



Scuttlebutt

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Dates To Remember:

- ◆ 6/13 Monthly Meeting
- ◆ 6/21 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting
- ◆ 6/28 Exempt Meeting
- ◆ 6/29 Board of Directors Meeting
- ◆ All Scuttlebutt articles need to be in by 6/27

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Letter From Our Chief

Finally, Spring is herewhich means it is the start of the carnival season.

I have posted the parade schedule on the information board in the lounge. As in years past we will be sending the quint and the van to the parades this year. The sign up list to drive for each parade will be posted two weeks in advance of each event.

All the line officers are doing a great job on the training. Although the mandatory training attendance is fantastic, we need to try to make as many of the remaining drills as much as possible. Even though these drills are not mandatory they can be just as important. I'll use a recent drill as an example to make my point. We had a drill on 5/16/05 on firefighter rescue. There were roughly 18 people who attended this drill. Although this was not a mandatory drill it was probably one of the more important drills and I felt it should have been better attended. I bring this up because it was only over a year ago that we faced a situation when one of our own firefighters became trapped and was injured. We were very lucky that the incident ended the way it did and we did not have a fatality. I would have thought that this incident was motivation enough to have a great turnout for this drill. Again, I cannot stress enough for everyone to attend

as many drills as possible. You never know when you are going to get into a situation when these skills could save someone's life.....or even your own.

Congratulations go out to Rachel Hare for successfully completing the County Firefighter 1 class. This is a great accomplishment for Rachel and something that she should be commended for. Great Job Rachel !!!

The safety trailer was used for the first time at the Village Elementary school last week. I know Eric Guest and Don Harter have been working very hard on developing a program for the trailer. Its great to see it finally being used. I know Eric and Don are always looking for volunteers to help out so if you have some spare time to spend see either one of them and they will get you signed up.

My sincere condolences go out the Voigt family for the passing of Red's mother Charlotte.

Until next month please be safe.

Mark

2C26 News

Submitted by Eric Guest

By the time you read this we will have given our first tour of the Fire Safety Trailer to the kindergarten and first graders at Village Elementary School. A total of 247 children and 12 adults went through the trailer.

In the first week of June the trailer will be going to the Quest School for tours as well as the Hamlin Wheel Fest.

Many thanks to everybody who sacrificed their time to teach the children the important lesson of fire safety.

Captain Harter has a sign up sheet for anyone who is interested in having their children attend a personal tour of the Fire Safety trailer. If there is enough interest, this event will take place on Sunday, June 5th at 3pm at the Fire Hall. Hotdogs and drinks will be provided.

Again Thanks, Eric

2C36 News

Submitted by Jeff Mullen

I would like to start by congratulating firefighter Rachel Hare on her graduation from her Firefighter 1 class, NICE JOB!!!

As we all work on our training, it is important to remember that our officers have worked on updating the classes to today's standards, based on the training classes they have taken such as FDIC. Thinking outside the box was the challenge in January, and I think they have really stepped up to the plate to give us some really great training classes. That being said, it is important that you all attend the classes. Even though some of us think that we have been too many classes on any given topic and think we know it; there is a pretty good chance we might learn something new to improve our operation. Take firefighter rescue for example, Lieutenant Mullen brought some interesting topics to the drill. It is safe to say that all 24 (fire and EMS) who attended went home with a new technique or two. So even though you may feel you "know it and have done it a hundred times" try to attend these drills. The capt/lieuts are doing a great job and we all could stand to learn something new or improve something old. Our training makes us what we are when the tones go out!!

Also don't forget to get that driver's recertification done if the opportunity presents itself. Our goal was 100% complete for the year, and I am sure we can do it!! Grab an officer and take a few minutes. Our sheet on the training board needs more 2005's.

There are still several people who have yet to watch the mandatory tapes. If you are one of them, see Captain Lissow soon.

Our training figures so far this year are: 96 members have attended 312 classes for a total of 2,337.8 hours. This is GREAT, and we really appreciate your efforts.

