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Barmore's Rangers

People pitching in to get something done is just a way of life in this County's Fire Service. The Fire Service, Emergency Medical, Fire Police and other specialized teams are under the direction of Julius Leone at the County Emergency Management Dept. which even encompasses more agencies not named here. The Fire Service was light years ahead of other agencies in mutual aid and shared services. There have been formal plans for this since the early 1950's and 60's in our County. Fire departments historically have had to depend on each other to get the job done. Hence, it just comes naturally that when there is a need, but little money available, they just figure out a way to accomplish their goal through volunteer labor and skills. The object is to save



Dan Imfeld and Julius Leone installing drench shower in the HAZ-Mat section of Station 7

the citizens tax money and to still have what is needed in facilities and equipment in order to do the job. Initially there was an honest discussion among the guys about doing this work which may in turn replace contractors and jobs. Everyone in this group has other jobs and is sensitive to that issue. The problem was that much needed to be done, yet Director Leone just didn't have the money to do it. We simply would not even be close to our current emergency capabilities had it not been for this dedicated group. These people come from all walks of life which creates a great pool of various skill sets and resources. These skills and resources are used in their home departments and communities as well as on the County level. There is some amazing talent that comes from the 42 fire departments of the County.

In 2003 a group of veteran fire guys informally got together to do some needed work on the Raymond Taylor Fire Training Facility located on Harrison St. in Jamestown. Collectively these guys can do anything and have everything for the job. Thus was the beginning of Barmore's Rangers. Anyone who knows Denny Barmore (past Gerry VFD Fire Chief, Medical Coordinator, Water Emergency Team Captain, etc. etc.) understands that it is an understatement to say that he is energetic and a project-oriented leader. He is the driving force. One night as the group was, "rehabbing", after a job someone in jest suggested the name and it stuck. Actually Denny doesn't like the name because he does not want to attract attention to himself.

All facets of construction, design, mechanics, installation, renovations and maintenance have been



Seated Left to Right, Cal Calamungi, Skip Cavallaro, Dennis Barmore, Randy Hockenbery, Ron Trippy Standing Left to Right, Bob Frank, Tony Faso, Julius Leone, Jon Stahley, Dan Imfeld, Burl Swanson, Scott Cummings, Jim Kianos, Lance Hedlund, Herb Best, Brian Puroil

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performed by the Rangers on County facilities, vehicles and equipment. Locations include the Murphy (Dunkirk) and Taylor (Jamestown) Fire Training facilities and the Mayville Emergency Operation Center. There were classrooms and offices built. The Mayville bus garage was converted to a vehicle station and new buildings were erected for vehicle/equipment housing and training. County vehicles and trailers have been maintained and modified by the guys. It's absolutely amazing. They built the fire station at the Children's Safety Village funded by the County Fire Chief's Association. Even though the Village is not a County facility the Rangers returned to do some more work.

Recently we got the total group together at the Mayville EOC. This was everyone who had worked on these projects over the years. We wanted to get a group picture and ask them to recall in chronological order the projects over the years and estimate the cost savings. You can imagine there was a lot of discussion and humor involved. Everyone was amazed after they had estimated costs and reflected on the body of work accomplished over the past eleven years. The group unanimously agreed that a very conservative estimate of cost savings to the County taxpayers was approximately \$652,000. The group continues on and usually works on Tuesday afternoons and evenings. It is a lot of fun. Anyone in a fire department is welcome. You can contact the Office of Emergency Services.

Jon Stahley



Mike Przybycien pulling wire at Station 7



Work crew from a project on Station 7 - 1st row: Skip Cavallaro, Dennis Barmore 2nd row: David Davies, Bob Frank, Scott Cummings, Lonni Robinson



Dick Pollaro working on the Fire Investigation Truck



Jon Stahley painting in Station 7



Herb Best organizing equipment and material at Station 7

STOCKTON FIRE DISTRICT DONATES AMBULANCE TO THE FIRE POLICE TEAM

The Stockton Board of Fire Commissioners recently donated their used ambulance to the Chautauqua County Fire Police Response Team. The Fire Police were notified that TC-1 was beyond repair and they would need to replace the unit.

Stockton Fire Chief John Burke became aware the Fire Police situation and working together with the Chairman Tad McNeill of the Stockton Board of Fire Commissioners arranged to have their recently replaced 1997 Ford Ambulance donated to the Fire Police.

The Fire Police Team began working on the donated Ambulance in August 2014 converting the unit from an Ambulance to a Fire Police Response unit designated at TC-1. Without the kind generosity of the Stockton Board of Fire Commissioners the Fire Police Response Team would not have that vital piece of equipment that is so often used to assist all county fire departments and law enforcement agencies.

Thank you to the Stockton Board of Fire Commissioners and the Stockton Fire Company for working together with the Fire Police Response Team in assisting them to acquire this much needed piece of equipment!



Pictured from left to right: Julius Leone Jr. Director of Emergency Services, Tad McNeill Chairman Stockton Board of Fire Commissioners, John Burke Stockton Fire Chief, Robert Frank Deputy Fire Coordinator, Greg Osterstuck Fire Police Response Team, Dave Burlingame Captain Fire Police Response Team, Ed "Smokey" Sisson Fire Police Response Team

CAST TEAM

Steve Cobb - EMS Coordinator



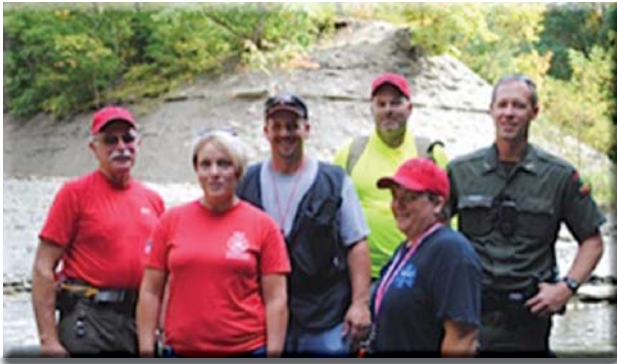
The Chautauqua Area Search Team (CAST) recently conducted a drill at Twenty Mile Creek gorge in Ripley under the direction of Forest Ranger Dave Pachan. Joining the team was Ripley Chief Mark Smith and several members of his department. The team explored various entrance points, all which were found on private land. During the drill GPS markings were registered and various trails, over very rough terrain, were explored. This gorge is one of the more challenging terrain features in our county.

CAST was formed in the 1990s under the direction of retired Forest Ranger Tom Koss. In 2012 the team was reorganized under Forest Ranger Dave Pachan and the Chautauqua County Office of Emergency Services. The team is a section of the County's Tech Rescue.

