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Dates To Remember:

- ◆ 8/9 Monthly Meeting
- ◆ 8/25 Board of Directors Meeting
- ◆ All Scuttlebutt articles need to be in by 8/27

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Letter From Our Chief

When I first wrote an article for this month's Scuttlebutt, it was the day before carnival and we had just postponed family night because of the rain. Now, we all know what we went through in our fun filled week! I can not say enough about the way we stepped up as a department and actually were able to have four days of carnival. The beginning of the week was wet but we were able to remove some of the water around the midway and areas started to dry up by later in the week and things were looking OK, then Saturday morning we were hit with torrential downpours in the early morning. An emergency board meeting was called at about 9am to figure out what we were going to do. After a few minutes we realized that the only option was to start pumping and bring in wood chips for the people to walk on. We knew this was no small task and we only had a few hours. The tones went out and the work began. I made a phone call to Walker to let them know about the problem in within minutes they also were there to pitch in. I can't tell you how impressed I was at the amount of work that was done in a short amount of time. I talked to the ride guys later in the day and they could not believe that we were able to open the carnival pretty much on time, they had made the comment earlier in the day that they didn't think we would be able to open at all. To all those that helped out Saturday morning you deserve a great big THANK YOU! We should find out soon how the final numbers look for the year but remember it could have been worse.

Very shortly we will be receiving another new thermal imaging camera, to be placed on the Quint. The officers have been talking about this for some time now and we got a pretty good deal on the camera and decided to order it. We will be closing out the thermal imaging reserve account that was

set up a few years ago. The camera is smaller than the one we already have but should not be much different to use. We will make sure people are comfortable with it before it is put on the Quint, but I don't think it will be very long.

The radio upgrades that the District received the grant for are well underway. The base radio and back-up base radio have both received new antennas and they have been installed. The parts for the new base have been received and the work should be starting soon. The work on the base radio is the second phase of the work that was done last year. Most of the upgrades this year will be done upstairs on the radio hardware. The biggest change we will all see is the addition of the village channel in the base. This will really help us out during storm related calls and with community events that we cover. We use the village channel often and with this upgrade into the base it will be a much stronger signal. Also with the grant we have ordered and recently received new radios for all the trucks. They will be the same radios that are in the Quint and Rescue truck. The radio will be installed soon. We are also looking into replacing the radios in the ambulances. We will also be ordering new portables for all the trucks very soon. All of these radios are being upgraded because of the FCC's requirements to have the radio channels "narrow banded" and Monroe county's requirement to have all radios changed over by January 2006. We are still waiting to see what we are going to do about pagers. There will be more on this as time goes by.

Until next month
Mike

2C26 News

Submitted by Mark Kalen

I have listed below the drills for August. Please take note of the **MCI drill** on August 30th. We are looking for a good turnout for this drill from both Fire & EMS. I'm also looking for some volunteers to be victims. If your spouse or children are interested in participating in this drill please let me know.

August Drills:

August 4th – Carnival Clean up

August 9th – Meeting

August 16th – Hose testing

August 23rd – Hose testing

August 30th – MCI drill

Thanks,
Mark

Finance News

Submitted by Neil Kendrick

Budgets are due on Monday, August 9th. They will only be accepted **IN WRITING**.

Budgets should be itemized showing a breakdown of how the money is to be spent.

Give the written budget to Neil, Carol or put it in the bill box.

Bowling News

Submitted by Wayne Collins

Anyone interested in bowling this year, please contact Wayne Collins. We are looking to fill three teams again this year.

Ladies Auxiliary News

Submitted by Marie Ward

Hi Girls,

Our next meeting is not until September,. This month we get to relax at our annual Carnival Workers dinner. It will be at Pineway Family / Restaurant and invitations will be going out shortly.

I want to thank everyone who worked carnival this year. Although the weather did not cooperate, we didn't do too badly. I think we had plenty of help thanks to everyone who recruited their co-workers, friends and relatives. Our new stand chairpersons did an outstanding job for their first

carnival experience. Nachos did pretty good for a first time offering and although we were a little tight, it worked out okay.

We have once again been invited to share food and drink with the fire department after their monthly meeting in August. It will be on August 9th at approximately 8:30.

