

Chautauqua County's Dispatch *by Marsha Holland*

Chautauqua County's communications dispatch center, which is located at the Sheriff's Office in Mayville, is responsible for dispatching all police, fire and EMS units for the county, with the exception of Fredonia. The New York State Police are also dispatched through Mayville. There is one part-time and seven full-time police departments and forty volunteer and two full-time fire/EMS departments.

The dispatch center, commonly referred to as "Mayville Dispatch", employs twenty full-time dispatchers, including four Senior Dispatchers who supervise the communications room. These dispatchers work ten-hour shifts. There are also ten part-time dispatchers who follow a regular schedule that covers the times when full-time staffing is short and they also fill in for vacations and other leaves of absence.

In 2014, Mayville Dispatch handled 76,690 E911 calls alone, which does not include the administrative calls that come through the center, which would be an even higher number by itself. The CAD (Computer Aided Dispatch) records show 121,635 calls in 2014 for police agencies and 17,876 calls for fire and EMS services.

So who are these individuals, the voices at the receiving end of our calls? We reached out to Mayville Dispatch to get to know them.



Trevor Butts attended Frewsburg Central School and graduated in 1989. He served as a Rifleman in the Marine Corps Reserve from 1990 to 1996 and was called to active duty for Desert Shield/Storm. Trevor graduated from JCC in 1993 with a Criminal Justice degree and attended the Sheriff's Academy from 1994 to 1995. He also worked at the Chautauqua Institution Police Department from 1993 to 1997 and part time at the Town of Ellicott Police Department from 1995 to 1997. Trevor was hired at the Sheriff's Office in 1997 and worked patrol duty from 1997 to 2007, when he took an airport security detail assignment in Jamestown. He was promoted to Sergeant in 2010 and became the Dispatch

Supervisor. Trevor is also a certified Bomb Technician and has been with the Bomb Unit since 2001, having been the commander of the unit since 2012.

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He has also served on the SWAT Team from 2002 to 2014. When Trevor isn't working, he spends time with his family, goes hunting and fishing, rides his motorcycle, works on projects around his house and enjoys working on cars. If anyone is interested in visiting the dispatch center, give Trevor a call!



Steve McAninch lives in Mayville and has been a member of the Mayville Fire Department since 1980. He started his dispatch career working part time for the Jamestown Police Department from March through September of 1984. Steve moved to a full-time dispatch position with the Chautauqua County Sheriff's Office on October 1, 1984 and was promoted to Senior Dispatcher around January of 2004 when the consolidation of the City of Jamestown and Chautauqua County dispatch centers took place. He also worked part-time dispatching for ALSTAR Ambulance for a few years in the early 1990's. Steve is the point person in charge of submitting GIS street map changes/updates to the NYS Office of Information Technology Services. He is also in charge of creating/updating all of the fire department run cards used in the CAD system at Mayville Dispatch. Steve was appointed to the Fire Advisory Board as an Ex-Officio member in 2011.



Ron Hasson's career in emergency services began when he became a member of the Celoron Fire Department in 1975. He went on to become an EMT and progressed through the levels becoming a paramedic. Ron served as Chief of the Celoron Fire Department from 1985 through 1990. He has been an instructor in the EMT program at JCC since 1978 and has served as the coordinator of EMT Training since 1984. Ron also started working in the Emergency Department of WCA Hospital in 1978 and continues now with ALSTAR EMS as EMS Resources Manager. Ron serves on a variety of committees such as the Chautauqua County and Regional EMS Councils, Soap Box Derby committee, Street Jam committee, etc. He is a three-time appointee by the Commissioner of Health to the New York State EMS Council where he is a past Chairman and current sub-committee chairman. In 1993, he was awarded the New York Statewide EMS Leadership award. Ron was on the committee that developed the Starflight Medevac program and served as an original flight medic. Ron's dispatch career started in 1989 with the Jamestown Police Department dispatching police, fire and EMS as a part-time dispatcher. When dispatch services were consolidated under the Sheriff's Office, Ron moved with the others to Mayville and remains a part-time dispatcher. Ron lives in the Town of Harmony with his wife, Debbie, and has six children and six grandchildren.

Randall Sprague started his EMS/dispatching career at Alstar EMS, working there from 1991 to 2002 as an EMT/Dispatcher after having spent three of those years as a full-time dispatcher in Medcom. In 1998, he was a part-time dispatcher for the Jamestown Police/Jamestown Fire Departments, and later that year for the Chautauqua County Sheriff's Office. In 1999, Randy began working fulltime at Mayville Dispatch. Randy has a grown son who lives with his wife in Newark, New York. Randy is a Life Member of the Kiantone Fire Department, joining in 1993.

Marvin Cummings was hired as a part-time Dispatcher by the late Sheriff John Bentley in January of 1992 and hired fulltime by Sheriff Joseph Gerace in 1995. In January of 2004, he was promoted to Senior Police & Emergency Dispatcher. Marv is originally from Forestville and now lives in Silver Creek with his fiancé, Vicki Bain. He has two daughters: Nicole, age 23, who works at Verizon in Fredonia; and Courtney, age 20, a Criminal Justice student at JCC. In his spare time, Marv enjoys camping with his family and officiating High School basketball and baseball. He also serves as the District Administrator for Little League Baseball in Chautauqua County and parts of Cattaraugus County. He has umpired in the 2008 Babe Ruth World Series in Jamestown and also in the New York State High School Baseball Finals in Binghamton in 2014.

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Corey Swanson began his dispatching career in 1994 as a part-time Dispatcher at ALSTAR EMS, which became fulltime in 1995. He also began dispatching part time for the Jamestown Police Department during that time. Those were the days when KEC-503 would dispatch most of the South County fire departments and KEB-909 would do the rest. Corey began as a full-time Dispatcher for the Chautauqua County Sheriff's Office in January of 1998. He has served as an EMD (Emergency Medical Dispatch) Instructor for the agency since 2002, training all the dispatchers to use the medical guide cards and provide pre-arrival instructions. Corey joined the Kennedy Fire Department in 1993 and took his first EMT class that same year. He has held certifications as both an EMT-B and AEMT-CC. Corey currently resides in Kennedy.



Erick Sandberg started as a Chautauqua County Dispatcher in March of 1999. Prior to that, he worked for the Jamestown Police Department for one year and also for Alstar as an EMT and Dispatcher from 1996 to 2001. Erick lives in Jamestown with his wife and two children. His hobbies include motorcycles and target shooting.

Ryan Swanson started dispatching in Medcom in June of 1997. In 1998, he was hired on a part-time basis by Jamestown Police Department and then for the Chautauqua County Sheriff's Office in March of 1999 when the consolidation took place. Ryan began his full-time position in 2006. He is currently a Flight Paramedic with Starflight. Ryan's spare time is spent with his wife and daughter traveling.



