



Scuttlebutt

Letter From Our Chief

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Dates To Remember:

- ◆ 10/12 Monthly Meeting—Clam Bake
- ◆ 10/20 Ladies Auxiliary
- ◆ 10/28 Board of Directors Meeting
- ◆ All Scuttlebutt articles need to be in by 10/28

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The month of September is gone and although it was a relatively quiet one, we did manage to have a working fire. Although I arrived on scene a bit late, Deputy Chief Lissow had everything in place for the incident to run smoothly. With help from Hamlin and Walker we were able to make a quick and efficient attack on the fire which originated in the kitchen. While one cat did die, damage was contained to the one apartment and most importantly not one member was injured.

Thank you to everyone who responded. A special thank you to the Ladies Auxiliary and Explorers who also did a great job offering assistance. Lastly, thanks goes out to all the EMS members who responded to the scene. While it might seem unnecessary at times just standing around at the scene, you play an important role at the fire scene and statistics show that when engaged in overhaul that is when a substantial amount of heart attacks occur.

At the very end of the incident we ended up having 2 ambulance calls that were both manned. This leads me into my next subject. In September we had multiple EMS jobs where both ambulances were out at the same time and while I don't have the specific numbers...at the time of this writing we did a fabulous job of getting not just one but both ambulances out. Again, "Thank You"... from myself and on behalf our community.

I was very encouraged by the EMS meeting. It is imperative for any organization to have two way commu-

nication and for the officers of this department to hear all of the issues no matter how big or small so they can act together. It is also good for the Chief's office to hear all the issues so we can make sure there is adequate follow up on the issues. Last year we had a few of these meetings but like I said in past articles, this year has been a unique year with moving into a new fire station and some things were put on hold. Next year we need to fall back in our routine and have a few more of these meetings.

Due to the new fire station, we have not had our mass physical yet. It was supposed to be October 10th and October 17th but due to staffing issues with Lakeside occu-med it doesn't look like October 10th is going to happen. I apologize for the inconvenience and hopefully this situation will be remedied soon. I can tell you that I am not happy about this turn of events and Cindy Rombout has gotten an earful. I will keep everybody posted.

Lastly, Saturday, October 24th is "make a difference day" in Hilton. I personally believe that every day we respond to our residents call for service is "make a difference day" in our organization. Another notable organization, the Hilton Rotary will be collecting food for our local food shelf which has a severe shortage at this time. While I realize that this goes beyond our call of duty, I ask that if you could spare a non-perishable item, please drop it off in the Ladies Auxiliary kitchen and it will be picked up on the 24th.

Thanks in advance, Eric

Training

Submitted by Joe Lissow

Mon. Oct. 5 th @ 19:00	Ventilation	Mandatory for Interior Firefighters
Tues. Oct. 6 th @ 09:00	Ventilation	Mandatory for Interior Firefighters
Mon. Oct. 19 th @ 19:00	SCBA Awareness/ Air Consumption/ Air Filling Compressor Training	
Tues. Oct 20 th @ 09:00	SCBA Awareness/ Air Consumption/ Air Filling Compressor Training	
Mon. Oct 26 th @ 19:00	Initial Fire Attack/ Hoselines/ Rehab.(Mandatory Int.) – Driver Recertification	
Tues. Oct. 27 th @ 09:00	Driver Recertification	

October's Mandatory Training will be Ventilation. This drill is mandatory for Interior Firefighters. Also we will be having another live burn drill at the North Greece Training facility on October 26th. If you still need this drill, this will be one of the last two initial fire attack drills for the year. On October 19th and 20th we will be doing some SCBA training. Also a gentleman from Triad Synergy will be at our firehouse to do some training on our Air Filling Compressor, if you are interested in being certified to fill SCBA bottles, please try to attend. Coming up in November, Capt. Porter has arranged for our Confined Space Awareness drill to be a State Class the if you attend you will get a State Certificate for. This class will be Monday, November 16th at 18:00 – 22:00. Hopefully within this week the AV equipment in the training room will be complete. Thank you everyone for your patience as this is being done.

Thank You to everyone who came to the EMS meeting on September 29. There was a lot of good discussion and many suggestions for improvement were identified. Some of these were coverage and group and personal accountability for filling open shifts, training that we could improve on, among other things. Stay tuned as we act on some of these suggestions to make improvements.

On a personal note, Thanks to those who responded to the aid of my Grandmother the morning she had her stroke. Like I said in the meeting, advanced life support and all that stuff is great, but when the crew from our EMS shows up, it is refreshing and comforting to know our relatives or citizens of our community for that matter, are in good hands.

