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Letter From Our Chief

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Dates To Remember:

- ◆ 12/9 Monthly Meeting-Elections
- ◆ 12/21 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting
- ◆ 12/29 Board of Directors Meeting
- ◆ All Scuttlebutt articles need to be in by 12/29

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Three years and eight months ago I could never envision myself writing my last Scuttlebutt Article, but time does not stop and here it is, my last Scuttlebutt article as your chief. Many things have changed in that time...we moved into a new fire station, put an off road vehicle in service, welcomed many new members in our organization and have also said goodbye to some long standing members and spouses.

While these are some examples of some of the changes, there are many more, just too many to list however there is one constant that never changes and that, being what our true purpose in this organization is...to serve the public, our community in time of need. We all need to instill in our minds that when there is a need for EMS or Fire service, it is our job and responsibility to make sure our community receives this service. It is our obligation. As I leave office, please remember that what we do today will shape our future.

My last article would not be complete without a few thanks. For space reasons, I am going to generalize my thanks and hopefully I will not forget anybody. I stated once before that when you become Fire Chief, you can fall into an illusion that you are an important figure when in reality you are just like every other member except that you are being held to a higher degree of responsibility. It is the people that surround you that truly are the "important ones", and these are the people that I would like to thank.

First, I have to say "thank you" to the Ladies Auxiliary for all that they do and the help that they gave me. I truly think this group sometimes gets overlooked mostly because what they do is "behind the scenes" but I can tell you that this group of ladies were always there to help me out and are a true asset to this organization.

Second, I'd like to thank the explorers. They are the future of our department. I was an explorer as were many of our leaders. I should also thank they advisors who take time to teach our young adults.

Third, I'm thankful to the Fire Commissioners. There is not a better bunch of commissioners in the County. I talk to many other Chiefs in the County and these departments do not have the relationship with their commissioners that we have with ours. It's very nice when you can conduct business and have fun doing it.

Fourth, I'm thankful to the business line who sometimes had to make hard decisions but always treated everybody equally. Whether you were doing your job or an under performer.

Fifth, I'm thankful to the line officers both EMS and Fire. It is a hard and thankless job but even with the distraction of officers leaving and other officers dropping off the face of the earth you persevered and did your job.

Sixth, I am thankful to Deputy Chief Joe Lissow. I could not have asked for a better Deputy Chief. Joe is a first class guy that will lead the Department in the direction that it needs to be heading in. I thoroughly enjoyed working with Joe and having him as my "right hand". Joe had the uncanny ability to handle things when I wasn't around just as I would have if I had made the decisions myself.

Lastly, thank you to you, the members, both Fire and EMS for the respect you have given me during my tenure. I have always tried to do what was best for both our members and the department. The experience of leading the department as Chief ranks only behind marrying my wife and having our children. A certain quote comes to mind as I attempt to finish my final scuttlebutt letter. It is this: A leader is best when people barely know he exists, not so good when people obey and acclaim him, worse when they despise him....But of a good leader who talks little when his work is done, his aim fulfilled, they will say, "We did it ourselves." Lao Tzu

As I close this chapter of my life, it is only to open a new one which I envision as greater involvement in the lives of my family. Please keep doing what you are doing and never forget what our purpose in this organization is...serving our community in their time of need. Thanks and God bless you all. Eric

Training News

Submitted by Wayne Collins

December is our wind down month for the year, that being said there are no drills. Instead we do the following:

- December 6th--- For all members Jeopardy
- December 7th--- For all members Jeopardy
- DECEMBER 9th--- DEPARTMENT ELECTIONS!!!
- December 13th--- Christmas Drill put on by the CHIEFS
- December 20th NO DRILL
- December 27th Turnout Gear Inspection and Truck & Ambulance Inventory

Things to think about, any members owing any Mandatory Drills either OSHA or DEPARTMENT have until December 31st 2010 to make them up to maintain your current classification status. Any questions please ask early don't wait till January 2011. Please contact either myself or Captain Carter with your questions.

