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FIRE CHANGES THE VILLAGE OF FALCONER



On 22 March 2017 the first responders of Chautauqua County responded to a working structure fire at 29 West Main Street in the Village of Falconer. Falconer, Gerry, Kennedy, Jamestown, Kiantone, Randolph, Busti, Fluvanna, Frewsburg, Sinclairville, Lakewood, Celeron, Ashville, Bemus Point, Panama, Chautauqua, Ellington, Ellery Center, Chautauqua 1, CF-2, B-3, EMS-1, EMS-2, EMS-3, ES-3, TR-1, HM-1, Rescue 7, Fire Police Team, Fire Investigation Team,

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NYS State Fire OFPC, NYS DOT, Ellicott Police and NYS Police responded. Total number of individuals responding to the fire was 216. This includes all volunteers and career firefighters along with all the county and state officials.

This fire was reported at 07:35 on Wednesday the 22nd of March and the last Falconer unit cleared at about 19:00 on the 23rd of March. Fire suppression included four aerial units, three master streams, two deck guns and miscellaneous hand lines. Water was sourced from the Jamestown BPU hydrant system and a draft relay line from the Chadakoin River. It was estimated that at the peak of the fire there were 5000 gallons per minute being put on the fire.



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This fire involved four separate buildings along the main street in Falconer and will require the demolition of three of the structures. Main Street, NYS Route 394, remained closed until the demo was completed. Falconer Fire Department was called to standby during phases of the demolition for safety reasons. Fire origin was ruled an incendiary after an extensive investigation by Chautauqua County Fire Investigation Team, Chautauqua County Sheriff Department and New York State Office of Fire Prevention Fire Investigation.





CATTARAUGUS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES

Recently I sat down with Christopher Baker, Director of Emergency Services for Cattaraugus County to learn more about the fire and EMS services to the east of Chautauqua County.

Emergency Services in Cattaraugus County is headquartered in the County Office building in Little Valley New York. It is headed by Christopher Baker who has served as Director of Emergency Services for the past 10 years. As Director of Emergency Services Mr. Baker, is also the Cattaraugus County Fire Coordinator working with the 39 fire departments in Cattaraugus County. There are 37 volunteer departments and 2 career departments, the 2 career departments being Olean and Salamanca. There are 27 departments that have New York State Certified Ambulances operating in Cattaraugus County along with commercial ambulance services. There is one hospital in Cattaraugus County, Olean General Hospital and several in the surrounding counties. With Cattaraugus County located where it is there are 6 counties that it borders, 4 in New York State and 2 in Pennsylvania.

Mr. Baker works with a staff of 4 in Little Valley along with an Assistant to the Director, an EMS/MCI Coordinator and a NIMS Coordinator. Cattaraugus County is divided into 5 Districts and each is headed by a Deputy Coordinator that is selected by the departments in that district and approved by Director Baker.

When ask what is the most important issue facing the fire/EMS service in Cattaraugus County Director Baker talked about membership, both in bringing in new members and retaining existing members. Challenges facing the membership issue in Cattaraugus County include smaller populations, generational values and to some extent increases in training requirements.

The majority of fire and EMS training is scheduled and processed through the Office of Emergency Services in Little Valley. EMT classes are held at various locations in the County to allow easy access to training. Cattaraugus County is promoting the New York State EMT Continuing Medical Education (CME) Program. The Recertification Program allows an EMT, EMT-Intermediate, EMT-Critical Care or Paramedic, who is in continuous practice, demonstrates competency and completes appropriate continuing education, to renew their certification without taking a certification exam.

Cattaraugus in 2017, is involved in a transformation to a complete new radio system. Since the early 1950's the county has been on a low band system using a primary channel of 33.70. The new system is a VHF digital trunked phase one system that brings in expansion capabilities and interagency communications. The system was designed by Motorola and Eagle Radio and was a product of a county wide radio committee that included all players in the system along with representatives from the Cattaraugus County Legislature. Funding for the system was provided by the Cattaraugus County Legislature and Federal Assistance to Firefighter Grants (AFG) that were awarded to some Cattaraugus County departments. The law enforcement agencies in Cattaraugus County are currently operating on the new system. Testing for fire and EMS will begin in April with a proposed switch over in June. With the new trunked system each department will select their individual operations and TAC channels. Each district will have an operations channel. All departments will have unique code plug for their department.

Cattaraugus County has a central dispatch center located in Little Valley that dispatches Law Enforcement and Fire/EMS. A backup center is located in the City of Olean.

Christopher Baker stressed his belief that all departments, regardless of County, need to work together in this time of limited manpower. To assist in that he will be working with all Cattaraugus County neighboring counties to improve radio communications using the new radio system. That will include I Am Responding, voice and paging when available.

Cattaraugus County has specialized teams located within departments in the county. These include FAST, Ropes and Swift Water Rescue teams that serve not only Cattaraugus County but other counties as well.

County wide Cattaraugus County has a Tactical Medical Team that works with Dr. Brian Walters and the Cattaraugus County Sheriff Department. Tactical Emergency Casualty Care (TECC) training is scheduled in five locations around Cattaraugus County in 2017. As a sign of the times Cattaraugus County is preplanning for terror.

Thank you to Director of Emergency Services Christopher Baker for taking the time to sit down and discuss Emergency Services in Cattaraugus County. As a neighbor to 7 Chautauqua County fire departments, it is important to have knowledge of the Cattaraugus County Department of Emergency Services.

CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES



This newly established service will provide Paramedic Fly Car response during the day time hours as recommended by the MMA Consulting Group EMS Study. It will assist the Fire and EMS services in providing the best care possible to residents of Chautauqua County.

Funding for the program was included in the 2017 Chautauqua County budget as a result of the study's findings. This funding was supported by the County Executive and the Legislature to insure the safety and care of the citizens of Chautauqua County.

Michael J. Volpe, EMT-P, NRP started in January, and is the Senior Paramedic with the newly formed EMS agency. Volpe currently holds dual certification as a paramedic in New York and Pennsylvania. From 2000-2017, Volpe was employed as a nationally registered paramedic by EmergyCare Ambulance Service, the largest commercial EMS provider in northwestern Pennsylvania. He was previously employed as a flight paramedic with Stat Medevac, a flight paramedic with Starflight Medevac, and ALSTAR Ambulance as a Paramedic. Mike has worked in

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various supervisory capacities in the EMS systems of both western New York and northwestern Pennsylvania. He is a 25 year member of the Busti Fire Department, and has served as fire chief from 2011-2017 and 2000-2002. He is a past employee of the Chautauqua County Office of Emergency Services, where he served as the 3rd battalion fire coordinator from 2002-2010. Mike is a member of the Chautauqua County Emergency Medical Services Council, currently serving as chairman.

