

# Hot Calls

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## CON For Race Track

The meeting of the Southern Tier Emergency Medical Council was held in the Odessa Fire station August 11. The reason had to do with WGI wanting a CON (Certificate Of Need) for operation on an ambulance at the race track. The request has since been withdrawn.



## Montour Falls Man Charged in Meth Bust

The Schuyler County Sheriff's Office charged a Montour Falls man with Unlawful Manufacture of Methamphetamine in the Third Degree, a Class D felony. Deputies said Mark D. Melnick, 38, of 100 Clawson Blvd., Montour Falls -- the address of the Relax Inn motel -- was charged for allegedly "possessing the remnants of a meth cooking operation in his motel room." He was sent to Schuyler County Jail in lieu of \$5,000 bail. The New York State Police CCSERT (Contaminated Crime Scene Emergency Response Team) processed and cleaned the room, deputies said.

### Calendar:

Hector Pancake Breakfast 2nd Sunday of every month

Burdett's 20-Week Club/ Dinner Dance Tickets. \$100ea (Dinner) On-going thru April 29

# Montour Falls: Trailer Fire

On a very hot summer day Montour, along with their second alarm companies, fought a working trailer fire with and addition. It was well involved when Montour arrived. Good aggressive exterior then interior attack made a quick knockdown, but it was a total loss.



## Watkins Glen: Trailer Fire

**A** well involved trailer fire brought out Watkins Glen and their second alarm assignment. NASCAR week made

manpower short initially. Fire was a long run for Watkins. The trailer was not occupied. This as also a very hot night and crews needed

plenty of water to stay hydrated.



## Tyrone: MVA

**T**yrone Accident with Jeep 4th of July brought out a helicopter flight and mutual aid for manpower to Tyrone for a jeep roll over. A few weeks later there was

another accident in Tyrone with vehicle on fire. It was first thought someone was in the vehicle but all occupants were out on arrival of fire departments from Tyrone

and Watkins. Accident was in Altay with Watkins and Dundee SCVAA, three Helicopters assisting. It turned out to be in Watkins Glens territory.

## Firematics Day 1978

**F**irematics Day 1978  
How many of these trucks are still in service.



## Firematics Day September 10, 2016

**T**his, 60th Annual Firematics Day, was held in Montour Falls. Burdett and Montour co-hosted the day. Several events were planned for the day and a great lunch was provided.





