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Dates To Remember:

- ◆ 7/9 Monthly Meeting—On Field
- ◆ 7/17 Ladies Auxiliary
- ◆ 7/18 Board of Directors Meeting
- ◆ All Scuttlebutt articles need to be in by 7/29

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With the elections completed and the replacement officers in place, our day to day operations have thankfully begun to settle into somewhat of a routine. As we look forward to tomorrow we can't help but see carnival staring us in the face. As we ALL work to make this event a prosperous event to support our departmental operations for another year, we need to remain patient with each other, as everyone will be tired and HOT (because we are going to have great weather we hope). I say ALL because all carnival events are mandatory participation for every member of the HFD!

Eric and his family arrived safely in Florida after what he described as a long, long ride. He says the weather is nice and the night they stayed in Georgia it was 105 degrees. They send their best to everyone and said to say Hi!

The parade schedule has been changed, we are going to Kendall instead of Rush and the date is July 6th, please mark your calendars and I hope we can have an impressive turnout since so many of you wanted this change.

The new squad 267 is moving along as expected with delivery expected around the beginning of September.

The new off-road vehicle committee has started to make some headway. We will be reviewing a few different type vehicles that the committee identified as worth a look, to determine the vehicle type, and we will then begin putting together a proposal for the body to approve.

ANYONE who heads a committee and plans on using any rooms at the firehall for a meeting or event- PLEASE fill out a building request form from the lounge. There have been several room conflicts because some people are not utilizing this form of communication, and that is not fair to the rest of us. It is also extremely difficult for me to schedule effectively when I am not aware that a group is planning to use a room!

The DWI demonstration for the school district that has typically been done around prom time in the schools has a tentative date set, and

I will communicate the details as it gets closer.

Thanks to Lieut. Mike Hare, Don Harter, Tom Hare for manning the pumper and Tom Scheg and Lyle Weaver for manning the ambulance for the Boy Scouts "Penny Carnival", the scouts were very appreciative for the department's efforts.

There is also going to be a child safety seat check point on July 14th at the firehouse where we will be setting up the safety trailer from 11-1, please mark your calendars. Once again your help would be greatly appreciated. A sign up sheet will be posted. It would be nice to see more than a couple people helping out since it will be at our own house for the public to attend!

We need to focus on getting the equipment on the road for the calls. There have been quite a few open shifts and multiple pages for crews for calls. This is what we do and what we took an oath to provide service to our community. ALL of our pagers should be on ALL the time and with us. We would feel pretty bad if there was an emergency call around the corner from where we are and we could have made a difference with our rapid response but we did not know of it because we were not carrying our pager! Our job and our mission is to continue to provide the best service possible to our community! Keeping your pagers turned on all the time and getting the emergency equipment on the road for every call is our top priority!!!

Lastly, thanks to Commissioner Lemcke, who diligently kept digging until he could secure a spare pumper from the county training facility on Scottsville Road. That being said, we now have a pumper secured on the north end of town inside Past Chief Speer's workshop/barn. The Chief's office has decided that this pumper will only respond to structure fires north of the bridges due to several critical factors concerning the operations with this vehicle. If there are any concerns regarding this pumper or its use, please direct your concerns to me directly.

Jeff

2C36 News

Submitted by Joe Lissow

It is hard to believe that the first half of the year has come and gone. Thank You to everyone who put forth the effort to make the first half of the training year, what I think was a successful one. Thanks to all of the line officers who have worked hard to present well prepared and interesting training topics. If anyone has any comments or suggestions regarding the first half of the year as well as the rest of the year in regards to training for both Fire and EMS please see any of the fire or EMS line officers.

As we all know, July will be dedicated to work details for the carnival and August will be hose testing month. In September we will be getting back to the normal training schedule. We still have 2 more dates reserved at the PSTF for initial fire attack coming up in September and October. If you still need this please try and make one of these dates. If anyone needs to make up one of the first 3 mandatory drills that were taped, please see one of the training officers to get the materials.

Have a fun and safe summer. Joe

HFD Family Picnic

Submitted by Amy Lissow

SAVE THE DATE

Please save the date of Sunday, September 9, 2007. That is the date of the fire department family picnic. It is going to be down on the firemens field in the afternoon. There will be hots, hamburgs, salads, desserts and entertainment. There will be things to do for the younger ones as well as the older ones. More details will follow in meetings and the Scuttlebutt. There will be a sign up at the fire hall as we get closer so that we know how many people can attend.

Safety News

Submitted by Tim Wirth

1. Remember to wear your safety glasses at the scene, when fueling the small equipment(chain saws, pumps, generators etc..) & anywhere else that something could come in contact with your eyes.
2. Buffalo Fire Dept. recently had a death of a firefighter due to a chimney falling on him. The members were all outside when the chimney gave way, remember to be alert to all areas, from the start to the finish of any call. Just like the buddy system, help each other.
3. Ladder safety- remember at least 10 ft from power lines, when carrying ladders- be sure footed, pay attention to the job at hand, communicate with the other people your working with.
4. Check your battery in your pass alarm. When activated after 30 seconds, if you hear a chirp, the battery needs replacing. Also if you need an antenna, please see a safety officer.
5. if you need safety glasses, metal clips and rings for your accountability tags see us also.

