



Scuttlebutt

Letter From Our Chief

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Dates To Remember:

- ◆ 11/8 Monthly Meeting-Dinner Meeting
- ◆ 11/16 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting
- ◆ 11/24 Board of Directors Meeting
- ◆ All Scuttlebutt articles need to be in by 11/27

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I'd like to start out this month's article by thanking Deputy Chief Joe Lissow and everyone who helped him this month with Fire Prevention and with the Open House. Joe put in a tremendous amount of time and energy into planning and making sure all the events in October went smoothly. Like I have said in the past, the way to any adults heart is through their children and that is why community awareness is so important. Again, thanks to Joe and everybody who helped him.

We had a very busy month with three fires in one weekend. On Friday, October 8th we had a structure fire at Cedar Terrace. On Saturday, October 9th we had an oven fire at Parkwood Lane and Sunday, October 10th we had a house fire on Bennett Road.

While the Parkwood Lane fire was very "routine", if you can call any fire that, the Cedar Terrace fire and Bennett Road fire presented us with some unique challenges. Thank you

to everyone who responded. We made great stops in both of those incidents where both outcomes could have been much worse. One thing I do ask is that when a call comes in and there is no officer on the truck please make sure we adhere to the proper running order.

By now all of our pagers should have been converted to narrow banding. If you have not gotten your pager converted please see Captain Carter so your pager will work. A special thanks to Commissioner John Lemcke and Captains Steve Carter and Mike Lissow for making this transition go effortlessly.

Finally, Friday, November 14th is our annual Holiday Raffle. I'm sure Z-man will have more to say at the monthly meeting but please come to help if you can. Last year we had a great turnout from our membership and I am sure this year will be the same. This event is a good fundraiser and Z-man runs this event perfectly. It's also a great time for everyone who helps. Thanks, Eric



2C26 News

Submitted by Joe Lissow

October was a very busy month for fire prevention and community awareness. Starting at the end of September the department held a new fire safety program targeting senior citizens. This program was very well received by the group and hopefully this program will continue on. In October we visited the Quest and Village Elementary Schools along with most of the community day care programs. There were plenty of tours that went through the firehouse too. We had our first ever open house at 120 Old Hojack Lane as well as the Memorial Park dedication. Thank You to Bob Floyd and your crew for getting the historical room ready for the open house. Students at Quest and the Village Elementary School had the opportunity to enter a contest and a student from each school won a ride to school in a fire truck and a pizza party for their class. Both students completed an exit plan for their homes and the winners were announced at the open house. 260 and an ambulance were in the Community Halloween Parade and the equipment was on display afterwards at the Community Center. A fire extinguisher program was taught to a child development class at the high school also. On Monday night, October 18th the equipment went out in the neighborhoods and assisted the community with fire safety and awareness in the homes. Again this was very well received by the community. Pretty much the whole month was busy with fire prevention activities and all of it was well received and appreciated by our community. Although it would be easy to accept the credit, I can not take any of it. It was all of you, the members, who made all of this possible. Thank You to all who helped out in one way or another.

On top of the busy fire prevention schedule, the ambulances did a standby both days at the Apple Fest. We also made it through narrow banding day without too many issues. Thank You to everyone who helped out at these events also. So, all in all it was a pretty busy October, thanks again for all your help.

Training News

Submitted by Wayne Collins

November Training

November 1st--MANDATORY Salvage/Overhaul--19:00hrs.

November 2nd--MANDATORY Salvage/Overhaul--09:00am

November 6th--SATURDAY Last make-up date --08:00am

November 8th--Monthly Meeting

November 15th--Victim Removal From Scene--19:00hrs.

November 16th--Victim Removal From Scene--09:00am

November 22nd--Tours New Funeral Home / Refresh Frontier Communication Building

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November 29th-- Effective Forcible Entry--19:00hrs.

November 30th-- Effective Forcible Entry--09:00am

November 30th-- EMS CO-Emergencies--09:00am

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All Mandatory drills both OSHA and Department training must be completed by December 31,2010. It's that time of year be sure you are ready for the colder weather etc,(hat, gloves, heavier clothes.) Along with that don't forget CO Detectors should be checked, and your own personal vehicles should be gone over for the winter month's. Remember drive DEFENSIVELY be ALERT and above all be SAFE both on the road and at HOME. Have a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving Holiday.

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | 1 Firematic Drill— Salvage/Overhaul | 2 Firematic Drill— Salvage/Overhaul | 3 Explorers – Meeting | 4 | 5 Thur | 6 Yellow Mandatory Make-up |
| 7 Sun | 8 Monthly Meeting— Dinner Meeting | 9 | 10 Explorers – Salvage/Overhaul | 11 | 12 Mon Holiday Raffle | 13 Sun |
| 14 Tue | 15 Firematic Drill— Victim Removal | 16 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting Firematic Drill— Victim Removal | 17 Explorers – MCFAE | 18 | 19 Wed | 20 Tue |
| 21 Thur | 22 Firematic Drill— Tours | 23 EMS Drill BOD Meeting Exempt Dinner Meet- ing Firematic Drill— Tours | 24 Explorers – Confined Space | 25 Happy Thanksgiving  | 26 Yellow | 27 Thur |
| 28 Mon | 29 Firematic Drill— Forcible Entry | 30 EMS Drill—CO Emergencies Firematic Drill— Forcible Entry | | | | |

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This Month's Birthdays – Happy Birthday To All



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| Nov 5: Beth Mueller | Nov 13: Tom Parizek | Nov 28: Todd Meyer |
| Nov 8: Hiram Johnson | Nov 14: Thomas Legler | Nov 30: Steve Burrirtt |
| Nov 11: Steve Reiter | Nov 17: Dave Zobel | |
| Nov 12: Thomas Furtner | Nov 27: Carol Gillette | |

Ladies Auxiliary News

Submitted by Beth Mueller

Hope everyone had a safe and Happy Halloween. Thanksgiving is just around the corner and with that comes our Turkey Dinner Meeting for the Department; to be held November 8th, please remember your pies. Friday November 12th we will again be serving and preparing Hot Dogs for the Holiday Raffle; if you have questions please call Jill or Marie.

