



Scuttlebutt

Letter From Our Chief

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Dates To Remember:

- ◆ 10/11 Monthly Meeting-Clambake
- ◆ 10/19 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting
- ◆ 10/27 Board of Directors Meeting
- ◆ All Scuttlebutt articles need to be in by 10/27

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If you need a physical for 2010 and couldn't attend the mass physical last month, you can contact Cindy Rom-bout at 395-6051 to schedule an ap-pointment. If you are not sure if you need one, the rule of thumb is, if you are a firefighter and you are 50 years old or older then you need one every year...age 40-50 needs one every 2 years and under 40 every 3 years. EMS volunteers can get one every 3 years if they want one. If you have any questions please con-tact me.

Open house is fast approaching and is scheduled for October 10th. I am sure Deputy Chief Joe Lissow will have more information on this but if you can spare the time, please come down and help. Other than our parade, this is probably the second best time to showcase our best as-set...you, the members!

The following Sunday, October 17th will be when Monroe County switches to narrow banding which means all active members will need

to come down and have their pagers reprogrammed for them to work. Cap-tain Steve Carter will have more on this at our monthly meeting.

It has come to my attention that in the last few fill-ins, the truck has left without an officer. Please remember that our intention is to have every fill-in truck staffed with an officer and then it needs to wait a reasonable amount of time.

Thank you to everyone...and there were a lot of you...who responded to the reported house fire on Carter Drive in the early morning hour. We were very fortunate that it didn't turn into a working house fire.

One last thanks from myself and my family for the flowers and cards from both the Fire Department and Ladies Auxiliary in honor of the birth of our 9th child. MaryGrace Faustina was born Friday morning, September 17th. Thanks again, Eric

2C26 News

Submitted by Joe Lissow

Fire Prevention Activities for October

Fire Prevention week this year is October 3rd through October 9th. With that there are a lot of activities planned for the month. We really could use some help with these events. Here is a list of activities so far.

Oct. 2-3 Fire Safety Trailer at the Apple Fest – Signup sheets at the firehouse

Monday Oct. 4th – Fire Trucks to visit the Quest school - 9:00am – 12:30pm

Tuesday Oct. 5th – Fire Trucks to visit the Village Elementary- 9:15am-2:30pm

Wed. Oct 6th- Fire Trucks to visit the Hilton Community Day Care- 10:00am

Thurs. Oct. 7th – Fire Trucks to visit the rest of Village Elementary – 9:15-2:30pm

Friday Oct 8th- Fire House Tour @ 9:30am

Friday Oct 15th Fire House Tour and Safety Trailer- Session 1 @ 9:30am, Session 2 @ 1:30pm

Sunday, October 10th will be the first open house at 120 Old Hojack Lane. There are a lot of events and demonstrations planned for the day and we will need help. The open house will take place from **12:00noon until 3:00pm**. Flyers for the open house will be distributed in the schools, and it has been advertised in the Suburban News so we hope to have a lot of visitors. Also on the 10th @ 1:00pm the Memorial Park, Sign and Bell in front of the firehouse will be dedicated during a short ceremony. I would hope to have a good showing on this day from our members.

Monday Night, Oct 18th @ 7:00pm, drill for this evening will be a Public Relations Drill. The plan is to get out into the neighborhoods and assist our residents with any questions they may have in regards to smoke detectors and how to test them and change batteries and any other questions we can answer for them. This night has also been advertised in the Suburban News.

That is about it for now, Signup sheets for the school events are posted at the firehouse.

Again we really could use some help with these events. If you have the time, please sign up at the firehouse. This is a very important month and we have the opportunity to reflect a very positive image of our fire department in our schools and the community that they have become accustomed to.

On September 24, the Hilton Parma Senior Citizens visited the firehouse for a tour and a safety program. This program was very well received by the group and the fire department as a whole received a lot of very positive comments. Thank You to John Duggan, Anne Duggan, Jim Kibby, Mike Lissow, Amy Lissow and Dan Hasenauer Sr. for making this day happen.

That's it for now, Joe

Scuttlebutt News

Submitted by Ray Ward

This will be the last printed copy of the Scuttlebutt that you will receive via the Post Office. We have not had luck in getting personnel to take care of getting the copies delivered to the Post Office in a timely manner. I will still post this on our department website, as long as I continue to be the editor of this newsletter.