Brenda Katta has been a Chautauqua County Dispatcher for 15 years starting in 2000. Prior to that time, Brenda worked as a dispatcher for both the City of Dunkirk and the Village of Fredonia. Brenda lives in Dunkirk and enjoys being outdoors.

Ken V. Nellis, III started dispatching for the Sheriff's Office in October of 2003. Prior to this, he worked for Alstar Ambulance as an EMT and Dispatcher. Ken completed the Sheriff's Academy in May of 2014. He lives in Jamestown with his wife and three daughters.

Cal Fleischmann was hired by the Chautauqua County Sheriff's Office in 2003 on a part-time basis and became a full-time Dispatcher in 2006. He previously worked for Agway/Cargill, keeping local livestock well fed and happy for 33 years. Cal had been working at Alstar Ambulance for 20 years as both EMT and Dispatcher. He is a former assistant Fire Chief and EMT for Randolph Fire Department. Cal is married and has seven grandchildren. He is eagerly awaiting retirement in three years.

Dave Saxton worked for Alstar Ambulance as an EMT and Dispatcher and as a part-time Dispatcher for Chautauqua County since 2009. At the end of 2010, he left to work as an EMT in North Carolina and then became a full-time Dispatcher for Wayne County, North Carolina. Dave returned to Chautauqua County in 2014 as an EMT for Alstar Ambulance and part-time Dispatcher at Mayville Dispatch. He is a Firefighter and EMT with Busti Volunteer Fire Department and enjoys golf and bowling in his spare time.

Donald "DJ" Meeder started as a part-time Dispatcher with the Sheriff's Office in 2008, becoming fulltime in 2010. He lives with his wife and two daughters, ages seven and eleven, in Stockton where he is an active firefighter and EMT and past Chief of Stockton Fire Company.

Steven Jagoda began as a Dispatcher for the Chautauqua County Sheriff's Office in March of 2011. He is an active, 14-year member of the Brocton Fire Company and is a past EMT. Outside of work, he enjoys spending time with his family, golfing, hunting, and fishing. He resides in Brocton with his wife, Beth, and their three children.



Kimberly Conti started as a Chautauqua County Dispatcher in September of 2011. She is also employed by the Jamestown Board of Public Utilities. Kimberly lives in Westfield with her fiancé and his two children. Kimberly's hobbies include spending time with family, softball and volleyball.

Jordan Hutchinson has been working for Chautauqua County's dispatch center since 2011 and has previous dispatch experience in Nashville, Tennessee. He lives in Dunkirk with his girlfriend, Brittany, and Pit bull Leroy. Jordan's hobbies include riding his motorcycle, target shooting and watching football.



Cory Leymiester started as a Chautauqua County Dispatcher in January of 2014. He is also a Firefighter and Basic EMT with Mayville Fire Department and a member of the Chautauqua County HazMat Team. Cory lives in Dewittville with his wife, Melissa, and six-month-old son, Liam. He enjoys outdoor activities, with his favorites being hunting and fishing.

NOTES FROM THE JUMP KIT

Steve Cobb - EMS Coordinator



The switch over to our new first and second Battalion Medical Directors has taken place. Dr. Walters is replacing Dr. Borton as the 1st Battalion Director and Dr. Faulk is taking over from Dr. Santillo for the 2nd Battalion Director. A great big thank you goes out to Dr. Borton and Dr. Santillo for their time as Medical Directors.

A special thank you to Norma Cummings for all the work she put in making these transitions go very smoothly. Hopefully we are done for a while with director changes.

CPAP is coming soon for Basic EMTs. This should help many patients who are in respiratory distress. The training protocols are being developed now and should be out shortly.

Spinal precautions will also be undergoing some major modifications within the next year. The EMS Bureau is more concerned about re-educating the ERs then EMTs/AEMTs. The times they are a changing.

Kudos to those members of departments and citizens who were honored at the Annual County Chief's Association Banquet at Ellington last month. A job well done by all.

With the warm weather? finally arriving please start rehab as soon as possible at incidents which will require rehab.

Finally, as you may or may not know, I have retired from instructing EMT classes. I started with the Fredonia program in 1975 and became the CIC (then called Senior Instructor) of the course in 1984 when John McCraith retired. I want to thank all those who helped instruct the courses, and to all the EMTs that have been trained at the Fredonia site. Who could forget the "good old days" when everyone had to endure the "running of the CPR strips" and the stare of the late Mike Valvo if you did not get it right. It has been a very quick 40 years and all the changes that have taken place in what a basic EMT can do in the field.

Mickey Davis is taking over as the CIC for the basic original course this coming late summer and it is going to be held at the EOC in Mayville. At this time Julius Leone is still planning to run a refresher course in Jan. and this probably will be held at the Murphy Training Center.

Also the Office of Emergency Services is in the process of obtaining course sponsorship for CFR and basic EMT training. There should be some very positive changes when this occurs.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt



Winners of Bicycles: Kara Feldt - Ashville NY, Cayzlee Johnson - Dewittville NY, and Angelina Dros - Mayville NY

The Mayville Fire Department held it's Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, March 29, 2015. With some snow still on the ground, it didn't stop an energetic group of area youth in search of brightly colored Easter eggs. This years eggs held candy, tickets for extra prizes, Webbs Easter Candy, and one egg from each of the three divisions contained a ticket to take to the Easter Bunny for a free Bicycle and Helmet.

With all the help local business's we were able to purchase 3 bikes from the Jamestown Cycle Shop, who in turn donated helmets to the winners. Thank You: Empire Energy, R&R Landscaping, K Kare, A Automotive, and Dunkirk & Fredonia Painting Co.

Also Mayville Fire Dept. Held a raffle with donations from local business's with proceeds benefiting the Mayville Fire Department Community Fund. The Community Fund is made up with donations from members of the department, and moneys from Raffles at Easter Egg Hunt and Donuts with Santa. This fund allows us to do community projects. This years contributors are: Webbs Candy Shop, Light House Point Grocery, Chautauqua Suites and Expo Center, Bonar's Mayville Diner, Mayville Hardware, Crosbys Mini Mart, Box Car Barney's, Standard Portable, Quagliana's Bark Grill, Nickel Plate Depot, Tops Market, Beauty Boutique, Shear Style, Brenda Houser, Starflight, 3 Seas Recreation, Mayville NAPA, Mayville Service Center, Chautauqua Marina, Chautauqua Harbor House, and Lakeview Hotel.

