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Dates To Remember:

- ◆ 2/9 Monthly Dinner Meeting
- ◆ 2/17 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting
- ◆ 2/24 Exempt Dinner Meeting
- ◆ 2/25 Board of Directors Meeting
- ◆ All Scuttlebutt articles need to be in by 2/25

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Letter From Our Chief

As I look out the window it is snowing again or should I say still. Remember to take the extra few seconds to dress warm and to clear off your vehicle before you respond on calls. Think Spring they say it will be here sometime!

At the mandatory safety drill on February 2nd we will be voting for this years People's choice award winner. For the newer members this award is given to the person the members feel has gone above and beyond the normal duties. Please think about who you want to nominate and some reasons why this person should win. If you nominate someone and do not give a reason your vote will not count.

The District had the garage door company come to the firehall because we were having problems with the remote controls for the wash bay. The newer garage door openers have a button on them to program remote controls. The problem is if someone pushes this button not knowing what they are doing it erases all other remote controls. This has now happened twice. Please if you have the built in remotes in a newer vehicle do not try and program the wash bay or any other door openers into your vehicle. Also if you have a problem with a remote please do not try and

program it yourself. Thank you.

The fire department family has grown again with the birth of Sydney Katherine Mullen. Congratulations to Mike and Katrina. Also wishes for a speedy recovery to Joyce (Grandma) Lemon who was recently in the hospital. Hope to see you up and around real soon Grandma!

Until next month
Mike



2C26 News

Submitted by Mark Kalen

I first want to thank everyone who attended the Goals drill in January. Once again between the Fire & EMS we had over seventy people attend which is fantastic. I have updated the mandatory drill sheet on the training board and have sent out letters for the people who were not able to attend. I will be out of town for the next few weeks so please see Joe Lissow if you need to make up this drill. I have listed below the drills for February.

February Drills:

Feb 2nd – Safety & Bloodborne Pathogens (Mandatory for Fire & EMS)

Feb 9th – Meeting

Feb 16th – CPR / AED

Feb 23rd – Fire Service Hydraulics

Mar 1st – Hazmat / WMD / Bioterrorism (Mandatory for Fire & EMS)

Thanks
Mark

Ladies Auxiliary News

Submitted by Marie Ward

Hi Girls,

We were very pleased to welcome 3 prospective new members to our first meeting of the year. If you know of anyone else who may be interested in joining, please encourage them to come to our next meeting in February.

We are planning a few new activities this year. We are hoping to have a spring fling and invite a couple of other auxiliaries to join us. This should be a lot of fun and we hope members from Spencerport and Walker will join us. If you see any of these girls, talk it up because the more people who participate, the more fun we will all have. A couple of other ideas are in the works and we will talk about them in the coming months.

We are preparing a quarterly dinner again this month on the 9th of February. Marge and Mary are in charge and could use help anytime after 4 pm.

Valentine's Day is on the horizon, send your secret pal a card or small gift.

Our next meeting is February 17th.

Until then, try to stay warm! At some point it will stop snowing!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Yellow	2 Firematic Drill— Safety & Blood borne (M)	3	4 Explorers – Monthly Meeting	5 Finance Meeting @ 18:30	6 Tue	7 Wed
8 Sun	9 Monthly Meeting Dinner Meeting	10	11 Explorers – Department Goals	12	13 Thur	14 Yellow Happy Valentines Day Recruit Training – Hilton @ 09:00
15 Tue	16 Firematic Drill— CPR/AED	17 Ladies Auxiliary Monthly Meeting	18 Explorers – First Aid/CPR	19	20 Mon	21 Sun
22 Thur	23 Firematic Drill— Fire Service Hy- draulics	24 Exempt Dinner Meeting	25 BOD Meeting Explorers – Water Rescue	26	27 Wed	28 Tue Recruit Training – Hilton @ 09:00
29 Mon						

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This Month's Birthdays – Happy Birthday To All



Feb 1: Joan Kohler	Feb 13: Bob Cusse, Jr.	Feb 23: Tom Mills
Feb 2: RJ Yockel	Feb 14: Jim Kibby	Feb 23: Marge Fisher
Feb 2: Donna Allport	Feb 15: Ray Hendershot	Feb 24: Ray Ward
Feb 9: Tim Yockel	Feb 16: Bill Hess	Feb 24: Robert Floyd
Feb 10: Greg Shone	Feb 16: Tom Hare	Feb 25: Jan Lloyd
Feb 10: Steve Ward	Feb 17: Linda Fiske	Feb 26: Roland Yockel
Feb 11: Anne Duggan	Feb 20: Eric Quigley	Feb 27: Don Harter
Feb 12: Ben Floyd	Feb 22: Mark Harter	Feb 28: Claude Barclay

EMS News

Submitted by Aaron Horowitz

I would like to start out by extending a huge thanks to all members who helped us achieved a high coverage percentage for ambulance calls in the month of January. I am confident that we can continue this throughout the rest of the year with the help of all members. Thanks Again!!!

I would also like to say thank you to everyone who has offered their support and patience with the EMS office as we fall into our new roles. We have everything set in place to have a very successful year. As always please address any of your questions or concerns to any EMS officer.