The CAST team is made up of members from various fire departments throughout the county and all are DEC Wildland Search and Rescue certified. More than half of the team members are DEC Crew Boss certified and the remaining members are working towards this certification. Team Officers are Kendrya Sheldon - President, Steve Rexford - Vice President, Laurie Digirolamo - Secretary, and Mike Gleason and Steve Cobb - Training Officers.

CAST is available to assist local Fire Departments in searches. The team can be activated by calling County Dispatch or by requesting it through your Battalion Coordinator. CAST is also available to come and train your department in search techniques. Remember that dealing with searches time is a very important element. Activate the team as soon as you can. This will help in hopefully having a successful outcome. The team would much rather do a rescue rather than a recovery.

*Pictured: CAST at choke point on Twenty Mile Creek in Ripley
Left to right: Steve Cobb, Linda Gleason, Mike Gleason, Steve Galardo,
Kendrya Sheldon, Forest Ranger Dave Pachan*



Thank You Falconer Printing & Design

Most of you remember that previously The Responder was in a small newspaper format that was mailed out. This was one of the major components in the Chautauqua County Fire Service Enhancement Program that was funded by then County Executive Andy Goodell and the County Legislature in 1994. The mission of the Responder was; to get to all the people in the Fire Service and related agencies, deliver important information to them, acknowledge their good works, to offer human insight stories about them and to cause interest in prospective joiners. It was not intended to be a technical journal of which there are many available. It was to be loaded with interesting photos and articles. The big question then was how in the world would we ever be able to produce a quality publication like that? It was a big undertaking and none of us had the expertise.

We then turned to Falconer Printing for help. There were two advantages there; (1) owners Steve and Jim Roach were Falconer VFD members. Steve is past Fire Chief and Jim Past Captain, (2) we knew they had a state of the art operation and would have the capabilities to do this. It has turned out to be a great relationship over the years. Steve and Jim made it happen from printing to mailing.

Steve and Jim then designated one of their design and creation professionals just for us. They knew it would take a special person to work with the technologically challenged of us from County Fire. Lyn Nagel was the reason for our success. She made it happen and was fun to work with for all of us. During the course of three months between quarterly publications Lyn would receive information in every conceivable format. There would be old and new 35mm photos, computer based things in weird formats, hand written memos, things that had to be retyped and fragmented messages. Yet Lyn would make it into a quality professional newspaper that people loved. It was an amazing thing to sit at her work station and watch her move this here and re-format this and move it there. Then it all had to fit into this small newspaper format. Due to tight budgets we could no longer afford to send it out in a newspaper format. This is the second publication now in a computer based on-line format that Lyn designed in conjunction with editor and 4th. Battalion Fire Coordinator John Griffith. And of course it is beautiful. Lyn really liked working with us and contributing to the mission.

Steve Roach and Lyn Nagel are retiring at the end of this year. We wish them the very best and will always be very grateful to them for being instrumental in creating The Responder. Thank you for making it happen.

Jon Stahley

THINK ABOUT IT

The Fire Chief - "The Great Information Filter". A frustrating fact in our County is that the majority of the notices, information, programs, procedures and announcements etc. stops at the Fire Chief's desk and is not disseminated to the fire department personnel. It is staggering what little percentage of important information gets down to the people once it gets to the Fire Chief. In some cases it almost seems intentional. Keeping them in the dark makes me more powerful when I can control what I want them to know. If not intentional, it must be due to a lack of organizational skills. It piles up on the Chief's desk or at his home and is lost. Either way, SHAME ON YOU! Wake up and smell the smoke, IT'S YOUR JOB!

You disagree, oh really. Here's a case in point. The Responder was created as part of the County's Recruitment and Retention

Program a few years ago because of the, "Great Filter", problem. It was and still is now designed to get to the troops to keep them informed and to increase morale and attract new prospects. Because of lack of funding the paper edition ceased, yet we were able to start-up the new Responder on-line now. This is the second edition and it is outstanding. There are 2122 fire personnel in Chautauqua County. Currently there are 275 signed up for "The Responder." That works out to 12.95% This new Responder has been announced ad nauseam by the Fire Coordinators for 6 months now. Chief, did you make sure everyone in your department is logged in on the County website? These programs are to assist you, the fire department manager.

Take advantage of it.

Notes from the Jump Kit

Steve Cobb - EMS Coordinator



EBOLA, EBOLA, EBOLA -

For the latest information about the Ebola issue please go to the county website at Chautcofire.org, click on EMS and then the Ebola section will come up to be selected. This is the best site to look on as we progress through this issue. Things are in a such a state of flux that it is hard for one individual to keep track of all of it.

The most important thing to remember is to get a good history of TRAVEL and remember to take your time in planning to deal with suspected cases.

Thank you to the EOC for keeping this site up to date with the most current information. There will be training rolling out in the near future for the departments in regards to Ebola.

Become informed on the required PPE .

FLU -

Last year almost 25,000 Americans died from the flu so as we approach the flu season remember that many of the initial symptoms are similar to those of Ebola.



The best prevention is to get a flu shot. And always do proper hand washing whether or not it is on a call, at work, or at home. Good hand washing technique goes a long ways in preventing the spread of disease.

DROP SHEETS -

If you are using epcrs please leave a drop sheet at the ER before leaving. This request is from the SEMAC and also get the pcr copy to the ER ASAP after the call. The SEMAC would like to see them to the ER within two hours.

MEDICAL DIRECTORS -

It has been very refreshing to see some of our Medical Directors at Battalion meetings. Dr. Faulk at the 3rd Battalion meeting and Dr. Walters at the 4th Battalion meeting. Thank Docs for attending and hopefully we will see Drs. Borton and Santillo at their respective Battalion meetings soon.

PASSING THE TORCH

By: Vince Horrigan, Chautauqua County Executive

As I travel around our great County and greet people by asking: "How are you doing?", I seem to frequently get the same answer: "Busy, Very Busy!" Our busy lifestyles are a fact of life as our families often have both spouses working, ensuring that our kids and grandkids get to their sporting and extracurricular events, and so on. Although a fact of life, one of the negative impacts of our busy lifestyles is the declining number of new recruits into our volunteer fire departments. As the grey hairs begin to step away, the question arises of who will take their place?

In this year's budget, we have earmarked funding to conduct a study to find long term solutions to the declining number of volunteer EMS responders. Chautauqua County has been well served by a high quality volunteer EMS system that fits well into our rural communities. In fact, the local first responders are often well known by those in need of medical help. However, recent trends in recruiting new EMT's indicate that fewer volunteer responders are available to invest the time in the training and certifications requirements which continue to grow over the past several years. So we need to understand all the options going forward to ensure our communities continue to have access to high quality emergency medical help.

