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Dates To Remember:

- ◆ 9/12 Monthly Diner Meeting
- ◆ 9/20 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting
- ◆ 9/27 Exempts Meeting
- ◆ 9/28 Board of Directors Meeting
- ◆ All Scuttlebutt articles need to be in by 9/26

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Letter From Our Chief

I hope everyone had a great end of your summer and are ready to get back to our regular training schedule. I know Jeff, Joe and Aaron have some great drills planned that should keep everyone interested. With that being said we can have great drills planned but we need everyone's participation. We have had a call recently where it has been very evident that there was a lack of training, which caused some confusion. This is a very good example of why we (both Fire & EMS) need to train all the time.

We will be having one last mass physical day on September 17th at the firehouse starting at 8:00am. I have listed below the names of the people that need to get their physical in order to stay active. I will be putting up a sign up list shortly. If you are unable to get your physical on that day please contact me to make other arrangements. The following people need their physicals: **Dick Barrett, Ron Bucci, Steve Burritt, Phil Carris, Kevin Corcoran, Janet Elliott, Craig Lemcke, John Lemcke, Mike Lissow, Dick Popowych, Bill Porter, Erin Stiles, John Sweeney, Chris Tobin.**

As a reminder both the Apple fest and Fire Prevention week are just around the corner and I'm sure both Aaron and Eric are going to be looking for help. Both of these events are

great times to promote our department so please sign up to help out.

Lastly, a situation recently came up that needs to be addressed. Any medics at the firehouse when an ambulance call comes in (and there is no group on), please try, if at all possible to ride the ambulance. We have been having trouble getting a medic for the ambulance but are more than able to adequately staff the rescue truck with qualified medics. I cannot force anyone to ride the ambulance but I would ask everyone to put themselves in the patient's shoes. We typically send the Rescue truck after approximately seven minutes into a call if we cannot get a crew for the ambulance. That time can seem an eternity to someone who is in need of our help. To have qualified medics wait to ride the rescue truck just so they don't have to transport on the ambulance just doesn't seem right. Please consider riding the ambulance if at all possible.

Until next month please be safe...

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2C26 News

Submitted by Eric Guest

Well, summer is just about over and it was a busy one for fire prevention. The fire safety trailer traveled to the Monroe County Fair, Rotary Fly-in breakfast and the Parma Fest at the Town Hall. It was very well received at our local events. Thanks to everyone who helped make this a success!

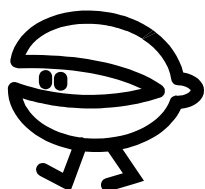
October is just around the corner and is another busy month for the Fire Safety Trailer with Fire Prevention week and the Hilton Apple Fest. Anyone who can help with these events are encouraged to do so and it will be greatly appreciated. Captain Don Harter will have more details in the future.

On a more serious note, at a recent call one of the ladder rungs was nicked by the K-12. This wasn't a big deal but an officer needs to be notified immediately so that the matter can be rectified. Well, that's it for now. Have a great Labor Day Weekend! Eric

2C66 News

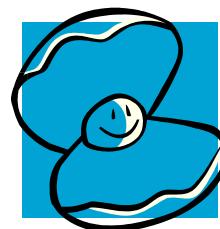
Submitted by Wayne Collins

This is to inform everyone within the department that starting September 14th at 9:00am our air packs will be undergoing their yearly flow testing. This process will probably take 2 days to complete. I'll do my best to keep our Dispatcher aware of what trucks the air packs have been removed from for flow testing that day. Also just a note to our 3 Chiefs', on the 2nd day I'll need your air packs dropped off at the fire hall to be tested, I'll try to give you plenty of notice when I know the next date.



Clambake 2005–October 10th

Submitted by Charlie Kimball



The date for the 2005 Clambake is rapidly approaching. This year it will be Monday, October 10 at the Exempt Club. Festivities will start at 6:30pm. Hopefully the SHORT business meeting will be over. I have not been given other instructions so we can assume that all Active Fire, EMS & Ladies Auxiliary members as well as Associates, Life members, and Exempts are eligible to attend. Food will include chips, cheese & crackers, and other munchies; the Bimmler sausage & wing medley; shrimp; 4 doz. Clams; chowder; beef tenderloin; salt potatoes; corn (if still available) or other vegetable; salad; and cookies. If you are still hungry after all that it is not our fault!! Beer, pop, & wine will be available at no cost. If you want something else it will be a cash bar. There is no charge to attend but our usual penalty will be charged if you sign up and don't show up.

