



Scuttlebutt

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Dates To Remember:

- ◆ 6/12 Monthly Meeting
- ◆ 6/20 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting
- ◆ 6/27 Exempts Meeting
- ◆ 6/28 Board of Directors Meeting
- ◆ All Scuttlebutt articles need to be in by 6/28

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Letter From Our Chief

I hope everyone is enjoying the nice spring weather we are having. This is a very busy time for the department, we are finishing up the Spring training schedule and getting ready for carnival. Along with all that we have the NIMS training that everyone needs to complete by the end of the summer. The last I looked we are over 50% complete as a department in completing this training. I highly encourage anyone who has not completed their on-line training to do so soon.

I would like to congratulate Chris Benoit and Brian Jock for completing their Basic firefighter training class that was offered at the County. This is a very lengthy course that takes a good amount of time and dedication to complete. Great Job Chris and Brian!

We are running into some problems with pagers as of lately. It seems that within the past month we have had several people losing their pagers for one reason or another. I don't think we need to do anything new, but just make sure we taking care of our pagers.

Parade season starts next month with the Spencerport parade on June 15th. I encourage everyone to attend. In addition to this, I have included two additional parades (July 15th @ Webster, July 22nd ~Chili) that we

will be participating in. In these two parades we will be marching as a group with all the other battalion II fire departments. We will decide which vehicle we will be taking after the level of interest in participating in these parades is determined.

In conclusion of my article this month I would like to commend everyone who has been responding to the serious MVA's that we have had lately. We are doing a fantastic job working together in order to treat the patients with the best care possible. Nice job everyone....

Until Next Month please be safe.



2C26 News

Submitted by Eric Guest

In the month of May the Fire Safety Trailer made our annual trek to the Quest and the Village Elementary Schools. All went well and the children were very enthusiastic and excited. The Fire Safety Trailer was a big hit according to my own 1st grader. Many thanks to all the people who helped with the trailer including the explorers.

Moving on to the subject of unusual calls...thanks to everyone who took time out of their Sunday to search for illegal weapons on Route 259 that were never there! I understand Sergeant Burritt is going to treat everyone to ice cream at one of our drills.

While I'm in the "thanking mood", my appreciation goes out to everyone who went to Morton on 260 at the last minute for Kendall's live burn drill two weeks ago. Chief Keirn couldn't thank us enough.

Until next month...Eric



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Mon	3 Sun
4 Tue	5 Firematic Drill— Interior Attack/Hand Lines/Fire Rehab	6	7 Explorers – Monthly Meeting	8 Finance Meeting	9 Wed	10 Tue
11 Thur	12 Monthly Meeting	13	14 Explorers – Car Fire Procedures	15 Spencerport Parade	16 Yellow	17 Thur
18 Mon	19 Firematic Drill— Water Rescue w/ Lakeshore	20 Ladies Auxiliary Monthly Meeting	21 Explorers – Haz-Mat Operations	22	23 Sun	24 Mon
25 Wed	26 Firematic Drill— MVA Operations	27 Exempt Monthly Dinner Meeting	28 BOD Meeting Explorers – Interior Attack/Hand Lines/Fire Rehab	29	30 Tue	

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This Month's Birthdays - Happy Birthday To All



June 1: Bill Zarpentine
 June 2: Jerry Acton
 June 4: Dick Popowych
 June 5: Amy Lissow
 June 6: Jim Mullen
 June 7: Jason Wille

June 8: Jim Maley
 June 13: Rick Pullen
 June 18: Jill Porter
 June 18: Matt VerWulst
 June 19: Dave Lloyd
 June 21: Mike Werner

June 24: Jill Wirth
 June 25: Ron Bucci
 June 29: Jason Heinrich
 June 30: Reed Harris
 June 30: Ray Gillette

BOD Meeting, April 26, 2006

Approved Minutes

Submitted by Amy Lissow

PRESENT: Z, Yockel, Kendrick, Lissow, Floyd, Meyer, Kalen, Guest, Horowitz

ABSENT: Mullen, Speer

GUEST:

The minutes of the March, 2006 meeting were read and approved. M/S/C.

