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DENNIS BARMORE RETIRES

After serving for thirty one years in the Office of Emergency Services, long time Deputy Fire Coordinator Dennis Barmore has decided to retire. Dennis was honored at the Chautauqua County Fire Chiefs Banquet held on May 25th. Dennis received a number of honors and gifts for his many contributions to the county fire service.

He served our nation as a U.S. Army Veteran from 1958-1963. While in the Army, Dennis also obtained his Commercial Pilots License. Dennis is a fifty eight year member of the Gerry Fire Department where he was the Fire Chief for fifteen years. You can still hear Dennis responding on a daily basis as he continues to serve the residents of Gerry Fire District.



Serving as the Deputy Fire Coordinator-EMS from 1984-1999, Dennis had a major impact on the direction on EMS in Chautauqua County during the period when delivery of Fire Based EMS was still being developed across the nation. He participated in the establishment of the Starflight Medivac Program, CISM, Medical Control Hospitals and Chautauqua County Advanced Life Support Protocols. Dennis became the Deputy Fire Coordinator-Water Rescue in 1999 until his retirement in 2015. He worked very hard to develop the WET Team in partnership the Sheriff Department. The WET Team responds to all water related incidents, boat accidents, flooding, and swimming accidents. He played a very important role in training fire departments to perform ice and cold water rescues.

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DENNIS BARMORE RETIRES

During his spare time you will find Dennis working on many building projects at Taylor and Murphy Training Centers with the “Barmore Rangers”. Over the years the “Ranger” group has been responsible for many improvements and upgrades to our training centers.



**THANK YOU DENNIS FOR YOUR DEDICATION
AND YOUR MANY CONTRIBUTIONS!**



JAMESTOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT



Jamestown Fire Department is an “all paid” department covering the City of Jamestown in Southern Chautauqua County. It is the largest paid department in Chautauqua County covering the largest city in Chautauqua County.

Currently there are 55 career firemen in the department with one Administrative Assistant. The leadership of the department is by Deputy Chief Chester Harvey and four Battalion Chiefs. Battalion Chiefs are as follows: Roger Sigular, Samuel Salemm, Matthew Russo & Andrew Finson. The administration offices are located in Station 1 which is in Jamestown City Hall.

The manpower of the department is split into 4 shifts for the 52 members that are assigned to trucks. Each shift has a maximum number of personnel of 13 and a minimum of 10 per shift. Working a rotating schedule of days and nights, the system calls for about 2196 hours per fireman per year. The average age of a Jamestown fireman is 38.4 years and they have 13.5 average years of experience. The position of firefighter for the City of Jamestown is a Civil Service Position and requires a Civil Service Test. It also requires that to be considered as a possible firefighter one must first have New York State Basic EMT Certification. It is now required for all new firefighters that Basic EMT Certification must be maintained throughout employment. Upon being hired as a new firefighter, each person attends New York State Fire Training in Montour Falls for 11 weeks before being assigned to a truck. The training, however, does not end at the conclusion of the NYS training, it is continued back in Jamestown in house.

New fireman are hired and trained to replace retiring firemen along with unexpected departures. With the current system of firemen notifying the City of Jamestown that they will be retiring a year before the retirement date, the Jamestown Fire Department can have qualified new fire fighters trained and ready to step into the retirees position. By making these changes years ago, the City of Jamestown has a smooth transition plan to maintain staffing levels throughout the retirement process.

Jamestown Fire Department responded to 4,752 events in 2015. These were a combination of EMS, Structure Fires, Hazardous Conditions, Good Intent, Service Calls, Vehicle Fires, Trash Grass & Brush Fires, Extrication Calls and Others. The average number of calls per day is 13.02. Ambulance 1 transported 318 patients to WCA Hospital in 2015.

JAMESTOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT CONTINUED....

Equipment for Jamestown Fire Department consists of 5 Engines, 2 Ladder Trucks, 1 Heavy Rescue, 1 Ambulance, 1 Medic Unit, 4 cars (Suburban, Impala, Explorer & Expedition) 1 Miscellaneous Truck, 1 Bucket Truck and 1 Inflatable Boat. Of this equipment Engine 3, Engine 4, Engine 5, Ladder 1, Rescue 1, Medic 1 and Ambulance 1 are in service units and the remainder of the firefighting equipment is reserve equipment.

Recently Jamestown Fire Department has been successful with the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (AFG) and has upgraded the department's extrication equipment with about \$54,000 in Genesis tools, airbags and struts. These pieces are currently on Car 1 for rapid and easy availability.

Jamestown has currently 4 fire stations. Station 1 is located in downtown Jamestown at 200 Spring Street; this is the ground floor of Jamestown City Hall. This was built in 1971 and is the largest station. Station 3 is located at 422 Newland Avenue Street and was built in 1949, it is the smallest of all the outside stations. Station 4 is on the East side of Jamestown located at 1010 Allen Street. Built in 1930, it was primarily designed to provide protection to the industrial corridor in the city. This station also houses the maintenance department for Jamestown Fire. Station 5 is the oldest station. Built in 1913 at 195 Fairmount Avenue, it was built for horse drawn equipment but the horses were replaced with self-propelled engines before the fire department moved into the building.

