



Scuttlebutt

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Dates To Remember:

- ◆ 2/9 Monthly Meeting
- ◆ 2/17 Ladies Auxiliary
- ◆ 2/24 Exempts Meeting
- ◆ 2/25 Board of Directors Meeting
- ◆ All Scuttlebutt articles need to be in by 2/25

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Letter From Our Chief

While thinking about the topics that I'd like to write about this month, my thoughts keep coming back to the passing of Kerry Mault. Kerry's cancer diagnosis and ultimate passing within such a short time span should be a lesson for each of us: Life is short, tomorrow is not a guarantee and everyday is a gift which holds endless opportunities...opportunities to give and to make a positive difference in the lives of those around us or to take our time here for granted and/or use it in ways that are negative and even hurtful. I'm not referring to anyone specifically here, so please don't try and read between the lines, although I'm sure that we can each fall into either category at various times.

For us members of the Hilton Fire Department, everyday is specifically an opportunity to serve the people in the Hilton community, and most often it's while they are experiencing a difficult, distressful and/or even tragic circumstance. With the close of January, which is a month of making resolutions for the year to come, and with thoughts of Kerry, let's choose to resolve, individually and as a whole, to be the best that we can be...**for others** and do the best that we can do...**for others...** while remembering that, "Great opportunities to help others seldom come, but small ones surround us daily".

This leads me to another topic that I'd like to mention...Recruitment. I would like for our Department to have "recruitment of new members" be a focus of this year. It is important to make one point clear: There is no substitute for genuine face-to-face personal interactions when it comes to recruitment. Nothing – absolutely nothing – has proven more effective for getting recruitment results than one person befriending another and through the course of normal conversation asking that person if they had ever considered volunteering in the EMS or Fire service. Nothing works better than

that, so please try to be mindful of recruiting new members during the course of the day and interaction with others.

I anticipate numerous opportunities in the future for recruitment due to the building of our new Fire Department facility. There will be a formal open house after completion sometime this spring and more information will be forthcoming from Assistant Chief Wayne Collins in the future.

Please remember too that every member should always behave in a way that would draw others to the EMS and Fire service, especially when we are wearing EMS and Fire Department apparel. While actions always speak louder than words, in reality our words say an awful lot as well. Do we gossip and belittle others or do we use our words to build up each other and the morale of the department? Do we complain and condemn or do we try to be part of the solution and offer our friendship and respect?

While we're on the subject of members who contribute to the department in a positive way, please feel free to offer your recommendation for the People's Choice Award this year. The ballot box can be found in the lounge.

I'd like to offer my condolences to Sandra Popowich and her family on the passing of her brother and to Wayne Collins and his family on the passing of his mother-in-law. By the way...Bims...you did a great job with Kerry's eulogy. Thank you also to everyone who was able to attend the service. I know it meant a lot to Kerry's family.

Last but certainly not least, please be sure to welcome home Dennis Bates who recently returned from his 1 year tour in Afghanistan defending our country from terrorists. Dennis is a great asset to the department and it's great to have him back. Welcome home Dennis! Thanks, Eric

Training Schedule

Submitted by Jeff Gates

Here is the training schedule for February:

Monday 2-2 Blood Bourne Mandatory

Tuesday 2-3 Blood Bourne Mandatory

Monday 2-16 Water Rescue

Tuesday 2-17 Water Rescue

Monday 2-23 Ropes Knots with simple hauling systems

Tuesday 2-24 Ropes Knots with simple hauling systems

With the new Scott SCBA'S on the way we need to get all interior Firefighters fit tested before they go into service. The week of Feb 23rd to the 28th we will be doing the fit test. The test takes about 15 minutes to do and listed below are the dates and times for that week. If you have any questions or will not be able to make one of the dates contact Captain Porter or Me. Sign up sheets will be posted at the Firehouse.

Monday 2-23 at 4pm

Tuesday 2-24 at 8am

Wednesday 2-25 at 6pm

Thursday 2-26 at 6pm

Friday 2-27 at 6pm

Saturday 2-28 at 9am

We are still working on bringing some state courses to Hilton, Ice water rescue and AVET (the states extrication class). There are some others in the works and I will fill you in as I get more information on them. There is a sign up sheet for the State Extrication Class posted on the training board now please sign up if you are interested. We are trying to get an accurate number to see if we need to open the class to other area Departments. The class is 16 hours long please be able to commit to this before you sign up we have had problems in the past with people not showing and have almost had classes canceled at the last minute.