The Fly Car Project continues to progress with a tentative start date in the 2nd half of 2017. We have the following building blocks in place as we move forward:

- Vehicles are ordered. The scheduled build date is April 10th, 2017.
- Lease agreement for the Life Pack 15s and Lucas Devices have been approved and equipment received
- Interviewed 14 paramedic candidates, and will hopefully have 3 full time and 6 part-time employees hired.
- Operational Plan has been completed
- Narcotics agreement with UPMC Chautauqua WCA to provide us with controlled substances complete.
- Uniforms have been designed.
- Mobile and portable radios have been ordered.
- Medical equipment has been ordered for the vehicles.

Staging:

We have conducted a time study using fire station locations. We have found from 4 locations we can effectively cover the county. These locations include:

Arkwright Town Hall located on Center Road near Rt 83
Office of Emergency Services in Mayville

Ashville Fire Department South Maple Station in Ashville
Gerry Fire Department

We will also incorporate sub staging or Posting Locations when the fly cars are committed to calls. The Posting locations are:

Forestville Fire Department
Sinclairville Fire Department
Ashville Fire Department Stow Station

Stockton Fire Department
Fluvanna Fire Department Station 2

We are currently working to establish agreements with these agencies to utilize their facilities.

Please feel free to contact us through the Office of Emergency Services with any questions at 753-4021. We looking forward to adding this vital resource to aid and improve our County Emergency Medical Services System.

DISPATCH FACTS FOR FEBRUARY / MARCH 2017

In February 2017 the Chautauqua County Dispatch Center handled a total of 18,908 calls. Of this 4,302 were 911 calls, 14,606 were administration calls. That works out to be an average of 675.28 calls per day. In March the total jumped to 21,956 calls. 5,164 of them were 911 calls and 16,792 were administration calls. The average in March was 708.25 per day. On March 8th the calls from noon to midnight period 297 for 911 and administration calls were 705 for a total of 1,002, due to the wind event that knocked out power to parts of Chautauqua County.

EMT CLASSES COMPLETED

The Office of Emergency Services has held 3 EMT classes Since August of 2016. The following people were successful in completing the EMT course. There are 29 new EMTs and 28 refreshers. Congratulations everyone.

Chautauqua County Department of Emergency Services had a goal to host EMT's classes in different places in the county and was very successful in doing just that. In the past 18 months there has been a daytime class taught in Mayville, a class for the Sheriff Academy at Jamestown Community College, a basic class at Sheridan Fire Department and a basic refresher at Murphy Training Center.



Class starting 8/15/16 - Sheridan Fire Hall

Originals:

Erica Bouvier-Silver Creek, Timothy Franzen-CCSO, Austin Ganey-East Dunkirk, Kevin Ganey-East Dunkirk, Jill Gee-Fredonia, Debra Johnson-Cassadaga, Albert Nye-East Dunkirk, Eleanor Oliver-Brocton, Kaitlin Promber-Fredonia, Stephen Quinn-Silver Creek, Amy Romanik-Sunset Bay, Sharon Rumsey-Sheridan, Roger Salhoff-Cassadaga, Ryan Songer-Brocton,

Refreshers:

Nicole Benkelman-ALSTAR, Pamela Brown-Sinclairville, Mark Dickey-Ripley, Stanley Kelly-Lily Dale, David Lessinger-Stockton, Susan Lyndsley-Stockton, Michael Nigro-Lily Dale.

Class starting 9/6/16 at CCSO Academy

All originals:

Jacob Berger, Alexis Carlson, Lacey Clark, Felix DeJesus, Joseph Hallmark, Corri Hannon, Colter Meabon, Garrett Neel, Zachary Petrichko, Jacob Pilling, Dylan Robinson, Sara Rosario, Brandon Snyder, Kevin Wise and Matthew Yanda.

Refresher Class Started 1/9/17-Murphy Training Center:

Frederick Bell-Sheridan, Dewitt Chamberlin Jr-Sheridan, Stephen Cobb-Fredonia, James Crowell-Sheridan, Phyllis Firth-Gutz-Ripley, John Griffith-Ellington, Debra Howard-Stockton, Jamie Jaynes-Westfield, Kathleen Keddie-Sheridan, Julius Leone Jr.-Fredonia, Michael Matthews-ALSTAR/Dunkirk, Paul Meyer-ALSTAR, John Przybycien-Sheridan, Michael Przybycien-Sheridan, Rebecca Schafer-Sheridan, Mark Smith-Ripley, Joshua Szukala-Dunkirk, Joel Szymczak-Sheridan, Anthony Thomas-Dunkirk and Stephen Tooley-Forestville.

Annuals Skills Verification:

Annual skills verification for all Emergency Medical Technicians are due by June 30th every year. Skills verification forms need to be submitted to STEMS by this date. Here are some dates that skills fairs are scheduled to be held in spring 2017:

ALSTAR Training Center in Jamestown - May 5, 6pm-9pm.

Gerry Rodeo Grounds - May 17, 6pm-9pm.

ALSTAR Dunkirk Quarters - June 10, 10am-2pm.

Don't wait till the last minute to get these done.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin Peebles".

Project Coordinator - EMS

Any questions email me at peebles@chautcofire.org

FROM DON WOODFIELD:



Information from the training front. This article will be discussing some of the new Office of Fire Prevention and Control (OFPC) changes to Basic Exterior Firefighter Operations (BEFO) along with HazMat First Responder Ops (HMFRO) requirement. There will also be a short description of the new NOFRES course that is being sponsored by the County.

First of all, the NOFRES course is designed for department members who are NOT going to be wearing firefighter turnout gear. Examples are: auxiliary members, EMS personnel, Fire Police, etc. This course is six units in length and addresses how the above personnel fit into scene operations. This is NOT a state course, those who pass the final exam will get a certificate from Chautauqua County.

Second, OSHA has mandated that ALL New York State fire fighters (interior and exterior) be certified in HazMat First Responder Operations. This standard has NEVER changed!!! This just makes sense; any one of us can be the first on scene and find out that YOU have a HazMat incident.