Due to funding and manpower constraints outside, fire stations are closed on a rotational basis with two outside stations open along with Station 1 at all times. Currently due to street construction on Newland Avenue Station 3 is closed at all times and Station 4 & 5 are staying open through this construction without rotation.

As is often the case for all Fire Chiefs, the biggest challenge for Jamestown Fire Department is regulations and reporting. The time spent doing non-fire and administrative tasks take away from the practical training that is needed to maintain sharp skills for real life events.

As population and industry have declined in the city so has the size of the Jamestown Fire Department. From a peak of about 120 full time firefighters to today's level of 55, changes in firefighting tactics have been adjusted to provide the service needed. Today the key, according to Deputy Chief Harvey, is to get the fire curve altered as quickly as possible. Firefighters attack as quickly as possible to cool the scene, horizontally vent the structure and follow up with an aggressive interior attack. The first Engine hits the fire with the water on the truck with the following trucks establishing water supply. The City of Jamestown does have a very good hydrant system that allows for this type of attack.

Deputy Chief Harvey stated that response time for the limited number of firefighters is critical. In his words

**“I AM VERY PROUD OF THE STAFF,
WHAT WE CAN DO WITH WHAT WE HAVE AMAZES ME”.**

The leadership team and dedicated firefighters of the Jamestown Fire Department continue to work to provide both fire and EMS protection for the residents of the City of Jamestown. As the demographics of the city and industrial base of the City change, the Jamestown Fire Department will change and adapt to meet any new challenges.

SHERIDAN FIRE DEPARTMENT TANKER 161

Sheridan Fire Department recently put in service a new 2016 Freightliner tanker from Midwest Fire. This unit has a 450 horsepower Cummins Diesel engine. It is a 3500 gallon tanker with a 1000 gallon per minute PTO pump. It is equipped with 10 inch automatic side and rear dumps. Tanker 161 is also equipped with a Zico automatic fold down portable tank carrier. A first for Chautauqua County this is an all poly constructed tank and body.



GOVERNMENT DAY 2016

On May 4th several members of the Chautauqua County fire departments traveled to Albany to discuss issues of united concern to the Fire Service. These items were developed by the New York State Fire Chiefs' Association, Firemen's Association of New York, Association of Fire Districts of the State of New York, the Volunteer Fire Police Association of the State of New York, County Fire coordinators Association of the State of New York and New York State Fire Marshals and Inspectors Association.

THE ISSUES OF UNITED CONCERN INCLUDE:

Cancer Presumption – Amend the Volunteer Firefighters' Benefit Law to provide a presumption that a volunteer firefighter who was cancer free when they commenced service and now has one of several specifically identified cancers incurred such condition in the performance and discharge of their duties.

Increase Permanent Disability Benefits in VFBL/VAWBL – the amount payable in permanent total disability benefits has not been increased since 1998. Enact legislation to create an automatic cost of living adjustment. Our main goal was to raise the amount received from \$400.00 to \$600.00 this year.



Bemus Point Assistant Chief Jeff Molnar, Past Busti Chief Eugene Archer, Past Fredonia Chief Larry Barter
Director of New York State Association of Fire Chiefs Barney Lee, 4th Battalion Coordinator John Griffith
Past Chautauqua County Fire Coordinator Neil McKnight, Busti Fire Chief Mike Volpe
Chautauqua County Director of Emergency Services Julius Leone

THE ISSUES OF UNITED CONCERN INCLUDE CONTINUED:

Fair Billing for Ambulance Service- Remove the prohibition in General Municipal Law against Fire companies, departments, or districts billing for providing ambulance service.

Upholstered Furniture Safety – Enact legislation to eliminate/reduce use of carcinogenic, toxic chemicals in “flame retardant” furniture.

Code Enforcement /Illegal Conversions – Enact legislation to provide criminal sanctions and/or enhanced civil penalties when unauthorized, illegal modifications to buildings in violation of the Uniform Code and/or local laws create conditions that are hazardous to ingress, egress, and/or firefighting efforts.

Permit Employment of Retired Firefighters as Fire Science Instructors.

The first two of these issues concern us or better our families if we are injured or get cancer. The cancer in fire fighters is a growing national concern. It is being looked at as a Line of Duty Death. Our families need protection from cancer if we get it. The total disability increase from \$400.00 to \$600.00 brings VFBL up to 2009 workers compensation levels. That year workers comp was increased VFBL was not. Most of us today earn more than \$400.00 a week and must have our wives work too.

The ability to bill for ambulance service is very important, as cost for providing this service keep increasing. The billing is done to the insurance carriers, Medicare or Medicaid. If there is a charge for advanced life support from an outside agency, it is passed directly to the insurance. The down side to billing is the money is slow coming in and the slowest is Medicaid and Medicare.

The upholstered furniture legislation is a no brainer for us to support. It helps reduce our exposure to cancer causing chemicals.

The illegal alterations legislation is important to help the Code Officials protect us from the unscrupulous people who are only looking for the fast buck. It would be better if they can be caught before the fire, before someone is injured or killed, while making sure they cannot profit from their actions.

