



Scuttlebutt

Letter From Our Chief

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Dates To Remember:

- ◆ 12/3 Monthly Meeting—Elections
- ◆ 12/15 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting
- ◆ 12/30 Board of Directors Meeting
- ◆ 12/22 Exempts Meeting
- ◆ All Scuttlebutt articles need to be in by 12/30

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First and foremost I need to start my last article of the year by acknowledging and saying "thanks" to Dave Z for an outstanding Holiday Raffle. Although I haven't heard of the final numbers, the preliminary numbers are that this is by far the most profitable Holiday/turkey party the department has ever had.

Realizing there were many people helping out...which was great to see...Z man did another outstanding job coordinating and setting this event up. Kudos to Dave and his committee. If there was ever a year we needed this to be a success, it was this year.

December marks the end of the year 2009 and what a year it was. Some of the "interesting events" that happened to our organization are, moving into a new building, having a tornado touch down in our community during carnival, bringing in 12 new members into our "family" and ending the year with some very serious and sometimes fatal MVA's and 3 working fires. At the time of this writing we have also responded to 1079 ambulance calls and 451 fire calls, all manned by our 100% volunteer organization. This is something everyone should be very proud of whether you are a firefighter, EMS person, Explorer, Commissioner or Ladies Auxiliary members. Each group works very well together and it shows with this first class organization. I can't tell you how many people in Monroe County comment on how Hilton is a perfect example on how a Fire Department/District should operate. Again..."thank you". It certainly has been a great privilege for me to be able to represent the Hilton Fire Department as your chief.

In the last 3 weeks we have responded to 2 working fires. Thanks to everyone who has responded as these incidents were a lot of work. Luckily we only had one minor injury.

Recently there have been a few incidents in our surrounding area's that are termed "suicide by chemical" which means people mixing caustic chemicals in their vehicle's with their window's rolled up causing death. Please, if you respond to a person unconscious in a vehicle, exercise extreme caution. Mike McHenry will talk more about this at our monthly meeting.

The county is starting to receive HINI vaccination for first responders. Hilton is allotted 11 vaccinations per week. Myself and Bill Palma are working through the list of people that want these. EMS first then fire fighters. If you would like one, please contact Bill if you are EMS or myself if you are a fire fighter.

My condolences go out to Bill Palma on the passing of his mother, Barbara. Lastly, our condolences also go out to Steve Speer and his family, Greg Speer and Amy Grande on the passing of Pam Speer...wife, mother, grandmother and Ladies Auxiliary member. Pam was a great person and always a pleasure to talk to. One of my most recent memories of Pam was at Joyce Lemon's funeral. We sat together eating at the Exempt Club talking about the "trials and tribulations" of being a fire chief. Pam always told me that she loved reading my "scuttlebutt" articles. I find this ironic because I struggle every month on them. It was an honor to know Pam and I'd like to dedicate this article to her.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday season. Eric

Service Award News

Submitted by Ray Ward

The following is a list of this years recipients of an HFD service award.

5 Year

Rachael Hare
Jason Heinrich
Dick Popowych
Debbie Waterman

10 Year

Wayne Collins
Ron Bourret

15 Year

Jeff gates

20 Year

Craig Burritt
Kevin Corcoran
Joe Lissow
Tim Yockel
Dave Zajonczkoski

30 Year

Bill Smith
Tim Wirth

35 Year

Bob Floyd
Jim Hare
John Lemcke
Dale Nesbitt
John VerWulst
William 'Red' Voigt

The following will receive a commemorative pin for their number of years in the department:

15 Year

Jim Kibby

30 Year

Roger Benson
Jim Bimmler
Ken Watt

45 Year

Charlie Lissow
Jim Rice

50 Year

Claude Barclay
Ray Hendershot

If you believe your name should be here and it is not, please contact Ray Ward. If you think your name is not classified correctly, please contact the BOD. If your name appears here and it should not, please contact Ray Ward.

Exempt News

Submitted by Neil Kendrick

The exempts meet at 7pm on the 4th Tuesday of each month, except June and July. We precede each meeting with dinner and cocktails. Any past or present member of the Hilton Fire Department is automatically an associate member of the exempt club and is welcome to attend. Our next meeting is Tuesday 11/24.

Thanks to everyone that showed up to help out at the recent work details. We made a lot of progress on our to-do list and have a few other inside projects to address. Our next work detail will be tentatively scheduled for December 19th at 9am.

