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Dates To Remember:

- ◆ 1/14 Monthly Meeting
- ◆ 1/15 Ladies Auxiliary
- ◆ 1/22 Exempts Meeting
- ◆ 1/30 Board of Directors Meeting
- ◆ All Scuttlebutt articles need to be in by 1/30

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Letter From Our Chief

With January starts the New Year and before long the "goals drill" will be upon us. One of my main goals as Chief of the Hilton Fire Department is not to make any drastic changes but to continue on the positive path that we are already on.

Hopefully this year we should begin to see progress on our new building and I anticipate a new off road vehicle being purchased in the near future. More details will follow in future Scuttlebutt articles.

It has recently come to my attention that Captain Mike Mullen has decided to step down from the position as Captain for various reasons. Mike has been a tremendous asset to the line office in both his experience and passion for the job. I sincerely thank him for his dedication and service to the Hilton Fire Department over the past years and wish him all the best.

There will be a special election held in the future to fill his vacancy. Please consider now whether or not you would like to run for the position on down. There will be more details at the January meeting.

I'd like to make a special "thank you" to the Christmas party committee's for their effort in putting the various Christmas parties together this year. I know that my own family enjoyed the teen party and breakfast with Santa. I wasn't able to attend the adult party (wife

was having too many contractions!) but I heard it was a good time.

If you haven't heard, Sue Fisk has left the District as a dispatcher. At this time no decision has been made as to how the position will be filled. For the next month it will be filled by part-timers as a temporary solution.

Our sincere condolences go out to John Sweeney, Donna Zarpentine and Bill Zarpentine and their families on the passing of father and grandfather, Robert Sweeney. I had the privilege of personally knowing Bob and there wasn't a better man to be found.

Congratulations to John and Heather Calaci on the birth of their son, Zachary Ryan who was born on December 12, 2007. Little Zachary weighed 8 lbs. 4 oz and was 20 1/2 inches long. My own family grew again with the birth of our 8th child. Kolbe Francis was born almost 2 weeks early on December 17th and weighed 7 lbs. 6 oz. and was 20 1/2 inches long. Special thanks to Jim Bimmler, Ray Ward, Tim Yockel and anyone else who helped put on the Chief's drill which was held while Kelly (and I :) were having the baby.

On a final note, the weather has started to turn nasty so please exercise caution when driving your own personal vehicles and the fire department apparatus. Happy New Year!

Eric

Training Schedule

Submitted by Joe Lissow

Training Schedule for January 2008

Monday Jan. 7th @ 19:00 Gear Inspection / CPR – Defib

Tuesday Jan. 8th @ 09:00 Gear Inspection / CPR – Defib

Monday Jan. 14th @ 19:00 Monthly Meeting

Monday Jan. 21st @ 19:00 Mandatory Goals

Tuesday Jan. 22nd @ 09:00 Mandatory Goals

Monday Jan. 28th @ 19:00 Building Construction

Tuesday Jan. 29th @ 09:00 Building Construction

I also wanted to take the time to thank everyone for taking time away from your families on Christmas day to answer the many EMS and fire calls. Many of you left your Holiday activities and it was very much appreciated. Late in the afternoon we had a call at Rt. 259 and Peck for a serious car accident with multiple patients. This call started out to be very chaotic and was a very challenging call. Approximately 40 of our members responded to this call and you all did a very great and professional job. This turned into an extended incident and we worked to get everyone back home to their families as soon as possible and they were all willing to stay as long as needed. I can't Thank You enough for everything you do.

Until next month, Joe



Movie Night

Submitted by Amy Lissow

January's movie night is going to be on Friday, January 18 at 7:00 PM in the training room. This month's movie will be Meet the Robinsons. Come down and bring your friends and family for a fun night with popcorn, drinks and a movie!!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Happy New Year	2 Commission Meeting Explorers – Monthly Meeting	3	4 Thur	5 Yellow
6 Sun	7 Firematic Drill— Gear Inspection/CPR Defib	8 Firematic Drill— Gear Inspection/ CPR Defib	9 Explorers – TBD	10	11 Mon	12 Sun
13 Tue	14 Monthly Meeting	15 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting	16 Explorers – TBD	17	18 Wed Movie Night “Meet the Robinsons”	19 Tue
20 Thur	21 Firematic Drill— Mandatory Department Goals	22 Exempt Monthly Dinner Meeting Firematic Drill— Mandatory Department Goals	23 Explorers – TBD	24	25 Yellow	26 Thur
27 Mon	28 Firematic Drill— Building Construction	29 Firematic Drill— Building Construction	30 BOD Meeting Explorers – TBD	31		