Retired firefighters are a wealth of knowledge and experience. Being able to impart what they have learned over their careers is invaluable to the younger firefighters coming up the ranks.

These are the issues. If you believe, you can help make a difference by letting Andy Goodell and Cathy Young know what you think about these issues. They have committed to some of these bills but they need your input to help sway their fellow legislators.

DUNKIRK FIRE DEPARTMENT



As the second largest city in Chautauqua County, The City of Dunkirk has a fire department that is meeting the challenges of today with a mostly “paid” department with a volunteer presence.

Chief Mike Edwards is the leader of the Dunkirk Fire Department. Now being a career fire fighter Chief Edwards started on the volunteer side of the department. He served as Volunteer Fire Chief and after his appointment as a City of Dunkirk fireman, he rose to the rank of Chief. In Chief Edwards’ own words he actually grew up in the fire service. Living behind the fire station he was a presence at the station even before he was old enough to join. Than as part of the volunteer “Bunker Program” the fire station became his home. Today he has the top office.

Dunkirk Fire Department has 24 career firefighters along with Chief Edwards. All members of the Dunkirk Fire Department have New York State EMT certification. New recruits attend the New York State Fire Academy in Montour Falls New York for weeks of training. If possible, all recruits start with approximately 5 weeks of duty prior to attend the Montour Falls training.

The department is divided into 4 platoons under the direction of Chief Edwards and Captain Gary Katta. Each of the platoons is led by a Lieutenant. Shifts are a common two 9 hour days followed by two 15 hour night shifts. Manpower on a shift consists of 4 firefighters plus a Lieutenant. Dunkirk also works an automatic call back of “off shift” personnel for every fire alarm. With a residency requirement for new recruits along with a 5 year residency requirement continuing after appointment, this auto call back results in an average of 8 off shift firefighters responding to alarms of fire from within the city.

The volunteer fire service in the City of Dunkirk is directed by the Dunkirk Volunteer Fireman’s Association. The Association is made up from the 5 historic volunteer companies in the City of Dunkirk. Dunkirk Hose No. 1, Citizens Hose No. 2, Daniel F Anson Hose Company No. 3, Murry Hose Company No. 4 and Pioneer Hook & Ladder. With proud histories and traditions of volunteer dedication in the City of Dunkirk, these companies have experienced decline in participation due to age along with population changes and are challenged to respond with only a limited number of active volunteer firefighters.

Dunkirk Fire Department is currently working out of 3 fire stations. “Headquarters Station” at 311 Eagle Street is the largest station. With a history dating back to its construction in 1911 it houses Ladder 1,

DUNKIRK FIRE DEPARTMENT CONTINUED....

Rescue 1, Rescue 2, Car 1 & Car 2. Chief Edwards office is also located at the Headquarters Station. Daniel F Anson Station 3, built in 1953, is located at 11 Middle Road. Named for fallen firefighter Daniel F. Anson who was lost in a line of duty death in 1979; this station houses Engine 3.

Murry Hose Station 4, which was placed into service in 1968 and is located at 104 West Doughty Street, houses Engine 4 and Engine 1. Murry Hose Company No. 4 has their meeting room at this station and to visit is a step back in time. The trophy's, pictures and awards surround the meeting room allowing a review of the history of the fire service in the City of Dunkirk.

The three engines are always ready for service and are rotated to insure equal service. The engine in reserve is maned by responding "off shift" firefighters in the event of an alarm of fire. A Zodiac Rescue Boat is housed in Daniel F Anson Station 3 in the winter months and is docked at Chadwick Bay Marina in the warm weather months.

The City of Dunkirk is located on the shores of Lake Erie and as an active International body of water it has its own different types of events for the Dunkirk Fire Department. To respond to these events the Dunkirk Fire Department is part of a City of Dunkirk Water Emergency Team (WET) which is made up of both Dunkirk Fire Department and City of Dunkirk Police Department personnel. A unique resource that is available to the WET is a pair of jet skis which are donated for each years' use to the City of Dunkirk by Appolson's Performance Center located at 5820 Southwestern Boulevard in Hamburg. This program is a joint project involving the City of Dunkirk Police Department, Appolson's Performance Center and Yamaha Powersports. Matt Hazelton of the City of Dunkirk Police Department is the key contact for this program. In 2015 Dunkirk Fire Department responded to a total of 2043 calls. These are broken down to 1571 EMS calls with 606 transports, 234 Still Alarms, 186 Full Assignments and 58 Mutual Aid Calls. Dunkirk Fire Department does do Basic Life Support (BLS) transports for which it does bill to patient's insurance company. It also is an active part of the Chautauqua County Mutual Aid system both giving and receiving mutual aid.

Chief Mike Edwards listed his main challenge to be the financial restraints of today. To work to maintain modern equipment standards with limited funding is always a consideration. Examples of this are the changing of the radio system along with replacing older equipment. It was stated that the number one priority has always been and will remain to be safety of the fire fighters and the citizens of the City of Dunkirk.