Winter is fast approaching we should all be prepared for inclement weather conditions, both for ourselves and the general public. As I mentioned in earlier Scuttlebutt articles hopefully everyone has taken time to prep yourselves your vehicles and your homes for the winter months ahead. Driving to and from calls become more dangerous so watch your speeds and drive defensively in both your own vehicles and responding apparatus. Remember vehicles in winter time take longer to slow down due to road conditions, slower to move over due to weather and road conditions, and poor visibility so give yourself plenty of room to maneuver, slow down and avoid an incident. Bigger apparatus slide and skid just as easy if not easier than smaller vehicles. Thank You **ALL** for your commitment this year and years to come to make this an **EXCELLENT ORGANIZATION**, look forward to providing newer and interesting Training for 2011.

Have a safe an happy holiday season
Wayne Collins-----2C36

Service Award News

Submitted by Ray Ward

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

- 5 Year**
Carm Carmestro
Roland Yockel
- 10 Year**
Dennis Bates
Todd Meyer
- 20 Year**
Hiram Johnson
- 30 Year**
Mike Piper
Nancy Alton
Dave Zobel

50 Year
Bill Carter

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

- 15 Year**
Erin Stiles
- 20 Year**
Ray Gillette
- 30 Year**
Charlie Chick
Glenn Johnson

40 Year
Jim Gates
45 Year
Roger Gavigan

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.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Explorers – Meeting	2	3 Sun	4 Mon
5 Wed	6 Drill—Jeopardy (All Welcome)	7 Drill—Jeopardy (All Welcome)	8 Explorers – Jeopardy	9 Monthly Meeting—Department Elections	10 Tue	11 Wed
12 Yellow	13 Firematic Drill—Christmas Drill (All Welcome)	14 Fire District Elections	15 Explorers – Truck Review	16	17 Thur	18 Yellow
19 Sun	20 Firematic Drill—No Drill	21 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting—Carmestros Exempt Dinner Meeting	22 Explorers – Christmas Party	23	24 Mon	25 Sun
26 Tue	27 Firematic Drill—Turnout Inspection	28	29 BOD Meeting Explorers – No Drill	30	31 Wed	

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This Month's Birthdays – Happy Birthday To All



Dec 7: Ed Tobey	Dec 13: Charlie Lissow	Dec 16: John Totter
Dec 9: Linda Yousey	Dec 13: Pat Kelly	Dec 17: Matt Thompson
Dec 11: Carm Carmestro	Dec 14: Russ Wright	Dec 22: Tom Bertrand Sr.
Dec 11: Jim Hare	Dec 16: Craig Burrirt	Dec 25: Dennis Bates

EMS News

Submitted by Matt Johnson

Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving with their family and friends!

I would like to thank those who have stepped up to help with weekend coverage; we have improved coverage on the weekends and can hopefully continue. We are still looking for a Yellow group leader. Yellow group covers 12-24 hours a month, typically on the weekends. The group was initially designed as a group of fire-fighters/ EMT's to help with coverage who didn't want to dedicate to a normal group. If interested please contact myself.

As the winter weather approaches I would like to remind everyone to dress warm, drive safely, and operate safely on scenes. Dress in layers as you can remove them as needed. Dress for both outdoor and indoor weather. Drive safely both in your own vehicle when responding to calls or the fire house. And while driving the ambulance, remember to keep a safe distance between you and the vehicle ahead of you. Reduce speeds as needed. Operate safely on scenes'. Wear your vest when operating at MVA scenes. Watch for ice and other slippery surfaces.

In November we had an incident with a gurney that did not latch properly when removing a patient from the ambulance. I would like to remind everyone that safety should be the number one priority for you and your patient. The following are some safety tips while working with the gurneys: All functions of the gurneys should be a TWO person operation. When sitting a pt. on the gurney make sure the wheels are locked in place or you have control of the gurney. Make sure all the belts are being used, including the 4 point harness. When raising the gurney, although it takes one push of a button, please have one person on both the head and foot end of the gurney. Try to raise the gurney on a flat surface. When moving the gurney to the ambulance continue to have one person at both the head and foot end of the gurney. When loading and unloading the gurney into ambulance, one person should ensure the latch locks on the catch. Use two lifters if needed. When removing gurney be sure to keep the bottom of the gurney parallel with the bottom of the ambulance to ensure the lock catches correctly. Please make sure we are stressing safety at all times for both yourself and the patient. If you would like a review of the gurneys or any other of the equipment please contact any one of the EMS officers.

Again thank you for all that you do! Happy Holidays!

EMS Office.