I am willing to send a copy via email to any individuals that wish. The procedure to receive it is to send me an email requesting that I send it to you. I will build an email address list of the members requesting this. The email address is rayward@gmail.com.

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | 1 Mon | 2 Sun <i>Apple-</i> |
| 3 Tue <i>fest</i> | 4 Firematic Drill— Ventilation | 5 Firematic Drill— Ventilation | 6 Explorers – Meeting | 7 | 8 Wed | 9 Tue |
| 10 Thur | 11 Monthly Meeting— Clambake | 12 | 13 Explorers – Ventilation | 14 | 15 Yellow | 16 Thur |
| 17 Mon Pager Programming | 18 Firematic Drill— Public Relations | 19 EMS Drill Ladies Auxiliary Meeting Firematic Drill— Public Relations | 20 Explorers – Search & Rescue | 21 | 22 Sun | 23 Mon |
| 24 Wed | 25 Firematic Drill— Interior Fire Attack | 26 Firematic Drill— Interior Fire Attack | 27 BOD Meeting Explorers - Interior Attack | 28 | 29 Tue | 30 Wed |
| 31 Yellow Happy Halloween | | | | | | |

2010

This Month's Birthdays – Happy Birthday To All



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| Oct 2: Donna Lemcke | Oct 7: Eric Guest | Oct 14: Dick Mackenzie |
| Oct 2: Cody Wilson | Oct 9: Sue VerWulst | Oct 23: Denise Mohr |
| Oct 3: Diane Johnson | Oct 10: Gerald Weaver | Oct 25: Greg Nichols |
| Oct 6: Courtney Wehbring | Oct 11: Dawn Buscemi | Oct 31: Jim Rice |
| Oct 6: Justin Hofschneider | | |

Ladies Auxiliary News

Submitted by Beth Mueller

As I look out the window, fall has begun. The leaves are turning and the air is getting cooler, where did summer go? It seems like we were just discussing parades and carnival and now we are headed towards the holiday season, and when you walk into any store you would think the holidays are already here.

We have a couple of things coming up this month starting with Open House October 10th; please remember to bring approx. 3 dozen cookies to either the fire house kitchen (mark open house on them) or drop off at Chuckie's house. Walker is hosting their annual Fall Frolic on Tuesday Oct. 12th, car pooling from the hall @ 6 p.m. leaving at 6:15, I have requested the Van.

By now you should have received or will be receiving a call from the nomination committee, please consider running for an office.

We still have some roast beef left, if interested call me at 330-3580.

Our next meeting is scheduled for October 19th at 7:15.

Remember your Secret Pal!

Memorial Park Committee News

Submitted by Todd Meyer

Please join us for the grand opening ceremony and dedication of our "Memorial Park". All current and past members as well as the public are encouraged to attend.

When: Sunday October the 10th at 1:00 pm

Where: In front of the Fire Department @ 120 Old Hojack Lane

If anyone is still interested in purchasing bricks or plaques, please see the attached forms. Please note that due to the method of engraving, it may take several weeks for new orders to be processed.

Training News

Submitted by Wayne Collins

October 4th; **Ventilation: Mandatory**

October 5th; **Ventilation: Mandatory 9:00am**

October 11th; Monthly Meeting

October 18th; Public Relations Drill

October 19th; Public Relations Drill, **9:00am**

October 19th; Suicides, Psychiatrics, Crime Scenes, Overdoses, **9:00am EMS**

October 19th; Suicides, Psychiatrics, Crime Scenes, Overdoses, **EMS**

October 25th; **Interior Fire Attack & Hoselines Last One** Drivers Recertification **18:30**

October 26th; **Interior Fire Attack & Hoselines Last One** Drivers Recertification 9:00am

Fall is upon us which means leaves falling, rainy weather, wet road conditions= slippery drive safely give yourself room to stop. Also children love leaf piles no matter where they are!!! Deer are also starting to move more being that time of year. **Last Make-Up date is Saturday November 6th @ 8:00am.** Any questions on Mandatory Drills or Drills in general contact Captain Carter or myself Assistant Chief Collins.



Hilton Volunteer Fire Department

Memorial Park

Brass Plaque Fundraiser

After several requests from our members, we have opened up another method to display in our memorial park. Surrounding our memorial area is an 18" tall brick seating wall. We are now offering the chance to place an engraved 4"x7" brass plaque on the face of this wall. This offer is again open to all current and past Firefighters, EMS personnel, Ladies Auxiliary, Explorers as well as Associate, Honorary and Corporate Members. Thank you again for all of your support!