Part of the new HMFRO course are actual skills that have to be demonstrated. Even the Department of Health, which is the agency that oversees NYS EMT training and standards has also made HazMat Awareness mandatory training for all NYS EMT's.

When ANY BEFO course is being held, instructors can take an additional ten firefighters for the HMFRO portion of those courses. Chautauqua County will also be scheduling at least two more standalone HMFRO courses this year. If we need to run more courses, contact the training coordinator to get them scheduled. It is time to get all of your firefighters HMFRO certified!!! Third, will be a discussion for legacy course firefighters. Legacy courses are: Basic Exterior Firefighting Operations (BEFO) prior to May of 2016, Scene Support Operations (SSO), Basic Firefighter, and Essentials of Firefighting. These courses no longer meet current NFPA, and OSHA standards. Anyone who has taken any of these legacy courses HAS to take certain classes from a current BEFO course to get the new BEFO certification. If a firefighter wants to get into an interior firefighting course (SCBA / IFO), they MUST have the current BEFO as a prerequisite.

NYS OFPC is still allowing legacy course bridging to get the new BEFO standard. OFPC has stated that the legacy course bridging will be phased out eventually. Time to catch up on the new training.

BRIDGING CLASS REQUIREMENTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

All students will have to bring copies of ICS-100 and ICS-700.

Anyone who has had HMFRO, will NOT have to take Units 22-25. You will have to bring your certificate as proof. For those who do not have HMFRO, you will have to attend Units 22-25 (four classes) to get that certification.

Anyone who has had ANY first aid training ex.: Basic first aid, Boy/Girl Scout first aid training, CFR, EMT. This does NOT have to be current, but you will have to bring a certificate or an old/current card as proof. For those who do not have any first aid training, you will have to attend Unit 20 - First Aid Overview to get that certification. This training is intended for firefighters helping other firefighters who get injured on the fire ground.

Anyone who intends to get the new BEFO standard HAS to have a current CPR card. Instructors will usually try to set up a CPR certification during the BEFO course. If there are any CPR classes being run during a BEFO, the students can attend those also. If you have a current

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CPR card, bring a copy of it to class. Cardiac arrest/cardiac events are the number one cause of Line Of Duty Deaths now. Firefighters that know CPR are important.

Now for the individual classes to get the new BEFO:

For those having Essentials, you will need to take:

Unit 4 - FD Communications, Unit 5 - Building Construction, Unit 6 - Fire Behavior, NEW material, Unit 16 - Cause & Origin / Scene lighting, Unit 17 - Life Safety Initiatives / Confined Space Awareness, Unit 19 - Forcible Entry Skills

For those having Basic Firefighter, you will need to take:

Unit 4 - FD Communications, Unit 5 - Building Construction, Unit 6 - Fire Behavior, NEW material, Unit 8 & 9 - Ropes / Knots and Skills Unit 16 - Cause & Origin / Scene lighting, Unit 17 - Life Safety Initiatives / Confined Space Awareness, Unit 19 - Forcible Entry Skills

For those having Scene Support Operations, you will need to take:

Unit 15 - Loss Control and Activities, Unit 16 - Cause and Origin, Unit 17 - Life Safety Initiatives / Confined Space Awareness, Unit 18 - Tactical Ventilation / Forcible Entry presentations, Unit 19 - Forcible Entry Skills

For those having the previous BEFO (before May of 2016), you will need to take:

Unit 15 - Loss Control and Activities, Unit 16 - Cause and Origin, Unit 18 - Tactical Ventilation / Forcible Entry presentations, Unit 19 - Forcible Entry Skills

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the County Training Coordinator or any one of the instructors that are running any of the BEFO courses.

Keep training and stay safe,
Don Woodfield NYS Fire Instructor



CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY CAST TEAM

Members of the Chautauqua Area Search Team (CAST) met at the First Ward Falcons Club in Dunkirk to accept a donation of GPS Units for the team. The team is now under the county through the Tech Rescue Team. Team officers were elected and are Kendrya Sheldon as Captain, Mike Gleason as Training Officer, and Steve Cobb as Lieutenant. Members are working on updating to new GPS Units to make them compatible to the State Forest Rangers for easier working relations.

The 16 member team continues training and improving their skills and they are all looking forward to working with the two new rangers that will be covering Chautauqua County. The team is available to assist all fire departments on searches and they are also available to help train in proper search techniques. Membership applications are available at EOC in Mayville for anyone interested.

FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY FIRE ADVISORY BOARD

For many committees of the Fire Advisory Board, 2016 was a very busy year. We expect 2017 to continue to be just as involved. I would like to highlight some of the accomplishments and current projects we have been working on during my chairmanship.

The Radio Committee has worked many, many hours to revise the Radio Procedure Manual. A major overhaul of the old manual was needed due to the increased functionality and benefits of our new trunked radio system. I don't think any of us knew how lengthy this process was going to be. I encourage everyone in the fire and EMS service to read this well thought-out document.

It will be sent to every fire department in electronic and print form. It is important that all personnel take the time to learn how the radio system works, familiarize themselves with all the radios their department has, understand how a repeater works and ask questions. The goal is to have all necessary transmissions, no extra talk, especially when operating on the Fire Dispatch talkgroup. IAMRESPONDING can and should be used to communicate a response to an incident especially when multiple companies are involved. This new system is benefiting our county's fire service immensely. We owe a special thanks to Jack Knowlton (Chair) and all the members who worked on this committee.

The Mutual Aid Committee has updated the Mayday Policy, Evacuation Procedure and Emergency Communications Policy. Originally this was all one document. After updating and incorporating the new features of the radio system, we now have three policies that have been included in the Radio Procedure Manual as Appendices. Thanks to Lance Hedlund (Chair) and the entire committee for completing this.

If you have not been to one of our training centers lately, you would be amazed at the changes, thanks to the Facilities Committee and "the Rangers." Under the leadership of Denny Barmore and Jeff Molnar, we now have something we have not had in quite sometime: live fire at both training centers. Murphy training center has recently seen the training tower reconditioned, a concrete pad for the burn trailer installed, and a new pole building built to house the trailer and other county equipment. At Taylor training center, you will see a brand new, state of the art burn building and recent updates to the classroom building. And they even found time to finish a few projects at Station 7. We all have a lot to be proud of when it comes to the training centers.

