

RISING UP LIKE PHOENIX, THE RETURN OF THE TURK MURPHY TRAINING CENTER

The Turk Murphy Training Center in Dunkirk has been a working training center since before 1962. Located on Brigham Road in the City of Dunkirk the land and buildings were formally owned by the Dunkirk Volunteer Fireman’s Association. The property was deeded over to the City of Dunkirk and now has been leased to Chautauqua County on a 40 year lease. As an active training center hundreds of both volunteer and paid fireman and women have trained at Murphy.

The facility started to show it’s age at the end of the last century and the buildings needed major upgrades and repair. While Dunkirk Fire Department continued to hold training outside the class rooms needed improvement. Regular scheduled training classes at Murphy were discontinued for 3-4 years.

The Facility Committee of the Chautauqua County Fire Advisory Board identified the problem and made the commitment to reverse the decline and restore Murphy to an active and complete training center.

Working with the staff from Emergency Services and with the input of the both Dunkirk Volunteer Fireman’s Association and Dunkirk Fire Department the maze building was the first to be completed. The Barmore Rangers went to work and built a new building from the ground up completing it in 2009.



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The Barmore Rangers are a unique group of volunteers for all parts of Chautauqua County. They bring many skills and a lot of drive and desire to improve the building infrastructure of the County Fire Service.



In the early spring of 2012 work was started by the Barmore Rangers to revitalize the Murphy classroom. It was a vision of Ron Keddie to bring classroom training back to Murphy and Northern Chautauqua County. Ron passed away unexpectedly in June of 2012 but his vision was carried on by the dedicated group.

In December of 2014 the “Keddie Classroom at the Turk Murphy Training Center” was dedicated to Ron. This is truly a 21st Century teaching facility. After completely removing the entire interior of the building it was rebuilt from the floor beams to the rafters. New floors, complete new interior layout, new restrooms, new windows, all new electric, insulation, heating system, air conditioning and ceilings were included in the project. Along with all of that this is a complete multimedia classroom with wireless internet, projection equipment and high definition televisions. The Keddie Classroom is something that will be there to assist in the education of fire and EMS personnel for years to come.

In 2014 the Dunkirk Fire Department and Chautauqua County Emergency Services worked together to secure a grant for a state of the art burn trailer for live fire training. This trailer will be delivered in late 2015. In the summer of 2015 a new cement pad was poured for the trailer. The pad was poured under the direction and with the assistance of a group of Silver Creek firemen. The spirit of community is in every part of the Murphy rebuilding project.



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2015 also saw the renovation of the training tower at Murphy. The Barmore Rangers with members from throughout Chautauqua County took an aging but structurally sound tower and have brought it to the modern standards of today. The roof was replaced and a new hatch installed and the structure was rewired and brought to modern codes. The windows were reworked as directed by the New York State Fire Instructors for bailout and repel training. Working with the Fire Instructors insures that this building is designed for the best possible training of all Chautauqua County fire students. A unique feature of the tower building is the low roof. The Barmore Rangers have one side of this a steel roof and the other side a shingle roof. This dual configuration allows for a variety of training scenarios. To insure that the building will be a part of the training system for years to come the upper wood part of the building and the tower were completely sided with board and batten siding and painted. With a minimum of interior work left in the tower building it is going to be ready for future training in early 2016.

A project to improve the parking area was also completed in 2015. The old oil fire burn pits were broken up and cleared out the parking lot was resurfaced.



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The last piece of the entire project is scheduled for fall of 2015. The County of Chautauqua has contracted to have a 50'x70' pole building constructed for storage of the burn trailer and future use. This building will complete the planned projects for now.

Along with the Raymond Taylor Training Center in Jamestown the Turk Murphy Training Center in Dunkirk provides the Chautauqua County Fire Service a dual campus for modern fire and EMS training. With a goal to produce the best trained students in a safe and state of art environment Chautauqua County can do this in both the North and the South. Words alone cannot express the gratitude of all those that gave personal time to see this project to this point. The vision that started in the last century will prevail for many years to come in this century.



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In my 54 years in our fire service, it has been my most humbling and most personally fulfilling experience to serve as a Chaplain over the last 22. If a job description for that office was in writing it would simply read "Say grace at the banquet." Reality has required far more of me than that. In spite of my declaration that I am only appointed and not ordained, many of you have paid me the highest honor by calling on me to take part in some of the most important events in your lives'. There have been dozens of Firefighter Memorial Services, dedications and invocations and 114 funerals. The challenge to fulfill your expectations, though nearly overwhelming at times, has been rewarding beyond my greatest expectations. Thank you.

Chaplaincy has taken me places I could not have imagined. I have heard from people who have no perspective on Christianity and from others who loudly profess The Faith while they seem to violate its most basic principles. There is talk about what "those people" are doing in the name of Christianity and about the bigotries shared by some of their groups. Some have challenged me to defend it all. I don't defend the fear that results in bigotry. I defend compassion and hope. I have also had the great good fortune to meet and work with people whose convictions and ability to articulate them have actually been inspiring highlights of my life. It has taught me much about who I am and has strengthened my faith. Thanks again.