An asset that the City of Dunkirk and the County of Chautauqua have teamed together to preserve and grow is the Turk Murphy Training Center. Located on Brigham road this facility has in recent years witnessed a revival and is back to being a state of the art training facility. Through joint cooperation between the City and the County the buildings have been renewed and expanded. That cooperation in 2015 included the addition of the modern live burn trailer for firefighter training. A testament to inter-agency's working together the Turk Murphy Training Center is a true success story for both the City of Dunkirk and Chautauqua County.

DUNKIRK FIRE DEPARTMENT CONTINUED....

In an ever changing City such at Dunkirk, the duties and functions of the First Responders will continue to evolve. Economic factors that are out of the control of the Dunkirk Fire Department will be always effecting the operations of the Fire Department. However the mission to protect and preserve the citizens and property of the City of Dunkirk and the County of Chautauqua will continue.

RONALD J. KEDDIE MEMORIAL CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY WEEKEND AT NEW YORK STATE FIRE ACADEMY



September 9, 10, 11; 2016 are the dates for this year's Ron Keddie Weekend. We have courses selected to sharpen your skills. They include Courage to Be Safe and Traffic Incident Management; Tech Rescue- Interior Shoring; EMS Triage & MCI Incident Management; Fire Ground Operations/ Firefighter I Refresher (both Engine and Truck); Essentials, Basic, Scene Support, or old BEFO Bridge Course to New Basic Exterior Firefighting Operations; and The Rules Have Changed; the Firefighters' Guide to Lightweight Wood Construction. More on these classes can be found on the Chautauqua County Fire Service website chautcofire.com.

In addition to the classes the committee has planned a pig roast at the MOOSE for Saturday's dinner, followed by our raffles and music. Friday night we will have our usual hospitality and Sunday Morning at about 7:45 Hours we will gather outside the cafeteria in our Class "A" uniforms (if you have one) to raise the Flag over the Academy in remembrance of those who lost their lives September 11, 200. The flag we will raise is the one which was flying that fateful day and it has only flown over the Academy on 9/11 ever since. We have had this distinct honor in the past.

This weekend looks to be one of learning and fun. Remember to get your applications in by July, 31st so we can get the T-shirts ordered and the Academy can do their thing. The Committee is looking forward to seeing you there.

WEST DUNKIRK FIRE DEPARTMENT

West Dunkirk Fire Department recently placed two units into service.

The first is a 2006 Ford F-550 Pierce Contender Rescue. In March of 2016 the unit was dedicated to Henry Walldorff in recognition of 43 years of service as a New York State Certified Emergency Medical Technician.

The second unit is a 1997 Pierce Lance Pumper. This unit is complete with a six man enclosed cab. It has a 1250 gallon per minute pump and carries 750 gallons of water. Equipped with a Detroit Diesel and automatic transmission it was placed into service in May of 2016.



NEW ENGINE FOR RIPLEY FIRE DISTRICT

Ripley E-273 is a 2016 International chassis with a KME body. It has a 1250 gallon pump and carries 1000 gallons of water. It is stationed at the South Ripley Fire Hall on the Sherman - North East Road



NEWS from DAVE PACHAN



To the Fire Department volunteers of Chautauqua County -

It is with mixed emotions that I inform you that I have accepted a promotion to Lieutenant and will be relocating to the Albany, NY area. I received the news on June 23rd and will be officially promoted on June 30th. I will be relocating to Albany in early July. Chautauqua County has been a wonderful place to work and grow my family. I look forward to the opportunities in front of me but am saddened to say goodbye to all of the wonderful people that I have enjoyed working with and getting to know over the past 10 years. You each have made an impact on me personally and professionally and I thank you for taking me in as one of your own.

There are expected to be 2 new Rangers replacing me by September, recent graduates of the Forest Ranger academy. I would like to see the County welcome the new Rangers and work very closely with them just as you had with me.

In the interim if a Ranger is needed please call our 24 hour dispatch number at 518-408-5850, another area Ranger will respond.

As always- you can call or email me anytime.

**Thank you all again!
Take Care, NYS Forest Ranger Dave Pachan**

JAMESTOWN FIRE LIEUTENANT PAUL WILLIAMS RETIRES

Jamestown Fire Lieutenant Paul Williams retired March 12, 2016. Lt. Williams was hired February 20, 1996, promoted to Lieutenant September 19, 2009 and was highly respected by his fellow firefighters.



FIREFIGHTER JOHN W. JOHNSTON PROMOTED TO LIEUTENANT

Firefighter John W. Johnston has been promoted to Lieutenant effective March 12, 2016. A 17 year member, he has served as a platoon MFI and is a NYS Certified Level 2 Fire Investigator. Lt. Johnston is currently assigned to the Third Platoon Engine Company 4.

JAMESTOWN FIRE LIEUTENANT ERIC K. THOMPSON RETIRES

Jamestown Fire Lieutenant Eric K. Thompson retired April 22, 2016. Lt. Thompson was hired March 27, 1989, promoted to Lieutenant June 14, 2008 and last served as Second Platoon Engine Company 3's officer.