The Future of the Fire Service committee has been hard at work. Headed up by Jon Stahley with the help of Burl Swanson, this group meets monthly and is a think tank of sorts. We have identified several problems and are working to find real world solutions for the fire and EMS services we deliver. A questionnaire was sent out asking what incentives are being offered by our departments as a retention tool. We are meeting with business professionals and other leaders to develop best practices and suggestions for our fire service.

The revolving loan committee has been busy approving loans. We had several loans for radio equipment along with other equipment needs. We offer up to \$20,000 for radio equipment and \$50,000 for anything from vehicle purchases to EMS equipment to SCBA purchases and almost anything in between. For an application departments can call the Office of Emergency Services or contact John Griffith (Batt 4) or myself.

The Fire Advisory Board generally meets on the third Thursday of each month at the Office of Emergency Services at 7:30. However, our June meeting will be on the 22nd at Murphy Training Center and on July 20th we will meet at Taylor Training Center. Meetings are open to the public and guests are always welcome. If you have a question or issue you feel should be brought up to the board, please don't hesitate to contact me, the office or one of your battalion representatives.



Chairman, Chautauqua County Fire Advisory

RONALD KEDDIE MEMORIAL CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY WEEKEND



In 2016 we held the 21st Chautauqua County Weekend at the New York State Fire Academy. Our numbers were not as good as the committee would have liked, but the weekend was well attended. The committee was able to have five courses to choose from.

This year we are hoping to get the numbers up. The Committee has selected six courses for this year. We are awaiting the go ahead from the Office of Fire Protection and Control. The courses we have selected are:

1. Certified Lab Instructor, to help increase the number of Lab Instructors available in the County. To take this course you need to be a current accredited New York State Emergency Medical Technician.

CLI Prerequisites for Certification as required by New York State.

The candidate must:

- a. Complete an Application for Instructor Certification (DOH-2260).
 - b. Hold current certification as a NYS EMT or higher.
2. Legal Issues for the Volunteer Fire Service
 3. Tactical Fire Ground Simulations using the new fire simulator at the Academy.
 4. Flammable Gas Workshop, this is a hands on workshop attacking and putting out flammable gas fires.
The students will be in full turnouts including SCBA.
 5. Highway Safety for our Fire Police. Anyone can attend this course.
 6. Void Search for the Tech Rescue. This course has several pre requisites and part will be taught in County before we go to the Academy.





This is our tentative line up. As soon as the committee gets the go ahead for the courses the applications will be on line and sent to the Departments.

As always we will be having the raffles and program at the MOOSE lodge. Our rapport with this organization is fantastic and they look forward to us coming each year.

The Ronald Keddie Weekend committee is committed to obtain the best training for the members of our Fire Departments. If you have any ideas for classes please let the committee members know your desires. The committee includes Gloria Burke; Bill Johnston; Rich Westpfahl; Julius Leone; Bill Taylor, OFPC; Brian Benstead, OFPC; and Larry Barter.

Thank you for making the Ronald Keddie Memorial Chautauqua County Weekend at the New York State Fire Academy in Montour Falls the success it has been for the last 21 years. Let's make this years the best.

CHAUTAUQUA GORGE RESCUE PLANNING

On February 8, 2017 a meeting was held at the Emergency Operations Center in Mayville for planning on incidents in the Chautauqua Gorge along Chautauqua Creek hosted by 2nd Battalion Coordinator Scott Cummings.

Chautauqua Creek is a tributary of Lake Erie, approximately 15 miles (24 km) long, in the southwestern corner of New York in the United States. The headwaters of the creek rise in the town of Sherman, in Chautauqua County, and flow in a northerly direction through the town and village of Westfield where they empty into Lake Erie. For much of its length, the creek serves as the boundary line between the towns of Westfield and Chautauqua.

The fire departments that service the Chautauqua Gorge have had many incidents over the years involving rescues from the gorge and searches for individuals lost in the gorge. Coordinator Cummings has worked with all agencies to create mapping and planning to assist in these events. Nathan Sprague and Zachary Robitaille from the New York State Department of Environmental Conversation were a big part of the planning for this meeting.



The Chautauqua Area Search Team (CAST) attended the meeting and were represented by their officers and members. The Chautauqua Area Search Team was started in 1999 by New York State Forest Ranger Tom Koss to be used as a support group to him and other Forest Rangers on large scale searches. The team was made up of men and women of various fire departments around the County. After about 6 years the team became inactive. In 2012, under the direction of former New York State Forest Ranger, Dave Pachan, and under the direction of Chautauqua County Emergency Services, the team became active again. The team's role is to serve as a support team to the New York State Forest Ranger and the Chautauqua County Fire Service. CAST is part of the Technical Rescue Team and is under the direction of Tech Rescue Coordinator Noel Guttman.

CAST Captain Kendrya Sheldon gave a report on the resources that they can bring to a search in the Chautauqua Gorge for anywhere in Chautauqua County. Christopher Wichlacz, Planning Technician for Chautauqua County Emergency Services presented the GPS Preplan Mapping which is part of the Chautauqua Gorge Evacuation Plan. Steve Mcaninch, Chautauqua County Dispatcher and Mayville Fire Department member has mapped and loaded 38 points showing access points and known areas in the gorge. This presentation can be found on the Chautauqua County Emergency Services website under the tab for County plans.

Battalion Coordinator Cummings reviewed his discussions with the property owners along the creek. It is amazing how different property owners have different and opposite reactions to allowing access to Chautauqua Creek by first responders. The final thought is that if needed First Responders will cross private property to access the Chautauqua Gorge if needed but will respect and protect private property as much as possible.

The importance of accountability being maintained during incidents in the Chautauqua Gorge was stressed by Battalion Coordinator Cummings. The size of the Chautauqua Gorge, the limited accessibility, the limited communications and the safety aspects of working in such an environment require that all responders entering the gorge are logged in and logged out. Names, departments or organizations along with cell phone numbers, group leaders and crew assignments need to be captured before anyone enters the Chautauqua Gorge.

Basic rules to be followed for responding to the Chautauqua Gorge were discussed by the group and the following points were stressed:

- 1.** Do not take fire trucks and personal vehicles up to the trail heads. Parking is very limited, staging equipment outside of these areas is needed.
- 2.** Use of UHF portables and a repeater allows for radio communications from the bottom of the Chautauqua Gorge. Repeaters assignments along with TAC channels will need to be communicated to responders.
- 3.** Multiple Command Posts may be established to be certain to control access along with maintaining accountability for incidents.
- 4.** The Incident Command System (ICS) will be used at all incidents with Operations, Staging, Logistics and EMS all set up and identified.