Fire District News

Submitted by John Lemcke

Meeting Highlights (November) –Buildings & Grounds; The Driveway Sealing and Striping was done. The HVAC System had it's annual PM completed. Communication/ Information Technology; There continues to be an issue with the floor connections in the Training Room. The wheels will be removed from the podiums to avoid having them roll over the connections. Grants; We are looking into a State Farm Grant for creating a community Emergency Operations Center at the firehouse. Fire Equipment & Apparatus; Deputy Chief Lisow is continuing to investigate the paint issues with Q-260.

Building – As winter approaches, we need to remind everyone of the cold weather requirements of the new fire hall. Please remember to close 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 – There have been several pieces of equipment that have broken lately on the fitness equipment. If anyone has an issue with any of the equipment, please leave a message for anyone on the fitness committee, or a Fire Commissioner. It is our intention to maintain this equipment in proper operating shape. However we need everyone to report any issues with it. The Defibrillator is in, and will be mounted soon. We are looking into cabinets to place the equipment in.

Budget – As I mentioned last month, the Fire District approved the proposed budget of \$1,019,715.00. This holds the budget for the 4th straight year at this figure, and represents an estimated average of a 1.2% decrease in your Fire Tax. Our thanks to the Chiefs Office for working to keep the budget in line as in previous years, without sacrificing the needs of the district. It is the Districts intention to continue to put away enough capital to replace the Pumper and Rescue per the recommendations from the Apparatus Replacement Committee. As a reminder, over 40% of the annual budget goes towards the Bond principal and interest payment on the building.

Fire District Elections – The Fire District elections will be held at the fire house on December 14 from 6:00pm till 9:00pm. There will be an election for one Fire Commissioner to serve a 5-year term, beginning January 1, 2011. We encourage everyone to please show up, and show your support for the Fire District in this annual election.

This will be my last Scuttlebutt Article hopefully for a few years. I would like to thank everyone for the support they have given me over the past year as Chairman of the Fire District. Thank-you, John Lemcke

We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season!

Next Fire District Meeting – December 14th, 7:30pm at the Fire house.

2C26 News

Submitted by Joe Lissow

The Hilton Parma Fire Districts Mission Statement reads as follows:

“The Hilton Parma Fire District will provide fire, rescue, salvage, and Emergency Medical Services to the residents and visitors of the Hilton Parma Fire District, the surrounding communities when requested, utilizing the most efficient and safest methods for the members of the Hilton Fire Department.”

The purpose of the mission statement is to explain our organization’s purpose or why we exist. Hopefully it lays out our ground work and gives us a vision and sets the course of direction. It hopefully will keep us on the same page.

Everything that we do within the organization reflects back to the mission statement keeping the two most important parts a top priority. Taking care of the people who call for our help and taking care of each other, our members. No matter how big or small the emergency may seem to us, it is important enough for people to call on us for our help. Looking more at the second part, our members’ efficiency and training, as I think about this, to me it has a lot to do with training and communication.

As I reflect back on 2010, we have had our share of triumphs and conflicts, whether internal or external, it is how we work through them is what is important. At times we need to put our differences aside and work through our conflicts. We should show respect for one another and support one another to build off from each other. Everyone has a role in the success of our team and the organization. From what I have observed from my 20 years in the department, one thing that we have always been good at working well together through challenged times. An example of this is when the South Avenue fire house flooded, we didn’t miss a beat.

Safety is directly related to training. Although we generally have mandatory drills once a month, drills are conducted every week. Sometimes these are the drills that we get the most out of yet for the past few years we have been averaging about 15 – 20 people at the non-mandatory drills. Just like any sports team, we need to practice and practice as a team to win the big game or in our case to have a successful outcome at the big fire, serious car wreck or medical 500. This is how we stay on top of our game and as the world is ever changing so is the fire and EMS service, this is also how we stay up with the changes. This should be applied to everyone from the recruits, fire and ems, all the way up to the chief. We need to keep on training because we always learn something new. We never stop learning. Through training we will stay efficient and hopefully operate as SAFE as we can on the emergency scene. Also check out the training board as there is usually information posted on state and other outside training courses.

Communication is also important as this we keep everyone on the same page and keep everyone informed. There should be no secrets, with the exception of personnel issues, and we will all have something to gain from it.

Speaking of communication here are a few things that are worth mentioning.