Pricing : \$400.00 per plaque

Payment : Payment for the plaques must be done at the time the order is placed. No plaques 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
120 Old Hojack Lane
Hilton, NY 14468

Questions : Any questions about the purchase of the plaques should be brought to the attention of Bill Carter or Todd Meyer.

Bill Carter Phone: 392-3018
Todd Meyer Email: tmeyer@rmlandscape.com

Name : _____ Address : _____

Phone # _____

Email: _____

Engraving Information (for brass plaques only)

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

EMS News

Submitted by Matt Johnson

First off I would like to thank all of you who attended the EMS meeting in September. I feel there was a lot discussed and that the meeting was very positive. Also thank you to all who participated in the EMS Master Planning Survey, it was very informative as to what you all expect and would like to see improve to help you.

As you may have seen there are now BLS bag check sheets out, there are now two different BLS bag check sheets one to check the bags on the rigs and one for the bags on the fire trucks. The sheet for the fire trucks also includes an AED check. It is asked that if you use the EMS equipment on any piece of apparatus that it is restocked to the check sheet requirements and sealed. Your help in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Ambulance check sheets are currently being updated to match up with the rigs. The 2629 rig check sheets have been created and are in the EMS work station with the rest of the EMS paperwork. 2619 rig check sheets are currently being worked on. We are working on sealing the cabinets on the ambulances as well. This will hopefully make checks easier and faster. I would like for groups to start doing rig checks during their assigned weeks so that we can keep the rigs properly equipped and ready to go.

The EMS office will be holding a meeting with the group leaders during October to discuss the group system, ways we can improve coverage, and rig checks. Please stay tuned next month for more information regarding this. **Anyone interested in becoming a group leader please contact Matt Johnson.**

The EMS office is currently creating a "Mentor program" to assist the new trainees in getting better trained and cleared faster, and assist with EMS training. There will be more to come on this next month.

I would like to congratulate Laurie Mault on recently receiving her EMT-B. Laurie Has teamed up with Tom Bertrand and is on her way to being cleared. Also Tim Hutchings and Brian Attridge on being cleared as first medics. Both have worked very hard at this and will make a great contribute to the department.

EMS training for October:

October 19th @ 1900 will be our monthly EMS drill. It will be on Crime Scenes, Psychiatrics, Overdoses, and Suicides.

October 21st 1900-2000 Monroe Ambulance will be hosting a lecture on understanding influenza and biologic events if interested in attending please contact me by October 19th.

One last thing I would like to stress is that our number one goal is to get the ambulance on the road to answer a call for help. This is the number one reason that we are all here for. So as always if you hear the tone's continue to drop, please pick up the phone and help cover the call. We owe it to our community to cover calls and respond in their time of need.

Again thank you for all that you do and sorry for the long article. Any questions feel free to contact an officer. THANK YOU!

Reflections on September 11, 2001

Glenn A. Gaines, Acting U.S. Fire Administrator

As we have witnessed the events faced by California firefighters over the past several days, and on the eve of another September 11th remembrance, I find myself reflecting back to a time 9 years ago, and grateful for the services provided by our nation's firefighters to the residents of their communities.

On September 11, 2001 my wife Linda and I were visiting Great Britain as a part of a tour. We were in Wales on the morning of 9-11 and the local time was just after 4:00 PM.

We joined with the global community as we watched the British television coverage with much concern while our fellow citizens, public safety, and government responded to the strike against our country. We would attend a Mass for those who died and were injured in the three incidents of September 11th.

The next morning, we found the garden outside the U. S. Embassy filled with citizens of London and surrounding neighborhoods who had brought all manner of gifts and expressions of sympathy for our nation and its first responders. These items included I Love New York t-shirts, personal (homemade) cards, miniature Twin Towers, and many other expressions meant to encourage and recognize those involved directly and indirectly with these tragic events. There were hundreds of London citizens from all walks of life, and all ages who came to our Embassy to sign a book of condolences. The line stretched for blocks.

I can still vividly recall being asked by my fellow American tour members if I thought there were firefighters in the towers when they collapsed. My response was clear and very hard to communicate. I said you can be assured they were there and in harm's way, for it is what firefighters and first responders do.