The Chautauqua Gorge and the Chautauqua Creek is a beautiful and popular recreation area for residents and visitors in Chautauqua County. As First Responders we have the responsibility to care for and evacuate persons injured or lost. We have to be aware of the dangers of the area. With proper planning, use of resources available and safety in mind, Chautauqua County Fire and EMS will be there when needed.

CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY HAZARDOUS MATERIALS RESPONSE TEAM AWARDED ONE OF 24 NEW DEC EMERGENCY RESPONSE TRAILERS



24 State-of-the-Art Trailers Stationed at Strategic Positions along State's Crude Oil Transportation Corridor

The fleet has been deployed to enhance spill response capabilities as the next phase of Geographic Response Planning that Chautauqua County has been participating in over the last 24 months. This new trailer compliments the foam trailer that the team received last year.

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) Office of Emergency Management are



deploying a fleet of 24 fully equipped Emergency Response Trailers across New York's crude oil transportation corridor. The state-of-the-art trailers are stationed at key locations and strengthen New York's response to crude oil transportation incidents in support of the state's recently developed Geographic Response Plans.

Protecting public safety is a top priority and these new trailers will help ensure our first responders can respond swiftly and efficiently in any spill emergency.

The new Emergency Response Trailers are stationed across the state and jointly managed by DEC and county entities responsible for emergency management. Locations for trailer deployment was coordinated with DEC's Division of Environmental Remediation Emergency Response Coordination Section and based on approved Geographic Response Plans. The GRPs include strategies and tactics to respond to crude oil incidents that are specific to each as identified by local county emergency planning committees.

Strategically locating these new spill response trailers along the state's crude oil corridor will protect our communities and strengthen New York's spill response capabilities," DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos said. "DEC will continue to work with federal and local partners to effectively mitigate risks posed by the transport of high volume of crude oil."

"The new emergency response trailers give first responders another valuable tool to use to respond to any crude oil or chemical spill incident," said Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services Commissioner John Melville.

Each trailer is equipped with absorbent material, booms, and other tools necessary to control and contain a crude oil or petroleum spill. The trailers can be quickly deployed to address spill emergencies and help control and limit any resulting environmental impacts.



Three of the 24 trailers will be dispatched to Buffalo, Albany, and Rochester. Twenty one trailers will be dispatched to New York's 21 Crude by Rail Mainline counties, one trailer for each county. By region:

- Three for Region 3 - Orange, Rockland, Ulster
- Four for Region 4 - Albany, Greene, Montgomery, Schenectady
- Four for Region 5 - Clinton, Essex, Saratoga, Washington
- Two for Region 6 - Herkimer, Oneida
- Three for Region 7 - Cayuga, Madison, Onondaga,
- Three for Region 8 - Genesee, Monroe, Wayne
- Two for Region 9 - Chautauqua, Erie

The Chautauqua County Hazmat Response Team received training on the new trailer and its equipment at their April 6th drill.

Dan Imfeld

FLYING THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Thank you to Peter Dawson for sending this. With summer approaching it is appropriate to review the proper ways to display the American Flag. The follow is from the NYS Executive Law, Article 19 the following rules and customs shall be deemed the proper manner to display the flag:

1. The flag shall be displayed only from sunrise to sunset on buildings and on stationary flagstuffs in the open. However, the flag may be displayed at night upon special occasions when it is desired to produce a patriotic effect.
2. The flag shall be displayed daily, weather permitting, on or near the main administration building of every public institution, whenever such institution is open to the public. The flag shall also be displayed, weather permitting, on the following days in each year: the first day of January, known as New Year's day; the third Monday of January, known as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. day; the twelfth day of February, known as Lincoln's birthday; the third Monday in February, known as Washington's birthday; the last Monday in May, known as Memorial day; the second Sunday of June, known as Flag day; the fourth day of July, known as Independence day; the first Monday in September, known as Labor day; the third Friday in September, known as National POW/MIA Recognition day, except if such date of commemoration cannot be observed due to a religious holiday, such observances shall then be conducted on the second Friday in September; September eleventh, known as September 11th Remembrance Day; the second Monday in October, known as Columbus day; the eleventh day of November, known as Veterans day; the fourth Thursday in November, known as Thanksgiving day; the seventh day of December, known as Pearl Harbor day; and the twenty-fifth day of December, known as Christmas day, and if any of such days except Flag day is Sunday, the next day thereafter; each general election day, and



each day appointed by the President of the United States or by the Governor of this state as a day of general thanksgiving or for displaying the flag.

- 3.** The flag shall not be displayed on days when the weather is inclement.
- 4.** The flag shall be displayed in or near every polling place on election days.
- 5.** The flag shall be displayed daily during school days in, on or near every schoolhouse.
- 6.** The flag shall be hoisted briskly and lowered ceremoniously.
- 7.** No person shall display the flag of the United Nations or any other national or international flag equal, above, or in a position of superior prominence or honor to, or in place of, the flag of the United States provided, that nothing in this section shall make unlawful the continuance of the practice heretofore followed of displaying the flag of the United Nations in a position of superior prominence or honor, and other national flags in positions of equal prominence or honor, with that of the flag of the United States at the headquarters of the United Nations.
- 8.** When a number of flags of states or localities or pennants of societies are grouped and displayed from staffs, the flag of the United States of America shall be at the center and at the highest point of the group.
- 9.** When flags of states, cities, or localities, or pennants of societies are flown on the same halyard with the flag of the United States, the latter shall always be at the peak. When the flags are flown from adjacent staffs, the flag of the United States shall be hoisted first and lowered last. No such flag or pennant shall be placed above the flag of the United States or to the right of the flag of the United States.
- 10.** When the flag of the United States is displayed from a staff projecting horizontally or at an angle from the window sill, balcony, or front of a building, the union of the flag shall be placed at the peak of the staff unless the flag is at half-staff. When the flag is suspended over a sidewalk from a rope extending from a house to a pole at the edge of the sidewalk, the flag shall be hoisted out, union first, from the building.
- 11.** When the flag is displayed otherwise than by being flown from a staff, it shall be displayed flat, whether indoors or out, or so suspended that its folds fall as free as though the flag were staffed.
- 12.** When the flag is displayed over the middle of the street, it shall be suspended vertically with the union to the north in an east and west street or to the east in a north and south street.
- 13.** The flag, when flown at half-staff, shall be first hoisted to the peak for an instant and then lowered to the half-staff position. The flag shall be again raised to the peak before it is lowered for the day. By "half-staff" is meant lowering the flag to one-half the distance between the top and bottom of the staff. Crepe streamers shall not be affixed to spear heads or flagstaves except by order of the President of the United States or the Governor of this state.