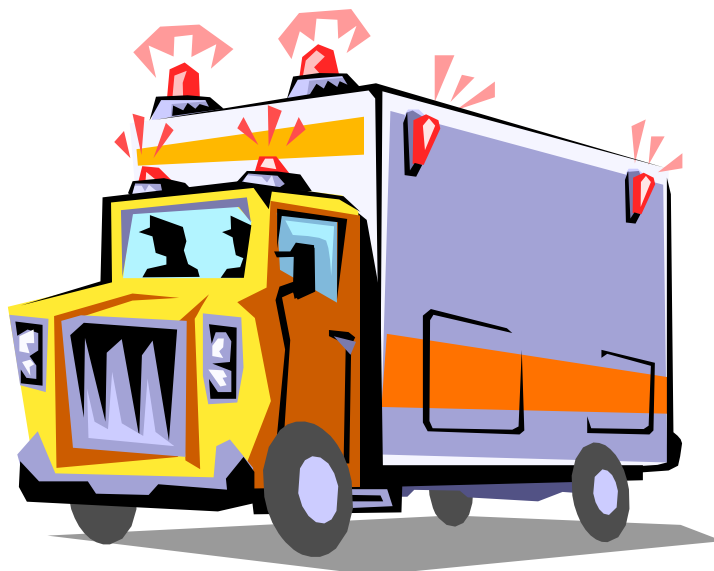
Please make yourself familiar with the EMS training schedule. There are a lot of opportunities to attend quality training and receive CME credit. All drills that are on Monday nights will consist of combined training with the firefighters. The rapid re-cert schedule has been posted on the EMS board. These dates will not change unless in the case of unforeseen circumstances.

We welcomed in three new recruits this month. They are Nancy Kress, Paul Nagy, and Ashley Palma. They will be riding on the ambulances as soon as they have completed their mandatory training. If you see them down at the fire department please introduce yourself and help to make them feel welcome.

As always please remember to clean and restock the ambulances after each and every call. This is necessary to ensure all the proper equipment is there for the next call. Several times the oxygen tanks have been left on and empty. The green trauma bags must also be strapped down. This is to prevent them from coming off the gurney and creating a potential hazard for our crews. Thank you for your continued cooperation in this matter.

Training Schedule for February

Feb 2 nd	Mon	Safety/ Blood borne Pathogens	Mandatory
Feb 9 th	Mon	Monthly Meeting	
Feb 16 th	Mon	CPR/ AED	Mandatory



Safety News

CLEAR THE STAIRS

By Lt. David Polikoff
Submitted by Mike Mullen

It never fails-when you get on the scene of a job,(fire), everybody and their brother crowd the stairs or the hall to the fire area. Not everyone can be on the line or be the primary search team. Firefighters need to understand how dangerous crowding the stairs or hallways is. If the need to evacuate the structure arises, how long will it take to get everyone moving towards the exit? How many firefighters will be knocked down, stepped on or even worse, have their masks pulled away from their face? There needs to be more control on the fire ground. **Not everyone can be on the first attack line.**

Three years ago a company in Maryland came very close to losing a firefighter because he could not exit the building when the floor he was on erupted in flames and he ran out of air. He literally had to jump down a flight of stairs, (12 steps). In the process his mask was knocked off and he suffered burns to his face and airway. The stairs had been clogged with 7 to 10 firefighters. The sad thing is that the firefighters on the stairs had no assignment- they just wanted to be near the fire. A total of 3 firefighters were injured because they had to jump over other firefighters on the stairs.

I feel that the only way to prevent stair and hallway crowding is to promote crew integrity and discipline. The incident commander needs to assign an interior commander at the very beginning. The interior commander will act as the eyes for the incident commander. The interior commander can advise the incident commander what he has inside as well as what crews he needs. He can also maneuver crews on the inside to prevent overcrowding.

The bottom line is this: It is important for all crews on the fire ground to do their job and not someone else's. The fire ground is a dangerous place, let's not make it any worse by FREELANCING. Remember, next time it might be your exit blocked by firefighters crowding the stairs.

Commission News

Submitted by Ray Ward

Our first meeting of the year was uneventful. We had to go over all our policies and reinstate all. We had to do all of the first of the year duties.

As you have all probably noticed, the generator roof is once again leaking. Thank you Ed for your ingenious drain hose, save us from emptying the bucket. We are going to have this looked at, once again, when the weather breaks. We are entertaining the idea of a new roof to allow the rain and snow to drain off naturally .

Thank you John Lemcke for your presentation at the department goals meeting. We had our goals meeting on Tuesday, 1/20. We had much discussion about the department's purchase of the new Safety Trailer. We also discussed methods to modify our budget to allow for easier reporting to the state.

We discussed the duties of the Master Planning committee in aligning the goals to make a determination as to the future of the fire department building. We have budgeted to hire an architect to help us define these plans.

The commission received a check from SEMO for Ice Storm related expenses. A check to the department for the food expenses and the work in the grove repairing the downed limbs and removing downed trees will be forthcoming.

The next commissioners meeting will be held on February 4, 2004, at 7:00 PM at the fire hall.

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Fund Raiser

Submitted by Anonymous

Just a reminder that The Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a play to benefit the new Hilton Fire Department Safety Trailer. The date is the week prior to our annual banquet, 3/14/04. Show your support by spreading the word about this event to generate interest. Remember, all profits go towards the purchase of a new safety trailer that will benefit our Fire Prevention efforts.

**HILTON-PARMA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
PRESENTS...**

JOEY & MARIA'S COMEDY WEDDING

SATURDAY, MARCH 13 AT HILTON EXEMPT CLUB

CASH BAR @ 6PM CEREMONY @ 7:30PM DINNER @ 8PM

TICKETS COST \$40 PER PERSON IN ADVANCE

MAY BE PURCHASED AT CARMESTRO'S RESTAURANT OR CALL 392-4081

NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AFTER FEBRUARY 28

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