Special Horse Rescue

By John Griffith



On Monday morning April 27th the Fluvanna Fire Department was dispatched at 1:45 AM to 3694 Dutch Hollow Road for a truck and horse trailer roll over. On arrival the truck and trailer were on the North side of the road with the trailer almost upside down over a ravine and the truck into a group of trees. The driver and passenger were out of the truck and even though they were upset from the accident both declined treatment and transportation to the hospital.

In the rear of the large combination horse and travel trailer the horse was trapped in the rear of the trailer. Chief Jerry Raab called for the Chautauqua County Technical Rescue Team along with Bemus Points Heavy Rescue to the scene. At that time Chief Raab also called for Chautauqua County Dispatch to contact a veterinarian to come to the scene. Chief Raab then ask for the Chautauqua County Fire Police Team to respond to close Dutch Hollow Road as this was going to be a extended event.

The events that unfolded showed the way that the Fire Service in Chautauqua County works so well together. As units arrived on location Chief Raab and Assistant Chief Larry Birath directed fire personnel to secure the trailer and to be sure that the unit did not move causing injury to anyone at the scene.

The following is a description of the actions of the Tech Rescue Team from Special Operations Coordinator Noel Guttman:

CCTRT was called to assist the Fluvanna Fire Department, with the extrication of a horse from the trailer. Upon assessment it was decided to stabilize the trailer with a Paratech Strut. A large Paratech strut and base plate were selected and set into place, with pinning the base to the ground with 1" pickets. The strut head was then secured to the top corner of the overturned trailer. This strut was placed to back up the cables of the heavy wrecker.

Access to the horse had to be enlarged and some cutting of aluminum structures inside the trailer was done with cordless tools. Once access was made, the horse was going to need to be pulled free. A harness of sorts for the horse was fashioned using slings, the type we carry for extricating and securing heavy loads. Once the horse was harnessed to go, a controlled pull was done by the many personnel on scene. Three separate pulls were conducted, before the horse was freed.

The Technical rescue team exists for the purpose of helping fire departments solve unique calls and rescue challenges, and assist with specialized equipment and technical rescue skills. With this call we were able to provide some tools that are unique to our cache, and help remedy a unique call.

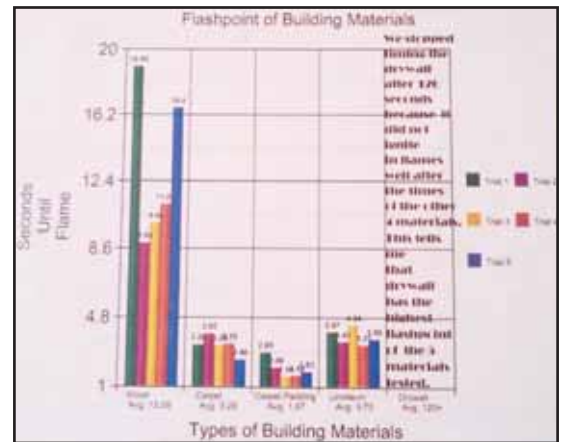
This was a very different type of rescue but that notwithstanding the coordinated efforts of the Fluvanna and Bemus Point fire departments along with Chautauqua County Tech Rescue and Fire Police provided a successful outcome to a difficult problem.

Congratulations to Chief Jerry Raab and Special Operations Coordinator Noel Guttman and all who assisted for a great job.

Let's NOT Get Fired Up; Know Your Flashpoint

During the months of January and February, Elementary students in third through fifth grade of the Westfield Academy and Central School were given the opportunity to participate in the Second Annual Science Fair. Students were not required to participate, however, many students chose to work on a project of their choosing in order to learn more about a science topic they were interested in. Interested participants were required to utilize the scientific method as the guiding process for their project and were also required to do an actual experiment as part of their project, not simply a researched report. Participants worked on their projects for about a month both in school as well as out of school. Teachers encouraged students' parents and guardians to work on the projects with their children in order to generate a family learning opportunity as well as relationship building. Upon completion of their projects, each student presented their project to the high school chemistry and physics students, who then rated each participant's work. The high school students then narrowed the field of participants to a few for each grade level; selected students then provided a second and more in depth presentation and discussion with the high school students. Following the second round of presentations, the high school students awarded a first and second prize to each grade level (third, fourth and fifth grade) as well as an overall Grand Prize Winner. Lauren Bills, fifth grade student at Westfield Academy and Central School, daughter of Fire Chief William Bills of the Fire Department of Westfield received the Grand Prize award for her project entitled Let's Not Get Fired Up; Know Your Flashpoint.

The question Lauren posed for her project was, "Which home building material has the lowest flashpoint?" Lauren's hypothesis was that carpet padding would ignite in flames sooner than the other building materials tested because the padding had spaces with air. Lauren completed her research and learned that flashpoint is the temperature at which an object burns. Lauren conducted a couple interviews with firemen from the Fire Department of Westfield and learned that fire needs specific things to burn; heat, oxygen and fuel. In addition, Lauren spoke with 2nd Assistant Chief Brad Szymczak, whom also is the manager of a local hardware store, and learned that building materials are composed of many types of compounds and that they all burn at different rates depending upon what they are made of. Lauren decided to use carpet padding, carpet, wood 2x4, drywall and linoleum for the materials to test during her experiment.



Lauren's procedure for the experiment was as follows:

- 1: Gather the materials
- 2: Using a propane torch, burn each item five times but only until the point the material catches fire (With adult assistance and supervision)
- 3: At the time the torch was ignited and the material introduced to the flame, a second adult timed how long it took for the material to catch fire.
- 4: When the material ignited into flames, the timer was stopped and the time recorded.
- 5: After the timer was stopped the burning material was set in a bucket of water to extinguish the flames.
- 6: These steps were followed five times for each of the five materials for a total of 25 burn sessions.

NOTE: Timing of the drywall was stopped in each burn after two minutes as the drywall did not catch fire in that time.

Variables for the experiment were controlled by doing the experiment on the same day, at the same time, with the same environmental conditions. In addition, the propane torch was introduced to the building materials at the same distance from the material in each trial and for each material. Lauren identified the independent variable to be the different materials tested and those materials and the experiment identified the responding variable which was the ability to observe which material ignited the quickest.

At the conclusion of the experiment, Lauren learned that in fact her hypothesis was correct because the carpet padding caught fire the fastest and therefore had a lower flashpoint than the other building materials tested. After two minutes of attempted burning the dry wall did not catch fire. The carpet padding and the carpet caught fire very quickly and therefore had the lowest flashpoints. Based on the results of the experiment, Lauren deduced that a fire would spread more quickly in a carpeted home than a wood floored home and that drywall can slow the spread of fire when installed properly.

