



Scuttlebutt

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Dates To Remember:

- ◆ 3/9 Monthly Meeting
- ◆ 3/17 Ladies Auxiliary
- ◆ 3/24 Exempts Meeting
- ◆ 3/25 Board of Directors Meeting
- ◆ All Scuttlebutt articles need to be in by 3/25

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Letter From Our Chief

It's almost time...just four weeks from now we will be moving into our new "house". In the next few weeks you will probably notice more changes to the old fire hall as we start to make our trek over to the new one. While the building committee has been diligently working on making this as painless as possible, there will inevitably be some annoyances. I ask everyone to be patient as we work through this huge endeavor.

If you have not heard, the big move will be on Saturday, April 4th. That is officially the day that our operations will cease at 135 South Avenue and begin at 120 Old Hojack Trail. There will be more information at the monthly meeting.

Captain Jeff Gates modified the training schedule so that on Monday, March 30th both Fire and EMS can meet at the new fire hall to take a tour of it, park the apparatus in it and get a feel of our new "house". It will also give me chance to address all of you about operational issues. Please mark your calendar for both March 30th and April 4th as well as May 16th for the official grand opening scheduled at 10:00 am. Look for more information from the P.R. Committee and Assist. Chief Wayne Collins.

We've recently gained 7 more EMS members and 2 Fire Department members. Please be sure to welcome them to the HFD Department "family" when you get a chance. Also, the newest and youngest member of our "family" is Katherine Ella Louise Green. Little Katherine is the new daughter of Troy and Jennifer Green. Katherine was born on Tuesday, February 17th and weighed 6 lbs 13 oz and was 19 1/4 inches long. Congratulations go out to Troy

and Jennifer.

I want to mention too that I wish Steve Reiter a speedy recover after his recent surgery.

Last but not least, don't forget to mark your calendars for the Annual Banquet which is scheduled for Saturday, March 21st. The Annual Banquet is a time to get together and reflect upon the previous year, look forward to the year ahead and to honor all of you for your dedication and service to your community. While having a brand new facility and sparkling equipment are fine... in and of themselves they cannot do anything...it's all of you that make this department what it is...all of us working together as a team. I actually decided to look up the formal definition of teamwork and here's what I found:

Teamwork "a joint action by 2 or more people' or a group, in which each person subordinates his or her individual interests and opinions to the unity and efficiency of the group."

This does not mean that the individual is no longer important; however, it does mean that effective and efficient teamwork goes beyond individual accomplishments. The most effective teamwork is produced when all the individuals involved harmonize their contributions and work towards a common goal.

In order for teamwork to succeed one must be a team player. A team player is one who subordinates personal aspirations and works in a coordinated effort with other members of a group, or team, in striving for a common goal.

For the Hilton Fire Department that common goal, as is often stated, is to do our best to serve the people of the community of Hilton. Thanks, Eric

Training Schedule

Submitted by Jeff Gates

Training for March 2009

Mon. March 2 @ 19:00 Haz Mat

Tues. March 3 @ 09:00 Haz Mat

Haz Mat is Mandatory for all members per OSHA

Mon. March 16 @ 19:00 Thermal Imaging

Tues. March 17 @ 09:00 Thermal Imaging

Mon. March 23 @ 19:00 Size Up and Incident Command

Tues. March 24 @ 09:00 Size Up and Incident Command

For this drill we will going to the Public Safety Training Facility and using their command board.

Mon. March 30 @ 19:00 Training at the new firehouse

Tues. March 31 @ 09:00 Training at the new firehouse

This drill is instead of the MVA Operations. It will be just before we move and the idea is to learn about the different things of the building before we move in.

Movie Night

Submitted by Bob Floyd

March's movie night is going to be on Friday, March 13 at 7:00 PM in the training room. 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 |
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| 1 | 2 Firematic Drill— Mandatory— Haz Mat | 3 Firematic Drill— Mandatory-Haz Mat | 4 Explorers – Meeting | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 | 9 Monthly Meeting | 10 | 11 Explorers – TBD | 12 | 13 Movie Night | 14 |
| 15 | 16 Firematic Drill— Thermal Imaging | 17 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting Firematic Drill— Thermal Imaging | 18 Explorers – TBD | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 | 23 Firematic Drill— Size-Up & Incident Command | 24 Exempt Monthly Dinner Meeting Firematic Drill— Size-Up & Incident Command | 25 BOD Meeting Explorers – TBD | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 | 30 Firematic Drill— Training @ New Fire Station | 31 Firematic Drill— Training @ New Fire Station | | | | |

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Submit Scuttlebutt Articles via Email to Scuttlebutt@hiltonfd.org Articles Due 3/25

This Month's Birthdays - Happy Birthday To All

Mar 3: Patty Ayers

Mar 4: Kevin Corcoran

Mar 4: Pam Johnson

Mar 10: Scott Castle

Mar 11: John Zobel

Mar 12: Bill Smith

Mar 15: Dave Gebhardt

Mar 20: Bill Moore

Mar 21: Laurie Gavigan

Mar 22: Brian Jock

Mar 23: Wayne Collins

Mar 24: Rodney Manhardt

Mar 27: Cody Schmitt



Memorial Park Committee

Submitted by Todd Meyer

Just a reminder to all...Brick Sales for our new Memorial Park are still for sale. All current and past Fire-fighters, EMS personnel, Ladies Auxiliary, Explorers as well as Associate, Honorary and Corporate Members are eligible to be part of this project. Please pass on the word to anyone who may not receive a Scuttlebutt, we are trying to get this to as many current and past members as possible. We have also added a memorial plaque, see page 7 for the order form. Contact any of the committee members if you have a question. Thanks!