Registration



Truck Rodeo layout



Contest Layout



Portable Pump Contest



Portable Pump Contest

# Firematics Day cont...



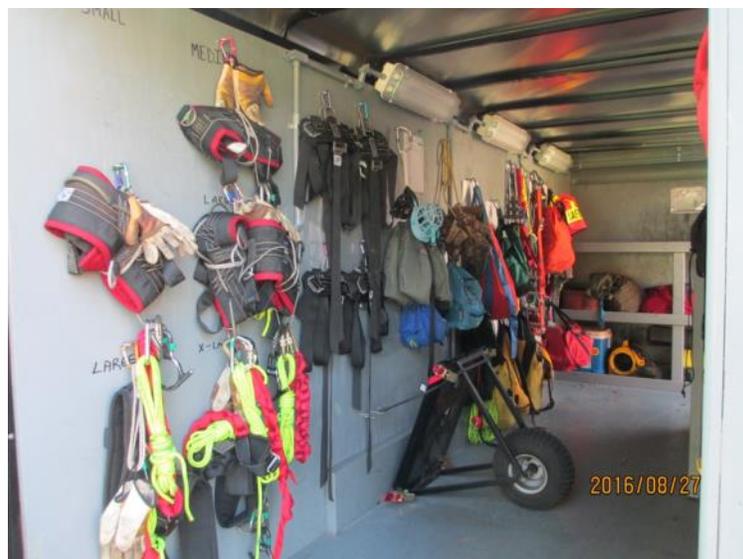


## Watkins Glen: Special Rescue

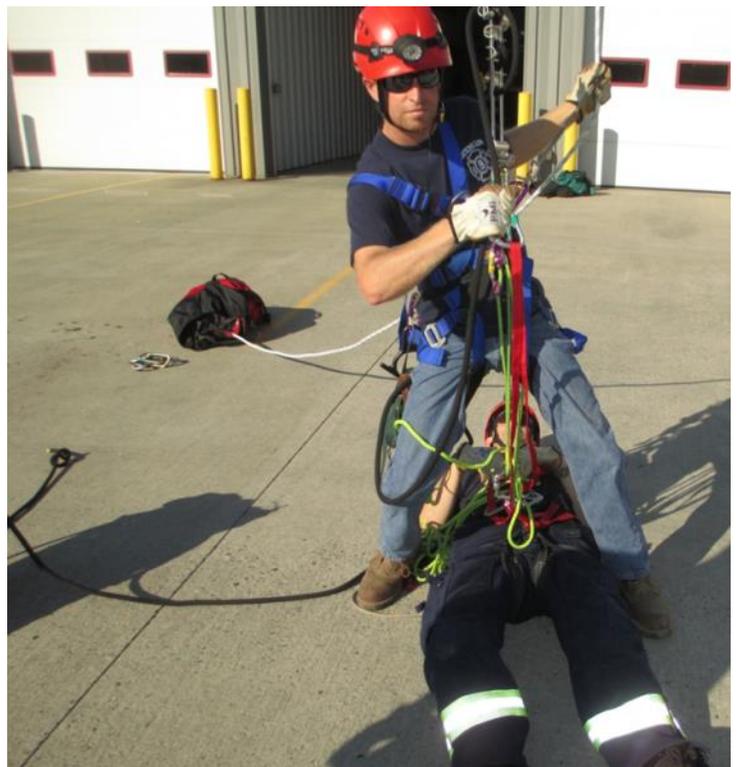
**M**any years ago Watkins Glen developed a specialized technical rope rescue unit. The need came from the more frequent calls for rescues in the Watkins Glen Gorge. They realized that if they were to continue to have these calls it was important to be better equipped to perform the rescues and to keep their firefighters safe and also to keep their victims of falls from further harm. This began the task of equipping the trailer they now have with the latest and best rope gear they now have in their possession. Chief Charlie Scaptura said a lot was done prior to his joining the department. Previous chiefs continued to equip the unit as well as having all the members be trained at different levels to perform the difficult rescues. He gives a lot of credit to his predecessors for where they are today. Alan Gregory and the late Dave Centurelli have trained the unit in the most difficult techniques.

Alan is also an adjunct instructor at the New York State Fire Academy. Some of the rope classes they have attended are NYS Technical Ops, Rope Tech 1, Rope Tech 2. They have the largest inventory of rope (5000 feet) in a five county area. They have been called for rope rescues in Tompkins, (miners rescue in Lansing) Yates County, Chemung, and several mutual aid calls within Schuyler County. This is outside the normal half a dozen or more calls to the gorge every year. They train regularly and all members are required to make six trainings a year to stay active. They have an annual in-service and the equipment is checked monthly and after each rescue they do. A log book is kept on all the equipment they have. It takes five hours to properly check the equipment. I have heard nothing but good things on their operations and have had the privilege to work with them on a couple of rescues in the

county. They are very thorough and very safe in what they do. They do not hurry and make sure everything is correct before starting any operation. A lot of the equipment they have, including the trailer, was donated by the Fraboni family and Jean Pappas. The following pictures do not do justice to the skills these firefighters have. We are very fortunate to have this resource in the county. The next time you hear them training go check them out. I assure you it is worth the trip!







# Firefighter Profile: Luman A. Terryberry

## Schuyler County's First County Fire Instructor

By: Rick Churches

The New York State Fire training program was first instituted in Schuyler County in 1949. Schuyler County's first and only Fire Instructor at the time was Luman A. Terryberry of Montour Falls, a native of Athens, PA. Luman was a fireman in the Montour Falls Fire Department. Luman also was appointed deputy director of Civil Defense for Schuyler County. Luman worked full time at Shepard Niles as a Grinder.

Prior to teaching his first fire classes Luman attended a Fire Instructors Conference at First College in Rochester in early 1949. The first three basic firefighting classes were taught by Luman in February 1949 with eighty one firemen attending. The diplomas for that first group of state-trained firefighters were bestowed to the students by toastmaster, former Cook Academy Principal Bert C. Cate, during a graduation dinner held in Montour Falls in October of 1949.

From 1949 through 1954 Luman taught many Basic, Intermediate & Advanced NYS fire schools as well as

many first aid courses to hundreds of Schuyler County firemen. He attended several Fire Instructor & Civil Defense schools in Old Forge, Albany and Rochester in order to teach the latest fire & rescue techniques to county emergency personnel.

He also would speak at public functions and banquets regarding firefighting training and was known to tout the benefit of fire department mutual aid plans.

Unfortunately Luman's life was cut short by a heart attack on April 1, 1954 while driving an automobile with a friend in Chemung County.

The next time you take a state fire class in Schuyler



County I hope you will think of the importance of Luman Terryberry's early contribution to instilling professionalism in the fire service in Schuyler through his instruction and education of the firefighters of Schuyler County.

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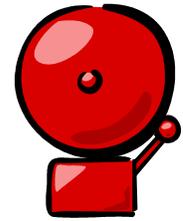
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## Last Alarms



*August 9, 2016*

***Henry Scholtisek***  
*Watkins Glen*

*September 5, 2016*

***David Beckhorn***  
*Hector*

*September 6, 2016*

***James Kuttner***  
*Montour Falls*

*October 11, 2016*

***Richard Bills "The Bear"***  
*Valois, Logan, Hector*

## Upcoming Classes

*Anticipating:*

- *CFR Original at Montour Falls (11/1)*
- *CFR Refresher at Montour Falls (11/1)*

**W**ant to be notified of our upcoming courses? Join our mailing list! Send requests to [jgeck@co.schuyler.ny.us](mailto:jgeck@co.schuyler.ny.us)

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