SUMMER WATER SAFETY

Pool Safety

Facts, Tips, and Solutions to Avoid Children Drowning

HOW BIG IS THE PROBLEM?



As summer creeps ever so slowly closer, I just wanted to offer a few water safety reminders. As first responders we sometimes have that “It can’t happen to me” attitude. The truth is a water related injury could happen to any one of us, or our family members. Water is unforgiving, whether static, or raging flood waters, it doesn’t discriminate. One simple mistake could mean serious injury or death. I love the water, but I’ve learned to also respect it. While accidents happen, prevention is usually the best medicine. The Centers for disease control and prevention report around 3,536 accidental drownings per year in the U.S. Children under 14 account for 1 in 5 drowning deaths. There are an additional 335 fatal boat related incidents on average per year. Whether your poolside, or near a pond or lake, you can help keep you and your family safe by following some basic safety reminders.

1. Learn how to swim, and teach your children to swim as early as possible.
2. Don’t mix water and excessive alcohol consumption. It is reported that alcohol is directly related to between 30% and 70% of all drowning deaths in adults.
3. Appoint a designated “watcher” to monitor children near water, and keep constant visual contact.
4. Keep rescue equipment, as well as a first aid kit nearby, whether you’re on the boat, or near the pool.
5. Don’t assume you will hear someone drowning! Drowning is a silent death.
6. Don’t swim alone, or allow a child to swim alone. If a child is missing, check the water first, seconds count in preventing death and brain injury.

In addition to the above, be mindful of the weather, especially while boating. As you all know the weather can change in minutes. Always have a cell phone or means to communicate an emergency. Finally, please wear a life jacket. As I think of the various drowning incidents we have had in our County over the last 15-20 years, the common denominator for a poor outcome was the lack of a P.F.D.

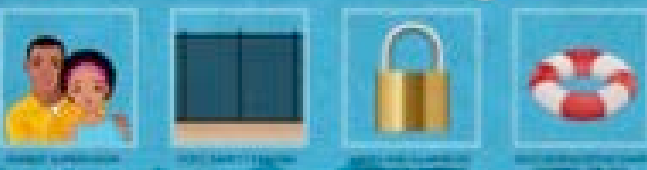
I know these are just a few basic, common sense tips, but one drowning in our area is one too many. If we can educate our families, friends and neighbors we may be able to prevent just one tragedy. I sincerely hope that everyone who reads this has a great, fun filled, safe summer season! Enjoy your campfires, picnics, and boating, but generally I like to see my friends on the surface of the water!

Dan Atrich
Deputy Fire Coordinator-CCWET

HOW DOES IT HAPPEN?



HOW CAN IT BE PREVENTED? LAYERS OF PROTECTION



LAKWOOD FIRE DEPARTMENT



Lakewood Fire Department recently placed in service M371. This is a 2017 Dodge Ram 2500 and is used as a station truck, traffic control, and as an auxiliary EMS unit. It is equipped with a four door cab and has an 8 foot box.

SUGAR GROVE TAKES DELIVERY OF ENGINE 632

Sugar Grove Fire Department recently accepted delivery of a used 2000 Pierce Rescue/Pumper. This unit is equipped with a 350 horse power Cummins Engine and an automatic transmission. A 1500 gallon per minute pump and a 1000 gallon water tank allow for this to be a true front line pumper. Engine 632 is set up with 800 feet of 4" hose, 300 feet of 3" hose and 400 feet of 1¾" hose in the hose bed along with 2 -200 feet 1¾ cross lays and 200 1¾ front bumper line. For lighting Engine 632 has a 10KW hydraulic driven generator and a twin light tower with remote controller. For rescue work the unit is equipped with a Hurst cutter, spreader and ram along with blocking.



Placed into service in 2017 this unit is equipped with both Pennsylvania and Chautauqua County radios and is the first Rescue/Pumper for the Sugar Grove Volunteer Fire Department.

ITS BEEN GREAT

The Fire Service has taken me places I could not have imagined and (after marriage and fatherhood of course) it has been the most fulfilling and rewarding part of my life. When I came on board 56 years ago I, like most new kids, was excited about being one of those guys in rubber boots riding the tail board of a fire truck, putting out grass fires with a booster line and parading with the drum and bugle corps through the village. In those days fighting fire, however infrequent, was the thing we did the most.

Those were times when most people wouldn't think of bothering their fire department for a condition that was not life threatening. On the rare occasions when they did call, we would respond with our heavy rescue truck (The counties first) to EMS calls for Lakewood and surrounding departments. We were armed with a first aid kit and a big case with an "E&J" brand inhalator/resuscitator. Then we would proceed to force feed oxygen into everybody. We would hope that one of the guys (no women then) was a fully accredited Red Cross first aid card holder. "Emergency Medical Technician" was yet to be created.

In the mid 1960s, as proud firemen, many of us were reluctant to compromise our "firefighter" status by adding EMS Provider to our job descriptions. It was only after great soul searching and debate that we gave in to the reality of the public's expectations. Eventually no department wanted to be left out as the non-provider. We bought our first ambulance and our lives changed forever. The opportunities to serve and to be rewarded were expanding tremendously. We were all in a sort of secret competition to be the best and the fastest responders. Always eager to play our part. Our pride ran high.

I count those early days among my great blessings. Without them I could not have known how very far we have come and how magnificently our Fire Service has developed and what a joy it has been to be part of that development and even to be honored as a contributor.

Times have changed. Now with nearly 90% of our calls being emergency medical, we listen in frustration and sometimes shame as departments are paged out multiple times and must have mutual aid companies dispatched multiple times just to get an ambulance on the road and an EMT to respond. This is not a new development. Years ago there was a discussion at a County Fire Chiefs meeting about slow responses, not to EMS calls, but to actual fires. That night former Bemus Point Chief, State Fire Instructor and Deputy County Fire Coordinator Jon Stahley made a forecast that could be taken as prophetic. He said "If you cant get a crew together to fight a fire, you have a bigger problem than response, you don't have a fire department." That is certainly a valid qualifying standard for a fire department and, based on that, many of us are now unqualified.