F/E	June 6	I CME	Interior Attack/Fire Rehab (leave @ 1830)
F/E	June 7	I CME	Interior Attack/Fire Rehab (leave @ 0900)
	June 20		Quint Operations/Water supply w/ Lakeshore
F/E	June 27	CME	MVA operations-FDIC

Thanks for your efforts- Jeff

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Explorers – Monthly Meeting	2	3 Yellow	4 Thur
5 Mon	6 Firematic Drill— Interior Attack/Fire Rehab @18:30	7 Carnival Meeting at Exempt Club, 7:00	8 Finance Meeting Explorers – TBD	9	10 Sun	11 Mon
12 Wed	13 Monthly Meeting	14	15 Explorers – TBD	16 Spencerport Parade	17 Tue	18 Wed
19 Yellow Father's Day	20 Firematic Drill— Quint/Water Supply (w/Spencerport)	21 Ladies Auxiliary Monthly Meeting	22 Explorers – TBD	23	24 Thur	25 Yellow
26 Sun	27 Firematic Drill— MVA Operations	28 Exempt Dinner Meeting @ 7:00 Carnival Meeting at Exempt Club, 7:00	29 BOD Meeting Explorers – TBD	30		

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This Month's Birthdays – Happy Birthday To All



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| June 1: Bill Zarpentine | June 19: David Lloyd |
| June 2: Jerry Acton | June 21: Matt Verwulst |
| June 4: DickPopowych | June 21: Mike Werner |
| June 5: Amy Lissow | June 22: Tom Decker |
| June 6: Arnie Anderson | June 24: Jill Wirth |
| June 6: Jim Mullen | June 25: Ron Bucci |
| June 7: Jason Wille | June 29: Jason Heinrich |
| June 8: Jim Maley | June 30: Reed Harris |
| June 18: Jill Porter | June 30: Ray Gillette |

Carnival News

Submitted by Carnival Committee

We put the carnival stand list in the last issue of the Scuttlebutt. If you would like a copy of it, last month's issue of the Scuttlebutt can be found on the department web site, www.hiltonfd.org or see one of the committee members. If there are any issues with any of the stand assignments, please see one of the carnival committee members with your concerns. If we don't hear anything we will presume that there are no issues and expect that you will be in the specified stand for all four nights of carnival, per our department by-laws.

Commission News

Submitted by Jim Bimmler

Not a lot of items to report on, but the few that we do have are important to note.

Thanks to good planning and budgeting over the past few years the Fire Commission was able to purchase a new Chief's vehicle and turn over the keys to our new chief. Hope you enjoy it Mark.....and keep the ice cream spots off the seats. Seriously, it is a good thing that we have been able to move forward with this purchase and we plan on continuing that path for the future.

As Chairman Lemcke reported in his letter that was printed in the Suburban News, the Record Retention Room is now 90% complete. What's left to do? Some shelving, furniture and fixture placement and then moving the records in their proper places. There will more information to follow on this issue. I am sure that we will be talking with the Business Line of the Fire Department in regards to which "little corner of the world" is theirs to use.

Lastly and perhaps the most important news item (and I don't mean to steal Commissioner McHenry's thunder). The Commission, via the Feasibility Committee, received copies of three bids in regards to moving forward with a professional study/analysis with regards to possible building renovations OR a complete new facility at some other location. We will be reviewing the bids and trying to pick apart the "engineerese" and boil it down so that we can understand the proposals. This is a very detailed process and will take some time and effort to complete. Time frames for this project are as follows: decision on whom to award the bid to July 6, 2005 and the expected completed study to be the committee's hands on September 6, 2005. So some time before the leaves are off the trees we should have something concrete (pun intended) for you.

As usual, if you have ANY questions regarding these items or other items, please speak to a commissioner rather than getting MIS-INFORMATION via the "grapevine".

Thanks, Commissioner Jim Bimmler

Press Release

Submitted by Nancy Kress

The following press release was submitted to the following media groups regarding the Safety Trailer Demonstrations at Village Elementary May 25 & 26, 2005. Whether or not anyone answers or publicizes it, we'll see.

Greece Post
D&C: Our Towns
Suburban News

WOKR - TV: Bright Spot
WROC - TV: Public Affairs
WHEC - TV: Public Affairs
R-NEWS: Community News



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

May 19, 2005

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HILTON FIRE DEPARTMENT CONDUCTING FIRE SAFETY DEMONSTRATIONS FEATURING ALL NEW SAFETY TRAILER

Hilton, NY – The Hilton Fire Department will be conducting fire safety demonstrations to Kindergarten and First Grade students at Village Elementary School on Wednesday, May 25 & Thursday, May 26, 2005.

This newest addition to the Hilton Fire Department apparatus is a state-of-the-art fire safety tool that is specially designed to teach children burn prevention and vital fire escape techniques through a fun, safe simulation of common hazards. The trailer is 28 ft. long and features non-toxic fog-smoke, in a home setting including a kitchen, bedroom, living room and bath room. Students are instructed how to crawl low to safety and practice emergency escapes.