REMEMBER SAFETY IS EVERYONE'S JOB.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Mon	2 Firematic Drill— Carnival Work Detail	3	4 Explorers – Meeting	5	6 Sun	7 Mon
8 Wed	9 Monthly Meeting On Field	10	11 Explorers – Carnival Setup	12	13 Tue	14 Wed Carnival Setup
15 Yellow	16 Firematic Drill— Carnival Work Detail	17 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting	18 BOD Meeting Explorers – Carnival Setup	19	20 Thu	21 Yellow
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This Month's Birthdays – Happy Birthday To All



July 1: Red Voigt
 July 2: Tim Jarvis
 July 2: Dale Nesbitt
 July 2: Steve Speer
 July 2: Bob Floyd
 July 4: Donna Carter

July 8: Kevin Yousey
 July 8: Jeff Thompson
 July 14: Jake Lissow
 July 15: Renea Jett
 July 17: Kevin Allport
 July 19: Jeff Gates

July 20: Mike Mackenzie
 July 20: Dick Barrett
 July 25: Mike McHenry
 July 25: Gordon Stephens
 July 28: Glenda Videan
 July 30: Rachael Hare

EMS News

Submitted by Kevin Corcoran

Happy 4th of July to all! Hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday.

As we all know, this upcoming month is very busy with Carnival and all. For the newer members that may not be aware, this is our biggest fundraiser for the year. We need all the help that we can get to run this and make it the best it can be for all to enjoy and make money for the Dept. As far as EMS is concerned, there is no money to be made but there are lives to protect and manage throughout the week. We will need warm bodies to staff the EMS Stand as well as run their groups on the rig when applicable. There will be an ALS Tech on the field again like last year and we will have the EMS stand up and ready for customers....well hopefully not too many.

There will be a sign-up in the lounge for Carnival EMS standby positions that need to be filled. We have many people that are able to give some time to the booth and it will make it much easier if everyone takes a shift here and there to spread the wealth. I would rather not have to badger people to sign up for spots but if I have to bribe you with tasty carnival food and free pop, I will.

Remember GROUPS that you are responsible to cover your respective nights for carnival on the ambulance. Thursday night group for now will be covered by fill in ambulances for the parade up until about midnight. While we all like to have some fun, there still needs to be constant coverage. That brings up another point. The groups are having coverage issues recently. We are giving calls away and groups coverage has been slipping some in the scheduling aspect. If you do not have a schedule at the start of the month, please do your best to get it filled or let someone know. When anyone hears the tones go out multiple times, that is a good clue that it is ALL GROUPS and everyone should keep an ear open and respond when able and available. Please don't let the recent past issues this department has hurdled through discourage you from your commitment to the community and neighbors.

The new 2629 is now in service and has taken many calls already. So far so good I hear. Everyone likes it and is happy riding/ driving it from what I have been told and hearing throughout the lounge and truck room. The committee did a fantastic job on it. There is still no KNOX BOX installed as of yet so if the need arises, please jump on the radio and have the dispatcher tone out a Chief officer or a truck to respond and help you gain entry. Unity facility had a lightning strike recently and is having trouble with their entry system. You will need to use the key (on off hours) or staff to let you in and view the inside screen to see where an alarm came from if unknown.

At the monthly meeting on the field on Monday July 9th, there will be a rep from Churchville Fire Equipment to measure up turnout gear for those that need it. I have emailed those people that have been in need of gear. If you think you need new turnout gear for whatever reason, please see me and we will get you squared away that night.

Congrats to Steve Reiter on receiving his EMT card recently through the Rapid Recert Program. Nice job Steve. There are several more waiting for their cards in the mail. They should be here soon. Also some new EMT's to be are waiting for their cards. Wish them luck, as it is a huge accomplishment to earn that card.

I will be out of town for the week of the 4th of July from Sunday until Friday. If you have any EMS issues, please feel free to contact Lt Tom Bertrand with concerns or questions or leave a note in the mailboxes on the EMS door.

Please make sure to empty the trash in the rigs and get rid of any personal stuff ie: coffee cups, wrappers etc. Thank you all for making Hilton a great place to volunteer! Keep up the good work. Have a safe Summer!!

Kevin Corcoran

Commission News

Submitted by Ray Ward

We have a few items to bring to the public. First, we have changed our Workman's Comp insurance carrier to a self-insurance carrier. This will result in a substantial saving in our workman's comp insurance bill. This group currently contains several fire and ambulance companies. It also contains several municipalities like the Village of Hilton.

The next obvious item would be the new fire hall progress. Several people have attended numerous meetings in the past few months to get the design of the new station to be optimal for the Hilton Fire Department. The design process is well under way. The schedule is still to issue bids in late September. If you have any questions, please ask any of the commissioners, we are all intimately involved with the building design. The building committee will be giving a presentation of the current state of the design of the new fire hall at the August monthly meeting.

We are going to sell the 1990 Ford Grass Fire truck (267). Once we take delivery of the new squad, we will deliver the existing 267. The commissioners also decided to have the new squad (267) shipped from Atlanta to Hilton. We should see it sometime in the September to October time frame.

We have almost finalized our Audit for 2006. This is a key objective in helping secure good rates for the bond we will be pursuing for the new fire hall.

Carnival News

Submitted by Ray Ward

Next month is Carnival Month. Our drills will be work details to help get the field and buildings ready for the big event. Just remember, many hands make light work.

You might notice something different in front of the Fire Hall this year, we will not have the Parma Special Police doing our traffic control. We have enlisted the help of the Greece Special Police to perform traffic control for the entrance to the carnival grounds and help out with traffic control for the parade. The Parma Special Police turned down our request for help this year.

Let us all pray for good weather this year, I believe we have everything else under control, but we can't control the weather, hope for the best.

Our ride vendor will, once again, be bringing a new ride to Hilton, the Sea Ray.

Mark your calendars for the family fun event, it will be on Friday, 7/27/07, from 12:00 till 2:00. The rides will be open for the department members families and we will provide hot dogs and soda.

Thanks in advance for all the help I know we will be getting this year for carnival, remember think GOOD WEATHER!

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