Lauren stated in her project that this information can be applied and considered in everyone's lives. "If you are building a home you should use drywall and wood flooring throughout your home. You could use limited amounts of carpeting like area rugs to avoid having a lot of fuel to spread a fire. Fuel is one of the three things that a fire needs. Items in homes that may give fuel to a fire are: a lot of carpeting, piles of paper, or anything put too close to a heat source. Another safety measure could be to close bedroom doors at night, so that in the event of a fire, it would slow the movement of air

(oxygen). Air is also needed in a fire triangle for fire to burn. Everyone can look around their homes to see what changes they could make. A few changes can not only keep you safe, but also increase safety for firefighters entering your home", Lauren said.

Lauren used several resources for researching her project including:

- Fire Behavior: Understanding Basics* by Pat Hultman
- Firefighter's Handbook: Essentials of Firefighting* by Delmar
- www.smokeybear.com
- www.thisoldhouse.com
- www.extention.org/firerating-forconstruction-materials
- Firefighters from the Fire Department of Westfield*

As winner of the Grand Prize, Lauren received her name embroidered on a science lab coat which hangs proudly in the elementary school, a Grand Prize trophy, a special Grand Prize blue ribbon and a fifty dollar gift certificate to the local mall. Special thanks to Wade Dellow, Mike Putney, Heather Claypool and Jennifer Harp. These fine teachers at Westfield Academy and Central School coordinated the Science Fair between three grade levels. In addition, the Science Fair was sponsored by the school's parent organization, Parent Connection, Friends of Education, as well as some private donors, Westfield Academy Central School and the fire prevention education efforts of the Fire Department of Westfield.



BEHIND THE SCENES



Grace and Pauline are still active members of the Chautauqua Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary.

You know the saying "Behind every great Man is a good Woman"? Well, at Emergency Services, we have TWO good Women behind us...Grace Kent and Pauline Cole. Grace and Pauline come to us from Retired Senior Volunteers Program (RSVP). Every Thursday, these wonderful ladies volunteer their time to help us with anything from filing to laminating, shredding, organizing, inventory, scanning files, well, you get the picture! We just want you to know that behind every mailing is these two ladies, compiling packets and stuffing envelopes, putting on addresses and they make it

look so easy! **Thank you Grace and Pauline!** We couldn't do it without you!



Submitted by, Noel M. Guttman Deputy Fire Coordinator for Technical Rescue - CCTRT

Just recently six members of the Technical Rescue Team Attended the Third Annual Technical rescue Conference at the NYS Fire Academy from March 26-29, 2015. This event is put on by OFPC and NYS DHSES to train, promote and advance the fields of Technical Rescue.

Technical Rescue is defined in NFPA 1670; and list the following disciplines as Technical Rescue

Structural Collapse Rescue;

- Rope Rescue;
- Confined Space Rescue;
- Building Collapse Search and Rescue;
- Trench rescue;
- Vehicle and Machinery Rescue;
- Water Rescue--ice, swift water, surf, and dive;
- Wilderness Search and Rescue;
- Trench Rescue

The NYS Technical Rescue Conference is put together as both a two day hands on event; then a two day lecture conference format of various topics, covering many aspects of the NFPA Listed disciplines. This year's hands on and lecture series was not disappointing, and all six members received great hands on and class learning. Many of the lecture components are not just lecture, but demonstration and partial hands on as well.

Team members participated in the hands-on training for the first two days; covering these topics: Advanced Building Shoring Techniques; Advanced Vehicle Extrication, and Machinery Extrication which resulted in two of our members completing the "Farmedic Course". While on site those two days we were able to observe and interact with the participants in the other hands on programs in Rope Rescue and Swift Water Rescue, both of which also had great reviews.

The lecture series presentations completed by team members included topics such as ICS for Technical Rescue Incidents; Paslode Tool Maintenance; Advance Topics on Auto Extrication; Rope Rescue Updates and New Techniques and Theory's; Trench Rescue; Medical Emergencies for Dive and Water Operations; DHSES Grant Updates; Man vs Machine; Heavy Lifting and Vehicle Stabilization and many others.

The 4th Annual Conference is being planned for next year on March 31- April 3rd, 2016. I would encourage anybody interested in the above topics to attend, you can do just the hands-on; just the conference or both.

NEWS FROM THE CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY TECHNICAL RESCUE TEAM

Every January the Chautauqua County Technical Rescue Team is afforded a unique opportunity. They have access to the Erie County NY training center in Cheektowaga and utilize their inside 5 story training tower.

The training took place on January 24th with approximately 15 members in attendance. The training included several different scenarios. These scenarios included the pick off of a recreational climber off the side of a cliff, the line transfer of a window washer whose rigging became entangled and a worker injured below grade and having to raise him to ground level.

Even though there were just 3 scenarios multiple skills were utilized for them. These included basic and advanced anchoring systems, change of direction, belay techniques, horizontal stretcher rigging, multiple rappelling techniques, and raising and lowering live loads.

Also in attendance this year was the Niagara County Technical Rescue Team. They worked with their newly acquired Arizona Vortex, an artificial high point device. This is the third year the teams have been able to train together.

Respectfully submitted

Captain Tom Summerville

Chautauqua County Technical Rescue Team

MCI CLASS IN CASSADAGA



.Pictured above is the group of providers, role players, and instructors for our training MUTUAL AID DRILL.



From Left to Right: Jeremy Catanese, John Catanese, Megan Dorman, Andy Ginnetti.



From Left to Right: Tim Carlson, Megan Oaks, Chris Ball, David Abram, Matthew Elderkin, Erin Tyler.

On Tuesday May, 26th 2015 a training was held at the Cassadaga Fire Hall where EMS providers from both, Stockton Volunteer Fire Company and Cassadaga Fire Department gathered to further their knowledge in the topics of tourniquet use and the START triage system. Officers from both EMS squads came together, and over the course of several months, created a training program that would consists of a lecture section and a practical section.



From Left to Right: Roger Salhoff, Rachel McCarthy, Dennis Dorman, Caitlin Logan, Amanda Shaw, Doug Minnich.