Our next meeting November 16th will be election night, it is not too late to consider running for an office.

Save the date of December 21st for our Christmas Party, sign up sheet will be passed at our November meeting.

See everyone at the dinner meeting, and remember your Secret Pal!

EMS News

Submitted by Matt Johnson

First I would like to start off by saying thank you to all who helped out with the EMS standby at the apple fest. The trailer was always well staffed. NYS Department of Health stopped by on Saturday for a surprise on-site inspection which we passed with flying colors. We were dinged with two minor errors which were corrected that day. This brings me into my next subject, making sure the rigs are restocked, cleaned, and ready to go for the next job. I cannot stress enough how important this is as it makes the next crews job easier and keeps our rigs organized, clean and up to NYS DOH requirements.

In the past month we have had two fires where rehab was successfully setup and ran smoothly. There is currently a Rehab OG that is being worked on. This will hopefully give you a better understanding of what to do on scene and rehab requirements. There will be more to come on this.

For members who currently have EMS equipment (EMS Bags, D-tanks etc.) Please make arrangement to get with Lt. Thompson so that we can get an inventory of the gear and check the hydro-dates on the d-tanks. This will be greatly appreciated as it will help us get a good count of what we have and if anything needs to be replaced.

One last thing I would like to remind people is that if you are signed up for a shift, please make sure you are in the district with your pager on and ready to go. We have had a few instances where we dropped calls due to pagers being off, crew members out of the district, or crew members not knowing they were signed up. I know that unexpected circumstances do arise. It is asked that if you are on call and need to leave the district you contact an officer so that we could try and make arrangements to fill the hole.

EMS Charts Mobile is now installed on the laptops. The Verizon Wireless Cards have been removed and turned off. We have started the training and will continue to through the month of November. There will be a schedule on the training board in the next few days. The class takes 30-45 minutes.

Again thank you for all that you continue to do.

EMS office.

Fire District News

Submitted by John Lemcke

Meeting Highlights (October) –Buildings & Grounds; PM's on the Overhead Doors and Heating system are scheduled for this month. The Driveway Sealing and Striping bids were received. Sealing should be done sometime this month.. Communication/ Information Technology; A new desktop PC will be ordered for the Training Room to replace unit that is no longer working. Grants; Will be wrapping up the DEC Rural Fire Assistance Grant for Fire Hose. Submitted grant to FM Global for a Senior Safety Program that John Duggan is working on. No word from Senator Robach's Office regarding the Senate Membership Grant for Base Radio Upgrades. Personnel; James Fox resigned from Part Time status, Cody Howe and Mike Werner have been hired, and will start training..

Building – As winter approaches, we need to remind everyone of the cold weather requirements of the new fire hall. First off, the overhead doors will be PM'd this month so that they close a little tighter to the floor. The Fire District has compared the utility costs of the old Fire Station with the new one. Obviously, it was cheaper to heat and cool the old building. With the new building more than 2.5 times the size, it is fairly expensive to operate. With that said, last year from January to December we spent an average of \$2,650 a month in utility costs. This year, through August, the average is \$3,150 per month. It is imperative that everyone help the Fire District reduce these costs. The best savings we can cash is closing the Overhead Doors when it is cool out. Because we have a heated floor, it is not obvious when the heat is on. Please remember, when it is below 50 degrees F outside, the heat could very well be on, and a cold wind blowing across the floor will cool it quickly. Also, the wash bay is off limits for washing personal vehicles any time the outside temperature is below 20 degrees outside. Please adhere to this policy.

Fitness Room – The Fire District is investigating, and will purchase a Defibrillator that will be installed outside of the Fitness Room on the second floor of the building. I will be asking the EMS Officers to review their operation at an upcoming drill after they are in service. It has also been brought to the attention of the Commissioners that items are being left in the shower lockers. These lockers are provided for everyone's use when they are using the fitness facility. Any locks that are left on the lockers when no-one is using the room will be cut off, and any items left in the lockers will be thrown away. Please remember to take all items with you when you leave.

Budget – The Fire District has had their annual Public Hearing for the budget. With no input from the Public, the Fire District approved the proposed budget of \$1,019,715.00. I will be sharing more information with you at a later date regarding the budget.

Radio Narrowbanding – The conversion to Narrowband went fairly well at the county level, and very well at Hilton. With the exception of the older Fire Police portables, all equipment has been switched to narrowband. The Fire Police will be done as soon as the correct software is located for these portables. Our thanks to Captains Steve Carter and Mike Lissow for their efforts in making the transition as smooth as possible. Anyone that has not got their voice pager re-programmed needs to see either Mike or Steve to get it done.

Next Fire District Meeting – November 3rd, 7:30pm at the Firehouse.

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DO YOU JUST BELONG?

Are you an active member?
The kind who would be missed?
Or are just contented
that your name is on the list.

Do you attend the meetings
and mingle with the flock?
Or do you meet in private
and criticize and knock?

Do you take an active part
to help the work along?
Or are you satisfied to be
the kind that just belongs?

Do you work on committees?
To this there is no trick;
or leave the work to just a few,
and talk about the click?

Please come to the meetings often,
and help with hand and heart.
Don't be just a member
but take an active part.

Think this over, members,
you know what's right from wrong.
Are you an active member,
or do you just belong?

-Anonymous-