Personnel:

A number of personnel issues were discussed.

Old Business:

Neil stated that he received a check from HSBC from the proceeds from the Paul Hoffman Scholarship. Aaron made a motion to place the money in a capital account to earmark to investigate the purchase of a multi use vehicle that can be used for stand-bys, Apple Fest and soccer tournaments. Motion was seconded. Aaron will bring this up to the body of the department at the May meeting.

Neil received a letter from the United Way so that we can start receiving funds from their fundraiser.

Fire Safety Trailer will be coming out of storage and will be going to some schools the third week of May. Don Harter will be having a meeting with the fire prevention committee.

Monroe will be providing ALS service for the carnival this year. The price will be the same as last year.

Carnival – Dave will be signing a contract with one of the bands. There will be a new gambling stand and some of the stands will be moved around in the zoo. Dave stated that one of the contracts needs to be sent back to modify it with the band.

New Business:

Aaron received the DOH permit; Dave will sign this and send out. Fund drive first mailing has gone out.

Beth Mueller will no longer be our representative at the HSBC bank.

Mark questioned how he will be 1099'd for purchasing beer and pop after carnival. Neil will look into how this has to be done for tax purposes; he will talk with Scott Gerken.

The tractor has been serviced and ready for the lawn mowing season. The mower deck has been fixed and new parts were put on it. The field was rolled and aerated and grass was planted. There will be a work detail to get the field ready for the softball season. They are working on making the dolly to be able to move the trailer with ease. There are a few trees back in the grove and the beer tent that have died and will need to be removed.

The next BOD meeting is Wednesday, May 31, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

EMS News

Submitted by Aaron Horowitz

Call coverage has continued to be outstanding!! We have done an excellent job getting the ambulances on the road quickly and consistently. Thanks again to everyone for making this Hilton's norm.

If you are a group leader, please submit your schedule to Kevin Corcoran at least 10 days before the start of the upcoming month. This will ensure that the master schedule is completed and accurate. Please continue to submit daytime availability to Patty Ayers.

The ambulance replacement committee has continued to meet with dealer reps. We last met with Horton ambulance a couple of weeks ago. We plan on meeting with PL Custom next. I will post the date and time when PL Custom will be here if anyone would like to come down and check it out. If anyone has any questions or would like to provide input into the replacement process, please contact a committee member.

A new stair chair has been ordered. This will be available for evaluation and eventually put into use on the first out ambulance. Please provide input on this new chair. If it something we like I will order another one for the second ambulance. If it is something we do not like, I will return it and order a different style.

Congratulations to **Tom Hare** on clearing as a first medic!!! He worked hard to achieve this status and should be commended.

The in house rapid re-cert classes are done for the year. I will continue to post schedules of classes held at other locations on the EMS communications board. Remember: all material must be completed 60 days prior to the expiration of your EMT card.

Please check the EMS communications board for Carnival EMS sign up. This will be posted within the next couple of weeks to allow everyone adequate time to sign up. Thank you in advance for signing up and saving me from making phone calls.

We are back into bug season so please remember to wash and clean the ambulance after each end every call. As always also remember to restock, refuel, and reseal the ambulances.

Thanks in advance to all that helped out at the annual soccer tournament. I will have more details in next month's scuttlebutt.

Thanks for all that you do!!! Keep up the good work!!!

Commission News

Submitted by John Lemcke

Meeting Highlights – Audit; The Financial Audit of the Fire District is still underway. The Auditor has continued to work on it, and ask for more information. He feels it is going fairly well. Buildings; The counters in the Radio Room has been repaired by Creative Renovations in the near future. The Records Retention Room door will also be changed to lock every time it closes.