The lecture section was split in to two topics the first of which was a refresher on the topics of the START triage system and reminded the EMS personnel how to properly use the system and what to do once the START system was in place this topic was led by Stockton EMS Lieutenant Josh Schauman; following this topic was a refresher on the proper placement and use of tourniquets in a prehospital setting, this part of the lecture was led by Cassadaga EMS Captain Laura Logan. Following the lecture, and a dinner provided by the hosting fire department, the providers were then split into 3 teams and were assigned a door. What the unknowing teams were unaware of was that behind each mystery door awaited a preplanned scenario which was deliberately designed to focus on a specific topic (trauma, medical, mass casualty incident), and place the responders in a scenario which would test their ability to perform in a high stress environment. With assistance from a total of 16 volunteers [from around the Chautauqua county area] and plenty of fake blood the providers "responded" to each scene and worked through each challenge that they approached. Whether it was a family dispute, a stabbing at the local club, or a shooting between police and an armed assailant the providers had to assess each scene and provide appropriately. After each scenario was complete the providers would go through each patient and talk with the instructor of that scene about what they did well or what they could improve on for the next one. Speaking for both Stockton Fire Company as well as Cassadaga Fire Department we wanted to thank all providers for attending and especially thank all our role players for selflessly donating their time so that our local providers could train.



PANAMA MUTUAL AID DRILL

by John Griffith

On the 28th of February the Panama Fire Department hosted a mutual aid snowmobile drill on the John Schruise Overland Trail.

Along with Panama mutual aid and assistance was provided by Clymer, Sherman, Bear Lake Pa, Chautauqua County Sherriff, New York State Forester Dave Pachan and Chautauqua County Coroner James Jackson. Total personnel at the drill were 67.

The scenario of the drill is a tragic accident involving close personal friends and families of the firefighters and EMS responders. This drill was conceived by Kendrya Sheldon, EMS Captain of the Panama Fire Department.



The drill begins like this:

Pagers go off and the siren blows and the firefighters wait to hear what the call is with adrenaline pumping. The dispatcher states that they have a snowmobile accident with multiple injuries. Off to the hall the firefighters and EMT's go, or even straight to the scene for many. Upon arrival the Chief meets his first victim who also happens to be his brother-in-law. He reports that everything possible has been done but that they could not save his daughter....the Fire Chief's daughter. His brother-in-law then collapses to the ground with an apparent heart attack as the Chief stands there taking in the horrific news he just received.



Thank God, this scene, as it unfolds is only being used as a training exercise for the Panama Fire District and the responding mutual aid departments. This drill scenario is the worst nightmare of all volunteer fire departments. The fact is that there is real possibility that the ones that these first responders treat are often relatives and friends.

As this drill unfolds the chain of command must transfer. Chief Vernon Sheldon Jr passed command to 1st Assistant Chief Rich Digirolamo. Let's understand the other part of this drill, the Officers of the Panama Fire Department had no prior knowledge of the drill details. In times such as this people are sometimes forced to step up into leadership positions.



It is training like this that helps to prepare future leaders to rise up when called upon. One young member of the Panama Fire Department who learned how this stepping up can happen was Devin Ireland. Devin assumed the role of EMS Officer in this difficult situation. Devin only became a New York State Emergency Medical Technician in December last year. Chief Sheldon was pleasantly surprised to see the working skills of this young EMT.



Chautauqua Coroner James Jackson was also a part of this drill and his presence gave a sobering twist as he performed his duties as coroner. This type of drill was very difficult. The finality of this type of call did take on a real effect. The mutual aid departments that responded all felt that they were responding to a real incident. The working relationship of all who participated improved the possibility of working together at the real deal.

While this drill may seem to extreme this scenario is very possible in Chautauqua County communities. It may not be snowmobiles, it may be automobiles or ATV's but it is very possible. EMS Officer Kendrya Sheldon by keeping the drill setup to herself allowed the Officers and members of the Panama Fire Department and the mutual aid departments a true working viewpoint of a tragic call.

Chief Vernon Sheldon Jr would like to thank all of the mutual aid departments, the Chautauqua County Sherriff's department, New York State Forest Ranger Dave Pachan, Coroner James Jackson, and the Chautauqua Lake Snowmobile Club for their assisting with this drill. As a learning tool it was very successful.

Dr. Brian Walters began his medical career as a volunteer EMT, and later worked as an EMT-Intermediate for Twin City Ambulance while completing his undergraduate degree. He graduated from the New York College of Osteopathic Medicine and then completed an Emergency Medicine residency at the University of Buffalo. He is board certified in Emergency Medicine and a Fellow of the American College of Emergency Physicians and American Academy of Emergency Medicine.

Dr. Walters served as the Director of Emergency Services for the Upper Allegheny Health System overseeing local emergency departments for several years before returning to his roots and taking a more active role in EMS. He currently serves as the

medical director for the 1st & 4th Battalions in Chautauqua County, Alstar, and the Southern Tier Regional Paramedic Program. He is also the medical director for two tactical medical teams that provide medical support for area Hazmat and SWAT operations, and is active in many state and national EMS and tactical EMS organizations.

In addition to being chair of the WREMAC, Dr. Walters also sits on the State Emergency Medical Advisory Committee (SEMACE) for NYS. He teaches and lectures frequently throughout the area, and teaches Tactical Emergency Casualty Care (TECC) for the National Center for Security and Preparedness, and the NY State Preparedness Training Center.



DR. BRIAN WALTERS

CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY MEDICAL DIRECTORS



DR. MIKE FAULK

Dr. Mike Faulk's interest in EMS and Emergency Medicine began in 1992 after taking an EMT class at Jamestown Community College. While working with Busti and Kiantone Fire Departments, and later ALSTAR ambulance service during his undergraduate and graduate educations, Dr. Faulk's future solidified.

Following medical school and Emergency Medicine Residency specialty training at Penn State Hershey Medical Center, he returned to his roots in Western NY. In addition to serving as the Chautauqua County Emergency Services Medical Director for 2nd and 3rd Battalions,

Dr. Faulk also serves as the Medical Director of W.C.A. Hospital's Emergency Department and Starflight Medevac while maintaining board certification in Emergency Medicine through the American Board of Emergency Medicine (ABEM).

Dr. Faulk states, "It is an honor to be working with the skilled and dedicated individuals who provide our region with high quality, efficient prehospital care during difficult times of injury and illness. I am proud to be part of this amazing team."

Blast from the Past!