Sign-up sheets will be available at the September Business meeting and in the fire hall through the month of September. You can also call Charlie Kimball at 392-3247 to reserve a spot. Sign-up deadline is October 1. I have to order the clams then.

As is usually the case, any assistance for set-up or clean up would be greatly appreciated. Thanks!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Sun	3 Mon
4 Wed	5 Happy Labor Day	6	7 Explorers – Meeting	8 Finance Meeting	9 Tue	10 Wed
11 Yellow	12 Monthly Meeting— Dinner Meeting	13	14 Explorers – TBD	15	16 Thur	17 Yellow
18 Sun	19 Firematic Drill— EVOC	20 Ladies Auxiliary Monthly Meeting	21 Explorers – TBD	22	23 Mon	24 Sun
25 Tue	26 Firematic Drill— EVOC	27 Exempt Monthly Dinner Meeting	28 BOD Meeting Explorers – TBD	29	30 Wed	

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This Month's Birthdays – Happy Birthday To All



Sept. 5: Larry Speer
 Sept. 6: Jim Bimmler
 Sept. 9: Debbie Peter
 Sept. 9: Jeff Mullen
 Sept. 10: Roger Gavigan
 Sept. 15: Charlotte Bimmler

Sept. 16: Marie Ward
 Sept. 16: Don Stilson
 Sept. 17: Tom Vereecke
 Sept. 18: Jason Hasenauer
 Sept. 18: Bill Carter
 Sept. 19: Mark Lage

Sept. 21: Jane Gebhardt
 Sept. 22: Dave Zajonczkoski
 Sept. 24: Bob Cusen
 Sept. 24: Joe Yockel
 Sept. 25: Evie Hoyt

EMS News

Submitted by Aaron Horowitz

Our call volume has seemed to increase over the past several weeks. With this increase we have given away many more calls than normal. Please make every effort to cover any call, either day or night that is not already covered by a scheduled crew. If you hear the tones drop a second time that is a great indication that a complete crew is still needed (same as always). Please check the master schedule and cover any open shifts that you are available for.

I would like to thank all the members who covered the many standby and fill-in requests that we had last month. Some of these events included, Park-It-Parma (Parmafest), Hamlin ambulance standby (during their parade), and Cadets and Raiders football standby's. Your help was, and is always, greatly appreciated. Please look at the communications board for upcoming Cadet standbys.

October 1st and 2nd are the dates for the AppleFest. Once again we will need crews for both ambulances, as well as crews to cover the EMS tent, during the festival. A schedule will be posted on the EMS communications board very shortly. Please make every effort to cover at least one shift during this event. Thank you in advance for your help.

The Vital Signs EMS conference will be held this year at the Riverside Convention Center (Rochester). The dates for the conference are October 14th and 16th. I encourage any interested members to attend. This is a great opportunity for EMT to gain new knowledge and earn CME credit in the process. There are also some classes which may be of interest to ambulance drivers. If you are interested in attending, please review the EMS communications board for a conference brochure (make a copy if you would like), and complete (and return), a registration form (located in my mailbox on the office door). The deadline to sign up is September 10th.

Last month I requested anyone who needs new turnout gear to contact myself. Very few people did. If you need new turnout gear, the monthly meeting is your last chance to be placed on this order. If you need a new name plate for the back of your turnout coat please let me know also.

Congratulations to Debbie Waterman on successfully completing her EMT class. Debbie worked very hard for this and definitely deserves a huge "congratulations" from everyone. Please assist her as much as possible as she works on clearing as a medic.

We need to reseal the cabinets and jump bags on the ambulances. There has been a very relaxed effort towards this lately. This has shown since the number of complaints about missing supplies in the ambulances has greatly increased. If the ambulance does not have extra seals or labels please page an EMS officer to make us aware. Thanks for your help in this matter.