This is the sixty-fifth published article I've submitted to the Responder. I have shared opinions drawn from personal experiences as a State Fire Instructor, a Fire Chief and from many other offices. Today I share my opinions as a chaplain. If I were a preacher, these thoughts would be the basis for my sermons. If it appears that I am promoting my faith, indeed; that is my intent. Good news is meant to be shared.

- Faith works for us, not because we are so good. Faith works for us because He is so good.
- Our Faith in God does not assure us that everything will turn out OK. Our faith in God assures us that we will be OK no matter how things turn out.
- It is sacrilege to suggest that God's love can or must be earned. Christianity is predicated on the facts that His love is simply there for the asking and His forgiveness conquers all.
- If you are of good faith The Lord knows it. In fact He alone is your judge. You are free from the slings and arrows of fellow sinners. None of them is empowered to require you to make some death bed declaration they want to hear, so they can be the ones to pass judgment on the validity of your life. If your faith is known only to God, it is no less valid.
- We will be judged by the manner in which we treat the least one of His people and we are all His people.
- If you were baptized into a Christian church, you were saved and marked as Christ's own forever. Not until someone decides you need to be "saved" again, but forever. He died for your sins. That means any spiritual debt you may have had, has been paid in full.
- Our greatest gift to the world is our ability to give, of ourselves, those things that offer hope to others. Not stuff but comfort.
- People who respond to the needs of strangers in harm's way are surely following the example set by Jesus himself. That sets emergency responders apart.
- There is never "nowhere to turn".

**By appointment to Lakewood Fire Department * Jamestown Fire Department * Ripley Fire Dept
Lakewood-Busti Police Department * Starflight Medivac * WCA Hospital
Chautauqua Co. Office Of The Sheriff * Chautauqua Co. Fire Chiefs Assoc.
Critical Incident Stress Management Team * Technical Rescue Team * Hazardous Materials Response Team.**

"Who put themselves in harms way for others follow Christ's own example."



Who's going to fill their shoes?

In 1985 George Jones ask the question about country music and it is so true for the fire service today. Who is going to fill your shoes? As the average age of responding firemen and fire women keep creeping upwards have you ever thought; who is going to take my place. Who is going to be the next one?

Think about the members in your department; look around at the next call or meeting, who is next up? Who is the next Jack Knowlton, Lloyd Johnson, Bob Crane, Ed Hone, Neil McKnight, Jon Stahley, Butch Briggs, Gene Archer, Ron Trippy, Don Emhardt, Mike Przybycien or Dave Hall? These veterans are still active today but who will be next? I know we all recognize the problem and we all think that it is up to someone else to fix this. Well we are all part of this and we all need to step up and work to move forward.

Take a minute, reflect on the past. Remember that member that used to be active and now has dropped back? Call that person up, explain that now everyone is needed and you need him or her back. This needs to be done by us, the members. Not the Chief, not the President but us, the members. Maybe there was a reason for the prior change but these

people were once part of your team and now you need them back. Pick up the phone and make that call, or better yet drive over and say hello.

Now in the same way think who in your community is not a member of your team? Have you ever personally reached out and ask that man or woman to join your department? I know we have done the open houses and recruitment drives but who has actually gone and ask someone to join. Think of the people in your town, in your neighborhood, at your church, at your club. Take the time to ask them to be part of the community and to share the satisfaction of helping friends and neighbors. If we all explain the problem then we can hope that non-members will become part of the solution to that problem.

In the end the answer to the question, "Who is going to fill their shoes" starts with us. Become a personal recruiter for your department and the fire service. Make the calls, reach out to your friends and neighbors. Stop in and see your inactive friends and welcome them back. Let's all work to move forward into with the future knowing that there is someone to fill our shoes.

WE IN THE FIRE/EMS SERVICE WILL NEVER FORGET



Mayville, Dewittville, Chautauqua and Hartfield Fire Departments gathered together on 9-11-15 to remember those that we lost on 9-11-01. Let's hope we never forget the ones that gave their lives so others may live.

4TH OF JULY PARADE VAN BUREN POINT



Brocton Fire Department attending 4th of July parade Van Buren Point

ENGINE 15



Recently, the Fredonia Fire Department took possession of, dedicated and “Baptized” (with the help of the City of Dunkirk Ladder 1) Engine 15. This purchase continues to modernize the fleet with a “Chicago Style” (black over red) Spartan Gladiator series chassis, with a stainless steel body and powered by a Cummins ISX 500hp engine. Engine 15 replaces Engine 10 and is currently the 5th truck of 11 to be revitalized. The engine features a powerful 1500gpm Hale QMax pump with electronic valves. For efficiency purposes, there are 5 pre-connect lines – (3) 1¾” lines and (2) 2½” lines, each 200’ in length, on the front bumper is a 100’ – 1¾” trash line. The hose bed has room for over 1000’ of 4” supply line, plus 400’ of loose 2½” hose. In addition to the hose already mentioned, there are (2) 100’ – 1¾” high rise packs and a remote controlled deck gun. In the event of a field fire or smaller type fire, there is a booster line that feeds from above the enclosed pump panel. A 1000g UPF tank is at the ready for all fires while firefighters are establishing a secure water source. All compartments (including the hose bed covers and cross lays), steps, and rails are enhanced with LED lighting. On top of the cab is a remote controlled “Command” LED light tower. Instead of handling buckets of floor dry, Engine 15 is equipped with a dispensing bin that dispenses just the right amount of product with the pull of a handle. In protecting the assets, most items including the hard suction, ground ladders, a Blitzfire and Hurst Rescue Tool are carried in enclosed compartments, as well as inside the cab is a locking EMS compartment. Just to be sure that they are seen and heard, this truck features Federal Electronics emergency lighting and a Federal Q siren. And lest we forget, in keeping with proper tradition, a bell located on the front bumper. ***Congratulations to the Fredonia Fire Department Officers and Members for your showcase engine.***