We have one parade left, it will be at Hamlin on August 13th.

Don't forget your secret pal.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Tues	2 Firematic Drill— Carnival Clean Up	3 Finance Meeting	4 Explorers – Monthly Meeting	5	6 Wed	7 Tues
8 Thur	9 Monthly Meeting Followed by Carnival Appreciation	10	11 Explorers – Open	12	13 Yellow Hamlin Parade	14 Thur
15 Mon	16 Firematic Drill— Hose Testing	17	18 Explorers – Open	19	20 Sun	21 Mon
22 Wed	23 Firematic Drill— Hose Testing	24	25 BOD Meeting Explorers – Open	26	27 Tue	28 Wed
29 Yellow	30 Firematic Drill— MCI Drill	31				

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This Month's Birthdays – Happy Birthday To All



Aug 1: Mark Kalen	Aug 12: Bill Porter	Aug 18: Doug Trembeth
Aug 1: Karen Jones	Aug 12: Donna Zarpentine	Aug 20: Jim Sage
Aug 2: Charlie Chick	Aug 14: Roger Clark	Aug 21: Mike Mullen
Aug 3: Lynn Lefler	Aug 15: Dan Leeming	Aug 23: Jim Gates
Aug 7: Tim Wirth	Aug 15: Charlie Kimball	Aug 29: Steve Hebblewaite
Aug 8: John Lemcke	Aug 16: Sue Nealon	Aug 31: Gloria Nauman
Aug 9: Mert Davenport	Aug 18: Carol Struble-Sage	

EMS News

Submitted by Aaron Horowitz

Call coverage has significantly improved since last month thanks to the effort of many people. We have mutual aided only a couple of calls since that time. This is excellent considering the summer months are upon us. As always please check both the day and nighttime schedules for openings, and fill them if you are able.

Congratulations to Tom Bertrand, Tom Hare, and Nancy Kress on obtaining their EMT certification. As many of us know, they put a lot of time, effort, and hard work toward this. On a special note, Tom Hare is the **first** explorer to get his EMT card. Please remember to provide assistance and patience to these new medics as they begin the clearance process.

The EMS points will be posted in the next two weeks. We have been working very steadily to get all of this information caught up and accurately recorded. Again, thank you for your patience with this.

As always, please remember to wash and restock the ambulance after each call. This has seemed to improve lately and has been noticeable. Also, please continue to leave all biohazard materials at the hospitals. We have saved a significant amount of money by doing this ourselves and not having a commercial service pickup these materials.

If anyone would like to attend the Vital Signs conference in Buffalo please contact me as soon as possible. The price for registration steadily increases as the dates approach. There is information regarding this posted on the EMS board as well as on the web. I encourage anyone who is interested to attend. There will be a lot of valuable information available at the conference. Any of the lectures attended count toward rapid recertification.

Last, but not least, I would like to thank everyone who participated in the work details and the carnival. Many people put in the extra-effort to ensure that EMS operations ran smoothly. Fortunately, we remained fairly uneventful throughout the carnival, from an EMS standpoint. It is always amazing how well we do when everyone works together. Thanks again!!!

Important Dates

Monday August 1 st	Work Detail	19:00
Tuesday August 3 rd	Heat Related	19:00
Monday August 9 th	Monthly Meeting	19:00
Monday August 30 th	M.C.I. Drill	19:00

Carnival News

The 2004 carnival committee would like to personally thank everyone who participated at this year's carnival. Your help was greatly appreciated. Once again...

THANK YOU!

Tim , Mark , Carm , Wayne & Scott

Please Note: We will be having a carnival appreciation dinner following the August 9th monthly meeting for everyone who participated.



Pictures from Craig McNair from the Holley Fire Department

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Commission News

Submitted by Ray Ward

We have received all bids for the new security system for the firehall. The building committee has made a decision on the contractor to perform the work. In the near future we should see this work commence. This will give us all keyless entry to the building.

The Building Improvement committee went to St. Paul to speak with them on what the logistics were when they had their building constructed. Some of the committee also attended the Chief's Convention, in Syracuse, and attended a conference on the construction of a new building.

We are commencing work on the commission budget for next year.

That's all for now. I will bring you more news in the next month's newsletter.