The cost of the trailer was \$28,000.00 with \$20,000.00 provided through the efforts of State Senator Joe Robach. The remaining costs were covered through donations to the Hilton Fire Department.

The Hilton Fire Department will also conduct fire safety instruction to schools in the Walker and Spencerport Fire Districts.

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EMS News

Submitted by Aaron Horowitz

May once again proved to be a busy month for us. Our overall call volume has continued to increase prompting a continued need for extra coverage. Please remember to always keep your pagers on and sign up for both daytime and nighttime coverage when you are available.

Last month we had an EMS improvement committee meeting which was adequately attended. Many good ideas came from the meeting and a lot of constructive criticism was bounced around. One major topic of discussion was the conditions the ambulances have been left in. We all recognize that leaving an ambulance in poor condition, either under stocked, unclean, or not put together properly, is unacceptable. Many solutions to this were discussed and one solution will be attempted.

We will be using breakable seals to seal most of the compartments on the ambulance. Each seal will have a label on it that indicates who sealed it, the date, the first item in the cabinet to expire, and that item's expiration date. Anytime a seal is broken the crew is responsible for resealing the cabinet and restocking any items that they took from it. Each cabinet will have a clearly displayed list of all its contents. In addition all compartments of the green bag will be sealed. Some cabinets will not be sealed as they are used on every call. Additional seals and labels will be available in the ambulance.

This new system will be implemented on 2629 beginning June 1st. We will trial this system for a period of one month. At that time we will make appropriate changes and implement this system on 2619. This will be followed by a written operational guideline which will be made available to all members. I would like to thank Jim Sage for working diligently towards making this system a success.

To go along with the seal system, please remember that all groups are responsible for doing 1 rig check each month. A new rig check sheet has been created (thanks Jim Sage) to correspond to the new seal system. It is the responsibility of the group leader to schedule this. This has been lacking for a while but will now be enforced.

Another topic of discussion is the evaluation process of both medics and drivers. It was the consensus that oftentimes evaluations do not include constructive criticism or suggestions for improvement, where appropriate. It was the belief of the EMS improvement committee that it can be difficult to evaluate a member constructively because they are "right there to read your comments." To help correct this, anytime you complete an evaluation, please place it in the trip sheet box without reviewing it with the trainee. An officer will then review the form with the trainee as soon as possible.

A new code red form has been developed and distributed to all agencies. I have placed a copy of this form on the EMS communications board for review. I have also placed several copies of the form in the clipboards on both ambulances. Please begin using these forms anytime you transport a patient to a code red facility. Please do not use the old forms that were discontinued some time ago. Any questions please contact an EMS officer.

Jim Hare has arranged for an excellent lecture on burn care to take place at the firehouse on June 14th from 1900-2100 hours. This is an outstanding opportunity to hear an excellent speaker who is well versed in burn care. CME credit will be awarded for the entire length of the lecture. Please sign up on the EMS communications board as soon as possible.

EMS News (continued)

Submitted by Aaron Horowitz

We have placed two new AED's in service; one on 263 and one in the Chief's vehicle. These AED are a newer version of the ones we currently have. They operate in the exact same way as our existing units. Please familiarize yourself with these units at your convenience (they will be eventually be rotated onto the ambulances, as we continue to rotate all the AED's monthly.).

Please make every effort to attend the soccer tournament standby. Help from everyone is needed. A sign up sheet has been posted on the EMS communications board for some time now. Thank you in advance for your help.

Carnival sign up has also been posted for over a month now. Please sign up for at least a shift. If you sign up now you will be able to choose the shifts that you want to work and will not be assigned later.

Please contact me if you are in need of new turnout gear or your existing gear needs repair. We will be buying new sets of gear very soon.

Congratulations to Debbie Waterman on becoming cleared as driver. She worked very hard towards this. Already she has driven to the hospital red on two occasions! Nice Job!! Thanks to Tom Scheg for all the extra assistance provided to Debbie as she completed the clearance process.

As a reminder, on June 6th we will be going to the training academy on Scottsville road. Firefighter rehab and interior attack will be the topic of training. All EMS members are strongly encouraged to go as we will be an important part of the drill. Transportation will be provided by bus so please get here early. Hamlin ambulance will be providing a standby for our district that night from 1800-2200 hours.

Sorry for the lengthy article. I will include comments from the fund drive in next month's article. As always please remember to wash, clean, restock, and seal, the ambulances after each and every call. Thank-you for all that you do.