The Flood of July 14, 2015

By Marsha Holland

In the wee hours of Tuesday, July 14th, at 00:23 a.m. to be exact, members of the Fire Department of Westfield began to hear the fire whistle blow, received text messages and heard their pagers belting out the tones that would begin a very long and busy day for those who would respond. Thus began the flooding of Westfield, with Brocton and Silver Creek following suit quickly.

The first call would be to respond to an address on North Portage Street for a flooding problem and within six minutes, there was a need to shut down Route 5 to westbound traffic. Then the flood gates really opened up at 1:01 a.m. – the entire Eastside Trailer Park at 7609 Route 20 was flooding up to the bottoms of the trailers! Once on scene, First Assistant Chief Jerry Ruch requested the County’s Dive and Tech Rescue teams for assistance in evacuating the residents.

Upon arriving on scene near the trailer park in A-291, I was shocked to see the volume of water pouring out from the park and continuing north over Route 20!

**IT RAINED THAT NIGHT... A LOT.
THERE WAS WATER ALL OVER THE PLACE...
A LOT OF WATER!**

I was sent to the topside of the trailer park on Prospect Road to block any traffic from going through the “raging river” that crossed the road. It looked as if a dam had let loose, pouring its contents onto the mobile homes in its path, all the while the rain kept pouring down heavily all around. I anxiously watched as Firefighter Jack Bills kept himself steady through the rising water, leading the residents to the trailer park owner’s home next door for safety. Town of Westfield personnel were on scene with a loader to evacuate residents that could not get out by themselves due to the swift water running past their homes.



As the calls kept coming in for flood-related problems, mutual aid had to be dispatched to keep up with the onslaught. The Red Cross had been contacted to set up a shelter at Westfield Academy and Central School. Arrangements were made with school personnel and firefighter, Everett Reardon, to open the school to receive supplies and people for sheltering. At 2:44 a.m., we received a call for help on McKinley Road for three adults and an infant in a house with two to three feet of water inside. Westfield's Truck 291 was sent to the residence to aid in their evacuation and Ambulance 291 was sent in case they needed to be transported to Westfield Academy and Central School, where the Red Cross was in the process of setting up a shelter. The family was helped out of a second-floor window onto the raised ladder and decided to stay with

**PEOPLE'S BASEMENTS GOT FLOODED.
WE HAD TO DRAG OUR BUTTS OUT OF BED
TO GO OUT IN THE POURING RAIN.
NO ONE LIKES TO GET OUT OF BED
IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT,
ESPECIALLY WHEN IT IS RAINING.**

IT WAS VERY DARK...AND VERY WET.

a neighbor across the street. On our way back to the scene on Route 20, my "co-pilot", fellow Fire Policeman Ed Rotunda, and I noticed large pieces of cut trees in the road to the east of McKinley Road. The ambulance was parked across the road and we removed the wood from the road so no vehicle would accidentally run over them and cause damage.

After returning to command on Route 20, we contacted personnel at Westfield Memorial Hospital to find out if scrubs could be obtained for people at the shelter to change into. Authorization was received and we were given about 20 sets of scrubs, plus towels and blankets. When we picked up the items, the hospital personnel mentioned receiving a call from residents at the end of Persons

Street, which is the first street east of the school, and the home had water that filled their basement. Doty Creek runs parallel to, and between, the school and Persons Street.



After dropping of the supplies at the school, I notified command of the call and that we would check on the occupants of the house in question. As we drove on Persons Street, we could see that Doty Creek had at some point flooded the street, with debris left all over it. We were unable to reach the point at which we would cross a small bridge to get to the house and radioed the situation to Command. At that point, 1st Assistant Chief Ruch ordered all equipment and personnel to report to the fire hall on Clinton Street to “regroup”.

At Westfield’s fire hall, there was the welcome sight of people who had taken control and were documenting the responses. With tables set up in the truck bay, Third Battalion Coordinator Mike Gleason had taken on the responsibility of documenting each call that came in via Mayville Dispatch and phone. He also had all responding personnel sign in for accountability purposes. Gleason logged the time and location of each call, the department personnel that were sent, where and when they were sent, and when the residence was considered taken care of. Once a call was cleared, he directed personnel to the next call. As the morning light was starting to appear, the volume of calls increased, mostly by phone to the fire hall, as residents awoke to find their homes had been flooded. By that time, I was answering the phone, writing the addresses on a blackboard with the severity of water damage (indicated by inches of water), and relaying the information to Mike, who prioritized the order in which calls were taken.