Today, Training Coordinator Rich Westpfahl assures me basic classes for beginners get filled up fast and registration has to be shut off. That is reassuring. So now the concern might be how we keep those new members interested when they never get to practice what they've been taught. Responding to burnt food odors and false alarms, they may very well come to regret having bothered with the training and lose interest.

While the new "Fly Cars" are necessary to compensate for our poor responses, we must acknowledge that, if the job will now be done by paid professionals, it will become easier to "roll over" on a call with a clear conscience.

So, my friends, what do you see on the road ahead for our Volunteer Fire Service? Has it been great for you too?

Pete Dawson

CARFENTANIL

A DANGER TO RESPONDERS & DRUG ABUSERS



The U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) has recently issued warnings both to the public and emergency responders nationwide about the health and safety risks of carfentanil. Carfentanil is a synthetic opioid that is 10,000 times more potent than morphine and 100

times more potent than fentanyl, which itself is 100 times more potent than heroin. Carfentanil is literally used as an elephant tranquilizer and has no human medical use. Carfentanil and fentanyl are now being added to heroin batches and believed to be responsible for many overdose related deaths, especially when numerous deaths occur in a given area in a short period.

Over the last year carfentanil has become a significant issue in Ohio, and gradually moved into the Erie, Pa region. Most recently, 7 overdose deaths in a 24 hour period in March 2017 in Erie County, NY are believed to be due to a bad batch of heroin laced with fentanyl or carfentanil.

WHY IS CARFENTANIL SO DANGEROUS?

What makes carfentanil so concerning to responders is how lethal a minute dose can be. Pure carfentanil as small as a grain of salt can be lethal to humans. Carfentanil is often seen in powder form and can resemble heroin or cocaine, but can also be in other forms such as powder, blotter paper, tablets, and spray. The other major concern for first responders is how readily it can be accidentally inhaled, or absorbed through skin and mucous membranes. The DEA advises responders to exercise extreme caution on scenes to not disturb or handle any substance as this could lead to accidental exposure.

SIGNS & SYMPTOMS:

Carfentanil and fentanyl present similarly to other opioids with respiratory depression or arrest, drowsiness, disorientation, sedation, pinpoint pupils, and clammy skin. The onset of these symptoms usually occurs within minutes of exposure.

TREATMENT:

Medical treatment is the same as with other opioid overdoses, however, the patient may require higher doses of naloxone (Narcan). The emphasis on good BLS care cannot be overstated in suspected overdose patients including measurement of blood glucose and airway management. Since the onset of naloxone can be delayed in carfentanil/fentanyl exposures, use of airway adjuncts and ensuring adequate oxygenation, and ventilation is paramount. Airway management must not be delayed while waiting for naloxone to work.

Initial naloxone can be administered intranasally (IN) following current state protocols and may be repeated once in 5 minutes if necessary. Experience from EMS providers and emergency departments in other areas has shown that repeated doses of naloxone intramuscularly (IM) or intravenously (IV) may be required, sometimes totaling up to 10 mg.

However, doses of naloxone over 4 mg (2 doses) intranasally are unlikely to be absorbed through the nasal mucosa. Therefore, our EMS and law enforcement responders should not be encouraged to give more than this IN. Further doses IM/IV may be required to reverse the effects by ALS providers. Providers should be encouraged to contact medical control in suspected overdose cases where the patient requires higher doses beyond standing protocols.

Dr. Brian Watters & Dr. Michael Faulk

Chautauqua County Medical Directors

BIG DIP 2017



The 2017 Big Dip was held on February 25th at the Mayville Park, nicknamed the "Big Splash" this year due to reasons beyond our control. Typically this drill is our annual refresher of Ice rescue techniques and practicing those evolutions on the Ice. This year we had to improvise a little bit due to the lack of (total absence) of any Ice. In years past, we liked late February for scheduling the Big Dip, because ideally we would have some good ice, and hopefully some fragile Ice that would make for great real life conditions. Next year we may have to re-visit the idea of having it a little bit earlier in the season- blame global warming!

Even though we had less than Ideal conditions, I thought the drill went extremely well. We had 12 Fire Departments represented, Bemus Point, Busti, Cassadaga, Chautauqua, Celeron, Dewittville, Dunkirk, Fredonia, Findley Lake, Lakewood, Mayville, and Stockton. Other agencies include, The County Water Emergency Team, NYS Forest Rangers, Medical Directors, Emergency Services Staff, and even the Lake City PA, and Glade, PA Fire Departments. The Drill was attended by over 75 people! The morning opened with refreshments provided by Mayville Fire Department, and a classroom overview of Ice/cold water rescue considerations by Seth Strahan, a member of CCWET. Dr. Walters also gave a brief lecture on medical evaluation and treatment of victims. As promised, there was no test identifying Osborne waves on EKG! Three stations were set up for the outdoor exercise. We had a beginner station, where people who had never worn a cold water suit could become acclimated to the water, as well as two other station where we practiced rescue techniques using commandeered docks to



simulate ice shelves. I think all and all those in the water got a little something out of it. If nothing else we got to go swimming in Chautauqua Lake in February, not too many people can say that. I'd like to thank all those in attendance, it says a lot that you're willing to attend an Ice Rescue drill with no ice! Special thanks also to Mayville Fire department for their gracious hospitality. I hope to see you all next year! I'm not hoping for a 3 month stretch of sub-zero temperatures next winter, but at least something to fall through would be nice!

Dan Adrich

Dive Team Captain
Chautauqua County
Emergency Services



GREETINGS FROM THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT AT UMPC CHAUTAUQUA WCA



Last December, WCA Hospital celebrated the integration into the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC) system and already we are seeing several of the advantages of joining a large, world-class health care system. These early positive successes have included the recruitment of Dr. Mark Steehler, otolaryngologist, as well as ongoing efforts to recruit primary care physicians to the region. In addition to the access to Neurologists, our Telemedicine Program progresses forward to support the needs of women with obstetrical complications or medical conditions who often have to travel distances to see a maternal-fetal medicine specialist. Via telemedicine, women will be provided easy and earlier access to specialists. As part of our ongoing efforts to provide the latest technology and treatments available to patients, we introduced new technological advances including powerful sleep medicine technology that enhances sleep and neurology outcomes; diagnostic MRI imaging technology that provides extremely clear and vivid images; and robotic Firefly technology that provides the surgeon real-time, image-guided identification of key anatomical landmarks using near-infrared technology.