NIAGARA MOHAWK FIRE SCHOOL Oswego, NY August 23 & 24, 1969

First Row - left to right

Alfred W. Meyers, Chief
East Dunkirk Fire Department

Richard W. Ecker, 2nd Assistant Chief
Ashville Fire Department

Robert F. Pickett, 3rd Assistant Chief
Ashville Fire Department

Harold J. Day, System Supv. of Fire Training, Insurance Department
Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation

Don A. Messenger, Squad Leader
Frewsburg Fire Department

Richard Rumbaugh, 2nd Assistant Chief
Frewsburg Fire Department

Terrence H. McDaniel
Kiantone Fire Department

Second Row - left to right

Frank Grupa, Jr., Assistant Chief
East Dunkirk Fire Department

Henry Cady, Chief
Stanley Hose Company

Albert Robson, Fireman
Sherman Fire Department

Ralph E. Sandquist, Chief
Busti Fire Department

Edwin B. Sandberg, Chief
Kiantone Fire Department

Neil McNeight, Training Coordinator
Chautauqua County

Roy H. Harrington, 1st Assistant Chief
Fredonia Fire Department

Frank Mack, 2nd Assistant Chief
Fredonia Fire Department

Third Row - left to right

Merton Querrevel, Assistant Chief
Clymer Fire Department

James Lictus, Chief
Clymer Fire Department

Raymond C. Frost, 1st Assistant Chief
Mayville Fire Department

Alden G. Wedburg, 1st Assistant Chief
Busti Fire Department

Raymond C. Writeman, 2nd Assistant Chief
Fluvanna Fire Department

John R. Farnsworth, Chief
Lakewood Fire Department

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Harold A. Scholton, Chief
Panama Fire Department

David S. Hall, 2nd Assistant Chief
Gerry Volunteer Fire Department

Dennis C. Barmore, Chief
Gerry Volunteer Fire Department

William L. Spoon
Bemus Point Fire Department

Theodore B. Valone, 3rd Assistant Chief
Fluvanna Fire Department

Lenhart Nelson, Rescue Coordinator
Chautauqua County

Raymond C. Taylor, Fire Coordinator
Chautauqua County

Robert L. Peters, Lieutenant
Celoron Fire Department

Fifth Row - left to right

David S. Cooper, Jr., 2nd Ass't Chief
Chautauqua Volunteer Fire Department

Theodore A. Groves, 3rd Ass't Chief
Chautauqua Volunteer Fire Department

Donald G. Zenns, 2nd Ass't Chief
Mayville Fire Department

Dale Bottomley, Captain
Bemus Point Fire Department

Donald W. Stafford, 2nd Ass't Chief
Westfield Fire Department

Guy Duryea, 1st Assistant Chief
Westfield Fire Department

Eugene Archer, 2nd Assistant Chief
Busti Fire Department

Sixth Row - left to right

Burdette Howe, Chief
Ellington Fire Department

Ralph Fagerstrom
Kennedy Fire Department

Richard A. Manning, Chief
Irving Fire Department

Maynard W. McClenathan, 2nd Ass't Chief
Irving Fire Department

James P. Wiltsie
Kennedy Fire Department

Philip Pickup
Ellington Fire Department

Alan M. Putnam, 4th Batt. Coordinator
Fluvanna Fire Department

Ned DeJoseph, Captain
Lakewood Fire Department

CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY

Public Safety Radio System

By Matthew Trusso, Communications Project Coordinator at Chautauqua County Office of the Sheriff

The Chautauqua County Public Safety Radio System has been a long time coming with many starts and stops. The new equipment is being installed as of the writing of this article. The project is an 8 site, VHF Motorola Astro Simulcast Trunked Radio System that meets the Association of Public Communications Officers (APCO) P25 Phase II Standards for Public Safety.

Coverage on this system is designed to be 95% portable on-the-street, which exceeds what we have today. When subscriber equipment (radio) talks on the network, it will be heard countywide by all units in their group. There are many other benefits to this system. It not only allows the ability of inter-discipline communications, unit identification and emergency (man down) functionality, but it will give Public Safety in Chautauqua County the ability to interoperate with each other, as well as with state and federal agencies. This type of system will allow Public Safety agencies to change the way we have “always” operated in the past and allow more efficient delivery of services by First Responders. At the completion of coverage testing and system acceptance, this fall Law Enforcement will cut over to the new system. Following a successful cut, the Fire Service will begin to migrate to the new system as radios (subscriber equipment) are purchased. Fire/EMS paging will begin on VHF and be simultaneously broadcast on the old Low Band system and the new Trunked network. Radio operations will also be simulcast on both the old and new systems to allow a timely migration of all Fire/EMS units.

Back in 1995, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) announced their plan (unfunded mandate) to narrow the radio frequencies’ spectrum to accommodate more users on the limited bandwidth available (they are not making any more airwaves). To be proactive, the County began to plan for a countywide system that would include all Public Safety and Public Service Agencies in the County on one system. The Legislature even put a budget into place at the request of Sheriff Joseph Gerace and then Civil Defense Director Wanda Gustafson who co-chaired the Radio Communications Advisory Committee (RCAC).

Work began in 1996 by hiring a consulting firm to determine the best way to move forward with improvements. The plan was to build a 10 channel 800 MHz Trunked Network for all agencies to operate on. Work began to replace the Backbone Microwave System in 2000 to handle the new radio system. After that phase was completed, New York State announced to all counties that they were building a statewide system. The need for two systems in Chautauqua County was no longer supported by the legislature and we partnered with NYS. The partnership allowed the state to utilize county sites to build out and save land acquisition time. It took until 2007 for the first sites to be built out and testing began in September 2007. In January of 2009, NYS pulled the plug on the project. The County was left without a new radio system!

Talks began shortly after that with Tyco to try to purchase the NYS system assets that were in the County, but the legislature wanted to go back to evaluating the County needs again by hiring another consulting firm. Proposals were received in November of 2010 and a consultant was hired and the

work began. In September of 2011, Harris (formerly Tyco) pulled the offer of the NYS system off the table. In January of 2012, a Request for Proposals (RFP) was released for a Countywide VHF Trunked P25 Radio System. Harris and Motorola both bid on the RFP. The responses caused the County to consider an alternative proposal. For a less than 10% increase in cost, we could meet the future FCC requirement to further narrowband in a one-time purchase. An additional "best and final offer" request was sent to both vendors in January of 2013 and Motorola was determined to be the lowest bidder. In June of 2013, the contract was in place and the work began looking for the necessary VHF frequencies needed for the system. It took until January of 2015 for Motorola and their sub-contractor to acquire the needed frequencies to build the system. In February 2015, the equipment was ordered and installation began in June of 2015. A very aggressive plan was put into place to complete the installation of the system by the end of 2015. We are looking forward to many years of service from this new state-of-the-art Trunked Radio System.

Volunteer Firefighter Benefits & Workers' Compensation Changes

by Dennis Brooks, Chautauqua County Insurance Administrator

Though workers' compensation has been around for over 100 years there have been more changes to the system in New York State since 2007 than in all the previous years combined. The system has become ever more and more people use the system and the stakeholders struggle to make improvements that dilute the saturation. As a volunteer firefighters are certainly part of this system under Workers' Compensation Law, via the Volunteer Firefighter Benefits Law, it is more important than ever that fire companies are aware of at least a few of these complexities.