**WE SAW LOTS AND LOTS OF WATER...
AND WE GOT VERY WET.
THE WATER WAS UP TO OUR BUTTS.
IT WAS HARD TO WALK IN THAT MUCH
WATER. THERE WAS STUFF ALL OVER THE
PLACE THAT DIDN'T BELONG WHERE IT
WAS, ESPECIALLY THE WATER.
IT WASN'T FUN.**

It was with much regret and guilt that my “tour of duty” ended around 11:00 a.m., which was cutting it close to the time I had left in order to shower and head to Buffalo-Niagara International Airport to catch a flight to Oregon for the birth of my grandchild. As my husband and I drove east to Buffalo on I-90, we witnessed fire apparatus from Lancaster and East Seneca heading west to help.



WE KEPT GETTING CALLS...OUR NEIGHBORING FIRE DEPARTMENTS HAD TO GET THEIR BUTTS OUT OF BED TO COME HELP BECAUSE WE COULDN'T DO IT ALL. THEY PROBABLY DIDN'T WANT TO AND THEY GOT WET TOO.





I kept in touch via texts and social media with the events that continued throughout the rest of that day. I know there were a lot of people that came together for the good of the community, and also for Brocton and Silver Creek. For us, there were so many people to thank for staying in Westfield to help well into that Tuesday evening. Reports needed to be written up and equipment had to be put back into service. We could not have achieved what was accomplished without the help of our neighbors.

IT STILL KEPT RAINING, BUT PEOPLE WERE RESCUED....THEY GOT WET TOO.



**IT WAS A VERY LONG AND WET DAY.
MANY PEOPLE HELPED.
DID I MENTION IT RAINED A LOT
AND WE GOT WET?**

**CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY IS
AWESOME - WE ALL PLAYED WELL
TOGETHER. NO ONE GOT HURT BUT
WE ALL GOT WET.**



PEOPLE WOKE UP...WE GOT MANY MORE CALLS...EVERYONE HELPED.
IT WAS AWESOME, BUT WE GOT WET!

In the end, Westfield received a total of 154 calls from July 14th at 00:23 to July 15th around 18:00 that were flood-related. We were aided by fire department personnel from Sherman, Mayville, Chautauqua, Hartfield, Dewittville, Ashville, Busti, Ellery Center, Lancaster, East Seneca, Ripley and Fuller Hose of North East, Pennsylvania; by members of the Tech Rescue and Dive Teams; employees of our Electric Department, the Village and Town of Westfield, Village of Mayville, and Chautauqua County Emergency Services; Battalion 3 Deputy Coordinator Mike Gleason, Deputy Fire Coordinator Bob Frank, the American Red Cross for sheltering, WACS Custodial Staff, Westfield Memorial Hospital and National Fuel.



Thank you to all !!

Hazmat Team Takes TECC Training to the Next Level During Airport Drill

Back in January, the State Preparedness Training Center (SPTC) and the National Center for Security Preparedness (NCSP) delivered Tactical Emergency Casualty Care (TECC) Training at the Chautauqua County Office of Emergency Services to a blended classes of Fire/EMS and Law Enforcement professionals. Many Hazmat Team Members attended this training. Students discussed timely topics including Tactical Emergency Casualty Care (TECC), rescue task force, and engaged in skill lanes to practice techniques introduced in the classroom. The class culminated in students responding to several scenario-based activities, including some featuring indirect threat to direct threat situations.

During the Airport Drill the team used it as an opportunity to take what was learned and apply it in a hazmat scenario. The team was presented with many new challenges. In the past the team has drilled and actually decontaminated patients. What we have never done however was practiced decon on a trauma patient that already had chest seals and tourniquets in place.

Research done by Dr. Brain Walters, the Hazmat Team Medical Director found little guidance on how to decon these patients. With his and Dr. Mike Faulk's help we were able to develop and practice procedures to be used.

In addition the team used the drill as an opportunity to refresh our biological contaminated patient handling skills. This patient was transported by hazmat personnel while in level B hazmat gear to WCA where the patient and crew members were able to give hospital staff practice using the new ER's contaminated patient entrance.

It was a very productive day with the team learning many valuable skills and techniques. With an ever present threat of hazmat situations, terrorist attacks and active shooter situations, it is crucial for the hazmat team to learn these blended TECC/Decon principles.



FIRE ON CHAUTAUQUA LAKE

There is no easy or standardized way to fight a boat fire. Most all of these unusual types of fires end in a total loss of the boat with a big mess to clean-up. Such was the case of a boat fire on Saturday August 8 at 11:48 AM in the middle of Bemus Bay.

As soon as the call went out a glance to that area showed a 19 foot inboard with heavy smoke showing. A boat in close proximity and a Sheriff Marine Patrol boat took the people off the boat and moved back to a safe distance. Bemus Point Fire Department's specialized fire/rescue boat, a 24 foot Boston Whaler, was quickly underway. Manning the boat was Asst. Chiefs Mike Winnie and Randy Edwards with firefighters Jimmy and Andrew Brodell, Randy Apperson and Ben Pickard.