FIREFIGHTER RYAN J. ROUSH PROMOTED TO LIEUTENANT

Firefighter Ryan J. Roush has been promoted to Lieutenant effective April 23, 2016. Lieutenant Roush joined the department February 5, 2007 and is currently serving as Second Platoon Engine Company 3's officer.

OPERATIONS BEGIN ON NEW RADIO SYSTEM

After many years of anticipation and planning the County Fire Service has started the process of migrating to the new radio system. The new system was designed by Motorola. The system is a VHF High Band Digital, Trunked and P25 Phase 2.

The system is designed for 95% county wide portable radio coverage (on-street). The coverage testing results indicated significant improved radio coverage over our current "Low Band" system.

The Fire Advisory Board Radio Committee developed an "Interim Fire/EMS Operations Plan" for use during the transition period from the old to the new system. The plan was presented and in-serviced to the entire fire service by Matt Trusso and Dan Imfeld. A train-the-trainer program was also developed on the use of the radio system. Every participant received a CD to help in-serve their department members on the new system.

After extensive testing by the Coordinator Staff, Fire Chiefs and Technical Services the Busti Fire Department became the first department in the county to begin using the new system. Busti Fire Chief Mike Volpe volunteered to assist with the transition as their equipment was already installed and they were already using Pyramid Repeaters for in-building coverage.

On the morning of May 16th the entire 3rd Battalion was activated to "GO LIVE" on the new system. The 3rd Battalion received an AFG Grant last year that enabled every department to purchase mobile radios for their apparatus and Chief Officers. The 3rd Battalion did an excellent job in moving the transition forward!

When the 3rd Battalion and dispatch were comfortable in the operation of the system we started the process of moving departments that have purchased equipment onto the new system.

The Fire Advisory Board has set the date of February 2017 for the entire county fire service to be on the new system.



Pictured here are the following:
Past Fire Coordinator Neil McKnight
Director of Emergency Services Julius Leone
Busti Fire Chief Mike Volpe
1st Battalion Coordinator Tony Faso
President of the Fire Advisory Board Brian Puro
Past Fredonia Fire Chief Larry Barter
Busti Assistant Chief Matt Stafford
Busti Assistant Chief Jeremy Hasson

EAST DUNKIRK 65TH ANNIVERSARY



On August 29, 1950, the dreams of fifty men became a reality. The Town of Dunkirk Volunteer Fire Company #1 was born. Now it is referred to as East Dunkirk Volunteer Fire Company. On April 11, 1960 came the birth of the East Dunkirk Ladies Auxiliary. The fire station is still situated at the original location on S. Roberts Road, although many additions and improvements have been made over the last 65 years. In 2010, we retired the largest tanker (5000 gal) in the county and replaced it with a new Rosenbauer 3400 gallon pumper tanker. Today the fleet consists of two 2000 KME commercial pumpers, the pumper tanker, a newly acquired light rescue, a recommissioned ambulance for rehab and a hazmat trailer. The fire district includes one of the busiest commercial districts in the north county, including the I-90 interchange, Nestle Purina Pet food manufacturing plant, and we are awaiting the build-out of the recently announced Athenex pharmaceutical manufacturer. We hope our future continues with growth in the size of the department, not only in buildings and equipment but membership as well.



Dewittville Volunteer Fire Department

5459 East Lake Road, P.O. Box 28, Dewittville, New York 14728



Chautauqua County Fire Advisory Board **FIRE FIGHTER OF THE YEAR**

Dear Sirs,

Please accept this letter as a nomination for firefighter of the year.

At this time I would like to nominate Chief Burl Swanson and firefighter Furlow Francis for their rescue of two ice fishermen that fell through the ice off of the Miller Bell Tower on March 8th 2016. The call was dispatched to Chautauqua Fire Department and it was determined that these two individual were in distress. The Dewittville hover craft was requested and went into service. Chief Burl Swanson was piloting the craft and firefighter Furlow Francis was the swimmer. Upon locating the position of the two fishermen Furlow Francis entered the water from the hover craft and secured the first victim while Chief Swanson maneuvered the hover craft into position to effect the rescue. The first victim was being held up by an inflatable life vest and the only thing out of the water was his head. Once in position the first victim was brought aboard the hover craft and taken to waiting Chautauqua Fire Department emergency service personnel waiting on shore. They then returned to the rescue scene and secured the second victim and brought him to Mayville Fire Department emergency personal that were waiting on shore. After making sure that both victims were safe they returned to the scene and gathered the fishermen's gear and brought it to shore.

These two firefighters have trained for this day and were able to execute this rescue flawlessly. Thank you for your consideration.

Don Emhardt, Second Assistant Chief Dewittville Fire Dept.

RIPLEY HOSE COMPANY, INC.



Chautauqua County Fire Advisory Board **CERTIFICATE OF MERIT**

March 29, 2016

Dear Fire Advisory Board,

We would like to nominate Ripley Fire Chief, Mark Smith, for the Chautauqua County Firefighter of the Year Award for his actions during the recent train derailment in our Town of Ripley. As the Ripley Fire District Board of the Fire Commissioners and the Town of Ripley Board, we could not have been more satisfied with the job Mark did as the commanding officer during this incident which began on March 1, 2106 and continued for 28 hours. Mark's experience as Chief for the past 10 years along with his additional 15 years as Assistant Chief was evident in the manner in which he calmly directed the scene with precision where 12 local fire departments and 22 agencies assisted our Fire Department during this incident. Chief Mark knows that the first step to a successful outcome is, how and what you do, at the start of a call and he did everything right which resulted in the best outcome possible.