Since our integration into the world-class care of UPMC, we have celebrated our 1,000th robotic surgery procedure, our 5,000th cardiac catheterization procedure, cared for more than

GREETINGS FROM THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT AT UPMC CHAUTAUQUA WCA CONTINUED

thousands of patients needing emergency care treatment, and infused \$191 M dollars back into a community last year that continues to build a stronger, healthier region for families, friends, and neighbors who enjoy life in Chautauqua County. Perhaps most exciting, we will be break ground this summer on a \$26.4 M expansion for the new Women's & Maternity Care Center and Inpatient Adult and Adolescent Mental Health Units that will be located over the front door to our Emergency Department. This multi-million dollar expansion will include 4 labor and delivery beds, 12 post-partum beds, 10 inpatient adolescent mental health beds, 20 inpatient adult mental health beds, and an expansive, modern waiting area. We expect construction to begin by the end of May. We will keep you updated regularly with any construction related needs that may impact your transportation of patients to the Emergency Department.

The Emergency Department continues to work on improving the quality of care and technology in the department. Through the assistance of the Community Foundation we have been able to purchase a Rapid Infuser/Fluid warmer that is essential in the care and management of trauma and hypothermic patients. We anticipate a positive Department of Health survey for our Primary Stroke Center designation that is scheduled for the end of April. We look forward to celebrating EMS week in May and will be reaching out you for your nominations for the EMS and Service providers of the year. In addition to that we are raffling off a couple of small gifts for Stroke month....stop down next month and check it out!

*As always, we greatly appreciate all the hard work
you put into the health of our community.
Thank you from the UPMC Chautauqua
WCA Emergency Department.*



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FUTURE OF THE FIRE SERVICE COMMITTEE

The Committee continues to meet and explore the many issues facing the fire service in Chautauqua County. As a reminder, this Committee is authorized and under the direction of the County Fire Advisory Board. Briefly, our mission is to define the problems and issues facing the fire and emergency medical services in Chautauqua County. We are then to research, study and forecast ways we can assist the local fire departments in the development of efficient management systems. We usually meet the third Monday of every month at 7:00pm in the EOC. You are always welcome to attend!

Last month we were very pleased to have in attendance County Executive Vince Horrigan, County Legislator George Borrello and Executive Assistant Dan Heitzenrater. The Committee was able to explain all of the complicated matters facing us and they were able to ask us further questions.

As a pleasant surprise, they presented to us that they are applying for a competitive \$20M grant that would assist in ways to more efficiently run local government agencies. They wanted to see if the fire service wanted to be part of the process. The Committee agreed that this could be very advantageous for us. Initially we may focus on just a few departments.

Below is a brief summary by Dan for your interest.

Chautauqua County is one of only 6 finalists to compete for the State's "Municipal Consolidation and Efficiency Competition" winner-take-all \$20 Million grant. This opportunity gives us a chance to explore efficiency and/or consolidation projects to better deliver services to our communities and lower taxes. The County is hoping to submit an application which demonstrates a diverse scope of projects, ranging from village dissolution, consolidated municipal facilities, and possibly some emergency services efficiency. We also intend our application to be spread geographically so we can demonstrate the grant would impact all of Chautauqua County. I hope some of you may be interested in exploring this grant opportunity. There isn't any commitment to fully implement these ideas at this stage, and should we be successful in landing this grant, a portion of those funds would be available to fund a study, assist with a merger, necessary equipment, or other possibilities if we proceed. To learn more about this opportunity or run ideas by us for exploration, please call Dan Heitzenrater at 716-753-4672 or email heitzend@co.chautauqua.ny.us

by Jon Stahley and Burl Swanson
(co-chairpersons)



2017 Training Calendar EMERGENCY SERVICES

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Course Offered - Prerequisite	Hours	Units	Start Date	Location	Instructors
Company Officers Leadership Training (COLT)	10	3	4-8-17	East Dunkirk Fire Department	NYS AFC
Apparatus Operator – EVOC	18	6	4-23-17	Ashville Fire Department	Dave Norberg
Hazmat First Responder Operations	16	4	4-26-17	Fluvanna Fire Dept., Jamestown	Andrew Finson
Basic Exterior Firefighting Operations (BEFO) with HMFRO	79	25	5-2-17	Taylor Training Grounds, Jamestown	Don Woodfield
Hazmat First Responder Operations	16	4	5-15-17	Murphy Training Grounds, Dunkirk	Dave Norberg
Hazmat First Responder Operations	16	4	7-13-17	Taylor Training Grounds, Jamestown	Don Woodfield
Hazmat Decontamination	4	1	7-13-17	Office of Emergency Services	Bruce Oliphant
22 nd Annual Chautauqua County Ronald J. Keddie Memorial Weekend	Various	2-3	Sept 8-10	Montour Falls	Various
NYS AFC 2017 Seminar Series “The Active Shooter and the Fire/Rescue Service”	3	1	10-25-17	Brocton Central School	Gary Benedict and David Norman

Must have a signed OFPC Chief’s Authorization Letter to attend classes.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER: See our Website at www.chautcofire.org

IF UNABLE TO ATTEND AFTER REGISTERING FOR A CLASS, CALL OR E-MAIL OUR OFFICE.

NOTES from the Editor:

I hope you enjoy this issue of “The Responder”. Thank you to all the contributors for the articles and the pictures, without everyone working with me this would not happen. As always if there is a story that you remotely feel could be an article let me know. I will travel to meet with anyone anywhere in the county to get an article and pictures. If you have new equipment from a single item piece to a new truck it can be showcased in the next issue. With issues coming out on a quarterly basis the next will be in midsummer.

“The Responder” is a publication of the Chautauqua County Emergency Services and is intended to promote the fire and EMS service in Chautauqua County. Serving the best 42 departments anywhere there are always a lot of stories to tell, I just need to know where to go to get them.

John Griffith

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COMING SOON...

The first issues of the Responder are being prepared to post on our website - www.chautcofire.org. You will be able to access them by going to the history section.