It was a beautiful day with many boats on the Lake in that area, so there were many boating observers as well as those on shore. Smoke on the water can be seen for a long distance. Upon the arrival of Boat 441 a unique piece of equipment was employed. The fire service has long used portable water pumps. They are smaller and can be carried by two men. Suction hose is put into the water source and a discharge hose from the pump then carried the water to the fire engine and then onto the fire with hand held hoses. BPVFD has a specialized portable pump that actually floats on the water source. The floating unit drafts the water directly into the pump and out a 1 ½ inch handheld hose onto the boat fire. This could also be used on a dock or structure fires accessible by boat.

Initially the boat fire smoke is heavy and black from all the plastics, fiberglass and fuel that is burning. Once the crew applied the floating portable pump water the smoke turned to a white color which is a good sign in any firefighting because it means you are getting to the source of the fire, turning the water to steam and cooling the temperature.



FIRE ON CHAUTAUQUA LAKE CONTINUED

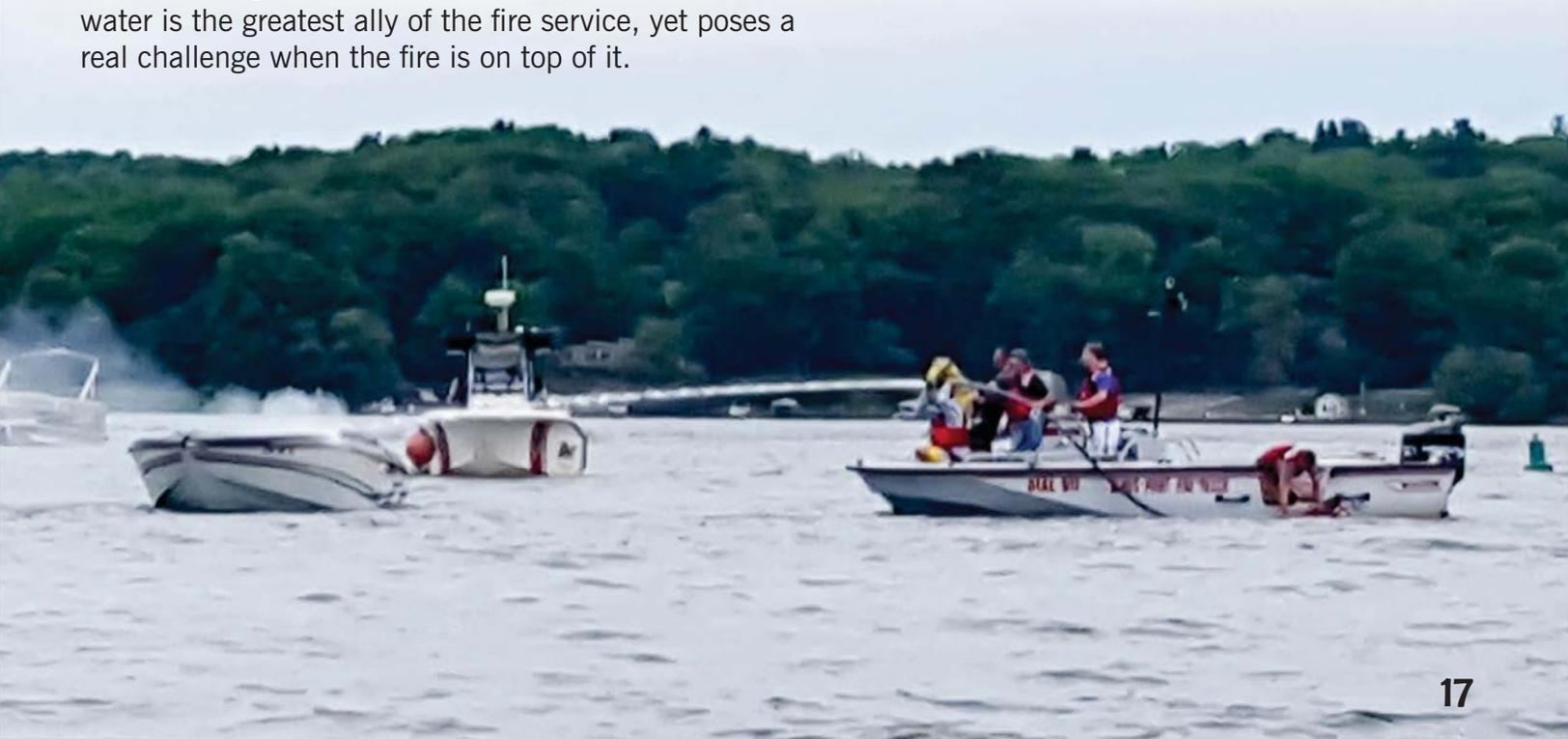


Heat and explosion is always a concern, so distance between the fire and the fireboat is critical. Another problem is that the boat usually burns down to the water line and structurally degrades causing it to sink. Now there is an environmental scenario to deal with due to the melted structure and remaining fuel. Hence, it now becomes a hazardous materials incident.