Next summer in 2011, 4 bridges in our district we be going out of service for repairs. Two on Hill Road, one on Collamer Road and one on the parkway near Manitou Beach Road.

The old St. Leo’s Church on Lake Avenue – although it still looks like an old empty church on the outside, on the inside it is now a mercantile occupancy with a second hand store in operation a few days a week. There are actual rows of shelves with an increased fire load inside.

2C26 News (continued)

Submitted by Joe Lissow

The Upton Street Cold Storage building is again in operation for those of us who may not have been aware. On the basement level, there are a good amount of vehicles in storage. On the 1st and second levels there are a handful of businesses that are already operating and more to come.

In regards to the recent fire at the Upton Street facility, thank you all for a job well done. The main body of the fire was contained within minutes, a water supply was established quickly, and the building was evacuated all in a timely fashion. The fire extended into the pipe chases and although it took some time to expose the hot-spots everyone did a great job. We hope to have a critique on the fire soon. Thank you all again nice job.

As fire prevention starts to wind down for the year I wanted to again thank you all for the support to make this year's program very successful. A special thank you to our associate and corporate members, John Duggan, Jim Kibby, Amy Lissow and Pam Johnson who put a tremendous amount of time into developing the senior program and rejuvenating the escape plan program and assisting in delivering countless hours of education to our school children and the community. Thanks to the officers for developing and coordinating the public education drill in November, and thank you to everyone else who devoted countless hours to public education and fire prevention this year. It is a proven fact that these programs save lives. Feedback from the community has been overwhelming in regards to the programs delivered this year.

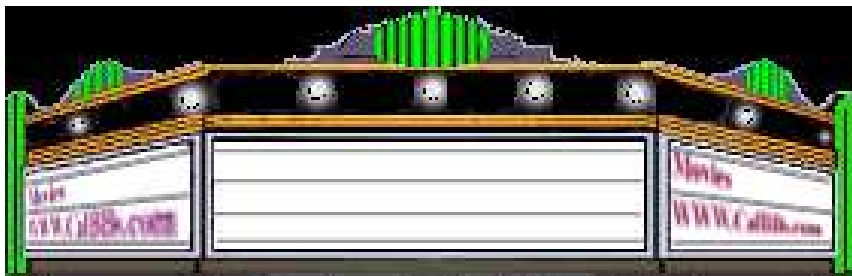
Although I was out of town during the Holiday Raffle I hear it was another successful year, Thank You everyone for all your hard work.

Well that's enough for now. Hope that you and your families all have a safe and happy holiday season.

Movie Night is Back!

Submitted by Bob Floyd

Movie night will start up again on Friday, December 10. The movie will start at 7:00 p.m. on the big screens in the training room. Everyone is invited to bring friends and pillows and blankets and come down, enjoy the movie, popcorn and drinks.



2010 Nomination Report

Submitted by Amy Lissow

Office	Candidate	Also Eligible
Chief	Joe Lissow	J. Hare, J. Lemcke, M. Lissow, M. McHenry
Deputy Chief	Wayne Collins	All of the above plus E. Guest
Asst. Chief	Stephen Carter Bill Porter	All of the above plus B. Lissow, M. Mullen
Fire Captain (3)	Bill Porter Mike Lissow Mike Werner	All of the above plus H. Johnson, Ben Floyd, M. Hare
Fire Lieut. (3)	Steve Reiter Phil Carris Mike Werner Craig Lemcke Tom Hare Rodney Manhardt	All of the above plus D. Bates, J. Buongiorno, B. Cusse, Bob Floyd, J. Heinrich, L. Speer, J. Sweeney, D. Zajonczkoski
EMS Captain	Kevin Corcoran	N. Alton, T. Bertrand, J. Hare, J. Heinrich, A. Horowitz, R. Maier, G. Nichols, D. Noltee, B. Palma, R. Ward, D. Waterman, RJ Yockel, D. Zobel
EMS Lieut. (2)	Matt Johnson Jeff Thompson Tim Hutchings	All of the above EMS plus W. Collins, J. Gebhardt, T. Kadlubowski, M. Mullen, B. Porter
President	Dave Zajonczkoski Jim Hare	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, R. Clark, A. Duggan, T. Furtner, D. Harter, R. Gillette, T. Green, D. Hasenauer, T. Jarvis, N. Kendrick, J. Kibby, C. Kimball, A. Maier, Jim Mullen, S. Nealon, D. Nesbitt, G. Nichols, M. Piper, D. Popowych, J. Porter, C. Quartieri, T. Reiter, C. Schmitt, W. Smith, S. Speer, G. Stephens, E. Stiles, P. Wallace, T. Wirth, Roland Yockel, T. Yockel, K. Yousey, L. Yousey, B. Zarpentine, J. Zobel
Vice-President		
Secretary	Amy Lissow Deb Waterman	
Treasurer	Pat Ayers	
Trustee (1) For a 3 year term	Rich Maier	