Bill Carter, Todd Meyer, Anne Dugan, Dick Popowych, Brian Lissow, Tim Wirth, Jeff Gates & Don Stilson

Ladies Auxiliary News

Submitted by Beth Mueller

March is here so spring will be around the corner. Thank you to everyone who donated food, the food shelf is very appreciative of all donations.

Our next meeting will be March 17th @ 7:15. Curious and new members are always welcome.

Anyone interested in assisting with decorating the hall for the banquet, we start the festivities at 9 o'clock March 21st.

Don't forget March 28th is our famous chicken barbeque; tickets are available from any auxiliary member. We will be serving at the exempt club from noon until gone.

Don't forget your secret pal and see you at our next meeting.

Commission News

Submitted by Ray Ward

I would just like to reiterate what Eric had stated, the next month will be a hectic month, the new fire station should be completed by the end of this month and we will be moving in on April 4th. This should be a very exciting day.

If you would like to get a preview of the new station, please see one of the commissioners to arrange a tour, my tours are only worth a nickel, Mike's are worth a quarter, I will let you pick ☺ .

Please have patience over this next month, and if you have any concerns or questions, please ask one of your commissioners.



Hilton Volunteer Fire Department

Memorial Park

Brick Engraving Fundraiser

The Hilton Fire Department is excited to offer our members the chance to be a part of our new Fire Department. A memorial garden area (aka. "The Memorial Park") is being created with a central monument, flag poles, seating wall and an engraved paver area. We are currently offering all current and past members the chance to have their names permanently engraved into a paver brick in our Memorial Park. All current and past Firefighters, EMS personnel, Ladies Auxiliary, Explorers as well as Associate, Honorary and Corporate Members are eligible to be part of this project. Please help us raise money to complete this project and become a permanent part of this historic project. Thank you for your support!

Pricing : \$100.00 per brick

Please contact us for special pricing on orders of 5 or more bricks.

Payment : Payment for the bricks must be done at the time the order is placed. No bricks will be engraved until full payment has been received. Check or Money Order are the only acceptable forms of payment.

Make all checks payable to: The Hilton Fire Department

Mail Payment and Order Form to: Hilton Fire Department
PO Box 770
Hilton, NY 14468

Questions : Any questions about the purchase of the bricks should be brought to the attention of Bill Carter or Todd Meyer.

Bill Carter: 392-3018
Todd Meyer: tmeyer@rmlandscape.com

Name : _____

Address : _____

Phone # _____

E-Mail : _____

Engraving Information

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Please complete a separate order form for every brick you are ordering

Please place only one letter, space or character per box. Double check all of your spelling. Once bricks are engraved they can not be changed.

Hilton Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary Chicken BBQ



Saturday, March 28, 2009
At the Fire Dept. Exempt Club
(Drive-Thru Pick up ONLY)

Noon till Gone

Tickets:

\$7:00 Advance Sale
(Pick up by 3:00 pm)
\$8.00 Day of Sale

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**Everyone knows to wear “Green”
on March 17th ...
But why? ...
And who was St. Patrick??**

Saint Patrick was the missionary credited with converting the Irish to Christianity in the late 300's A.D. Historical sources report that Saint Patrick was not even Irish! He was born around 373 A.D. in either Scotland or in Roman Britain (the Romans left Britain in 410 A.D.). His real name is believed to have been Maewyn Succat, but he changed it to Patrick after he became a priest. At the age of 16, while living in Ireland, he was kidnapped by pirates and sold into slavery.

During his 6-year captivity, he worked as a shepherd. He found strength in his faith. He finally escaped and made it to France, where he became a priest (and later a bishop).

When he was about 60 years old, St. Patrick traveled back to Ireland to spread the Christian word. He used the green shamrock, which resembles a three-leafed clover, as a metaphor to explain the concept of the Trinity - father, son, and holy spirit. The Irish people embraced him. The old saint died in his beloved Ireland, March 17th, about 460 A.D. The land which once enslaved him, he had set free.



Today, Saint Patrick's Day is a basically a time to wear green and party. The first American celebration of Saint Patrick's Day was in Boston, Massachusetts, in 1737. As the saying goes, on this day "everybody is Irish!" Over 100 U.S. cities now hold Saint Patrick's Day parades, the largest held in New York City.