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This Month's Birthdays – Happy Birthday To All



Jan 6: Jim Buongiorno

Jan 14: Bob Forth

Jan 23: Brian Lissow

Jan 6: John Sweeney

Jan 15: Tim Hutchings

Jan 25: Joe Lissow

Jan 6: Debbie Kwiatkowski

Jan 16: Mike Piper

Jan 26: Jason Schwan

Jan 12: Mary Hebblethwaite

Jan 18: Gerry Morrison

Jan 29: Erin Stiles

Jan 12: Blake Trowbridge

Jan 20: Debbie Jones

Jan 29: Linda Kaiser

Jan 14: Bill Chatterson

Jan 20: Chris Case

Jan 31: Bruce Castle

Commission News

Submitted by Ray Ward

Personnel – It was decided at our December 27th work shop to fill Sue Fisk’s position with another 20 hour employee. The personnel committee will be actively looking into applicants.

ETIN – The ETIN system was upgraded in December. It should now run cooler and allow us to utilize the system in the training room. We are awaiting the software from the county group to enable this.

Building Feasibility – Commissioner McHenry reported that the building project went out to bid on the 13th. It was in the Democrat and Chronicle and in the Suburban News. Contractor review meeting was held on December 20 at the firehouse, LeChase Construction handled this meeting. We received the bid drawings and spec books from Bergman. The bids are due back on Jan 11.

Grants – We have entered into an agreement with the Village of Hilton for the Shared Municipal Services Incentive Grant for the purpose of sharing a Fuel Facility on the grounds of the Village DPW. All other grants are still status quo.

Elections – Steve Burritt has won the election for another 5-year term. Don Harter has won the election to fill the two years remaining on Jim Bimmler’s 5-year term as he resigned in November of 2007. Thank-you to all that turned out to vote in our elections.

Next Meeting – The next meeting of the Hilton-Parma Fire District is January 2nd, 7:30pm at the Fire Station.

**Happy
New
Year**

EMS News

Submitted by Kevin Corcoran

Well another month is gone as well as the holidays already. Where does the time go?

First off I would like to say thank you to Lt Greg Nichols and Lt Tom Bertrand for their service to the EMS Office and the Department for the year 2007. Thank you for your efforts and all you did!

I would like to welcome to the office two new faces to management. Lt Debbie Waterman and Lt Ryan Hess. Already we have been planning and meeting about training, consistency in the office and ideas on how to keep up the work of this great organization. I look forward to working with Debbie and Ryan and can't wait to get the new year going. If anyone has any training ideas or thoughts that you would like to share, please either drop us an email or phone call. Or drop a note in the EMS door.

December was a busy month for calls and I would like to say thank you to everyone for the hard work and dedication to keep covering calls. I will have the call data for the year soon so we can see how well we are doing. Being an all volunteer ambulance corp., it is almost impossible to cover every call that comes in, but we sure do a great job at doing what we can. We will miss some and that is ok. That is why we have a backup service if we can't get a rig on the road. On that same point, many of our calls are of ALS criteria and Monroe usually will be on the way. There are times that Monroe will beat us to the scene because they have agreed to stay closer to our district to provide a more timely response. If they get to the call before us, that is ok. We still need to provide an ambulance to cover that call. We are the BLS providers and that is what our residents have called for. The Hilton Ambulance. Monroe is not here to steal our calls, as I have heard some say. If it is an ALS call, they will need to go anyway to the hospital. We need to continue to provide the great service we already do and keep our commitment to the residents of our district. This is a new year and a fresh start. Let's do our best to try and cover as many calls as possible. If everyone took just one more call here and there, we would be providing a much more solid coverage base. When you are at home with family or out and about, it can be tough to tear away and answer a call, but we really do need all the help we can get, and often, it only takes one more warm body to make the call happen.

I would like to mention that Bob Floyd is now a cleared ambulance driver. Please utilize him if needed as he can't wait to get a ton of runs under his belt...right Bob?

Linda Yousey has agreed to assist with the Rapid Recert Program. More info to follow soon.

Wishing everyone had a safe and happy holiday season! I look forward to seeing everyone in this new year on the ambulance and around the hall.

Kevin Corcoran



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New “New Year’s Eve” Ball In Times Square