However, no matter what the conclusions and recommendations of the EMS study may be, we must encourage, recruit, and retain volunteer first responders in both our Fire and EMS departments. I encourage all of us to carry on the finest of traditions by reaching out to the somewhat younger generation to encourage them to learn more about serving our communities as a volunteer first responder.

On behalf of all the citizens of Chautauqua County, I want to proudly salute your service as a first responder who answers the call to help those in need. Have a wonderful Christmas and Holiday season and my sincere wishes for a safe and prosperous 2015.



Several county departments have done multiple unit replacements within their companies. Two such departments are presented this time out. Shown here is Jamestown's new Ambulance-351. This unit is a 2014 Ford E350/Braun type-3 signature series ambulance.



Another county department that has replaced most of their fleet is Irving. Shown here is their new Engine-141. This 1995 KME pumper is rated at 1500 gpm with a 1000 tank. It was purchased used from Deer Lake, PA.



Jamestown's second new unit is this 2014 Spartan chassis/4-Guys pumper. Engine-5's new unit is rated with a 1750 gpm pump and 750 gallon tank. It is 4-Guys first fully custom pumper in the county.



Irving's second replacement unit is their Engine-142. This pumper is a 1996 KME Renegade series unit rated at 1250 gpm with a 750 tank. This rig was bought from Harris, MA. Once again these units show what is still out there in good quality used apparatus.



The JFD has also rebuilt their Engine-3. The 2000 Pierce (Saber) series 1500 gpm pumper has had its 50' skyboom ladder removed by the city shops. The telesquirt style ladder had proved problematic since it was placed in service.



Another used unit has been placed in service by the Fire Police division. TC-1 is a 2000 Ford/Medmaster former ambulance. It once served the Stockton Fire Company and has been reworked into the Fire Police's traffic control unit.

COUNTY FIRST RESPONDERS COMPLETE CRUDE-BY-RAIL SAFETY TRAINING AT STATE-OF-THE-ART FACILITY IN COLORADO

CSX Railroad recently hosted crude-by-rail incident response training for 40 first responders representing 34 communities around the CSX network at the Security and Emergency Response Training Center (SERTC) in Pueblo, Colorado.

Firefighters and police officers from Alabama, Georgia, Illinois, Kentucky, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee and Virginia completed three days of training with hazardous materials specialists and instructors from CSX and the Association of American Railroads.

Dan Imfeld – County Hazmat Coordinator and Don Woodfield – State Fire Instructor and Battalion Chief Jamestown were fortunate to be asked to participate in this course.

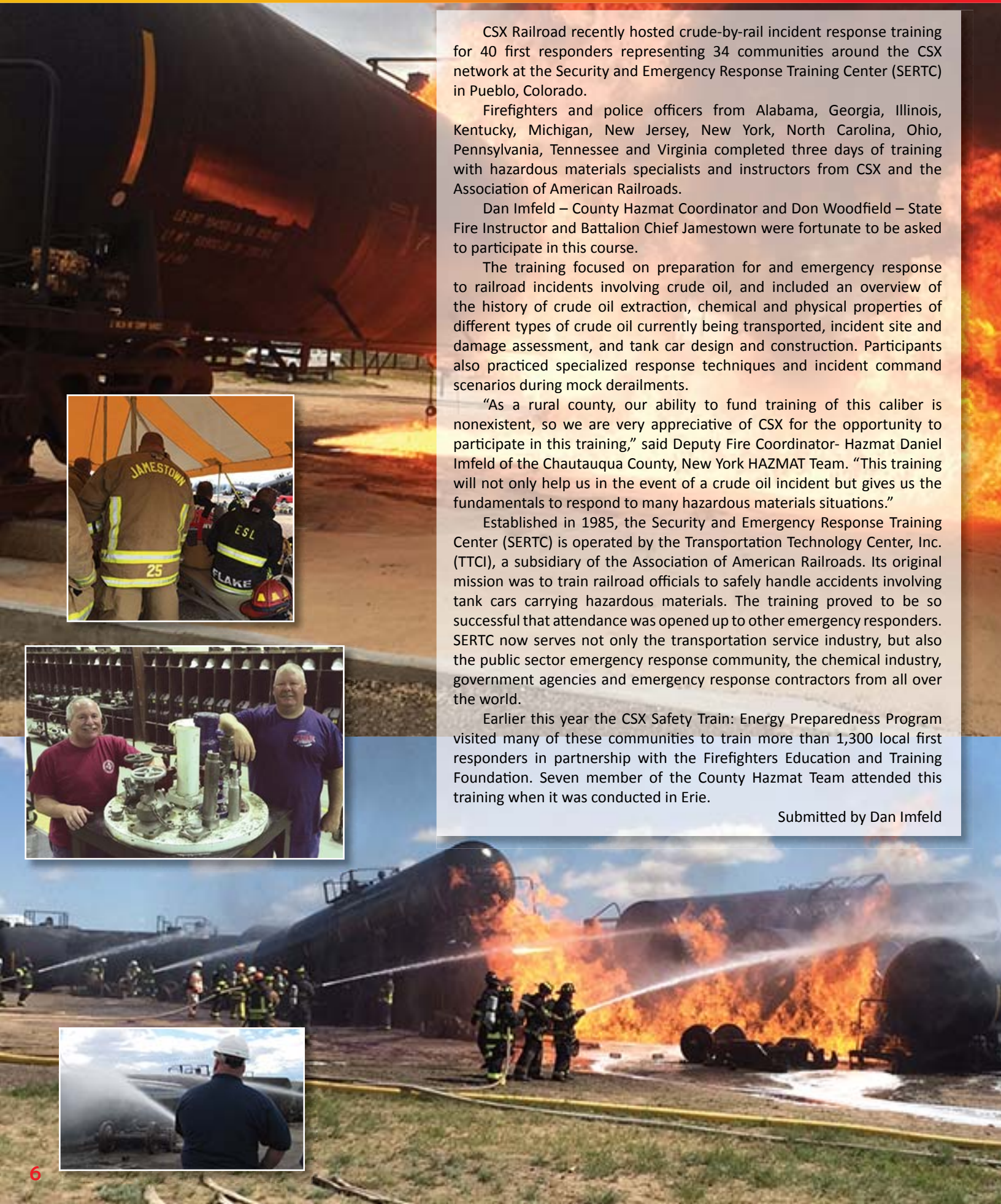
The training focused on preparation for and emergency response to railroad incidents involving crude oil, and included an overview of the history of crude oil extraction, chemical and physical properties of different types of crude oil currently being transported, incident site and damage assessment, and tank car design and construction. Participants also practiced specialized response techniques and incident command scenarios during mock derailments.