Bemus towed the boat to Long Point State Park and hauled it out onto the boat ramp. They surrounded it with special absorbent pads and booms to contain the runoff. The County Hazardous Materials Team, comprised of volunteer firefighters from all over the County was call in. The Haz Mat Team provided the expertise and equipment to off load the remaining large amount of fuel. There were no injuries.

And then there was an added challenge during the Haz Mat phase. A middle age male dove off the break wall on the lakefront in Bemus into very shallow water and sustained serious injuries. This was a major injury that required people in the water and the patient being flown out to ECMC.

Such is the challenge faced by any fire department that has navigable water in their district. It's ironic that water is the greatest ally of the fire service, yet poses a real challenge when the fire is on top of it.



BURN TRAINING TRAILER UPDATE

In a joint venture between the Dunkirk Fire Department and Chautauqua County Emergency Services a regional grant was submitted to purchase mobile burn unit in cooperation with the county and its 42 fire departments. This unit has many capabilities that will allow the use of live fire scenarios and other types of training for our firefighters.

It's a massive trailer with two levels of obstacles that are all challenges firefighters can face in a house fire. The unit will contain many features that can be used in different settings based upon the need of the firefighters using the facility. The fire departments from the county will benefit from the Portable Training Program by being able to use and train with the unit.

The grant funds will purchase a mobile, propane-fired, 2-story structural trainer that consists of smoke machine and delivery system, an onboard generator and propane supply, emergency shutdowns and assorted burn props to create a realistic setting. The Trainer will be equipped with a ventilation/cutting unit to give practical experience in performing vertical ventilation. The Trainer is 102" wide, 52 feet in length. The Trainer will cost \$530,000, which includes a three year maintenance agreement. We expect delivery before the end of the year.

The objectives of our Portable Training Program are as follows:

- Provide live burn training safely to all firefighters.
- Provide practical and live burn experience for each firefighter in the use and response of a rapid intervention team (RIT) in a live burn scenario.
- Effectively utilize an incident command system in a live burn scenario.
- Provide vertical and horizontal ventilation training to firefighters.
- Provide practical experience in the application of a confined space rescue.
- Provide a SCBA confidence course for all firefighters twice a year.
- Provide and assist area Fire Departments with practical live burn training.



Ronald J. Keddie Memorial Chautauqua County Weekend



This year we celebrated a milestone for the Chautauqua County Fire Service. The 20th Ronald J. Keddie Memorial Chautauqua County Weekend sponsored by our Chautauqua County Fire Chiefs' Association was held at the NYS Fire Academy in Montour Falls. We offered 7 different classes this year combining both classroom and hands on training. We had 108 participants this year.



The weekend started on Friday evening with the striking of the colors at the Academy. The American flag flown at the Academy on September 11 is the Flag which flew on September 11, 2001 and has flown only on September 11 for the succeeding years. The honor of raising or lowering the flag is one we have enjoyed over the years our Time at the Academy has coincided with that fateful day. Mike Swanson of Ashville did the honors of striking the Colors dressed in his military uniform.



Classes in Live Fire Class B Foam, EMS MCI Simulations, Applied Live Fire Attack and Tactics and Update to Basic Exterior Firefighting Operations were started on Friday evening. The classes on Legal Issues (Advanced), Tech Rescue, and Fire Ground Strategies and Tactics for First Arriving Companies commenced on Saturday Morning. The Tech Rescue Class receive some training on the Foam trailer to be stationed in the County to handle the crude oil trains passing through the County.



Starting Saturday morning was the cooking of our special dinner for the evening. Our cooking staff of Scott Cummings, John Griffith, Bob Frank, Skip Cavallaro and Jack Knowlton was up bright and early to start preparing the dinner.





This year our festivities started at the Moose earlier than usual. We started with dinner and followed with our raffles. Bill Johnston was able to obtain several donations from the fire service vendors serving our county including flashlights, gloves and a charcoal grill. Gary Gugino, the maker of the Waters on the Way Trailer hitch cover, donated one of the covers for the raffle. Bill was able to obtain several donation of gift certificates from County restaurants also.

After dinner we presented Brian Benstead from OFPC a bench for the front of the Academy in honor of Ron Keddie. Present to help in the presentation was Ron's son Mike, Chief of the Sheridan Fire Department. Brian presented the County with a proclamation from Brian Stevens the State Fire Administrator commemorating our Twenty Years of commitment to Training at the Academy.

The attendees received a special gift commemorating the twenty years of a brief case with embroidery of a special design. We gave our instructors a special gift to remember Chautauqua County and to thank them for giving up their weekend to teach us.

This weekend does not happen without the commitment of our County Fire Chiefs and their Departments willingness to send their members for Training. This weekend takes a dedicated group to put together the weekend to make it interesting and fun for our people. The committee for the weekend consists of Julius Leone, Tony Faso, Bill Johnston, Brian Benstead, Bill Taylor, Larry Barter and Gloria Burke. Without Gloria's help the paper work would not be completed as quickly and efficiently as it is. Mike Gleason was able to receive a donation of beverages for this year. Mike Volpe and the Busti Fire Department allowed us to use a cooler to keep the beverages cold. Jen Guttman and Linda Gleason sold the raffle tickets for our 50/50 drawings. A special thanks to Dr. Brian Walters for his efforts to get the Oriskany Class moving this year.

