



Scuttlebutt

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Dates To Remember:

- ◆ 9/14 Monthly Meeting—Dinner Meeting
- ◆ 9/15 Ladies Auxiliary
- ◆ 9/30 Board of Directors Meeting
- ◆ All Scuttlebutt articles need to be in by 9/27

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Letter From Our Chief

With summer behind us and fall approaching us, this is the season for school buses and children. When driving, please be aware of school children.

While I was not at the last monthly meeting, I asked Deputy Chief Joe Lissow to make mention about some recent incidents involving people's turnout gear being tampered with. Because this is such a serious issue, I must reiterate that if you are caught tampering with someone's turnout gear, you will be expelled. My number one priority as Chief is the safety of our members and this will not be tolerated.

Congratulations to our newest members: Mike Furia, Bryan Furtner, Steve Hebblethwaith, Todd Bishoping, Adam Larry, Jerry Weaver, Laurie Mault and Jacob Wallenbach. Welcome to the Hilton Fire Department family. The Fire Department is fortunate to have all of this "new blood" in our organization.

As I said in the beginning of this article, fall is upon us and which also means Apple Fest. This year it will be held on Saturday, October 3d and Sunday October 4th. As with everything else this year, this will provide some unique challenges. While I am not so concerned about our vehicle's getting out of the Fire Station, my issue is getting you, the volunteers, to our station for emergencies. With that being said, we will have stand by's at the Fire-hall for both days. Lunch will be

provided and though we already had our open house I would ask that we wear our Class B uniforms. With the Applefest being right across the street, I believe there will be a lot of interest from the public to look around at our new station.

While I don't want to steal Capt. Corcoran's thunder, there will be an EMS meeting later in the month. Last year we had two of these meetings. The Chief's office and the EMS office thought it would be a good idea to have one again to discuss any operational issues...things we are doing right and things we could improve on.

Recently we have had a number of fairly serious motor vehicle accidents. Thank you to everybody who has showed up. I personally can't believe the number of accidents we are responding to with the weather being so nice.

Lastly, my wife, Kelly and I, would like to thank all of you who responded to my house recently when our youngest son, Kolbe, took a tumble and banged his head. I wasn't home at the time but you could imagine my shock when my pager said my address!

I would like to thank you all personally, but with so many of you showing up, I simply can't remember everyone who was there. I can tell you though that there is no substitute for our local volunteers on our ambulance showing up. Although, Monroe does a great job, they just can't offer the relief you feel when local people you know come walking through your door.

Thanks, Eric

Finance News

Submitted by Finance Committee

Reminder that budgets are **due by September 7th**. Written budgets should be placed in Pat Ayers mailbox. If budgets are not submitted, **NO 2010 budget will be given!**

HFD Pilot Recertification Program

Submitted by Debbie Waterman

To renew certification through HFD's Pilot Recertification Program, an EMT must complete at least 72 hours of appropriate continuing education which includes:

- 24 hours of Refresher Training (core content classes).
- At least 48 hours of additional continuing education (CME) requirements. This must include 3 hours of Geriatrics and 3 hours of WMD/Terrorism. NYS allows 24 hours for CME self-study articles, publications, video and/or internet training and 8 hours for teaching CPR (can only be used once for each recertification period).
- CPR Certification.
- Verification of proficiency in skills must be achieved by direct observation, quality assurance or practical skills examination. Only a Training Officer or the Medical Director may sign-off on this.

To participate in the Pilot Program, the EMT must be currently certified and actively participating in providing pre-hospital care. Your application to renew your certification must be postmarked at least **45 days** before, but no more than 9 months prior to their current certification expiration date. **Participants cannot allow their certification to expire during the program. Expired certifications are not eligible for renewal in this program.** If your certification expires, you will need to enroll in a standard refresher course.

The above requirements are solely the responsibility of the recertifying EMT. HFD provides CORE classes every year; you have 3 years to take these. Asking a CIC the week of recertification is not acceptable.

A reminder will be sent to you approximately 2-3 months prior to your recertification postmark date. It is your responsibility to get required classes and CME done, not HFD's. It is suggested you keep your copies of recert paperwork for comparison and proof. When CME is acquired outside of HFD, provide Hilton with a double-sided copy of the class sign-in sheet or the outside training form.

When you receive your new EMT card, please place a copy of it in the EMS Office.

Exempt Club News-Correction

Submitted by Jim Mullen

I wish to apologize for my error about the Exempt Club Alarm System.