Early on in the call, not only did Chief Mark start thinking about the hazards and hazardous materials that could come with a derailed train but most importantly the safety of the people of the Town. Once Mark was alerted that there was hazardous materials leaking from one of the cars he immediately started evacuating the residents of the Town that were closest to the incident scene. He removed these residents from the potential grave danger that could have easily occurred and took them out of harm's way. Chief Mark thought ahead every step of the way, with his main concern being the safety of the residents and the Town as a whole. This incident had the potential to have wiped our little Town off of the map and we credit the actions of Chief Mark Smith with the outcome which occurred; no injuries of residents or emergency personnel and no damage to the Town. He did everything right to protect our Town.

On behalf of the Ripley Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners and the Town of Ripley please accept our nomination of Ripley Fire Chief Mark Smith for your highest honor as Chautauqua County Firefighter of the Year Award for his outstanding service during the train derailment in the Town of Ripley on March 1, 2016. We believe that Chief Mark's actions exemplifies the meaning of what this award represents and that he is a perfect candidate for this award, for a job more than, well done.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,

Kathleen Thompson, Sec.

Kathleen Thompson
Ripley Fire District
Commissioner Board Secretary

Douglas Bowen

Douglas Bowen
Town of Ripley
Town Supervisor

Sheridan Fire Department

2800 Rt. 20 PO Box 116, Sheridan, NY 14135



Chautauqua County Fire Advisory Board **CERTIFICATE OF MERIT**

The Sheridan Fire Department in Chautauqua County desires to submit the name of Firefighter Joel Szymczak for Firefighter of the Year for pulling an elderly upcooperative woman away from her burning home to a safe location.

On the Morning of April 3, 2105 Chautauqua County 911 dispatched the Sheridan Fire Department to the report of a working house fire at 10309 Miller Road in the Town of Sheridan. The report stated that the attached garage was completely involved and the fire had extended to the occupied dwelling. Dispatch automatically summoned mutual aid as indicated on the run cards and sent the Sheriff's Patrol.

Firefighter Joel Szymczak had just left home heading to work when he received the page for the fire and responded immediately. Having only to travel approximately one mile he arrived within a couple of minutes from the time of dispatch.

Since the fire was located more than five miles from the fire station Firefighter Szymczak arrived on location well in advance of the fire equipment and personal. Upon his arrival he observed the occupant, an elderly female and partially disabled, sitting on a pile of rubble just off the front stoop. Flames were rolling out the front door and windows behind her presenting a clear and present danger to her safety. FF Szymczak raced to the elderly woman to move her away from the inferno. The lady refused to move saying she was too weak and exhausted to move any further and that her dog was still inside the house. The flames and radiant heat made the location untenable creating a life threatening situation but the woman still refused to budge. At about this time a propane gas tank on a cooking grill exploded nearby creating a huge fire ball adding to the already deadly situation. FF Szymczak gave the woman no choice and grabbed under the arms and hauled her away from the fire toward the road. Just as they began to move away from the inferno the electric power service cable burned off the home and dropped to the ground almost striking them both while arcing and whipping wildly on the driveway.

Within a few moments FF Szymczak and the victim reached the road safely. The Fire Department equipment and personnel arrived within a few minutes and the woman was treated at the scene and transported to the local hospital with minor injuries and smoke inhalation.

The Sheridan Fire Department firmly believes that the swift and deliberate action by Firefighter Joel Szymczak in removing the victim from an extremely dangerous location saved the woman from severe injury or possible death.

The Sheridan Fire Department firmly believes that FF Joel Szymczak should be recognized for his swift and decisive action and asks that the Chautauqua County Fire Advisory Board consider him for Fire Fighter of the Year.

Respectfully Submitted,
Chief Michael Keddie, President James Mays, Secretary Rebecca Schafer



CHERRY CREEK FIRE DEPARTMENT

PO Box 204, Cherry Creek, NY 14723

Chautauqua County Fire Chiefs Association **CITIZENS OF THE YEAR**

The Cherry Creek Volunteer Fire Department would like to nominate the following people for Chautauqua County Fire Chiefs Association Citizens of the Year; Craig Peters and Lawrence Hodges Jr.

On January 27, 2016 the Cherry Creek Volunteer Fire Department was dispatched by Chautauqua County Dispatch Center for a truck fire at 6804 Main Street in the Village of Cherry Creek. The location is the NOCO gas station and fuel depot. This fuel depot and retail gas station is located in the center of the Village of Cherry Creek.

The truck was a NOCO fuel delivery truck and was parked next to two other fuel delivery trucks and approximately twenty feet across the driveway from four large petroleum fuel storage tanks. A propane delivery truck was parked less than twenty feet away in the rear of the depot area.