In house training classes has and will continue to be posted on the board. The in house HURST tool operator's certification sign up sheet has been posted on the training board. Captain Porter and Lieutenant Floyd will be holding this class in March. In the next few weeks I will be posting an aerial operators class for 260 and this will be held in the spring once the weather breaks

If you have missed the Mandatory Goals drill please see me for the DVD and test

Anyone that has training ideas or classes you might be interested in get with me and we can see if we can make it happen

Captain
Jeff Gates

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Firematic Drill— Mandatory-Blood Bourne	3 Firematic Drill— Mandatory-Blood Bourne	4 Explorers – Meeting	5	6	7
8	9 Monthly Meeting	10	11 Explorers – TBD	12	13 Movie Night	14 Happy Valentine's Day
15	16 Firematic Drill— Water Rescue	17 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting Firematic Drill— Water Rescue	18 Explorers – TBD	19	20	21
22	23 Firematic Drill— Ropes & Knots	24 Exempt Monthly Dinner Meeting Firematic Drill— Ropes & Knots	25 BOD Meeting Explorers – TBD	26	27	28

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Submit Scuttlebutt Articles via Email to Scuttlebutt@hiltonfd.org Articles Due 2/25

This Month's Birthdays – Happy Birthday To All



Feb 1: Joan Kohler
Feb 2: RJ Yockel
Feb 2: Donna Allport
Feb 4: Bill Palma
Feb 5: Andrew Sweeney
Feb 6: Ryan Nichols
Feb 9: Tim Yockel
Feb 11: Amy Grande

Feb 11: Anne Duggan
Feb 11: Jeremy Hasenauer
Feb 12: Ben Floyd
Feb 13: Bob Cusse, Jr.
Feb 14: Jim Kibby
Feb 15: Ray Hendershot
Feb 16: Bill Hess
Feb 16: Tom Hare

Feb 19: Michael Furia
Feb 23: Marge Fisher
Feb 24: Ray Ward
Feb 25: Jan Lloyd
Feb 26: Roland Yockel
Feb 27: Don Harter
Feb 28: Claude Barclay

Service Award News

Submitted by Ray Ward

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

5 Year

Bill Palma
Chris Quarteri*
Gordon Stephens*

10 Year

Tom Bertran
Tim Jarvis*
Kevin Yousey*
Linda Yousey*
Steve Reiter
Amy Lissow*

15 Year

Ron Bucci
RJ Yockel
Mike Mullen*
Jill Porter*

20 Year

Roger Clark*

25 Year

Mark Kalen
Mike Lissow
Jan Lloyd*
Eric Guest*
Don Harter
Ray Ward

35 Year

Bill Chatterson
Steve Speer*

50 Year

Steve Burritt*

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

10 Year

Jim Malley

15 Year

Bob Cuseniz

30 Year

Joyce Lemon

35 Year

Dan Leeming

40 Year

Gerald Morrison

Please note the names with an * after them. These are the people that need to contact me to let me know what they would like to receive for their service award for this year. As can also be noted, there is a significant number of recipients this year and I have tried to contact each of them. I have either not been able to contact those or they have not yet indicated what they would like to receive. Please contact me as soon as possible with your decision.



EMS News
Submitted by Kevin Corcoran

I want to start off by thanking the large number of members that showed up for the annual Goals drill and CPR refresher.

I would also like to say Thank you to all that staffed the ambulance and Off road vehicle for the Boy Scouts Klondike Derby on Saturday January 24th at the town hall. The scouts had a campout the night before and had a fun filled day of events on Saturday. The day was also a great training day for those on the off road vehicle as they were able to spend time in the woods and trails getting a better feel for how the vehicle handles with the tracks on it. More training on the vehicle will be set up in the near future.. Keep your eyes posted for dates to come.

Congratulations to Patty Ayers on the receipt of her newly recertified EMT card through Rapid Recert. Nice job Patty! Congratulations to Adam Maier on his promotion to First Medic on the ambulance. Adam has worked very hard to get where he is. Once again, Nice Job!

The EMS office will be meeting with the Stryker company to discuss the possibilities of purchasing new stair chairs. Details to follow.

We are still working on deciding which electronic scheduler program to go with. We are currently trying a couple and looking at some others. Please make sure to go to the websites and try them out and let our office know what you think. There has been a lot of positive responses so far and we are looking for more before making a decision.

We have been working on getting the certifications spreadsheet up to date. Please take a look at the sheet hanging up on the EMS board and the training board and see what copies of certifications you may need to show us proof of and please make a copy and leave in the EMS mailboxes.

There will be an EMS standby coming up on March 1st at the High School for the Hilton Wrestling group. Take a look at the sign up and see what help you can give. The standby is from 930 am till approx. 230 pm.

Just a reminder about food and drinks in the rigs. If you must stop and get a snack or drink on the return home from the hospital, please make sure to remove your trash prior to leaving the hall after a call. The next crew coming on should not have to clean up after the previous crew.

We would also like to keep the family of Firefighter Kerry Mault in our prayers due to his recent passing. Thank you to all who attended his memorial service and those that served as Honor Guard.

Thank you and have a great month. As always, feel free to contact and officer with any concerns.