“As a rural county, our ability to fund training of this caliber is nonexistent, so we are very appreciative of CSX for the opportunity to participate in this training,” said Deputy Fire Coordinator- Hazmat Daniel Imfeld of the Chautauqua County, New York HAZMAT Team. “This training will not only help us in the event of a crude oil incident but gives us the fundamentals to respond to many hazardous materials situations.”

Established in 1985, the Security and Emergency Response Training Center (SERTC) is operated by the Transportation Technology Center, Inc. (TTCI), a subsidiary of the Association of American Railroads. Its original mission was to train railroad officials to safely handle accidents involving tank cars carrying hazardous materials. The training proved to be so successful that attendance was opened up to other emergency responders. SERTC now serves not only the transportation service industry, but also the public sector emergency response community, the chemical industry, government agencies and emergency response contractors from all over the world.

Earlier this year the CSX Safety Train: Energy Preparedness Program visited many of these communities to train more than 1,300 local first responders in partnership with the Firefighters Education and Training Foundation. Seven member of the County Hazmat Team attended this training when it was conducted in Erie.

Submitted by Dan Imfeld



CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY MEMORIAL SERVICE

Submitted by: Anthony Faso

There have been many instances in history where fire fighters were called to duty. To many times fire fighters have lost their lives doing what they love to do. Without fire fighters, who would people call in times of crisis. No puns against law enforcement but when they don't know who to call or what to do, they call the fire departments for assistance. In part because we have great imaginations, we adapt and overcome any obstacle that dares to stand in our way. We are family beyond blood, we have our differences, our own ways of thinking and our own ways of speaking, but in the end we are family. Chautauqua County Fire departments are very lucky to have the support that we have. Our departments have great leadership and of course, great members. Each one of us will say that we come from "the best department" and we say it with pride.

Sunday, October 12th, 2014, our brothers and sisters in Silver Creek hosted a memorial service for our fallen family. Family that either lost their lives in the Line of Duty or due to natural causes. It was my first time participating in an event such as this. To stand two by two, walk into the Church following a Bag Piper, Color Guard, County Officials, and Members from other Departments, along with my own Department members, held a feeling of pride like no other. To thank those who have gone before us, who have taught us so much, who have been idols or heroes to others, who were someone's fathers/mothers, sons/daughters, brothers/sisters. To honor them in the ways that most only



see on television and to think that it is real. We have all had the tear jerker moments when watching something like this unfold on television, imagine it in real life. The feeling is overwhelming and exhilarating at the same time.

Thank you to the Silver Creek Fire Department for hosting this year's event. Thank you to our prestigious leader Julius Leone, Gloria Burke, the Silver Creek

Volunteer Fireman's Association for a wonderful dinner and time together. Thank you to the families of the lost or fallen, but most of all thank you to all the people that make what we do special. It is completely different from what we see on television. I wish I could say "I look forward to next year" but that would be wrong, that would be our heroes turning into legends.



New Truck for Silver Creek

Tony Faso

The purchase of a new pumper means more than increased capacity for the Silver Creek Fire Department- it is also symbolic in many ways. The Fire Truck committee's mission to update the Departments' apparatus started three years ago according to Chief Tytka. "The committee's number one priority was the safety of the firefighters, a fully enclosed cab with seatbelts and heat for the crew's safety and comfort was very important to us." he stated. He added that increased storage and the equal or increased pumping capacity were also a main priority. The committee found that a new truck meeting these expectations would cost over \$400,000 - way more than the village funding could afford. The committee was also looking for a quality used piece that would meet this criteria and at the same time keep the balance between keeping residents safe and cost low for taxpayers. During the past months the Snyder Fire District was selling three 1994 Sutphen pumpers for around \$30,000. The committee made several trips to Snyder to ensure this truck was the right choice. The truck had everything and more the committee was looking for. Although it is twenty years old the truck has been impressively maintained and shows little use. It features an eight man enclosed cab, seating for 7 SCBA

firefighters, a 1,500 GPM pump, and an abundance of storage. "This is the second newest truck in our fleet" Tytka said. "We would like to thank the Snyder Fire Department for their hospitality and friendships formed during the purchase of the truck, we take pride in having a part of their history a part of our future".

The new truck also carries a plaque that honors 40 year member Frank J. Gerace, which was presented to him on May 1, 2004 for outstanding service and devotion. The plaque states that the number "Engine 174" will be dedicated to him for eternity. The new Sutphen will be the third truck to wear this plaque. Frank passed in 2005 at the age of 69.

A new and unique characteristic of the new truck is it is the only truck to wear a "Black Knight" on it doors. The "Knight" is the Silver Creek Schools mascot and is a symbol support for the school. "There is a long history of collaboration between the district and the fire department revolving around the common goal of keeping our kids safe. That began before I came here and I imagine it will continue" said School Superintendent Daniel Ljiljanich. "I was thrilled when they asked me if they could use the logo."

Thank you to all who helped make this truck a reality and help protect the Village of Silver Creek's residents.



Left to right of the Truck Committee -Brandyn Griewisch 2nd Asst. Chief, Adam Graf 3rd Asst. Chief, James Tytka Jr Chief, Bart Adams 60 year member, Bill Metzger treasurer, John Quinn Captain, James Tytka Sr. Past Chief, Nick Hogg Captain, Nick Piccolo Mayor, Tom Harmon Trustee, Warren Kelly Trustee. Absent are Todd Johnson 1st Asst. Chief and Jeff Griewisch Past Chief.

US COAST GUARD, THE COUNTY HAZMAT TEAM AND PARTNERS CONDUCT JOINT BOOMING EXERCISE

Submitted by Dan Imfeld



A Western New York Coast Guard Group Booming Strategy Verification Drill was conducted for Cattaraugus Creek in August. Participating in the exercise were the County Hazardous Materials Response Team, the Seneca Nation, the Erie County Pa. Hazmat Team, Irving Fire Department, US Coast Guard Sector Buffalo and the County Dive Team. 42 responders were part of this training.

This exercise consisted of testing the current Coast Guard response strategies in conjunction with testing the operational condition of the response equipment in USCG Station Rochester's and the Chautauque County Hazmat Team's Harbor Boom Trailers. The main goal was to verify the current response strategies and train Chautauque County and Seneca Nation personnel in the deployment of resources.

Additionally, the workshop documented the conditions of the creek and its effect on deployed resources. The sight location was selected for its close proximity to the CSX and Norfolk Southern Rail Lines, the NYS Thruway and ease of access to the creek.

The exercise planning team was composed of diverse agencies, including personnel from Irving Fire Co., Chautauque County Emergency Services, Chautauque County Hazardous Materials Response Team, The Seneca Nation of Indians Emergency Management Department.

A meeting was held on June 30th to discuss the following objectives and feasibility of conducting the exercise, available resources, communications, techniques, and safety concerns.



