

# Hot Calls

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## Seneca Swim For Emergency Volunteers

**2**016 is the 4th Annual 1 mile swim. This year will benefit the Tyrone Fire Department. Buoys will mark a 0.5 mile towards East Shore where swimmers will return to Clute Park. This is a fun event, it is not a race. It will be for all ages male and female (youngest age is 13 years old as of the date of the swim) Date of this year's event is Saturday, August 22nd, Preregistered swimmers will have signed consent forms along with their donations. Email Dawn for registration forms at [homerdawn@yahoo.com](mailto:homerdawn@yahoo.com) More information can be found on their Facebook Group at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1390641964497587/>

## History

**D**o we know who was the first "Rescue Squad That responded to calls" Monterey Fire Rescue! They were the first to go online and answer calls. They were followed shortly by "Odessa Fire Rescue". We all took the first responder class taught by Don Bassett.. Some had EMTs or METs as they were called then. The rest of the county fire departments soon followed.



### Calendar:

Hector Pancake Breakfast 2nd Sunday of every month

Tyrone Gun Raffle. Tickets are \$20 donation each Sept 7 2pm-6pm

## Firefighter Profile: Tony Longbucco

**T**ony has been in the fire service for 44 years. He started on Long Island then went to Spring Valley in Rockland County. He is married to his wife, Debbie, of 34 years and they have two girls, Veronica and Anna. Veronica was in the fire service for 5 years. They came to Burdett in 1983.

Tony served as Rescue Captain and is a Fire Investigator for Emergency Management of Schuyler County. He and his wife Debbie both joined Schuyler Ambulance. His big change that he has seen over his years in the fire service is the protective clothing - going from rubber coats and gloves to the modern bunker gear that everyone is issued now. The largest events that stick in his mind are the ones where someone has died in the fire. Tony has taken the job as President of the Ambulance Corps in Schuyler County. This is a tremendous responsibility. The group has gone through some tough times. He feels the corps is better off financially now thanks to the



hard work of the board. They have purchased a new ambulance, bariatric stretcher and heart monitors. They are finding it hard to hire ALS providers. I asked him why and he feels they are burned out and don't want a part time or per diem job. They are tired after their full time job.

The corps still maintains four ambulances and runs about 2500 calls per year. They are looking for volunteer EMTs, EMRs, basic first aid and CPR, for attendants and drivers. This would give all a chance to see if they would like working on

an ambulance and then a chance to see how each person would work out. This could lead to a paid position. Training can be provided. Anyone interested should give them a call, even if they are outside Schuyler County. Also, they are short of help at times and would welcome help from fire departments to drive when they ask. Give them a call at 607-535-7273 or stop in at 909 South Decatur Street, Watkins Glen. When you see Tony, thank him for his service.

## Beaver Dams: Trailer Fire

**E**arly Sunday morning, June 26, Beaver Dams, along with most of Schuyler County, along with units from Steuben and Chemung worked a well involved double wide which was well off the main road. It was a very hot morning and it was necessary to rotate crews regularly. Fire originated in the south end of the home. It advanced into the space between the ceiling and the roof before crews could make a hit on it. It became a total loss.



*5" hose lay to Montour's engine*



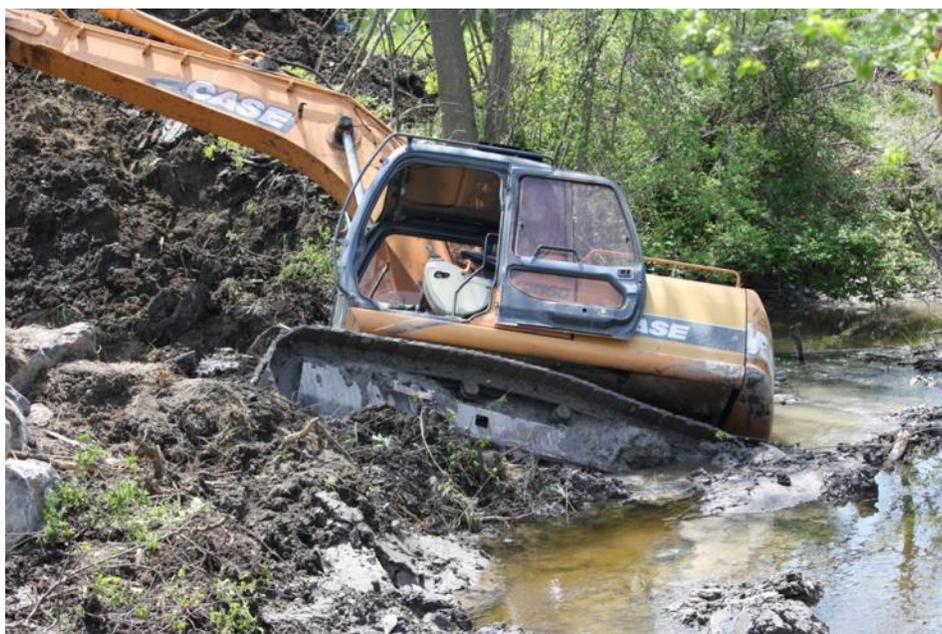
## Mecklenburg: Motorcycle MVC

A motorcycle MVC on a nice Memorial Day weekend (May 30) brought out Mecklenburg Rescue and Schuyler Ambulance. The one patient was flown from the LZ to Robert Packer. Burdett Fire Department provided coverage for the LZ.



## Odessa: Stuck Excavator

A stuck excavator created hazmat for Odessa. The fuel from the stuck machine leaked into the stream. A quick call from the town and placement of booms and pads ensured very little actually got into the creek. Emergency Management was also there.



# Watkins Glen: Structure Fire

A late afternoon structure fire brought a second alarm response to a PreEmption Road address. E-30 was the first engine in and the crew made an aggressive hit on a very smoky fire. Very little water was needed to knock the fire down and second alarm crews were able to help with the overhaul. Unfortunately the fire had been burning for some time and did a lot of heat and smoke damage. This was a long run for all companies and they made a great stop. It was a very warm afternoon. There was a lot of help on scene.



*Water supply was set up but not used.*



*Side dumps make life easy.*

## Montour Falls: Brush Fire

**T**here was an unusual brush fire for Montour Falls. July 5th was a very hot day in a long string of dry weather in Schuyler County. Montour and Odessa were dispatched for a small brush fire across from the

gas station south of Montour Falls. When they arrived they discovered ashes from charcoal had set fire to a tree root. They had to dig up the root to extinguish the fire. This created a labor intensive effort to expose the

fire. It had burned quite a distance. This could continue to be a problem with fires burning underground. Companies need to make sure their perimeters are well soaked.

## Watkins Glen: Portable Pond

**W**atkins Glen demonstrated their new pond at Learn Not To Burn (LNTB) day in Odessa. For the crew on the truck it was the first time they had tried it with water in it. This folds up in the compartment and can be deployed by one firefighter. The hard suction is hooked up at the blue connection on the bottom of the tank.



*Full tank with 2000 gallons of water.*

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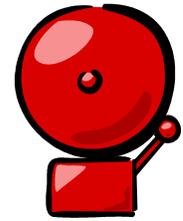
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## Last Alarms



*John Bartholomay*  
*Beaver Dams*

## Upcoming Classes

*Coming in the Fall:*

- *EMT Original at Beaver Dams (9/6)*
- *EMT Refresher at Beaver Dams (9/6)*
- *EMT Refresher at Watkins Glen (9/7)*

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