of summer. At winter solstice, about December 22, the sun is overhead at noon at the Tropic of Capricorn; this marks the beginning of winter in the Northern Hemisphere. For several days before and after each solstice the sun appears to stand still in the sky, i.e., its noontime elevation does not seem to change from day to day.



The diagram of a total solar eclipse, thought it was an interesting depiction of it.