Objective 1: Verify current techniques and strategy in the USCG WNY GRP for Cattaraugus Creek.

Objective 2: Set the stage for Chautauque County Emergency Services, Seneca Nation of Indians Emergency Management Department and Sector Buffalo to corroborate in future exercises and responses with the tools, equipment, and personnel the involved agencies can provide.

Objective 3: Test the equipment and capabilities of the Chautauque County Hazmat Team's Harbor Boom pollution trailer and local equipment and capabilities. Particularly lighting for night operations.

Objective 4: Train local responders in the type and use of Coast Guard oil booming techniques.



The drill was a success and another exercise is being planned for next summer.



Anyone interested in finding out more about the team should feel free to attend any of our drills or contact Dan Imfeld at 410-4263.

CHANGE

Bill Johnston

Deputy Fire Coordinator Training

No one likes change, especially when it is done purely for the sake of change. Change with a purpose, on the other hand, can be beneficial and positive. I recently received a sixty-nine (69) page copy of the Administrative Guide for the revised FFI and BEFO courses.

Over thirty Office of Fire Protection & Control staff, including Fire Protection Specialists, Deputy Chiefs and Chiefs from around the state spent over a year updating, consolidating and improving both courses. The goal was to bring training up to the current level of understanding on fire behavior, as well as new building technologies, construction methods, thermal imaging and personnel protective equipment. As you will note a lot has changed in the way we do business since the previous update six years ago. In addition our training must meet the standards as established for compliance with OSHA Regulation 29 CFR 1910.156(c)(1), [“§1910.156(c)(1)”] as well as the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) policies and guidelines.

Input discussion was provided by the Fireman’s Association of the State of New York, the New York State Association of Fire Chiefs, the New York State Fire Coordinator’s Association and the State Fire Instructors from all across the state.

The instructional delivery, student evaluation as well as responsibilities for the student have been modified for more involvement by all the parties involved in the education of firefighters. It will include the student, the instructors, the chief and the department.

The updated program contains three sections. These are Firefighter I, Firefighter II and Basic Exterior Firefighting Operations. All utilize the IFSTA/Brady-Essentials of Fire Fighting and Fire Department Operations, 6th Edition. The Firefighter II changes were not provided in the update I received.

All three (3) courses require the student to obtain their own copy of IFSTA/Brady-Essentials of Fire Fighting and Fire Department Operations, 6th Edition. Additional information will be forthcoming as to the cost of the text and where it may be obtained. An electronic version is in development progress for use as a downloaded app on the various electronic notepads and cellphones. The bottom line here is that each student needs the textbook and must have it for the first session in all three (3) courses.

There are some extensive and intensive changes in the delivery of Firefighter I and Scene Support Operations. The listed hours for both courses have been increased. The name of Scene Support is now Basic Exterior Firefighter Operations. (BEFO)

Let’s start with the old Scene Support Operations that has become Basic Exterior Firefighter Operations. There are no prerequisites for BEFO as this is considered an entry level course. Class size is a minimum of ten (10) with a maximum of twenty (20).

“Basic Exterior Firefighting Operations” (BEFO) course is designed to fill a need in the fire service to afford individuals not qualified for interior firefighting operations nor prepared to commit to the rigors of the Firefighter I curriculum the opportunity to participate in the fire service. Non-SCBA qualified exterior Firefighters will be committed to exterior operations only and will not be involved with the Hazmat warm or hot zone operations, interior structural fire attack, roof and/or ventilation operations and will not be in situations placing them in contact with IDLH atmospheres nor the possibility of breathing smoke or contaminants.

The curriculum for BEFO will follow the FFI curriculum with the exception as noted above in the OFPC description. It will include Skills Homework, Written Take Home Quizzes, and Written Evaluations. The course will be twelve (12) sessions duration. Six (6) session will be three (3) hours long and the remaining six (6) will be four (4) hours long for a total of forty-two (42) hours at completion.

Students will need to complete or provide proof of completion of NIMS 100 and 700 by the end of the course.

On to Firefighter I with the OFPC description listed below.

“Firefighter I” is designed for the entry-level firefighter. Taken from the IFSTA Essentials of Fire Fighting and Fire Department Operations 6th Edition, this is the foundation of an interior Firefighter’s training and education. This course is a comprehensive course preparing the probationary firefighter to perform interior structural firefighting operations under the direct supervision of a company officer and to meet the objectives of NFPA 1001, 2013 Edition, Firefighter I chapter performance requirements.

Firefighter I will now be a total of one hundred four (104) hours delivered in twenty nine (29) sessions. Twelve (12) are three (3) hour and the remaining seventeen (17) are four (4) hours.

*The Firefighter-1 course is an entry-level course and has no prerequisites. However, the **FEMA ICS-100b Basic Incident Management** and **IS-700a National Incident Management System** courses are a requirement to graduate the program. **Completion of a first aid and a CPR course is also required to graduate the Firefighter-1 course.** The CPR certification must be current while the first aid certification is not required to be current. NYS OFPC accepts first aid and CPR courses conducted by the American Red Cross, American Heart Association, and the National Safety Council. The Training Administrative District (TAD) Fire Protection Specialist (FPS) may accept other first aid and CPR courses with approval from the Fire Operations and Training Branch Chief.*

Skill Sheets: Each student should receive a copy of the Firefighter-1 course skill sheets. The instructor will keep record of each student’s skill evaluation completion but is not required to keep a copy of each student’s completed skill sheets. Only those skill evaluation sheets recording a student failure is kept. Completion of the skills performance is documented on the Candidate Progress Log.

Skills Homework: An important part of entry-level firefighter training is becoming acquainted with their home department methods of operation. To facilitate this process and make their in class experience more valuable the student is required to complete some of the skills under the direct supervision of their own department officers. Eighteen Skills are assigned as homework to broaden their entry-level training experience and build familiarity with their own team members.

Written Take Home quizzes: There are five written take home quizzes assigned at units 3, 11, 15, 20, and 27. The quizzes are required to be completed by the student and confirmed by the lead instructor. These quizzes will assist the instructor in monitoring the students' progress in understanding the course content. The scores for these quizzes are not part of the students' final grade.

Written Evaluation: The students shall score a 70% or higher on each of three written evaluations delivered in the Firefighter-1 course.

The goal is to turn out well-trained, well informed Firefighters, be they Interior or Exterior. They have to have been trained to a set of measurable, acceptable standards. What we do at an incident doesn't get any easier. Technology rapidly and dramatically has changed the way we operate, making us adjust our methods to compensate for those changes.

The adjustments incorporated into these courses represent a response to the changes we are faced with and to give our people the knowledge and skills to be effective on the fire ground.

It's no longer about just being safe it's about training smart so that we can operate safely in a very dangerous environment.