Kevin Corcoran

Memorial Committee

Submitted by Todd Meyer

Just a reminder to all....Brick Sales for our new Memorial Park are still for sale and would make a great gift. All current and past Firefighters, EMS personnel, Ladies Auxiliary, Explorers as well as Associate, Honorary and Corporate Members are eligible to be part of this project. Please pass on the word to anyone who may not receive a Scuttlebutt, we are trying to get this to as many current and past members as possible. We have begun ordering the monument, flag poles and LED sign for the project and things are really taking shape! Contact any of the committee members if you have a question. Thanks!

Bill Carter, Todd Meyer, Anne Dugan, Dick Popowych, Brian Lissow, Tim Wirth, Jeff Gates & Don Stilson

Ladies Auxiliary News

Submitted by Beth Mueller

I don't know about anyone else but January just flew by, the good news is one less month of winter. Our next chicken barbeque is scheduled for March 28th, tickets will be the same price as last year, \$7.00 advanced sale or \$8.00 at the door. Thank you in advance to the fire department for their support in our fundraiser. If you need tickets see our chairperson Mary Hebblethwaite or any auxiliary member.

Don't forget your secret pal, if you have not heard from your secret pal by our next meeting see Donna Allport.

We are still collecting recipes for our cookbook; we are looking for recipes from any and everyone (you do not have to be an auxiliary member to submit).

Our next meeting will be February 17th @ 7:15; meetings are open to anyone who might be interested or curious about joining our group. All are welcome.

Until next month be safe month and stay warm.

Movie Night

Submitted by Bob Floyd

February's movie night is going to be on Friday, February 13 at 7:00 PM in the training room. This month's movie will be a surprise. Come down and bring your friends and family for a fun night with popcorn, drinks and a movie!!





Hilton Volunteer Fire Department

Memorial Park

Brick Engraving Fundraiser

The Hilton Fire Department is excited to offer our members the chance to be a part of our new Fire Department. A memorial garden area (aka. "The Memorial Park") is being created with a central monument, flag poles, seating wall and an engraved paver area. We are currently offering all current and past members the chance to have their names permanently engraved into a paver brick in our Memorial Park. All current and past Firefighters, EMS personnel, Ladies Auxiliary, Explorers as well as Associate, Honorary and Corporate Members are eligible to be part of this project. Please help us raise money to complete this project and become a permanent part of this historic project. Thank you for your support!

Pricing : \$100.00 per brick
Please contact us for special pricing on orders of 5 or more bricks.

Payment : Payment for the bricks must be done at the time the order is placed. No bricks will be engraved until full payment has been received. Check or Money Order are the only acceptable forms of payment.

Make all checks payable to: The Hilton Fire Department

Mail Payment and Order Form to: Hilton Fire Department
 PO Box 770
 Hilton, NY 14468

Questions : Any questions about the purchase of the bricks should be brought to the attention of Bill Carter or Todd Meyer.
 Bill Carter: 392-3018
 Todd Meyer: tmeyer@rmlandscape.com

Deadline for ordering will be March 1, 2009

Name : _____

Address : _____

Phone # _____

E-Mail : _____

Engraving Information

Please complete a separate order form for every brick you are ordering

Please place only one letter, space or character per box. Double check all of your spelling. Once bricks are engraved they can not be changed.

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Valentine's Day

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Valentine's Day or **Saint Valentine's Day** is a holiday celebrated on February 14 by many people throughout the world. In the West, it is the traditional day on which lovers express their love for each other by sending Valentine's cards, presenting flowers, or offering confectionery. The holiday is named after two among the numerous Early Christian martyrs named Valentine. The day became associated with romantic love in the circle of Geoffrey Chaucer in the High Middle Ages, when the tradition of courtly love flourished.

An alternative theory from Belarus states that the holiday originates from the story of Saint Valentine, who upon rejection by his mistress was so heartbroken that he took a knife to his chest and sent her his still-beating heart as a token of his undying love for her. Hence, heart-shaped cards are now sent as a tribute to his overwhelming passion and suffering.

The day is most closely associated with the mutual exchange of love notes in the form of "valentines." Modern Valentine symbols include the heart-shaped outline, doves, and the figure of the winged Cupid. Since the 19th century, handwritten notes have largely given way to mass-produced greeting cards. The sending of Valentines was a fashion in nineteenth-century Great Britain, and, in 1847, Esther Howland developed a successful business in her Worcester, Massachusetts home with hand-made Valentine cards based on British models. The popularity of Valentine cards in 19th-century America was a harbinger of the future commercialization of holidays in the United States.

The U.S. Greeting Card Association estimates that approximately one billion valentines are sent each year worldwide, making the day the second largest card-sending holiday of the year behind Christmas. The association estimates that women purchase approximately 85 percent of all valentines.

