



Scuttlebutt

Letter From Our Chief

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Dates To Remember:

- ◆ 2/8 Monthly Meeting—Elections
- ◆ 2/23 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting
- ◆ 2/24 Board of Directors Meeting
- ◆ 2/23 Exempts Meeting
- ◆ All Scuttlebutt articles need to be in by 2/24

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February is here and January was anything but uneventful. There were side by side house fires with multiple vehicles on fire, numerous mutual aid calls for service in North Greece, Brockport and Morton and to top it all off on Thursday, January 28th there were multiple MVA's including a person in cardiac arrest with a car fire in the most harshest of conditions.

Words cannot express how proud I am of this department. We persevered and worked together through this very busy month.

We had approximately 54 members at the working house fires on Sunny Slope Drive and without that amount of man power we could never have made the great stops on both houses. At the beginning of the incident we were concentrating on the first house and as the man power became available very quickly we made the decision to attempt to extinguish the second fire. That decision ended up being a good one as damage to that house, although extensive was minimized.

Although everybody did a fantastic job and I generally don't thank individual people, I feel there is always an exception to the rule and this particular incident warrants it. I want to personally thank Assistant Chief Wayne Collins, Captains Steve Carter, Jeff Gates and Bill Porter for doing an outstanding job. These were the guys that were down in the "trenches". These guys made good decisions, had great communication with myself and coordinated the interior crews to make quick efficient attacks of the fires while not getting

any of our members hurt.

Thank you also goes to the explorers who always made sure our air bottles were full, the EMS crews who had both ambulances fully staffed and lastly our Ladies Auxiliary who kept the coffee flowing and had a great breakfast for our members and fill in crews. This is truly the best Fire Department in Monroe County. Again, my heartfelt thanks. Also, if you see Dr. Dean Snyder give him a quick thanks too. He responded to the fire and took the 2 deceased dogs from the homeowner. This is the second time we have utilized Dean who is very dedicated to helping us in anyway he can.

We began training on the ORV and had one minor glitch but now that it has been repaired you can look for it to go into service very soon.

Captain Bill Palma, Deputy Chief Joe Lissow and myself will be meeting in the very near future with Monroe Ambulance to discuss our contract. We also have new members coming this month so please introduce yourself and show them why we are the best organization in the County.

The People's Choice box will be in the mail room so please if you have an idea whom you think should receive this deserving award, drop their name in it.

Our condolences go out to Ladies Auxiliary member Debbie Jones, and Bruce and Terry Castle on the passing of their father and father-in-law.

On a final note please keep Dave and Liz Noltee and Jan Lloyd in your thoughts and prayers as they are all having some health issues. Thanks, Eric

Training News

Submitted by Wayne Collins

Mon. Feb. 1st @ 19:00 Safety/Blood Bourne Mandatory for all members
Tues. Feb. 2nd @ 09:00 Safety/Blood Bourne Mandatory for all members
Mon. Feb. 8th @ 19:00 Monthly Meeting
Mon. Feb. 15th @ 19:00 SCBA
Tues. Feb. 16th @ 09:00 SCBA
Mon. Feb. 22nd @ 19:00 Basic Ropes & Knots
Tues. Feb. 23rd @ 09:00 Basic Ropes & Knots
Tues. Feb. 23rd @ 09:00 EMS Rehab Drill – Intro to New Policy
Tues. Feb. 23rd @ 19:00 EMS Rehab Drill – Intro to New Policy

February's Mandatory drill will be Safety/ Blood Bourne, we are working on putting together something for January's Goal drill for those members that still need it. We will keep you all posted when we have something. Also in February will be our SCBA drill I encourage all who can to attend this drill for SCBA efficiency with yourselves. Again remember to sign in after drills & calls to get your time required by our BI-LAWS. Any training issues please feel free to contact myself or Captain Gates. As always we are all safety officers lets continue to police ourselves for good safety procedures, remember we all respond to a call which means we should all return from a call unhurt!!!

Service Award News

Submitted by Ray Ward

The following is a list of this years recipients of an HFD service award that I have not heard back from on their choice for an award. Please contact Ray Ward as soon as possible. You can either reach me via cell phone, 729-2456, or my email address, rayward@gmail.com.

5 Year

Rachael Hare
Jason Heinrich
Dick Popowych

15 Year

Jeff gates

20 Year

Dave Zajonczkoski

35 Year

Bob Floyd
Jim Hare

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Firematic Drill— Safety/Bloodbourne	2 Firematic Drill— Safety/Bloodbourne	3 Explorers – Meeting	4	5 Yellow	6 Thur
7 Mon	8 Monthly Meeting	9	10 Explorers – Safety/Bloodbourne	11	12 Sun	13 Mon
14 Wed Happy Valentines Day	15 Firematic Drill— SCBA	16 Firematic Drill— SCBA	17 Explorers – Ice Water Rescue	18	19 Tue	20 Wed
21 Yellow	22 Firematic Drill— Ropes & Knots	23 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting Firematic Drill— Ropes & Knots	24 BOD Meeting Explorers – Ropes & Knots	25	26 Thur	26 Yellow
28 Sun						

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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 6: Ryan Nichols

Feb 9: Tim Yockel

Feb 9: Mike Furia

Feb 11: Amy Grande

Feb 11: Anne Duggan

Feb 12: Ben Floyd

Feb 12: Daniel Weber

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 22: Tyler Taft

Feb 23: Marge Fisher

Feb 24: Ray Ward

Feb 25: Jan Lloyd

Feb 26: Roland Yockel

Feb 27: Don Harter

Feb 28: Claude Barclay



EMS News

Submitted by Bill Palma

January has been a busy month for the EMS office and all EMS/Fire personnel.