Wear your personnel protective gear. Don't take shortcuts.

Stay smart.

The NYS Live Fire Class B Foam Operations Course

Submitted by Dan Imfeld

The NYS Live Fire Class B Foam Operations Course was conducted during August at the Murphy Training Center in Dunkirk. This course provided practical training for mitigating spills and fires involving ignitable liquids.

With many miles of railroad tracks and major connecting highways, Chautauqua County has various hazardous materials passing through on a daily basis. To prepare for any type of hazardous material disaster, firefighters from across the county participated in the training exercise.

Topics covered include: overview of ignitable liquids including gasoline, crude oil and fuel grade ethanol; use of class B foam, with emphasis on alcohol resistant foam concentrates; foam nozzles and proportioning equipment; and determining foam needs for various scenarios.

There were hands on practical activities involving vapor suppression with finished foam, confining spills, and live fire extinguishment. During live fire evolutions, foam handlines were set up and employed for a leaking and burning tank truck.

25 students completed the class. We are attempting to schedule another class next year.





**DRILL AT
CASSADAGA
HIGH SCHOOL WITH
SINCLAIRVILLE,
GERRY,
STOCKTON,
ELLINGTON,
FALCONER &
CASSADAGA**



This was a drill to test the hydrant capabilities at Cassadaga High School along with a tanker shuttle. It was also was the first drill using Truck 401, Falconer's new platform truck.





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Sunset Bay hosts NYSAFC Flashover Training Program



The Sunset Bay Fire Department hosted a NYSAFC Hands-on Flashover Training Program on October 4th and 5th at the Turk Murphy Training Ground in Dunkirk.

NYSAFC began offering the hands-on program in 2012, traveling across New York State with a mobile flashover simulator and some of New York State's most seasoned fire instructors.

The program is designed to train firefighters to recognize the signs of flashover development. Participants observe fire behavior, learn to detect the signs of flashover, and experience the heat of a real fire in the mobile simulator with temperatures in the simulator reaching up to 650°C.

A total of 65 firefighters from ten departments in Chautauqua County, along with two firefighters from Allegany County, completed the one day training which consisted of one hour of classroom time followed by intense hands-on training in the flashover simulator.



MURPHY FIRE TRAINING CENTER CLASSROOM DEDICATED IN MEMORY OF RONALD J. KEDDIE

By Julius Leone Jr.

The newly renovated classroom at the James “Turk” Murphy Fire Training Center in Dunkirk has been named in honor of Ronald J. Keddie. Ron gave his life in the line of duty on June 27, 2012 while responding to a Motor Vehicle Accident as a member of the Sheridan Fire Department.

Prior to his passing Ron was involved in renovation of the classroom as part of the “Barmore Rangers”. Ron worked hard to bring the Murphy Training Center back to a facility where we can continue to training firefighters into the future.

County Executive Vince Horrigan stated “tonight is part of that whole story that we dedicate a first class training facility in honor of a man who was all about training. County Legislator Dave Himelein told a story of attending a class with Ron at the National Fire Academy where Ron stayed after the training to talk with the instructors so he could learn more. “On behalf of the County Legislator, we commend the naming of the classroom as a lasting memorial to Ron for his dedication to the fire service in Chautauqua County”, stated Legislator Himelein.

Dennis Barmore and Scott Cummings spoke on behalf of the “Barmore Rangers” who worked over the past two years to complete the classroom renovation. Barmore stated, “it was clear to the “Rangers” that the classroom project should be named in Keddie’s honor”. “His enthusiasm for training was infectious, it was great. To name this classroom after him is real honor” Cummings said. James “Turk” Murphy, who the training center is named in honor of stated, “ I am thrilled that the “Rangers” worked so hard to renovate the classroom that will serve well into the future to help train our firefighters”.

James Crowell, past chief of the Sheridan Fire Department talked about Ron’s fire service career. Crowell stated, “His ability to inspire, to make young adults get involved in the fire service goes way beyond to call to duty, he had that ability”.

Peter Samuelson, chairman of the Fire Advisory Board presented Ron’s wife, Kathy with a plaque and photo of Ron which will be hung in the classroom. Kathy thanked those in attendance for their support and the honor that Ron would have truly appreciated. Kathy asked how many in attendance took a class from Ron. Many hands were raised and she reminded those

that took his training his favorite word was “Safety”. David VanWey, president of the Dunkirk Volunteer Fire Association also spoke of Ron’s dedication to safety with his “Sam” which stood for “*Safety Always Matters*”.

Brian Benstead, deputy chief of the New York State Office of Fire Prevention and Control met Ron a number of years ago during fire training classes they both took at Erie Community College. Ron worked under his direction through the Office of Fire Prevention and Control while

teaching New York State Certified Courses. Brian stated, “the stories about Ron are just as important as classroom training to learn the fire service”

Julius Leone Jr., Director of Emergency Services reviewed some of Ron’s training accomplishments. Ron touched many firefighters in Chautauqua County and inspired many to continue to learn and develop their skills and ability to better serve their communities. Over his twenty four years of service as a New York State Fire Instructor Ron taught over nine hundred (900) firefighters in Chautauqua County. Ron was certified to teach many courses through New York State. His greatest accomplishment and satisfaction was teaching over seven hundred and fifty (750) “new or rookie” firefighter in Essentials of Firemanship, Firefighter I, Basis Fire Firefighter, and Scene Support.

Mike Przybycien, past chief and current Sheridan Fire Commissioner gave the invocation and benediction.



CHAUTAUQUA CHILDREN'S SAFETY EDUCATION VILLAGE



Where does smoke go?
Where do we go?
Where do we go when we get outside?
What phone number do we call?

Ask any of the boys and girls who have been to the Children's Safety Village and you will get:

Smoke goes up!
We get low and crawl!
We go to our meeting place!
We call 911!

