

Hot Calls

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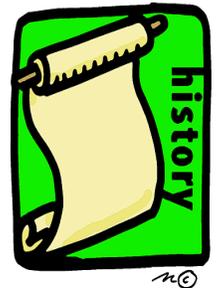
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History

One hundred and forty one firefighters get certificates January 20th, 1967. The courses were Essentials of Firemanship, Air Craft Fire and Rescue, Fire Investigation, Pump Operators, Single Company Operations, Ladder Company Operations. Basic First Aid was taught to 34 firefighters from Odessa, Watkins Glen and Montour Falls.



Calendar:

Burdett's 20-Week Club/Dinner Dance Tickets. \$100ea (Dinner for two)	On-going thru April 28
Tyrone Gun Raffle	On-going thru September 15
Mecklenburg Ham Raffle & Card Party	March 9 7pm-2am
Mecklenburg Sportsman's Raffle \$10/ticket	October 21

Emergency Services Meeting

The Schuyler County Emergency Services meeting was held on December 21, 2017. Eighteen people representing seven fire departments and the Emergency Management Office were in attendance. Information and discussions were held on the following topics.

- Status of department fire reports for 2017.
- Upcoming and ongoing training classes. The shortage of State fire instructors for Schuyler County. We are currently short three instructors. In addition, we are struggling to have enough instructors for the EMS classes, as well.
- Second Alarm Assignments should be reviewed and updated as needed.
- AFG grant period to open in December.
- Seneca Santa was discussed.
- The EMO office is working on cleaning up the mapping program with lines to match what the individual Fire Contracts read.
- The Town of Orange has contracted with Bradford, Beaver Dams and Tyrone to provide fire protection.

Firefighter Profile: Anne Bebout

Then Fire Chief of the Beaver Dams Fire Company needed drivers for his fire apparatus during the day (and night) in 1973. He knew that Anne Bebout drove school buses for the Corning School District. Her husband already belonged to the company and so Dick asked her if she would be interested in joining. He knew she could handle the big trucks and just needed to go through fire training for essentials and pump operators classes. It soon became a family affair as all three sons joined as junior firefighters. Anne became interested in the EMS part, also. Beaver Dams had an EMS class that she took and she soon joined Schuyler Ambulance as well. She and Roger and were a good husband and wife team for both organizations. She worked her way up to a "CAT 3 EMT" (ALS). Anne was

always a part of Beaver Dams Rescue Squad. Her worst EMS calls were when a child and a woman were killed in an accident.

Her most memorable fire was when her husband Roger and another firefighter rescued a man from a fire in Moreland. The possibility of knowing the people involved was always a concern but she was able to put that aside and do her job when the time came. Her take on it all was it is never a problem being a woman in the fire and EMS service. She enjoyed her time in the services and also the people she contacted. Anne's husband Roger has since passed away and she



lives near her family in Danville, Virginia. She did pave the way for women in the fire and EMS service. She also became a Deputy EMS Coordinator for Schuyler County.

Thanks Anne for all you have done.

Some of this article was from the "Behind the Fire Lines" newsletter done by the county's "Bureau of Fire" Shirley Churches, 25 years ago. We see Anne every year when we go to Florida.

Mecklenburg Annual Banquet

Line officers were installed by Coordinator Bill Kennedy.

From left to right:

Nate Mayo - Chief

Brian Gunning - 1st Asst.

Wade Whittaker - 2nd Asst.

Albert Foote - 3rd Asst.

Misha Foote - Captain of Rescue



The members were thanked for providing 38 years of Sunday morning breakfasts.

Paul Taber was recognized for becoming a life member.



Becky Franklin Guild (FASNY Representative) presented 50 year awards to Pete Coats (left) and Bill Ward (right)

Burdett Banquet

The last annual banquet to be held in the current Burdett fire house. Drawings of the new station were on display. (see next page)

Chief Jason Kelly and the line officers were sworn in by Deputy County Coordinator Brian Gardner.

Line Officers from the right (photo right):

Jason Kelly - Chief

Steve Crout - 1st. Asst

Daryl White - 2nd. Asst.

Curt Lodge - 3rd. Asst.

Ryan Barr and Curt

Connelly - Deputy Chiefs

Deputy Chiefs Curt Connelly and Ryan Barr were given helmets for their positions.

Nate Barr was recognized for 40 years of service.

The top responder for the year was Mark Wood.



The Future Burdett Fire Station



Odessa: Structure Fires

Firefighters were called out on Monday, January 1st at 2:17 p.m. to the scene of a house fire near Cayutaville. The structure at 2457 County Route 6 was deemed a total loss. A fire investigator said the cause was believed to be water pipe-affixed electrical heating tape that overheated. The house, owned by a Pennsylvania couple, was not occupied at the time of the fire. Temperatures were in the single digits but did not present a major problem. An aggressive defensive attack followed by an interior attack with our mutual aid second alarm companies knocked down the fire but major damage was had to most of the contents. A log home exposure within five feet was not damaged. *(Photos upper right)*

**Story and
Pictures by
Odessa File**

Then on Thursday the 4th on the same week, OFD was called mutual aid to a commercial garage fire on Route 13 in Tompkins County to Newfield fire district. A working fire kept three companies busy for 3 ½ hours for a stubborn fire in the ceiling and walls. Temperatures again were in the single digits but a good stop was made.