I had reversed the colors on the keypad in my report. When it is **Red** the alarm is **on**. When it is **green** the alarm is **off**. My spell check and my proof reader (me) didn't catch the mistake. All the rest of my article was correct. Please make these corrections and accept my apology for my error.

Thanks, Jim

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Explorers – Meeting	3	4 Tue	5 Wed
6 Yellow	7 Labor Day	8	9 Explorers – LDH Hose	10	11 Thur	12 Yellow
13 Sun	14 Monthly Meeting— Dinner Meeting	15 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting	16 Explorers – EMS Practical	17	18 Mon	19 Sun
20 Tue	21 Firematic Drill— Interior Attack & Hoselines	22	23 Explorers - Vehicle Extraction	24	25 Wed	26 Tue Chicken Barbecue
27 Thur	28 Firematic Drill— Air Consumption	29	30 BOD Meeting Explorer— Family Night			

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This Month's Birthdays – Happy Birthday To All



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| Sep. 5: Larry Speer | Sep. 16: Don Stilson | Sep. 22: Adam Larry, Sr. |
| Sep. 5: Sandy Popowych | Sep. 18: Bill Carter | Sep. 24: Bob Cusenz |
| Sep. 6: Jim Bimmler | Sep. 19: Mark Lage | Sep. 24: Joe Yockel |
| Sep. 9: Jeff Mullen | Sep. 19: Chris Quarteri | Sep. 24: Janet Heinrich |
| Sep. 10: Roger Gavigan | Sep. 21: Jane Gebhardt | Sep. 25: Brandon Tobin |
| Sep. 13: Thomas Krewer | Sep. 22: Dave Zajonczkoski | Sep. 27: Al Carris |
| Sep. 15: Charlotte Bimmler | Sep. 22: Joe Guest | |
| Sep. 16: Marie Ward | Sep. 22: Robert Cusse III | |

Hilton Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary Chicken BBQ



Saturday, September 26, 2009
At the Fire Dept. (Take out ONLY)
Noon till Gone

Tickets:

\$7:00 Advance Sale
(Pick up by 3:00 pm)

\$8.00 Day of Sale

Internet Humor–Child's Reply

Submitted by Jim Mullen

"Give me a sentence about a public servant," said a teacher.? The small boy wrote: "The fireman came down the ladder pregnant." The teacher took the lad aside to correct him.? "Don't you know what pregnant means?" she asked.? "Sure," said the young boy confidently.? "It means carrying a child."?

CPR

Submitted by Jan Lloyd

To all members of the Hilton Fire Department:

We have taught or refreshed 10,000 students over the past 20 years. For those that did not know, HFD has been an American Heart Association Training Center since fall of 1989. That is 20 years of teaching from your fellow members who have given countless hours to maintain equipment and keep their teaching requirements. (That is a minimum of 500 students new & refreshers per year for 20 years.) We must also recognize each agency in the 2nd and 4th Battalions that have been training their members through our training center.

We are hosting a CPR/AED class for the public
through Hilton Parma Recreation.
The class will be Tuesday-November 10 & Thursday-November 12
at the Hilton Fire Department.

If any member's family would like to take this class, there is a sign up sheet in my mail box. Limited to 10. (If we have more we can host a class for family members!) We are still working out some bugs with the new computer system at the new hall but it is nice to walk into the closet and not have stuff falling. Thanks to the Commissioners for remembering the CPR Instructors!

If anyone is interested in becoming a CPR Instructor, please put a note in my mail box. I will forward it to the EMS Office as we were asked to host a class this winter (January or February).

Thanks to all that have supported this life saving training!

Ladies Auxiliary News

Submitted by Beth Mueller

Summer was here and gone before we had a real chance to enjoy it. Thank you to everyone who worked carnival this year, everyone working together made everything run smoothly as possible even with Mother Nature running against us.

We are putting on a dinner for the department on September 14th, you should be getting a call from the phone tree on what you are requested to bring. If you did not get a call please let me know.

Don't forget our Chicken Barb-B-Q, Saturday September 26th, advanced ticket sales are available from any Auxiliary member.

Please plan on attending our next meeting September 15th, we will be presenting our annual budget for 2009-2010.

On a last note, thank you for all the best wishes while I was recovering from my unexpected surgery.

Don't forget your Secret Pal, and see you at our next meeting September 15th.

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Hilton Fire Department Family Picnic



Sunday, September 13, 2008
HFD Carnival Grounds
From 12pm-4pm
Inflatable's in the afternoon
Picnic Lunch will be served at 3pm

Sign up in the Fire Hall Mailroom– Look for the yellow box to submit your name and the number of family members attending!