I have had the privilege of teaching at the Safety Village for the past couple of years, I can tell you, it really works !!! Our programs cover Pre-K thru 4th grade. Each class lasts 2 hours and are broke down into sections. The Pre-K and kindergärtners receive training on Poison Safety with the emphasis on Lead Poisoning due to the fact that 1 in 10 children in NY have lead poisoning with a high concentration in Jamestown because of all the older homes with lead paint. We also cover items that look alike but one may be good for us and the other bad. We use examples like apple juice and Pine Sol or Gatorade and mouthwash. Also, covered is how candy and medicine can look alike. We show many examples of this and tell the kids to ask first before putting anything in your mouth. We also cover Parking Lot safety which includes holding on to Mom or Dads clothes to be safe while moving through a parking lot. All age groups also are reminded about Stranger Danger and what to do if a stranger talks to them. At the same time while half the class are receiving Poison Safety the other half are receiving Fire Safety. The class is greeted by "Sparky" in his Fire Truck. Sparkys mouth and eyes move while our instructor uses a remote control to tell the children what they will learn about Fire Safety. The instructor then tells a story using a miniature house to show how a fire could start by accident and what the family that lives there needs to do to get out of the house. This miniature home will allow smoke to be put into areas of the house and sound the smoke alarm. Different ways out of the home are shown. A lot of emphasis is put on having a meeting place and a fire drill at their homes. Once this is done the Pre-K and Kindergärtners go into a small bedroom and learn how to check a door to see if it is hot or not, with a door that has a heat element in it so they actually feel that the door is warm. They are taught to roll off of a bed so they will stay low. After they are on the floor and have checked the warm door they check a cool door and peek out to see if it is safe. If so, they go to the meeting place we have in the class room. Once they are all at the meeting place we call 911 on a recording of a dispatcher answering a fire call. Then they hear a dispatch of a fire dept to a fire. At the end of the dispatch, the instructor puts on full turn-out gear explaining how it will protect the fire fighter. We also tell them that even though it makes us look

different, they should not be afraid for us because we are there to help. To end this class we do a Stop, Drop and Roll Drill with each child practicing Stop, Drop and Roll and covering their face.

For the 1st and 2nd grades our fire safety is about the same, except after Sparky's house we go into a small kitchen and talk about hot spots in our homes that could start a fire. While doing this we activate a smoke machine and put a small amount of smoke into the room which sets off a smoke alarm. We have all the kids get down and crawl out of the kitchen and into the bedroom closing the door behind us. Next we get something to put at the bottom of the door to stop smoke from coming in. We discuss which way out of the room is best. Each child will stay low and check the warm door, then go to the window and down and escape ladder. The proper way to exit on and escape ladder is explained and all children go down a ladder about 7 feet. And then go to the meeting place. The 911 call and turn- out gear part stays the same as for the younger students. Again, while half the class are learning fire safety the others are learning traffic safety. They are about traffic signs and what they mean, and what they have to do to obey them. After this short training ,we go outside and have half ride our Safety Village train and be shown signs in the village and what they mean. The other half are put into electric cars and drive around the village following the traffic signs. Each student gets to drive the car and also ride the train. You have to come and see how much the kids enjoys driving these cars. With so much to show and teach , the 2 hours we have with them goes by very fast.

The last age group we teach are 3rd and 4th graders who we teach Bicycle Safety. First we gather all the students together for training on road signs, rules of the road, use of hand signals and proper fitting of helmets. After this training the class is split, with half to ride bikes through the village, obeying road signs and using hand signals. The other half are given instructions on how to make sure your bike is safe and ready to ride. This includes proper air pressure in tires, proper use of brakes and proper chain tension. Also, covered are types of clothing to

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wear (light and bright) and other general safety concerns. If it looks like there is a lot of areas being taught at the Safety Village, you are right!!! But, this training goes along way to help us in the Fire/EMS Service from having to deal with an incident involving a child. Cant get any better than that!!! The sad part of this is, that we are not having all our children Pre-K thru 4th grade in Chautauqua County making to the Safety Village on a yearly basis, Why ?? Well, as you all know, it's all about the money!!!! Most school districts are strapped for funds. This is where I think, we as Fire Depts can make it happen. Five dollars (\$5.00) per student is the cost to go to the Safety Village. There's also the cost for transportation by the school. Pretty cheap for 2 hours of: Fire, Traffic, Poison and Bicycle Safety Training. Can we as a Fire Service make this happen? With out a doubt!!!!!! Right now in the County there are some different ways to get all the students Pre-K thru 4th to the Safety Village yearly. The 5 Fire Depts that serve Chautauqua Lake Central School work with the school to provide transportation and the Depts pay for the kids to go to the Village. The Fire Dept of Westfield is working with local service clubs to send their kids to the Village. The Ripley Fire Dept is also working to send their kids to the Village. What can your Fire Dept do to make it happen for the school you serve and protect.

Maybe you could hold a Fund Raiser to help provide fund to send your students.

What needs to be done first is to go to your School Board Meeting and express your desire to send your Pre-K thru 4th to the Safety Village. Then workout your plan to make it happen!!! If you need help getting this going in your Dept. I will be more that willing to come and meet with you and your School Board to have all of our Chautauqua County children have this Great education.

Burl Swanson
Dewittville Fire Department Instructor
Chautauqua Children's Safety Education Village

**“What I see I may forget -
What I hear I may not remember -
But - What I do, I understand!”**

Check out The Safety Village @ www.childrenssafetyvillage.com

The Chautauqua Children's Safety Education Village is thrilled to be starting our third year of classes. Our goal is to minimize the number of preventable injuries and unfortunate fatalities of children by providing them with safety education and hands-on training. With the combined efforts of the educational system, Chautauqua County Health Department, local fire departments and law enforcement, we hope to make a difference in the lives of children for generations to come. We look forward to your participation.

There is a cost of \$5.00 per student to attend the Fire, Traffic and Bike Safety Classes. There is a \$120.00 or 24 student minimum for the session. Checks can be made payable to CCSEV and brought the day of the field trip. (Please do not send cash). Classes are scheduled on a first come-first serve basis. Please schedule your field trip early to ensure availability. Please inquire about cost and scheduling for 4th & 6th-12th grade programs.

The Children's Safety Village is fully accessible to all children, including children with special needs. We are happy to make special accommodations and ask that you let us know the needs of your students prior to your visit.

Important Notes:

1. Our Fire, Traffic and Bike Safety classes last a full two hours. Please arrange transportation accordingly so we are able to get all the children through the program.
2. Morning classes are from 9:15-11:30am. Students must arrive by 9:15am in order to begin classes at 9:30am. Afternoon classes are from 12:00-2:15pm. Students must arrive by 12pm. We are aware that some schools will be traveling a longer distance and we are happy to accommodate your timeframe for arrival. Please let us know what would work best for you at the time you schedule your class.
3. Traffic and Bike programs include outdoor training which will take place in ALL weather conditions, rain or shine, unless the weather is extreme or school has been cancelled. Please have children dress appropriately. (Should wear gym shoes and rain coats as necessary. No skirts, dresses or dress shoes.)
4. Fire, Traffic, and Bike Safety Classes are limited to 60 students per session,
5. Chaperons are necessary to provide adequate supervision and safety during the hands-on training portion of the classes. We require classes to have one chaperon per six students, and thank you in advance for their assistance.
6. Children must be accompanied by a chaperon at all times, including restroom breaks.
7. The Children Safety Village must receive 3 weeks notice of class cancellation or rescheduling. Your understanding is appreciated.