With the engine compartment area of the truck involved in fire, Mr. Peters and Mr. Hodges used four twenty pound extinguishers to contain the fire to the engine and cab area of the truck protecting the tank on the truck and the other fuel trucks and storage tanks from the fire.

This containment of the fire by these two citizens until the fire department arrived on location prevented the fire from spreading possibly causing a catastrophic expansion of the incident. If not for the quick and unselfish actions by Craig Peters and Lawrence Hodges Jr. the end result of the fire could have been much different. After the fire was extinguished Mr. Peters was treated at the scene for inhalation of dry chemical extinguisher powder.

It is with great pride that the Officers of the Cherry Creek Volunteer Fire Department nominate Mr. Craig Peters and Mr. Lawrence Hodges Jr. for the Citizens of the Year for their quick response and actions at this incident.

Sincerely Yours,

Terry Sheldon, Chief *Terry Sheldon*

Dewayne Miller, 1st Assistant Chief *Dewayne Miller*

Raymond Sheldon Sr., 2nd Assistant Chief *Ray Sheldon Sr.*

Ryan Lepp, President *Ryan Lepp*



Chautauqua County EMS
EMS CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

March 16, 2016

Chautauqua County EMS
2 Academy St., Suite A. Room 106
Mayville, NY 14757

Dear Mr. Johnston:

I would like to nominate Darlene Morrison for EMS Citizen of the Year Award. On July 20, 2015, I was seriously injured in a freak accident that took place at my work. I was the the secretary at the south Dayton Free Methodist Church, and was in the kitchen when there was an explosion. I was taken to a hospital and subsequently released.

Darlene was on her way home from Alabama that day. Sh had heard what had happened and came to see me on July 21st. She took one look at me and took me to ECMC. If she hadn't done that, I would have died. I spent 28 days at ECMC, two weeks of that in the ICU Burn Unit. I had 3rd degree burns over 25% of my body.

If it were not for Darlene's quick thinking. I would not be here. Please consider her for the award.

Sincerely,

Roxanne Goodwill
1534 Sanford Road
Cherry Creek, NY 14723
(716) 499-0912

Darlene Morrison
6716 Main Street
Cherry Creek, NY 14723
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Bemus Point Volunteer Fire Department

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April 25, 2016

Emergency Medical Services Council
William R. Johnston, Chair
Chautauqua County Office of Emergency Services
2 Academy Street, Suite A, Room 106
Mayville, NY 14757

Dear Chairperson Johnston:

It is with pleasure that i hereby nominate Michael E. Winne for consideration for the EMS Provider of the Year Award for 2015-2016.



**EMS PROVIDER OF THE YEAR AWARD
FOR 2015-2016**

Mike's lengthy affiliation with the Chautauqua County Fire Service began in September 1979 with membership in the Maple Springs Fire Department. He continued his service in the following years with Fluvanna Fire Department, and with the majority of 37 years in the Bemus Point Volunteer Fire Department, where he currently serves as 1st Assistant Chief. He is employed by Alstar EMS/WCA Services Corporation as a field supervisor, credentialed as a paramedic AEMT-CC. Over the years he has serviced many departments Budding EMT's across the county as both an instructor and a mentor.

I feel that Mike is worthy of this award not just for one specific heroic life-saving event, but for the cumulative total of what he has given and continues to give back to the citizens of Chautauqua County. I have seen him save a life in our ambulance and I understand that is what he does often, along with his peers, as Alstar EMS.

The amazing aspect of his contribution is his continued dedication and determination to serve the members of his community most often at one of the worst times in their lives. Even after lack of sleep, odd or long work hours, or exposure to unpleasant & unsafe environments he still responds when Bemus Point's tone goes off. You can always count on him to be there.

With Mike, patient care is paramount. He believes that the public deserves to have competent, well-trained provers who respond to their needs when they need us most. Well stocked rigs, well-rehearsed & strictly followed protocols, all administered with both precision and compassion is a must. If you are under his purview, you will be held to a higher standard.

In closing, I know that Mike does not expect anything in return for his contribution nor is he one who would appreciate anyone making a big fuss over his accomplishments. However, every so often, we just need to say thanks to those who are the exception, not the rule.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey R. Molnar, 3rd Assistant Chief
Bemus Point Volunteer Fire Department

Michael Krott, President
Bemus Point Volunteer, Fire Company, Inc.

IRVING'S BANQUET

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 27TH AT THE COLONY HOUSE



From Left to Right:

GERALD RICE SR.
(Fire Chief)

KORY IRISH
(2nd Assistant Chief)

ROBERT DAVIS
(President and 50 year Member)

CHRISTOPHER MANNING
(1st Assistant Chief).