As always, please wash, restock, and reseal the ambulances after every call. Please periodically check the EMS communications board for updates and upcoming classes.

Thanks for all the hard work and effort that you do!!!!!!

2C36 News

Submitted by Jeff Mullen

I would like to start off by commending all who were involved in the extrication Sunday afternoon on Hamlin Parma TL Rd while Mark and Eric were out of town.

This was a VERY challenging extrication with a patient suspended between the “b” post and the roof (which you needed to remove to extricate him,) a punctured gas tank and the vehicle was unstable on its passenger side in the ditch!!!

For not having had any complicated extrications recently; YOU ALL WERE GREAT!

You came together as a TEAM to secure the patient, stabilize the vehicle, stop the fuel leak, provide BLS patient care and extricate the victim within 21 minutes of arrival.

It doesn't get done better than you do it and I for one am proud to stand among you!!

It is calls like this that make all our training worth while!

Speaking of training, as we begin the last quarter, there are still several drivers needing to recertify. Be sure 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! So grab an officer and take a few minutes. Our sheet on the training board needs more 2005's.

There are still some people who have yet to watch the mandatory tapes or are missing a mandatory drill. If you are one of them, see Captain Lissow, point review is coming soon.

Our training figures so far this year are: 104 members have attended 139 classes for a total of 3457.55 hours. That is GREAT, and we really appreciate your efforts.

Sept. 5	Labor Day- No Drill
Sept. 12 th	Meeting
F/E Sept. 19 th	CME EVOC
F/E Sept. 26 th	CME EVOC
F/E Oct. 1 st	CME EVOC-Field course-20 min appointment

September is going to be EVOC (emergency vehicle operator course) given by a NYS Fire Academy instructor. This is a requirement of the district training plan for all drivers to complete. We haven't had this course offered in many years- and I encourage everyone to take this class-***it will benefit all and you do not have to be a driver to take this class.*** It will also benefit our driving habits whether responding to a call or running to the store

Thanks for your efforts- Jeff

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Commission News

Submitted by Jim Bimmler

Hey Everyone I hope you all of you have had a great summer so far. If you like hot weather and pools, then you have to be a happy camper. Speaking of weather, some of us just enjoyed a great visit to the Mile High city of Denver. Beautiful city, great places to eat and good local beers like Fat Tire (right Eric?). Oh yeah, we ACTUALLY did go to some classes and the equipment show. Everyone that attended brought back oodles of info for you to peruse. I was particularly impressed with some of the high tech gadgets on display for EMS. We looked at a gurney that operates on a 24volt Dewalt battery. It's capable of lifting 700 pounds. The only problem with the unit is the price; a handsome sum of \$9500/unit. Such a deal!!! We looked at some high tech CO monitors that attach to your finger. Perhaps some ideas for the Memorial Fund Committee? Neat stuff!! More to come I'm sure from the Chief's Office in regards to our Denver visit.

Apparently the rear wash bay garage door is giving us some problems. Carm & Mike McHenry have contacted our vendor to fix the problem. Just an FYI for all.

Many thanks to Rachel Hare for her "green thumb" expertise. The flowers look great. Happy birthday to our district secretary Michelle Johnson (she still looks like she's 19 years old).

We are still experiencing some problems with our base radio. Chairman Lemcke & Past Chief Mike Lisow have tried very hard to stay on top of the problem (which is too complex & lengthy to discuss here). John has issued a memo and started a logging system to help us nail down the specifics around this issue.

Chairman Lemcke is also keeping us abreast of any decisions regarding grant money coming our way. No news yet, so stay tuned.

We just held our first meeting in regards to finalizing a budget for 2006. As you can probably guess the number will be going up, but the good news is that it is not as ugly as some of us anticipated. Fuel costs are one our big concerns (and I'm sure yours as well). We also put into the plans a replacement for the much underpowered Hurst tool. That will likely chew up the better part of \$10,000. I'm reluctant to give you a number at this time because things are not finalized yet. But expect an increase of between 5 and 7 percent in the overall fire district budget.

I know we mentioned it last month, but it's worth repeating. Congrats to ALL OF YOU on a very successful carnival. We all realize the time, effort & commitment that is required to pull off an event of that magnitude. Great job by all.