Most fire companies are aware of their reporting procedures. Typically, forms VF-2 and VF-3 are used to report an injury in the line of duty. Though these forms can still be found and used, they really are becoming obsolete as far as New York State is concerned. Because Chautauqua County administers the plan for all the volunteer fire companies, we only need accident information regardless of what form the information is reported on and then, as the plan administrator, I will file the claim on the proper NYS forms on your behalf. Behind the scenes after a firefighter is injured you have a myriad of people involved in the claims handling process, but it all really starts with yours truly. Because the Board has recently enacted the new Electronic Data Interface System, or EDI, what form injury information is reported on isn't really pertinent. More important is getting your firefighter the help and benefits they need and meeting the strict deadlines that the Board has enacted with the new EDI. That's where yours truly come in. Reporting for any member in the Chautauqua County Self-Insurance plan, which of course includes all volunteer fire companies in Chautauqua County, needs to essentially become centralized. This will help to ensure not only that we meet the strict reporting deadlines set forth by NYS, but that our team is involved to get your firefighter any benefits they are entitled to. In process is a basic reporting form that all fire companies will need to use when there is an injury. The company will gather all necessary information on this form and then simply make sure yours truly receives it immediately. From there, my team and I will do the rest. We will ensure your member receives timely benefits, the claim is mitigated from the start, thus, controlling claim costs, and that no fines are levied by NYS to your company or our plan by meeting all the new deadline requirements. More information regarding the new reporting forms, procedures, and responsibilities will be distributed by the fall of 2015. So remember, as volunteer firefighters, your most important role in the complexities of the world of workers' compensation is to ensure that you quickly document any injury and get the information on my desk as quickly as possible. As your administrator, my team and I will take care of the rest so that your company can focus on their other duties.

Volunteer Firefighter Benefits & Workers' Compensation Changes *CONTINUED*

Recently there has been a modification to the General Municipal Law Section 209-1 which covers emergency service by volunteer firemen. The modification to the statute would expand coverage in limited circumstances for volunteer firefighters who volunteer their services outside of their jurisdiction in time of emergency.

Whenever a volunteer firefighter is within the state but outside of the area regularly served by the fire company or fire department of which he or she is a member and has knowledge of a fire or other emergency at or near where he is at the time, the volunteer firefighter may report to the officer in command of the paid or volunteer fire company engaged in the handling of any such fire emergency and, on an individual basis, offer his services to assist such fire company or fire department. After the services are so accepted the volunteer fireman shall then be entitled to all the powers, rights, privileges and immunities granted by the law to a volunteer firefighter during the time such services are rendered in the same manner and to the same extent as if he were a member of the volunteer fire company which he is assisting including benefits under the Volunteer Firefighter Benefits Law.

Effective June 15, 2015, Section 209-1 of the General Municipal Law has been amended. In the event that an active volunteer firefighter provides services under Section 209-1 when there is no jurisdictional officer in command present such volunteer firefighter shall be entitled to coverage under the Volunteer Firefighter Benefits Law provided that the fire company or municipality the volunteer serves adopts a resolution granting coverage for the provision of such services. This narrow expansion of Volunteer Firefighter Benefit Law coverage concerns a situation where a volunteer firefighter happens upon an emergency outside of his jurisdiction and there is no incident commander present for the jurisdiction where the emergency occurs. If the volunteer firefighter is injured while performing services before a jurisdictional officer arrives he or she shall have coverage provided that the firefighters jurisdiction has passed a resolution approving this type of coverage.

In order to protect volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers who render assistance prior to a jurisdictional officer arriving on the scene, their governing body must pass a resolution. A suggested resolution follows (this is for VFBL; VAWBL verbiage is *italicized*):

It is the interest of this Resolution to make available the coverage provided by General Municipal Law Section 209-i1-b (*Volunteer Ambulance Workers' Law Section 5-1*).

Whenever a volunteer firefighter (*ambulance worker*) of the _____ Fire District (*Ambulance Corps*) provides services under General Municipal Law Section 209-1 (*Volunteer Ambulance Workers' Law Section 5*) when there is no jurisdictional officer in command present, such volunteer firefighter (*ambulance worker*) shall be entitled to coverage under the VFBL (*VAWBL*) coverage provided by the _____ Fire District (*Ambulance Corps*) for the provision of such services. Upon the arrival of a jurisdictional officer in command, such volunteer firefighter (*ambulance worker*) shall report to such officer and offer his/her services to assist such fire (*ambulance*) company or fire (*ambulance*) department. If such offer of assistance is not accepted, then the volunteer firefighter (*ambulance worker*) of the _____ Fire District (*Ambulance Corps*) must immediately cease providing any additional service at the scene of the emergency.

As the plan administrator for the Chautauqua County Self-Insurance plan my team and I have done much in the past year to truly stabilize our plan. As New York State continues with their own business process re-engineering changes, our plan will be doing many exciting things as well to make sure we stay in compliance, keep up with the new complexities that saturate the system, and provide all of our clients, towns, villages, the county, and of course, the volunteer fire companies with a program of safety, education, and proper administration. This article is a simple outline of just a few of the issues at hand so they really only touch the surface of the aforementioned changing world in the insurance industry. With this in mind, you can all feel confident that if you do your part in reporting incidents timely that your administrative team on this end will ensure all the other details that will stabilize our plan will be taken care of. I hope that some, most, or better yet all of you will take the time to call, stop by, or have me come to your locations so that we have a platform to really illustrate the ever changing insurance world and how we can all play a role to stabilize the Chautauqua County Self-Insurance Plan. I can be reached at (716) 753-4245.

Lake View Cemetery

Local author's tour

“A Transition in Red”

A HISTORY OF THE JAMESTOWN, NY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Tuesday, August 25, 2015

6:00 pm



578 Fire Scene, Gikay Power Bldg. Jamestown, N.Y. March 12, 1910

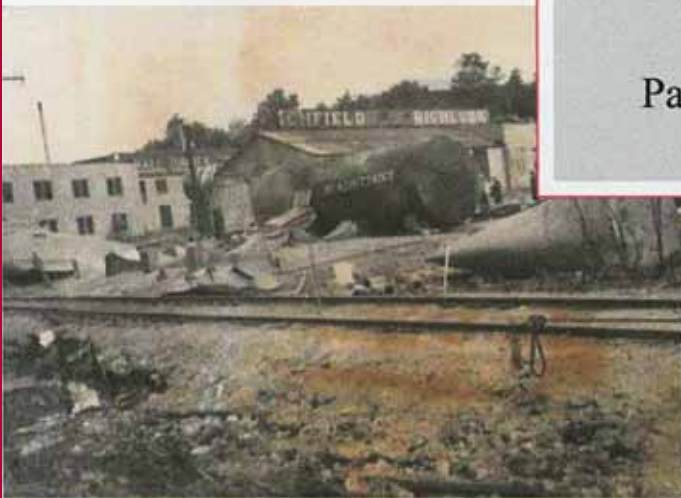


Author and Historian Leo E. Duliba

Please meet at the Cemetery office.
Meet and greet Leo Duliba at 6:00 pm.