We are on pace to do over 1200 calls in 2010 already.

The ORV and trailer have had challenges already but we still push forward on all fronts. The ORV (after being repaired) is available to respond to requests for service and/or stand-by events as per our SOG's. If you have not seen the updates in the trailer please stop by and get a tour. We are testing an electric gurney from Stryker for the month of February, Please provide 2M-26 your feedback and suggestions on this new device! The gurney is parked behind the first out ambulance, if you have been shown the gurney and would like to use it on your calls, feel free to load it on the ambulance during your shift.

EMS Charts is an ever changing tool for everyone, here are some changes done this month:

The transport choices have been updated.....we now either transport BLS or ALS

1. You must add the Transfer of Care time in your PCR in order to close...please explain what is transfer of care time.
2. If there is no transport then no Pt info is required to finish the chart.
3. If the PCR is not complete within 3hrs you must complete a special report
4. Spinal Protocol. a special report will be generated if spinal immobilization is not completed.
5. You must complete two sets of vitals to complete a pcr with protocols

There are other updates coming, stay tune, watch for messages on individuals accounts for further updates.

The new Ambulance groups are posted and the group leaders have been doing rig checks! Stop in on any group and stay for dinner, February 4th Thursday night group has a steak dinner before their rig checks.

Keep up the great work!

Ladies Auxiliary News

Submitted by Beth Mueller

It's hard to believe that January is over already, where does the time go. I would like to offer my condolences to Debbie Jones and family on the loss of her Father.

February's meeting has been changed to Tuesday February 23rd @ 7:15, curious or new members are always welcome.

Save the date March 27th, for our bi-annual Chicken BBQ. Tickets can be purchased from any auxiliary member. Advance purchase is recommended.

Spring is around the corner (I hope) and is also a busy time for us, Dates to remember:

February 23rd – Monthly Meeting

March 16th – Monthly Meeting – special location

March 20th – Annual Banquet

March 27th – Chicken BBQ

Don't forget your Secret Pal – see you at the next meeting.

Empire Safety Council

Defensive

Driving Class

**Save 10% on your insurance for 3 years,
Up to 4 points off your driving record**

Class is 6hrs

Class being conducted by DJL - S.T.A.R.

Instructor's are Dave or Jan Lloyd.

To sign up for this class

Signup sheet at fire hall,

Or djlstar@rochester.rr.com

COST \$45.00 * includes lunch

(Cash, Money order or Check – no credit cards accepted)

(all checks returned will be charged \$25.00 plus bank fees)

February 27, 2010

9 am till 3 pm

**Location of class: Hilton Fire Department
Training Room**

Hilton Fire Department, Inc.

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Fire District News

Submitted by John Lemcke

Meeting Highlights – January is designated as our Organizational Meeting, where we need to pass a list of motions including paying recurring bills, designating official things such as appointed positions, meetings, and newspaper. This year has brought a few changes, the first being the appointment of Jill Porter as Treasurer, and a new law firm to represent the Fire District, John Harris of Harris Law Firm, Honeoye Falls. In addition, we also approved the Chief Officers elected by the department to serve for another year.

Hale Haven Property – The purchase of the property on Hale Haven has been completed. If you recall, this was a condition of sale when we bought the property from the church that the firehouse sets on. In the very final stages of the sale, the church asked us to divide off the parcel of land across the street, and allow it to be sold to another individual. In cooperation with the church, we agreed, and the land was sold to an individual that was going to build 2 homes on it. The land has sat vacant, and the owner opted not to build, and put the property up for sale. The district deemed it in our best interest to purchase the property, in the event that it was needed for future growth. The only thing left is to convert the property back to tax exempt status.

Attorney – Last fall the district began investigating Law Firms to represent the Fire District. Larry Schwind of Lacy, Katzen, LLC has been the attorney for many years, and helped the district grow from it's infancy in the early 1990's until last year. He was instrumental in developing Capital Reserve funds, purchasing apparatus, purchasing the property and building the new fire station, and selling the old property and tearing down the old fire station on South Avenue, in addition to all the other legal issues that have surfaced over the last 20 years. The Fire District thanks Larry Schwind and his staff for all their help over the years.

Treasurer – In October, Mike Lissow informed the Board that he would not be seeking re-appointment as Fire District Treasurer. It was quite a learning experience for everyone as we embarked on the construction of the new fire station. Mike was able to keep several separate funds, one for the Fire District operations, a second for the construction of the new fire station, and a third for the FEMA Grant and demolition of the new fire station. At one point, Mike was in charge of appropriating over \$7,000,000 dollars (yes, 7 million), and needless to say, you need to be very careful. As was verified in our last audit, everything went smoothly, and there was no financial issues that needed to be resolved. For his time and effort, the Board of Fire Commissioners would like to thank Mike for dedication he put into the position of Treasurer.