Reminder about the December meeting / Holiday Party (12/22). Attendees are asked to bring a dish to pass. If you aren't a "regular attendee" of the meetings and wish to join us, please drop me a line so we have enough food on hand.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Explorers – Meeting	3 Monthly Meeting—Elections	4 Thur	5 Yellow
6 Sun	7 Firematic Drill—Jeopardy	8 District Elections Firematic Drill—Jeopardy	9 Explorers – Jeopardy	10	11 Mon	12 Sun
13 Tue	14 Firematic Drill—Christmas Drill	15 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting Firematic Drill—Christmas Drill	16 BOD Meeting Explorers – Christmas Drill	17	18 Wed	19 Tue
20 Thur	21 Firematic Drill—No Drill	22 Exempt Meeting	23 Explorers – No Drill	24	25 Yellow Merry Christmas	26 Thur
27 Mon	28 Firematic Drill—Turn Out Gear & Truck Inventory	29 Firematic Drill—Turn Out Gear & Truck Inventory	30 BOD Meeting Explorers – No Drill	31		

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This Month's Birthdays – Happy Birthday To All



Dec 7: Ed Tobey

Dec 9: Linda Yousey

Dec 11: Carm Carmestro

Dec 11: Jim Hare

Dec 13: Charlie Lissow

Dec 13: Pat Kelly

Dec 14: Russ Wright

Dec 16: Craig Burrirt

Dec 17: Matt Thompson

Dec 21: Bobby Wirth

Dec 22: Tom Bertrand Sr.

Dec 25: Dennis Bates

2010 Nomination Report

Submitted by Amy Lissow

Office	Candidate	Also Eligible
Chief	Eric Guest	J. Hare, M. Kalen, J. Lemcke, J. Lissow, M. Lissow, M. McHenry, S. Speer
Deputy Chief		All of the above plus W. Collins
Asst. Chief	Wayne Collins	All of the above plus S. Carter, J. Gates, B. Lissow, M. Mullen, G. Nichols
Fire Captain (3)	Jeff Gates Stephen Carter Bill Porter Mike Werner	All of the above plus H. Johnson, Ben Floyd
Fire Lieut. (3)	Ben Floyd Phil Carris	All of the above plus J. Buongiorno, R. Clark, B. Cusse, Bob Floyd, R. Manhardt, S. Reiter, L. Speer, J. Sweeney, D. Zajonczkoski
EMS Captain	Bill Palma	N. Alton, T. Bertrand, K. Corcoran, J. Hare, J. Heinrich, A. Horowitz, R. Maier, G. Nichols, R. Ward, D. Waterman, RJ Yockel, D. Zobel
EMS Lieut. (2)	Matt Johnson Jeff Thompson	All of the above EMS plus W. Collins, J. Gebhardt, T. Kadlubowski, M. Mullen, B. Porter
President	Richard Popowych	All of the above EMS & Fire plus K. Allport, D. Barrett, Ryan Benson, J. Bimmler, R. Bourret, R. Bucci, C. Burritt, S. Burritt, P. Butler, C. Carmestro, W. Carter, B. Castle, W. Chatterson, A. Duggan, D. Harter, R. Gillette, T. Jarvis, N. Kendrick, J. Kibby, C. Kimball, T. Krewer, A. Maier, Jim Mullen, S. Nealon, D. Nesbitt, M. Piper, J. Porter, W. Smith, E. Stiles, J. Wille, B. Wirth, T. Wirth, W. Voigt, Roland Yockel, T. Yockel, K. Yousey, L. Yousey
Vice-President	Steve Speer	
Secretary	Amy Lissow	
Treasurer	Pat Ayers	
Trustee (1) For a 3 year term	Todd Meyer	

Note: Rich Maier and Larry Speer are currently serving ongoing Trustee terms for 2010.

The Board of Directors consists of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, 3 Trustees, 3 Chiefs and EMS Captain.

2009 Nomination Report (continued)

Submitted by Amy Lissow

Not eligible for any office this year: S. Anderson, B. Attridge, C. Barclay, D. Bates, Roger Benson, T. Bischooping, A. Carris, C. Chick, B. Cusenz, P. Drescher, R. Forth, J. Fox, M. Furia, B. Furtner, T. Furtner, Jim Gates, R. Gavigan, D. Gebhardt, T. Green, R. Hare, M. Hare T. Hare, D. Hasenauer, S. Hebblethwaite, R. Hendershot, R. Hess, W. Hess, T. Hutchings, G. Johnson, P. Johnson, M. Lage, A. Lalik, A. Larry, D. Leeming, C. Lemcke, C. Lissow, J. Lloyd, D. Mackenzie, M. Mackenzie, J. Maley, L. Mault, B. Moore, G. Morrison, Jeff Mullen, D. Noltee, T. Parizek, C. Quartieri, T. Reiter, J. Rice, J. Sage, J. Schwan, C. Schmitt, D. Speer, G. Stephens, D. Stilson, L. Thompson, E. Tobey, D. Trembeth, B. Trowbridge, J. VerWulst, P. Wallace, J. Wallenbeck, G. Weaver, L. Weaver, D. Weber, Russ Wright, J. Yockel, B. Zarpentine, J. Zobel

Remember:

Probationary members, corporate members, honorary members, and members not in good standing are not eligible to vote.

Associate members vote for Business Officers only.

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.

*******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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