REMAC % EMS Council News

Submitted by Jan Lloyd

I encourage all EMS Members, as well as the Department, to write letters to our legislators to have them vote to keep the Pilot Rapid Recertification program. The Pilot program can be repealed on July 1st, 2006., see <http://www.health.state.ny.us/nysdoh/ems/cmerecert.htm> for more information. If we lose it, it will be an uphill fight to bring it back. We have been told that FASNY will be supporting this. There are concerns over this as there are colleges across the state that are not supporting this. SO PLEASE, unless you like testing every couple years take the time to write or call ask for their support. Joe Robach is our representative!

Rochester General is going to split their Emergency Department (ED). They will be supporting two departments from 10 AM until 2 AM. This is currently being done in several major cities, Rochester General wants to try it here. As of July 5th, they will be going back to using the hallway for triage care. The hallway will be the dividing line. The parking lot side will be ED1. ED2 will be the current non-acute and stair chair room. These are in the process of having monitor beds placed in them. This will allow the area to be cleaned in a much better way and allow a more even flow of patient care for nurses and doctors. Instead of three doctors there will be four on duty when both sides are open. The nurses will be staffing and caring for smaller number of patients each as each side will be staffed. More on this will be sent to the agency from RGH.

We have been meeting with the ED directors and doctors of each of the hospitals, over concerns of lengthy triage times. It appears that we may be going back to using 340 for all transports to cut down the wait time. Also you may find that you will be leaving your patient in the waiting room. An example of this could be you transport a patient with a broken arm that could have been transported by private vehicle. The patient will go to a wheel chair into the waiting room to wait for their x-ray. More to follow.

We want to start recording triage times on the PCR's. This will indicate which hospitals need to improve on this area. So please, on all Hilton PCR's use TAT, the time the triage nurse comes to you for the report and TTB, the time when the patient is off loaded from the gurney. Hilton times will then be used to indicate the amount of time a 100% volunteer crew is being delayed, thus leaving the district short of personnel and equipment. We will also be using Monroe and Rural Metro data. We have proven to the hospital, with help from DOH investigation, that this is a problem. One crew waited so long, they ran out of oxygen for their patient. We also have data showing the patient waited on the ambulance gurney for 60 minutes. We hope to have this worked out before next flu season.

We also have been working with the HMO's. They are reviewing data from this past year (Nov 1 to March 1). They sent a notice to all the doctors offices to indicate they would pay the higher premiums to allow them to staff their office with a receptionist, nurse and one doctor. This would allow them to take patients as late as 8 PM. This was an effort to help keep non-acute persons out of the ED. It did appear to help as indicated by the statistics that have been compiled currently. It was noted that fewer patients end up in the ED during this period of time.

New code red forms have been created by hospital staff and REMAC. Master forms are being sent to all agencies. The form is to be used when the specified hospital is code red and the patient insists on going there.

On a final note, we have a new web site. It will be showing EMS information, such as training, and all items from the MLREMS Council. The site is www.mlrems.org.

Safety Trailer



The Safety Trailer has already had a visit to the Village Elementary school. The following is a letter we received from one of the first grade teachers (we will try to have it posted in the lounge):

"Dear Mr. Guest and fellow firefighters,

Thank you for coming in to help our young people know fire safety. It is great for them to really "experience" the house and how to escape safely.

We appreciate your time here at the Village Elementary School.

Sincerely, Mrs. Farrington"

The following are a couple of pictures from the event submitted by Gordon Stephens, the show Eric and Don in action. To see the remaining pictures, visit the department website.



Letter From The President

Submitted by Dave Zajonczkoski

This is a updated copy of the committee list. People who are chairpersons are responsible for letting the people in their committee know what they are responsible for. Sounds redundant doesn't it? We need to take care of the things that we are supposed to be doing, and follow up on them to make sure that they get done. This is also going to have to fall in place with **carnival** coming. **ALL CHAIRPERSONS** are responsible for the people in their stands. We need to understand that there are a lot of new members in the dept. that need to pointed in the right direction. So please let's all work together on this, OK? Hope everybody had a good holiday weekend. See you soon.

THE PRES.