2016 FIRE COORDINATORS



From Left to Right:

Name	Title.....	Radio identifier
Dan Aldrich	Dive Team Captain (WET).....	Dive 1
Noel Guttman	Special Ops Coordinator (TRT & FAST).....	Tech Rescue 1
Mike Gleason.....	3rd Battalion Coordinator	Battalion 3
Scott Cummings	2nd Battalion Coordinator.....	Battalion 2
Bob Frank	Deputy Fire Coordinator.....	County Fire 3
Skip Cavallaro	Deputy Fire Coordinator.....	County Fire 2
John Griffith	4th Battalion Coordinator	Battalion 4
Tony Faso.....	1st Battalion Coordinator.....	Battalion 1
Dan Imfeld	Hazmat Coordinator.....	Hazmat 1
Steve Cobb.....	EMS Coordinator	EMS 1
Julius Leone	Director of Emergency Services	County Fire 1

MURPHY FIRE FIGHTER 1 CLASS

MURPHY TRAINING CENTER SPRING 2016

This spring for the first time in years there was a Firefighter 1 Class held and the newly renovated Turk Murphy Training Center in Dunkirk. Philip Hanlon was the primary instructor for this class.

The class started out with 22 students and ended with 21 completing the course. There were also 7 students that attended the HazMat Operations part of the class for certification in HazMat Ops.

This class was a direct result in a cooperative effort by the County of Chautauqua and the City of Dunkirk to renovate the Turk Murphy Training Center along with the addition of the new state of the art burn simulator trailer.

The class performed 20 live burn auto fire evolutions and over 40 live structure fire evolutions using the new burn trailer. Assisting the New York State Fire Instructors were personnel and equipment from 8 local departments during the classes. This joint cooperation of New York State, Chautauqua County, City of Dunkirk and local departments made this a successful training experience.



The following are the students that completed Fire Fighter 1 (not in order):

Luke AmesStockton Fire Department
Sam AmbroseAshville Fire Department
Danielle DeanEast Dunkirk Fire Department
Jared DunnewoldClymer Fire Department
Martin FisherRipley Fire Department
Kevin JonesChautauqua Fire Department
Evan LegtersClymer Fire Department
Timothy ManningIrving Fire Department
Mark NickersonPortland Fire Department
James OdienWest Dunkirk Fire Department

Joshua PollockFalconer Fire Department
Katlin PromberFredonia Fire Department
Roger SalhoffCassadaga Fire Department
Andrew ShillingLakewood Fire Department
David TenpasSherman Fire Department
David WalkerWestfield Fire Department
David WasmundSunset Bay Fire Department
Brett ZarczynskiCassadaga Fire Department



EMERGENCY SERVICES

2016 Training Calendar

CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY

Updated -7-16

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Course Offered - Prerequisite	Hours	Units	Start Date	Location	Instructors
Firefighter 1 Refresher Training	6	2	7-13-16	OES	Don Woodfield
Hazmat First Responder Operations	16	4	7-14-16	Gerry Conference Ctr	
BEFO plus FF1 part 1 Pilot		25	7-18-16	Findley Lake Fire Dept.	David Norberg
EMT Basic	Various	Various	8-1-16	JCC ARSC Bldg.	Ron Hasson
EMT Refresher	Various	Various	8-1-16	JCC ARSC Bldg.	Ron Hasson
EMT Original/Refresher Course	Various	Various	8-15-16	Sheridan Fire Department	Julius J. Leone, Jr.
Firefighter 1 Refresher Training	6	2	8-16-16	Taylor Training Center, Jmst	Don Woodfield
Grain Bin Rescue Training	4	1	8-18-16	OES	Dan Neenan
County Weekend – NYS Fire Academy (6 Choices below)	Various	Various	Sept 9-11, 2016	Montour Falls	Various
1. Courage to be Safe (Leadership Training) & Traffic Incident Management	6 each	2	9-10-16	NYS Fire Academy	Various
2. Tech Rescue Interior Shoring (Special class Wed. 9-7-16 before the Academy)	6 each	2	9-10-16	NYS Fire Academy	Various
3. EMS Triage & MCI Incident Management and special Operations.	6 each	2	9-10-16	NYS Fire Academy	Various
4. Fireground Operations – Firefighter 1 Refresher and Truck attack methods	6 each	2	9-10-16	NYS Fire Academy	Various
5. Essentials, Basic, Scene Support or old BEFO – Bridge Course to new BEFO	8 each	2	9-10-16	NYS Fire Academy	Various
6. The rules have changed; The firefighters guide to lightweight wood construction.	6 each	2	9-10-16	NYS Fire Academy	Various
Hazmat First Responder Operations	16	4	9-20-16	Findley Lake Fire Dept.	
Responding to Well-Site Emergencies	4	1	12-1-16	OES	OFPC

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.

MAPLE SPRINGS AMBULANCE 481

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NOTES from the Editor:

Remember this is your publication,
I want to make it the best possible
to showcase Chautauqua County Fire & EMS.

This issue of "The Responder" was a lot of fun to do. The articles on the cities of Jamestown and Dunkirk were very interesting for me, thank you to the Chiefs from those departments.

I would like to do articles on fund raising by departments in Chautauqua County. Not as an advertisement. I am more interested in the history of the events and the logistics. I think if it's a Gala Days or an Ox Roast or Chicken BBQ there are interesting stories to be told. I will be available to come to your Fire hall to get the story and any pictures that can be added. Please be thinking of what you have to tell.

As always I am looking for pictures of new equipment and will be happy to come and get your pictures and details for upcoming issues.

Thank you for your help in making this publication a part of the Chautauqua County Fire Services.

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