On Saturday the 6th a structure fire was called at Wagner Lumber Company in the boiler room. A fire in the wall and ceiling presented an unusual attack problem as electrical equipment was in the same area. Dry chemical and water cans were used to quell the fire instead of hand lines. Preplanning the facility at least once a year has paid off to know where these special problems are. Three employees were injured from smoke and one was burned fighting the fire prior to our arrival. They were treated by Odessa EMS and transported by Erway and Schuyler Ambulance. Odessa's main engine was soon frozen from the cold temperatures even though we circulated water on arrival. Wagner provided a large building to move the truck to inside while they were fighting the fire. It was close enough to give assistance or equipment if needed. A large salamander was also on hand but not used. Temperatures were around -5F with wind chill in the teens. Mutual aid companies should be grateful they were not needed. Members were just returning from an EMS call at 0615 when the alarm came in.



On January 16th at about 1400 hours Odessa again went mutual aid to Newfield about a quarter of a mile north of the first fire on State Route 13. This was a working house fire. Two story with an separate garage that apparently was on fire first and spread to the house. A good stop was made on the house and fire did not extend into the front of the house. Odessa provided a tanker and a engine and manpower for the effort. They were on the job for a couple of hours.

Burdett: Structure Fire

On January 15th Burdett was called out to a structure fire on State Route 414. This was in a difficult location on the highway as it is very narrow with very little shoulders. This area is not unfamiliar to Burdett as they have had many calls for MVCs in this area and have been to this residence before for a working trailer fire. They plan well on how to handle emergencies in this location (shut the road down). A second alarm was sounded and soon had help from Hector, Montour Falls and Watkins Glen and Schuyler Ambulance along with Emergency Management. A small structure located up a long drive above the road was involved. A quick knock down was made and they did do an interior attack but major damage was had to the structure. This was again a very cold day and companies did a great job of getting on it early along with a long stretch to the fire.



Tyrone: Structure Fire

January 20th structure fire on Bailey Hill Road brought out Tyrone along with mutual aid from Wayne, Dundee, and Bradford. Hammondsport and Savona covered empty stations. A delayed alarm caused a two story farm house to have a huge head start. On arrival of Tyrone a defensive attack was made with little left to work on. This family was the ones shown on “American Pickers” show on the history channel. Unfortunately it was a total loss. The operation was set up good and water supply was good.



Firefighters work to overhaul the structure.



Water was supplied from a dry hydrant between the two lakes at the boat launch.

Tyrone: Dump or Pump?

Tyrone is set up to pump the first 3700 gallons of water on a fire. A pre-connected 3 inch line is on the pump side of their pumper-tanker. The decision to dump is made depending on the situation at hand. Their tanker has a 1500gpm pump to supply the pumper. Depending on the manpower it makes a good set-up if they only have a single company operation. A pond can be set up after pump operation is established. The pumper has 1500 gallons of water, the tanker 2200 gallons.



What's New In Tyrone

Tyrone has made a big improvement in the way they load patients. They have installed a power lift unit for their Striker stretcher. The unit can lift up to 700 lbs. and can be operated by one person.

New unit fully stored



Unit is run out by control on end of unit



Unit is hooked green light is shown.



Can be put back in ambulance by one person. No lifting!

What's New In Tyrone



A new washing machine has been added for the cleaning of turnout gear. Soap is automatically added.



A boat that was acquired from the Wayne Fire Company is for water rescues both winter and summer. There is wheels in the back that allow the boat to move across the ice and a motor can be added for open water.

What's New In Watkins Glen

The above decon kit is carried on each engine. They decon all personnel that have been involved in a fire or hazmat situation on the scene. Then the gear is removed and put in large garbage bags as not to contaminate the apparatus. Then washed once they are back at the station. They also carry personal wipes to get all the exposed skin before leaving the scene. How clean is clean is the issue. There is a big push to decon all gear involved in interior attack or exposure to hazardous material prior to returning to the station. Extra cloths or gear is needed for firefighters to change into. Once back at quarters for those who have showers firefighters are made to shower. These are standards that are out there and at least Watkins is taking care of the on-scene issue now. Any questions contact Watkins for further details. It is my understanding that the renovations that Hector just did on their station and the new station in Burdett are required to have showers for this purpose.



What's New In Watkins Glen

A new tool called the “pig” takes the place of the flat headed axe on the “set of irons” on each truck. It has a striking service, place for the halligan to fit on the tool, also a wedge for cutting.



Dominick Smith shows one of 31 new Draeger air packs purchased on a grant.



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Last Alarms



Rick Yaw
Montour Falls

Upcoming Classes

We will be offering the following classes:

- *EMT-B Core Content (4/4/18)*
- *The Rules Have Changed...The Firefighter's Guide to Lightweight Wood Construction (4/10/18)*
- *Water Supply (4/23/18)*
- *Pump Ops (TBD)*
- *BEFO (Spring TBD)*

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