Note: Todd Meyer and Larry Speer are currently serving ongoing Trustee terms for 2011.

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

2010 Nomination Report (continued)

Submitted by Amy Lissow

Not eligible for any office this year: S. Anderson, B. Attridge, C. Barclay, Roger Benson, T. Bischooping, C. Chick, B. Cusenz, P. Drescher, R. Forth, J. Fox, T. Frankenberger, M. Furia, B. Furtner, Jeff Gates, Jim Gates, R. Gavigan, D. Gebhardt, A. Harding, S. Hebblethwaite, R. Hendershot, W. Hess, G. Johnson, M. Kalen, C. Kelly, T. Krewer, M. Lage, A. Larry, D. Leeming, C. Lester, C. Lissow, Jake Lissow, J. Lloyd, D. Mackenzie, M. Mackenzie, J. Maley, L. Mault, D. Meyers, G. Morrison, Jeff Mullen, T. Parizek, J. Rice, J. Schwan, M. Stewart, D. Stilson, E. Tobey, J. Totter, D. Trembeth, J. VerWulst, W. Voigt, J. Wallenbeck, G. Weaver, D. Weber, J. Wille, Russ Wright, J. Yockel

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.**

Ladies Auxiliary News

Submitted by Beth Mueller

Thanksgiving has come and gone, it was a time to give thanks for our family and friends. The Ladies Auxiliary is truly family and I would like to thank each and everyone for the support they have shown me over the past to years while I served as President.

I am pleased to announce the 2011 officers:

President:	Donna Lemcke
Vice-President:	Marie Ward
Treasurer:	Sandy Popowych
Secretary:	Laurie Gavigan
Trustees:	Dawn Buscemi
	Mert Davenport
	Carole Gillette
Carnival Chair:	Beth Mueller

Congratulations to the incoming officers and much thanks to the outgoing officers.

Our final meeting for 2010 will be our annual Christmas Dinner to be held on December 21st at Carmestro's. We will be collecting food for the Hilton Food Shelf.

Have a safe and memorable Holiday!

Remember your Secret Pal!

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Who Are You, Little Boy

Who are you, little boy,
Who fills my womb with promise,
That an angel announced your coming?
Who are you whom the Spirit conceived in me?

Who are you, little boy,
Who grows within my betrothed
That in a dream God should call me?
Who are you for whom I am taking Mary as wife?

Who are you, little boy,
That angels chant your praise to mere shepherds?
Who are you for whom I rush down hills to town?
Who are you whom I seek in a manger?

Who are you, little boy?
Are you the promised one
For whom we've hoped and prayed and longed?
Have you come at last?

Who are you, little boy
Who fills my stable with groans of birth,
Then cries of joy and fresh-filled lungs?
Who are you that shepherds should kneel in my barn?

Who are you, little boy
That a star illuminates your birth?
Who are you to beckon old men with eastern lore
To travel far and fall at your feet?

Who are you, little boy,
Whom wise men seek in court as king?
Who are you to usurp my claim to rule my world?
Who are you, fearsome, fragile Messiah-boy?

Who are you, little boy,
Whose glory I have seen,
Who uncurls woodshavings near my bench?
Who sweeps and sands, and loves a stand-in father?

Who are you, little boy,
Who challenges scribes beyond our knowing?
Who weighs our answers, probes our doubts?
Who are you to call these golden halls, "My Father's House"?

Who are you, little boy,
Who heals and teaches and loves?
Who breaks time-honored rules without shame?
Who generates such wonder within?

Who are you, little boy,
Who wounds your mother's heart?
For whom do you suffer, if innocent?
What do you mean, "It is finished!" when you die?

Who are you, little boy,
Who comes into my world?
Do I know? Perhaps, but let me ask again:
Who you are, little boy?