2005 Hilton Fire Department Committee List

Ambulance Fund Drive

Aaron Horowitz*
RJ Yockel

Annual Banquet 2005

Ray Ward*
Tom Scheg
Jan Lloyd
Tim Jarvis

Awards 2005

Ray Ward*
Mark Kalen
Jan Lloyd
Jeff Mullen
Nancy Alton
Eric Guest
Aaron Horowitz

Baseball

Steven Carter*
Jeff Gates
Todd Meyer

Blood Drive

Nancy Alton*
Chris Tobin
Rick pullen
John Verwulst

Boy Scouts

Jim Hare*
Roger Clark

Bowling

Wayne Collins*
Roger Clark
Scott Castle

By-Laws

Tom Vereecke
Jim Mullen
Dave Zajonczkoski

Calendar/Scuttlebutt

Ray Ward*

Carnival

Tim Yockel*
Chris Quatieri
Carm Carmestro
Wayne Collins
Scott Castle
Dave Zajonczkoski
Ray Ward
Ben Floyd

Christmas Parties

Kids- Mark Kalen*
Amy Lissow
Hy Johnson
Teens -Bill Zarpentine*
Ben Floyd
Adults- John Sweeney*
Erin Stiles
Jane Gebhardt

Clambake

Charlie Kimball*
John Lemcke
Jim Bimmler

Coffee/Pop

Mike Lissow*
Mike Werner
Kevin Corcoran

Community Awareness

Eric Guest*
Jill Porter
Kevin Yousey

CPR

Ray Ward*
Jan Lloyd
Linda Yousey

Exempts

Tom Parizek*
Tom Vereecke
Nancy Alton

Executive

Dale Nesbitt*
Jan Lloyd

Explorer Committee

Jim Hare*
Jeff Gates
Bill Zarpentine

2005 Hilton Fire Department Committee List (continued)

Explorer Advisors

Jim Hare*
Bill Zarpentine
Roger Clark

Refreshment

Mike Werner *
Al Carris
Tim Yockel

Fire Truck 1936

Bill Zarpentine*
Tom Parizek
Jim Hare
Kevin Yousey
Bill Chatterson
Al Carris
Jim Mullen

Finance

Tim Yockel*
Neil Kendrick
Todd Meyer
Dave Zajonczkoski
Aaron Horowitz
Ray Ward
Ben Floyd

Golf Tourney

Dave Gebhardt*
Dick Barrett
Jim MacKenzie
Paul Butler
Bob Cusse

Investigations

Bob Floyd*
Aaron Horowitz
Don Harter
Joe Lissow
Mike lissow
Kevin Yousey

Memorials

Jeff Mullen*
Mike McHenry
Joyce Lemon
RJ Yockel
Ann Duggan
Eric Guest

Nominations

Named at the September
Business Meeting

Property

Steve Carter*
Dennis Bates*
Ben Floyd
Mike Hare

Grand Parade

Dick Barrett*
Rodney Manhardt
Rich Maier
Patty Reuschle
Don Harter (adv)

Kiddie Parade

Pat Ayers*
Pat Reuschle
Jane Gebhardt
Amy Lissow
Jan Lloyd

QA/QI EMS

RJ Yockel*
Linda Yousey
Amy Lissow
Rich Maier
Greg Nichols

Set-Up Monthly Mtg

TBA
TBA
TBA

Steering/Planning/EMS

Dave Zajonczkoski *
Mark Kalen
Aaron Horowitz
RJ Yockel
Kevin Yousey

Sunshine Flowers

Amy Lissow*
Jill Porter

Holiday Raffle

Jason Davis*
Chris Quateri
Jerry Acton
Mike Werner
Ben Filloyd

Whelehan Scholarship

Bill Carter*
Steve Speer
Jim Gates
Charlie Kimball
Ryan Benson



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Make Light Work**

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Ladies Auxiliary News

Submitted by Marge Fisher

Hi Girls,

Well June is upon us and our push to carnival begins. If you are a chairperson of one of our booths please keep in close contact with Kelly Nichols, Carnival Chairmen or Marge Fisher, Auxiliary liaison for work details on our booth. Also start lining up your help for each night. We are hoping to get into our booth in a week or so. It will need organizing, straightening out location of the different foods and testing our new equipment to make sure it is all up and running before carnival. We will use our phone tree to contact you about work details.

Spencerport Parade is June 16th. If you are marching please make sure you have the proper attire and check with Donna Lemcke, Marie Ward or Linda Kaiser about the time to be at the fire hall.

Our next meeting is June 21st at 7:15 at the fire hall. Please mark your calendars with the date. If you hear of any one who has been ill or hospitalized please let Denise Montalbano know as she is the trustee for our Sunshine committee this quarter. See you at our meeting!

"REMEMBER YOUR SECRET PAL"