Program Overview: Topics and participation are age appropriate and will vary among grades. Each year builds on the previous year. www.childrenssafetyvillage.com/curriculum

A Firefighter's Christmas Story

I lay in my bed early Christmas morning, where I was warm and sound asleep. Outside the winter temperature was a snowy, frigid zero degrees. Suddenly I awoke with a start, and the usual moment of slight fear, as my fire pager went off. "Structure fire, Luce Road, Town of Ellery." I popped up quickly, putting on the extra heavy clothing I had laid out the night before. It's funny how quick thoughts run through the mind in fractions of a moment. I thought it was almost funny as my usual timing was off because I had put my pants on top of my socks. That threw me off because I always put my socks on first. Oh well, it had been Christmas Eve the night before and I was tired by the time we got the kids to bed.

As I ran through the brutal night air, my heart pounded. I thought that it might take my brother and sister firefighters a few extra minutes to get their cars going. As I neared the station, the big doors were opening like the jaws of a monster. The huge diesel fire engines were starting to roar. The red and white light beams began to stab the air outside. Exhaust and steam bellowed from the gigantic mouth like a dragon.

Firefighters began running in, throwing off hats, jackets and shoes, and began changing into their firefighting gear. As I climbed into the jump-seat, I put the final touches on adjusting the various hooks and snaps on my coat. Two of us donned the mounted air-packs, as the big engine roared forward with the wail of the siren and blast from the air horn.

We sat in silence as we drove over the lonely back country roads. We hoped, of course, that everyone got out safely, but didn't know for sure. The rear radio speaker seemed to be a constant blare from the incoming units. A glance exchanged with my buddy in the other jump seat was our acknowledgment that it must be a "worker." What a shame, on Christmas, too!

As we crested the hill, our hearts sank. One look at the massive orange glow in the valley told us that there would not be much we could do on this one. We just hoped they all got out. The fire scene was the usual beehive of activity. The barn was protected by streams of ice cold water to prevent it from catching fire. From that point on it was cold, painful, physical, depressing work to simply put gallons of water on the black skeleton of what used to be a happy home.

After a few hours, I was standing by the barn alone watching the fire hose spray foam ice over the surrounding trees, fire equipment, and firefighters. Many moved about like tin soldiers in their icy encasements. As I stood there wondering if the sun would warm things much at dawn, I heard the animals in the barn. The family had to flee their burning home and take refuge in the barn, seeking warmth

and safety from the sub-zero wind chill, as the father ran a quarter mile up the country road to neighbor's house to call for help.

I reflected on the irony that we were celebrating practically the same circumstances that happened almost 2,000 years ago. A family then had taken refuge in the hay among the animals also. How sad that father, mother and three little children had to suffer on any day, but especially this day.

Volunteer firefighters are very big-hearted people, and it didn't take long before talk began of how this family could be helped. That's when something wondrous happened. A quick plan was etched out between Maple Springs, Ellery Center, and Bemus Point Fire Department families. We had to get this family of five clothing, food, a place to stay, and some Christmas presents. But, where and how would we get them on Christmas Day at 6:00 AM? We didn't want them to not have a Christmas.

A few telephone calls were made to neighbors, churches, and to the two area radio stations. A call for help went out over the airwaves that Christmas morning. We requested that drop off points, for convenience, could be either the Bemus Point fire station or the Summit Lodge in Maple Springs, which was owned by MSVFD Fire Chief, Tip Rhinehart.

A most memorable Christmas then began to unfold around 9:00 AM. A constant flow of cars came in loaded with clothing, food, furniture, toys and every other imaginable item. The phones rang off the hook. Money began pouring in from individuals and organizations. People gave what they could, depending on each situation. I know very well that some of those presents were supposed to go to someone special that Christmas Day. The used items given were not discarded junk, but beautiful things. Elderly and young alike came to give. Some said they wouldn't feel right this day without giving. Others said they could remember Christmas Days gone by during the Depression. Still others had personally experienced fires and knew how it felt. Some were parents and didn't want to see the little children go without. Store managers called with items they had. One couple driving in their car heard the sad news on their radio and called to have us set-up the victims in an extra house that wasn't occupied. They wanted the family to live there rent-free, until they found a new home. The reasons for giving, and the types of gifts go on and on. I guess the point is, THE PEOPLE JUST WANTED TO GIVE.

Well, to make a beautiful long story short, the following happened: A call was put into the local resident Saint Nick to stand by for duty. He said he would love to and wouldn't stand for us using an impostor. By 2:00 PM, one van, one

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recreational vehicle, and three pick-up trucks loaded with gifts were on their way to Dewittville with Saint Nick in the lead. Santa told the wide-eyed children and the teary-eyed parents that he heard about the fire and was back again. One of the best comments by the children when they received some gifts that were the same as the ones that they had left under the Christmas tree the evening before, was from little Walter. He looked at Santa and said, "How did you do that Santa? I thought it burned up." Santa couldn't answer him right then as he was trying to fight back tears. The gifts and money continued to come in. It was just fantastic!

As I opened presents with my family later Christmas Day, I felt this year was special. I thought of a poem by Edwin Markham:

Two At A Fireside

I built a chimney for a comrade old
I did the service not for hope or hire –
And then I travelled on in winter's cold
Yet all the day I glowed before the fire.

I heard one giver comment to a firefighter how this couldn't be a very good Christmas for him. As he removed their gifts from their car, he looked up and said, "On the contrary. I think it's my best Christmas yet because of people like you."

That Christmas Day night, my house was quiet and warm as my family slept. I arranged my extra heavy clothes in preparation for a possible call that night. I made sure to put my socks on top of my pants this time and chuckled to myself. As I laid back into that warm bed and finally became sleepy and weary from lack of sleep, I thought to myself how heartening it had been for the firefighters to see this tremendous show of compassion. I smiled to myself when I thought of all those givers. Most of them didn't even know the victims, but I knew that as they travelled in winter's cold, yet all the day they glowed before the fire.

This was originally written by Jon Stahley "many fires ago."

Notes from the Editor:

This is the second publication of the all new electronic "The Responder" and I hope you enjoy it. I want to say thank you to all the contributors for this edition. I believe that this is a great view of the county fire service with articles from all parts of the county.

I also want to add my thanks to Falconer Printing for all their help with this publication. As Jon Stahley has written, this has been a 20 year project for them and they are very good at what they do. In the short time I have been involved in this publication Lyn Nagel has been great to work with. She makes this a very easy thing for me to do. I wish a long and healthy retirement to Lyn and Steve Roach going forward.

The next edition of "The Responder" is scheduled for March of 2015 so if you have an article please send it to me. I really enjoy including information from all parts of the county.

Finally on behalf of myself and Mary Jane I want to wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas season. May you all enjoy health and happiness in 2015.

John Griffith

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