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WOMAN RESCUED FROM SLIPPERY ROCK CREEK IN BROCTON

DURING JULY FLOODING EVENT



From left to right: John Griffith, Dan Imfeld, Captain Darryl Braley, Dave Hazelton (Mayor for Village of Brocton), James Tytka Jr., Vince Horrigan County Executive, Julius J. Leone, Jr., Director of Emergency Services and Jay Gould, Chair of the Legislature.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE VINCE HORRIGAN AND THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE HONORS CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY WATER EMERGENCY TEAM AND FIRE/EMS RESPONDERS.

On July 14, 2015 a large number of fire, law enforcement and rescue agencies responded to a significant flooding event that produced flooding throughout much of the north county. The flooding event was caused by a significant rain fall of 4.77 inches of rain in a two hour period for a total rain fall of 7.1 inches for the event. The flooding event qualifies as roughly a 500 year event.



From left to right: Dan Aldrich, and James Tytka Jr.

Over thirty five fire departments and the Chautauqua County Water Emergency Team (WET Team) had been working in the Brocton, Portland, and Westfield area throughout the night to provide flood response assistance to the effected communities. Shortly after 12:00 pm a call

RICHARD COLE SERVICE AWARD

By Dan King

Too many times we wait until an outstanding member passes before we recognize their outstanding service. In 2015, the Richard Cole Service Award was established. The first recipient was Rick Cole. He has held every department position from Lieutenant to Chief. Every company office from treasurer to president. He has chaired every committee with outstanding results.

Rick is a team player no matter the task or assignment. Rick motivates all those around him to put their best foot forward which in turn produces outstanding results. His service to the County Emergency Services has been exemplary.

Rick's position as 2nd Battalion Coordinator allowed him to provide guidance to all the Chiefs in his battalion. His support to them was always just a phone call away. Brocton Fire Company was proud to call him their own. With over 35 years in the department, Rick Cole was the one person to go to for advice and council.

The requirements for this award are as follows:

1. Must have over 20 years in the company.
2. Served as a company officer or department officer.
3. Chaired or served on committees in the department.
4. Inspire members in the company to do their best.
5. Participate in a county organization in fire police, hazmat or another county organization

WOMAN RESCUED FROM SLIPPERY ROCK CREEK IN BROCTON CONTINUED

was received at the Brocton Fire Station indicating that a female victim was trapped in the flood swollen waters of the Slippery Rock Creek off Old Mill Street in Brocton.

The WET TEAM along with various fire departments responded to the call from the Brocton Fire Station and found an adult female victim stranded, partially in the water, on a shale cliff on the east side of the creek. Rescuers were able to make a three pronged approach to the victim to try to secure and extricate her. Members of the WET Team were able to travel along the shale cliff to approach and secure the victim with safety lines and floatation equipment that was ferried across the creek. Two safety catches were set-up by the WET Team and fire/rescue personnel on the west bank of the creek. A rope team made their way to the top of the cliff on the east side to the creek and were able to drop to the victim and pull her back up the cliff to safety and awaiting EMS responders.

The victim suffered from hypothermia and minor injuries. The victim was transported by the fire department ambulance to Brooks Memorial Hospital.

Scott Cummings



I first joined the Forestville Fire Department in 1982 and was an active member there until 1989. I took my Essentials of Fire Fighting soon after joining along with as many Fire Fighting classes as I could take. I took an Advanced First Aid class in 1983 and my first EMT class in 1985 and held that card until 2000. I was Captain of Forestville's Rescue Squad from 87 to 88. I met my future wife Norma in EMT class and we were married in 1987. In 1989 we moved to Mayville where we both joined the Mayville Fire Department. I was elected 3rd Asst. Chief 90 - 91, 2nd Asst. 92 - 93, 1st Asst. 94 - 95 and Chief 96 - 98. In 1999, I joined the

County's Fire Investigation Team and I am very proud to be certified as a Level 2 Investigator (highest level in New York State). At this time I am co-captain of the team. In 2000, I became President of the Chautauqua County Fire Chiefs Association and was also elected to the Chautauqua County Fire Advisory Board where I held the position of Board Chairman from 2010 to 2011.

I have been a member of the Barmore Rangers for many years working alongside men from the fire service from all over the county who volunteer their time improving the training centers, Station Seven and the EOC in Mayville. It has been one of the most exciting and fun things I have ever done with my fire service career.

In August of 2015, I was appointed as the 2nd Battalion Coordinator. I continue to volunteer as an active member of the Mayville Fire Department along with my wife Norma. The fire service has been in my family for many years starting with my grandfather, my dad, myself, my wife and mother in law. Norma and I along with our son David live just outside the Village of Mayville along with our dog Ranger. Besides the fire service I enjoy hunting, camping, and being in the woods.

2ND BATTALION COORDINATOR RETIRES

Rick Cole retired as the 2nd Battalion Coordinator this past August after dedicating ten years to the position. Rick began his career as BC-2 in July of 2005. He was always very dedicated to the 2nd Battalion attending meeting, drills, alarms, and spending countless hours on the phone as a resource to fire chiefs.