Congratulations to Craig Lemcke, Jason Heinrich, Tom Hare and Bill Palma who were recently cleared as Pumper Drivers, Also congratulations to Pat Wallace and Tom Furtner who recently were cleared on 267 and 268.

Remember, Fire Prevention week is in October. Asst. Chief Collins has been busy setting up many activities for the week, so if anyone has any extra time to assist with some of the fire prevention details, please see Wayne. Any help would be greatly appreciated and it is a rewarding experience.

One last note on our recent fire on Clarkson Parma Townline Road. Thank you to everyone who responded and great job. The fire was contained to the kitchen and most importantly nobody got hurt. That is why what we do on calls must relate back to training. We train so we hopefully avoid injuries; we train so we operate more proficiently at the scene. The more we practice, hopefully the better we get.

Have a great month,
Joe

Ladies Auxiliary News

Submitted by Beth Mueller

Summer had ended and fall came upon us fast. With fall it is time to think about running for office, if you have any questions about a particular position ask any board member. Thank you to everyone who assisted with the code 5 on Friday the 25th and everyone who worked at the chicken barbeque. We really do have a great bunch of girls.

Some dates to remember October 13th, Walker's fall frolic and our next meeting October 20th @ 7:15. Remember we are collecting items for solders care package, bring to Octobers meeting.

The Hilton Rotary is having a food drive this month, anyone interested in bringing in an item or two, contact me for more information.

New members always welcome.
Remember your Secret Pal.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Yellow	3 Thur
4 Mon	5 Firematic Drill— Ventilation	6	7 Explorers – Meeting	8	9 Sun	10 Mon
11 Wed	12 Monthly Meeting— Clam Bake	13	14 Explorers – Ventilation	15	16 Tue	17 Wed
18 Yellow	19 Firematic Drill— SCBA Awareness	20 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting	21 Explorers - Search & Rescue	22	23 Thur	24 Yellow
25 Sun	26 Firematic Drill— Initial Fire Attack/ Driver Recert	27	28 BOD Meeting Explorer— TBD	29	30 Mon	31 Sun

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This Month's Birthdays - Happy Birthday To All

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| Oct 2: Donna Lemcke | Oct 7: Eric Guest | Oct 14: Dick Mackenzie |
| Oct 2: Cody Wilson | Oct 9: Sue VerWulst | Oct 23: Denise Montalbano |
| Oct 3: Dianne Johnson | Oct 10: Gerald Weaver | Oct 25: Greg Nichols |
| Oct 6: Courtney Wehbring | Oct 11: Dawn Buscemi | Oct 31: Jim Rice |
| Oct 6: Justin Hofschneider | Oct 13: Ryan Hess | |



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EMS News

Submitted by Kevin Corcoran

I would like to start off by saying Thank you to everyone who showed up last week for the Hippa training and the EMS Meeting the following night. We truly appreciate everyones attendance. The EMS meeting went very well and there was some great discussions and problems / miscommunications solved. Communication is key. Once again, if anyone has any issue that they feel needs attention, please come to one of the EMS Officers and we will discuss it so that no issue goes unattended and festers.

We would like to congratulate several members on their recent accomplishments.

Matt Johnson cleared driver

Jeff Thompson cleared driver

Dan Weber cleared driver

Thom Kadlubowski cleared medic

Gerry Weaver cleared medic and driver

These people have done well with their training and we hope to see lots of them around in the future.

CPR class October 16th @ 1800hrs at the firehall. This will be an original class, not a refresher. If anyone needs this certification, please let us know so we can reserve a spot for you. Everyone in the department needs this certification.

Vital Signs Conference registration deadline fast approaching. Please see an officer to register if interested.

Boy Scouts standby on Saturday October 17th 14:00-16:00 hrs at the town hall. If anyone can help out, please see one of us.

Please check your EMS Charts and see if you have any open charts. If there are, see what is needed to be able to close them and lock them. We have way too many open right now.

New laptops are now on the ambulances so that we can continue to do charts on the way to the hospital and hopefully have them completed in a more timely fashion. They are very user friendly but if you have any questions, please feel free to ask one of us.

If you are an EMS only member and not on a group, take a look at the group list and see where you want to be. We will be contacting you to place you on a group. Every EMS Member is required to be on a group. If your an extra warm body that also does firefighting and want to be placed on a group, let one of us know and we would be happy to place you on a group as well. The more help the better with getting the rigs on the road.

Thank you to those of you that signed up to help out at the Applefest standby this weekend.

Thank you for everything you do day in and day out. It is very much appreciated!

Happy Halloween! and remember to watch out for all those little goblins and ghosts out and about that night.

EMS Officers