Fire Equipment & Apparatus; The oil leak on R-268 has been repaired, but still looks like it has a leak that will be looked at. Q-260 has a hydraulic oil leak, and a sensor on the outrigger is needs to be looked at. The Aerial Ladder inspection will be done in June. MCFDOA; There is legislation pending in the state that will address the issues brought on by an investigation of the Long Island Fire Districts. Income tax abatements for Volunteers in the state are being considered.

Building Feasibility – The committee has met several times to develop a list of alternative sites to look at. A list of 5 new potential sites has been developed, and the property owners are being approached to see if there is any interest in selling. To date, 4 of the 5 have shown some interest in continuing. As you may have seen, there was a Public Notice in the Suburban News regarding the FEMA Flood Mitigation Grant. We have not seen or heard anything else regarding the grant or application.

Computers – The Fire District has replaced 2 computers, and has 2 that will be put up for bid to the department. There is one laptop, and one desktop. If you are interested in either, see Commissioner Ward or Lemcke, and they can give you more details. Any bid for either must be in a sealed envelope, and have Your Name, either laptop or desktop on it, and the amount you are bidding on it. All bids must be received by June 30th.

Grants – The DHS Grant for Fire Prevention & Safety was denied in Round 13. We are still awaiting word from Senator Maziarz regarding the PASS Grant. The DHS Grant for SCBA's will not begin awarding grants until late summer, early fall timeframe.

Liaison – We have been informed that there may be some bridge replacement happening in the near future. The Chiefs Office will be communicating information as it becomes available.

Policies – The Fire District continues to review and update our Policies and Procedures. For anyone that is not aware of our Policies, or would like to see them, they are on the Hilton Fire Department Website, if you run your mouse over the “NY” in the department address, you can click on them to bring them up. Our intention is to make them more readily available to all members of the department.

Van Replacement – The new van has arrived. The striping and decals have been added, and work is progressing on getting the lights, siren, and Trailer Brakes installed. Thanks to Commissioner McHenry, and Deputy Chief Guest for the work they have put into getting this vehicle. Make no mistake about it this one is really RED.

Next Meeting – The next meeting of the Hilton-Parma Fire District is June 7th, 7:30pm at the Fire Station.

Explorer News

Submitted by Joe Yockel

Greetings everybody. The explorers have had a good month. The Hydrant drill on the 17th went very well. I'd like to start by extending my thanks to all the explorers who put aside time to help with the safety trailer. I had a great time helping, and everyone's help was sure appreciated. Thanks to Don Harter for setting it up for us to help, and to Al Carris for driving us.

Also, Jeff Thompson will be graduating from the Explorer County Course for scene operations that he has been attending every Wednesday since April. If you see him, be sure to congratulate him. Another note, we (officers and advisors) have been working on a probationary member training guideline. Although it is still a very raw copy, we look forward to finishing it and hopefully putting it into place.

Another note, I would like to remind everyone that on the monthly meeting, Wednesday June 6th, we will be holding elections for both business and line officers. Make sure you're there so you can vote, and possibly take an office. There are no absentee ballots.

Finally, I'd like to congratulate the explorers for the improved attendance rate to drills, although we still have a long way to go to be where we should be, so keep up the good work. Have a good month.

Ladies Auxiliary News

Submitted by Susan VerWulst

Hi Ladies, Not a lot to report this month. We had enough people at this months meeting to vote. Last month we did not. Please try to make the meetings. It's not fair to others that show up on time, when we have to wait for a few more members to show up to vote.

Spencerport's parade is June 15 If you have any questions contact Marie Ward, our marching chairmen.

Evie has been in the hospital and Marge is going in for surgery. Please keep these members in your prayers and send them a card, I'm sure they would appreciate it.

Next meeting, June 20, 7:15, lets have good attendance. We will be discussing carnival. Sign up sheet went around last meeting.

Remember your secret pal.

Respectfully submitted, Sue VerWulst

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