Rick is a forty year member of the Brocton Fire Department holding all line officer positions. He served at the Brocton Fire Chief from 2000-2002 as well as a Fire Warden for ten years.

Many of his family, friends and "fire family" attending a retirement party in his honor hosted by Scott and Norma Cummings.

Members of the Brocton Fire Department presented Rick with first annual "Rick Cole" award.

Rick and Candy have opened a new chapter in their life that has led them to relocate to Gaffney, South Carolina. Thank you for over forty years of dedicated services to both the Village of Brocton and Chautauqua County!



EMT TRAINING IN MAYVILLE

August 2015 witnessed a new era in EMT training for Chautauqua County. For the first time an EMT course sponsored by SUNY Fredonia is taking place in Mayville at the Office of Emergency Services. After many successful years overseeing the EMT program in Fredonia Steve Cobb decided to retire as the lead instructor and a decision was made to move the program to Mayville.

Mickey Davis Paramedic and Certified Instructor Coordinator (CIC) was willing to take on duties of running the first class. Assisting Certified Lab Instructors (CLI) are Mark Dickey, Terry Penhollow and Norma Cummings. Adjunct staff include Mike Gleason, Larry Barter, Doug Justham, and Julius Leone CIC. Mickey and Norma have a special and unique relationship in this project as Mickey is Norma's mother.

The class started in August and the New York State Basic Emergency Medical Technician test is scheduled for December 17th. Currently there are 17 students enrolled in the original course along with 13 refreshing for a total of 30 dedicated students from 15 different fire departments in Chautauqua County. This first class ranges in age from 74 years young to 20 years old. It includes both men and women, husbands and wives, brothers and sisters and is a true cross section of the residents of Chautauqua County. This first Mayville class has 2 Fire Chiefs as students along with representation from the Chautauqua County Sheriff's Department.

Let's all say thank you to the dedication of all who are involved in this class and best of luck in reaching your goal.



Mickey Davis, EMT Instructor



TRUCK PULL



Sunset Bay:
Ryan Taggart
Scott Murawski
Tyler Joslin
Andrew Burns
Bob Weiskerger
Aaron Weiskerger

CHAMPIONS

Friday, July 10th, 2015 from 7-9:30 PM Fire Departments and Companies came from all around Western New York to participate in a Fire Truck Pulling event. Participation was free and all participants received a commemorative t-shirt. Everyone and anyone was welcome to attend and enjoy the festivities. This was the 4th Annual E-ONE Fire Truck Pull and attendance and fire department participation has almost doubled each year! Be sure not to miss it next year! Friday July 16th, 2016.

2015 PRIZES

Sunset Bay
Mayville

1st Prize- iPad Mini for each teammate + \$500 tool and service Credit
2nd Prize- 55" LED TV for Fire house + \$500 tool and service Credit

Mayville/Chautauqua team that took 2nd place at the E-1 fire truck pull.

Mayville/Chautauqua:
John Crandall, Adam Akin,
Jessie Briggs, Thane Bunce,
Rusty Hardinburg, Austin Kesby



2ND PLACE



EMERGENCY SERVICES

2015 Fall Training Calendar

CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY

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Course Offered - Prerequisite	Hours	Units	Start Date	Location	Instructors
Hazmat FRO <i>Prerequisites - None</i>	16	4	9/22/2015	Taylor	Andrew Finson
Apparatus Ops - Pump <i>Prerequisites - Scene Support or Equivalent</i>	24	8	10/4/2015	Sunset Bay	Dave Norberg
Fire Police <i>Prerequisites - None</i>	21	7	10/12/2015	Chautauqua	Noel Guttman
Firefighter Survival <i>Prerequisites – FF 1 or Equivalent, SCBA Medical Clearance</i>	12	4	10/14/15	Fredonia Fire	Tim Glenn
Engine Co. Ops <i>Prerequisites - Firefighter 1 or Equivalent</i>	24	8	10/18/2015	Murphy	Tom Summerville
Crude by Rail <i>Prerequisites - None</i>	3	1	10/21/2015	Murphy	Dan Imfeld
Chief's Seminar "The Good, Bad and Ugly of RIT" <i>Prerequisites - None</i>	3	1	10/28/2015	SWCS	Don Erbin
NFIRS - Fire Reporting <i>Prerequisites - None</i>	3	1	11/12/2015	EOC	Sandi Pecore
Confined Space Awareness <i>Prerequisites None</i>	6	2	11/21/2015	Murphy	Phil Hanlon
Strategy & Tactics for Initial Co. <i>Prerequisites - FF1 or Equivalent</i>	15	5	12/1/2015	Murphy	Don Woodfield
Aircraft Rescue & Firefighting <i>Prerequisites – FF1 or Equivalent</i>	12	4	12-14-15	Jamestown Terminal Building in Conference Room B	Don Woodfield
EMT SUNY Fredonia - Refresher <i>(Monday and Thursday 6:30pm) NYS Test 3/17/2016</i>			1/11/2016	Murphy	Julius Leone

Must have a signed OFPC Chiefs Authorization Letter to attend Classes

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

*****Still To Be Announced: FAST, Incident Command System Intermediate (1-300)*****

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