Tour to begin at 6:30 pm.

Parking in the cemetery or on the even side of
Lakeview Avenue.



Oscar H. Blowski

Walter H. Szusterman

Raymond W. Allison



Do You REMEMBER?



Now that summer has finally arrived we all turn to parade season. Here is the Falconer Fire Department getting ready to march along with their 1923 International/ Buffalo city

service ladder truck

sometime in the 1930's. **OK Falconer, try to name these firefighters of long ago!**



Ashville has finally finished and opened their new sub station in Ashville. The station houses Engine-302 and M-301. The former town building is located on Maple Street (Rt.-43).



Here is one we missed a while back. **The Kiantone Fire Department** has placed a new Tanker 362 in service. The Freightliner M2 series chassis is equipped with a Firovac 2600 gallon tank with straight dump system. Kiantone chose to have no pump mounted on the unit. Sorry for the delay in getting this one in!

FIRE POLICE BANQUET



Karen Keulh-Heston, President with Ed "Smokie" Sisson, the MC.



Ed Talking



Gary Sutter, Jr. is accepting the President's Award



Karen with Doug Ireland. Doug is receiving the Michael Dorsett Memorial Award



Smokie and Karen with Ed Receiving an "appreciation of this dedication to the fire police."



Swearing in of Officers

COUNTY CHIEF'S ASSN BANQUET



Fire Advisory Board – Firefighter of the Year

Joseph Spacht and Jordan Ellis – Ripley Hose Company
Recognized for locating and extricating an unresponsive victim during interior search operations at a structure fire on 19 August.

Nominated by Ripley Chief Mark Smith



EMS Council – EMS Provider of the Year

Megan Bretz and Sharoyrn Ruby – Lakewood Fire Department
Recognized for their teamwork in administering life-saving CPR to a patient in cardiac arrest enroute to the hospital. The patient survived, and returned to work within a week.

Nominated by Lakewood Chief Kurt Hallberg



EMS Council – EMS Citizen of the Year

Jessica Coddington, Employee of Southern Tier Meadows
Recognized for administering first aid for a choking victim, employing skills seen on a “What to do if Choking” poster. Ms. Coddington administered abdominal thrusts and cleared an airway blockage, which enabled the unresponsive patient to begin breathing.

Nominated by Fredonia Fire Department Secretary, Larry Barter



Chautauqua County Fire Chiefs Association – Citizen of the Year

Kevin Newell, Daniel Ficarra, and Timothy Wise
Recognized for their efforts to rescue a boater who had fallen overboard in rough waters of Lake Erie near Barcelona Harbor in July 2014.

Nominated by Westfield Chief William Bills

THE NEWEST CLASS OF INTERIOR FIREFIGHTERS FOR OUR COUNTY



Front row L to R: Ryan Lepp, Amy Romanik, Trista Taggart, Brad Lawson, Joe Grant Jr., Nick Fardink, Nate Delcamp, Josh Foster
Back row L to R: Instructor D. Woodfield, Dominic Fasso, Denton Holthouse, Tyson Gugino, Nick Ambrose, Kevin Ganey, Scott Dellahoy, Alex Wells, Tyler Joslyn, Doug Wells, Absent was John Mayr

Here is the newest class of interior firefighters for our county. This class was the first in Chautauqua County to go through OFPC's new FF1 curriculum. Some of the new course requirements included: TOAC (Task Oriented Air Consumption), Tactical Ventilation, Transitional Fire Attack. As with all new changes there were some growing pains that were found during the course. This new curriculum also placed some of the training for these new firefighters on the home departments. The home department training was what we all do with new members anyway. This class did a great job of coming together when we pushed them into the new skills. We also had many non-class attendees to observe the new skills that we will now be teaching. I feel that we as instructors turned out another great group of firefighters. But as always, this was a tremendous group effort. This class is very manpower intensive, some of the tasks / help that we needed are: filling air bottles, apparatus operators, EMT's for rehab requirements, the rehab trailer, the members that stood by for FAST requirements for live burns. As always, this class and I owe all who helped out a huge thank you!! The attendance at the graduation ceremony was testament to EVERYONE'S commitment.

To all in the class, keep up the good work, stay safe and keep training.

Don Woodfield
Don Woodfield SFI # 0717

NYSAFC Annual Government Day



On May 11, 2015 the New York State Association of Fire Chiefs gathered in Albany to Lobby our State Legislators on matters of concern to the Fire Service of New York State. Six members of Chautauqua County Fire Service participated in this event. They were Marcia and Lyle Holland, Julius Leone, Mike Volpe, John Griffith, and Larry Barter.

The day started with a general meeting to review the legislation to be discussed. Some of the people who spoke included Bryant Stevens, State fire Administrator; John Melville, DHSES

Commissioner; Senator Philip Boyle, Senator Thomas Croci; Assemblyman Anthony Brindisi; Neal Zipser, Community Affairs Manager, Kidde Fire Safety. The legislation was reviewed by representatives of the Chiefs', FASNY, and Association of Fire Districts.

After a brief press conference we split to go to our individual Legislators. Our group met with Assemblyman Andrew Goodell and a Member of Senator Kathy Young's staff. In these meetings we discussed several pieces of proposed legislation.

EMS Billing- amends section 209-b of the General Municipal Law to allow fire organizations to bill for EMS services.

Flammability Standards for Soft Furnishings- prohibits the use of Chemical retardants which cause cancer and directs OFPC to work on requirements for furnishings to limit the speed of fire in them.

Consolidation Amendments- this would require a plan be in place before a vote on consolidation of municipalities can occur.

Extend the Volunteer Firefighters' Lung Benefit and the Heart Benefit – these bills will renew the VFBL coverage for diseases of the lung and heart which expires at the end of June and July1, 2015.

Certificate of need- when an organization applies for a CON for EMS service it is a twostep process. You apply for a temporary Two year Certificate and reapply through the same organizations for a permanent certificate. This bill would stream line this procedure to send the permanent application to the health commissioner as long as there were no problems.

Other bills included 10 year batteries, truck weight, expanded cancer treatment, penal law amendments for endangering Fire Fighters and emergency personnel, elimination of seat belt exemption.

If anyone has questions about these bills contact the members above.

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