We as a nation can be most proud of the men and women of our firefighting and EMS services. Today, as I reflect back on the events of 2001, and watch with great concern the activities of the men and women of the San Francisco area fire and EMS services, I am once again reminded of the invaluable services all first responders provide.

On behalf of the staff of the United States Fire Administration (USFA), I would like to thank the men and women of this nation's fire and EMS services for the continued excellence of service they provide for all residents throughout our great country. The USFA will always remember the efforts of so many on September 11, 2001, and continue to join with our partners in providing the leadership and support required of today's fire service.

Pager Programming October 17th

Submitted by Steve Carter

Please fill out the attached form and follow the directions at the bottom of the form. The designated times for pager reprogramming are as follows. Please try and adhere to your assigned time to prevent wait times.

3:00 - 4:00 pm for last names that start with A thru G
4:00 - 5:00 pm for last names that start with H thru M
5:00 - 6:00 pm for last names that start with N thru S
6:00 - 7:00 pm for last names that start with T thru Z

If there are any questions, please see John Lemcke, Mike Lissow or Steve Carter

Thanks you for your cooperation

Narrowband Pager Setup

Name: _____

HFD #: _____

Serial Number _____

Tones: (Please Circle One Choice) Fire Ems Fire & Ems

Selection A: Alert

Selection B: _____ Choices: Vibrate Alert, Channel 5,

Selection C: _____ Choices: Channel 5, Channel 4

Selection D: _____ Choices: Channel 4, Scan Channel 5 & 4

Directions - Please place your name and pager serial number (located next to your clip on the back of your pager) on the form above. Then select which tones you would like in your pager. Finally, please select how you would like your pager selections. Choices are located to the right of the line. Please bring this form, filled out, with you when you get your pager programmed on October 17th.

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Fire District News

Submitted by John Lemcke

Meeting Highlights (September) –Buildings & Grounds; The wind damage to outside doors has been fixed. Personnel; Notification for Part Time help was advertised in the Suburban News. Safety: Physicals are scheduled for September 18th. It was a fairly routine meeting, not a lot of issues currently.

Fitness Room – The Fitness Room continues to get a lot of use. The televisions have been wired, and are connected to the cable. The mirror proposal was modified to include only 1 mirror to be installed on the North Wall. The alarm system is installed and functioning. Just a reminder, if the cords are pulled, an alarm will be sent to West Fire. Any other issues or concerns with the room, please contact Commissioner Harter.

Budget – The Fire District must begin its annual District Budget process. As always it is a process that balances the needs of the district (taxpayers interest), and needs of the department (members interest). I am happy to report that the preliminary budget shows no increase from last year at \$1,019,715.00. Although that seems like a lot of money, nearly half of it goes towards the Building Bond payments. I will take the opportunity to talk more about the budget at a later date, after it is fixed. According to NYS Law, the Fire District must have a Public Hearing before fixing the annual budget based upon input from the public. The Budget Hearing is scheduled for October 19th, 7:00pm at the firehall.

Radio Narrowbanding – This is a project that has been in the plans at the county level for more than 5 years, and is finally going to happen. Basically it is a FCC Mandate that frequencies be narrowbanded by 2013. If you do not narrow-band, and cause an interference with a user that has narrowbanded, you will have to shut down your radio system until it can be reprogrammed. As you can see it is important that we get this behind us. As you see in this issue there is a form to fill out for your pager to get programmed. Please take the time to fill this out, and bring it with you on the 17th. There is a fair amount of work that must be done to make the conversion, and every mobile radio, portable radio, and voice pager must be re-programmed, some may need to be done twice to make the conversion. If you have any questions, please see Steve Carter, Mike Lissow, or John Lemcke.

Historical Room – The Fire District would like to take this opportunity to thank Bob Floyd for stepping in and helping to get the Historical Room in shape. Bob has done a fair amount of work in a short time in order to get the room ready for both the Open House, and the Memorial Dedication. If you have not seen it, it is taking shape very quickly, based upon the idea's the committee had when it was proposed.

Firefighter Memorial – Last but not least, the Fire District would like to thank the Firefighter Memorial Committee for getting the Memorial wrapped up, and scheduling the Dedication. Many people have commented how nice the outside looks, especially at night with the lights on the flag poles. I think you have to agree it sets the outside of the building off nicely.

Next Fire District Meeting – October 6th, 7:30pm at the Firehouse.