

Hot Calls

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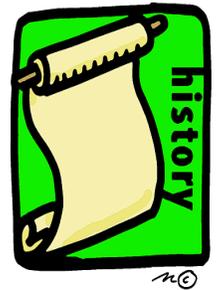
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History

February 14, 1980.

At County Association meeting Gary Kelly made a motion to amend Section 2 Article 4 of the by-laws that the President of the County Association have direct control over the Fire Prevention program. There will be an administrative committee of a chairman and two program advisors and two journalists. All must be members of the County Association. Any vacancy would be filled at the next regular meeting. This group would be responsible to manage the program including instructors.



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 Sportsman's Raffle \$10/ticket	On-going thru October 21

Hector Banquet

From left:

Max Freeman - Fire Police Capt.
Mike Hicks - Chief
Steve Williams - 1st Assistant
Travis McKeon - 2nd Assistant
John Horrocks - 3rd Assistant
Donnie Dalrymple - Deputy Chief

Hector had 193 calls of which 161 were EMS calls. 81 were for helping other agencies. Elizabeth Williams was the top responder for the year.



Firefighter Profile: The Mahnkes

VOLUNTEERS BEYOND THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Charlene and Adam Mahnke are two hard working volunteers not only for Odessa Fire Department but also very active in the Scouting program that is also sponsored by the OFD. The pair have a family of three kids with both of their daughters being members in the fire department and Gunner patiently awaiting his 14th birthday so he can join in the family passion. Adam is currently 2nd Assistant Chief and is a fourth generation firefighter. Charlene is the Rescue Lieutenant and Secretary. She is a second generation firefighter. On the day pictured they were accepting an award from the Boy Scouts of America called "Wood Badge" for leadership training in the scouting program. Both are EMT's and also interior firefighters. For their paying jobs Charlene works at Borg-Warner to include the Emergency Response Team, where she has been since 1995. Adam is a 911 dispatch supervisor for Cornell University. He started there in January of 2000 and is a US Marine Corps Veteran. When Adam and Charlene are not at the fire station

they can be found with the Boy Scouts of America in various functions throughout the year and across multiple facets of the scouting program, many that Gunner is not involved in, as well as those that he is. They are also very active with the amateur radio community and volunteer and multiple events in the region throughout the year to provide safety communications for the events they help with. This is one example of people giving back to the community in more than one way. Husband and wife teams are not uncommon any more. It makes time away from home easier to when you are together. Adam and Charlene often joke about how Adam took a vacation day on an ill-fated Valentine's Day only to spend it together on the scene of a fully involved structure fire. Adam was a member of the Big Flats fire department before coming to Odessa in 2004. Most fire departments in the county have several husband-wife teams. As we move forward that concept may be an answer for the survival of the volunteer service. Having a family to think about is a huge factor but these guys were able to work it



Gunner, Charlene, Adam



Charlene and Adam at a recent fire

out. When you see Adam and Charlene tell them thanks for their service in the community.

Beaver Dams Banquet

From left:

Kirk Smith - Chief
Kent Thurston - 1st Assistant
Alex Sullivan - 2nd Assistant
John Rider - 3rd Assistant
Ray Towner III - Captain
Brandon Howell - 1st Lieutenant
Vern McLean Jr. - 2nd Lieutenant
Hollie Swarhout - Rescue Captain
Corbin Smith - Safety Officer

Beaver Dams logged over 7000 department hours. 24 members took state training. Trevor Thurston had the most training hours and beat his mother by one hour



Bill Kennedy installed this year's officers.

Montour Falls Banquet

Montour held their banquet Saturday night April 7. The new officers for the year are from right to left:

Bill Thomas - Chief
Mathew Burns - 1st Assistant
Brian Swartwood - 2nd Assistant
Joel Husted - Captain
Andrew Yessman - 1st Lieutenant
John Horyczun - 2nd Lieutenant
Jeremy Edmister - 1st Deputy Chief
Jeff Confer - 2nd Deputy Chief

The department had 304 calls and 1,053 hours training.

T.J. Riley was recognized for 50 years of service to the department. John Horyczun was the top responder.



Beaver Dams Fatal Fire

A structure fire called out Beaver Dams and their second alarm partners. The well-involved house fire at the time of the alarm took the life of a longtime local resident. On arrival of Chief Kirk Smith the roof was coming in and there was no chance to attempt any rescue. An outside attack was started and soon had to call in heavy equipment in order to find the occupant. The successful recovery was completed by the crews on scene and additional resources and manpower was brought in to assist with the difficult task.



Burdett Barn Fire

The fire was started by a heat lamp knocked down by pigs in the pen. Burdett did a good job knocking the fire down quickly. No additional alarms were needed.



Burdett "takes up" after a good stop on a barn fire.



Town of Hector Structure Fire

Trumansburg Fire Department responded to a structure fire on Grove Road in the Town of Hector. This was just outside the Mecklenburg Fire Department's territory. It was a working fire when they arrived. The fire was located in the basement and quick access to the basement made a good knock possible. Mutual aid was called from Hector, Mecklenburg, Enfield, along with Schuyler County Emergency Management. Odessa stood by in Mecklenburg station. Red Cross was also notified to assist the family. Trumansburg protects the north-east corner of Schuyler County. The coordinated attack provided for a successful firefighting operation.



T-burg Ladder truck first due on structure fire.

Mecklenburg Fires

A fire on Williamee Road on a Saturday morning heavily damaged a double wide home. Second alarm was transmitted and a long afternoon spent. For the most part it was a defensive operation. Burdett, Trumansburg, Odessa, Watkins Glen and Enfield assisted Mecklenburg.



Mecklenburg Fires cont.

There was a second fire on Williamee Road two days later.

This fire was two doors north of the first fire. Mutual aid was received from Trumansburg, Enfield, Odessa along with Mecklenburg. The second fire was handled by Mecklenburg canceling the 2nd alarm.

A subject has been arrested on arson charges after an investigation into the two fires.



Watkins Glen Fires

Per the WGFD Facebook page:

At approximately 5:30pm March 30 WGFD was alerted of a car fire on 414. Engine 30 and Tanker 31 responded to handle before they arrived on scene Hector FD happened to be in the area returning with their mini-pumper from repairs and stopped to assist. Thanks to Hector FD the fire was knocked down quickly .

At approximately 6:00pm that same day, while still on scene of the car fire, WGFD was alerted of a structure fire in the village. Hector was in the village at this time and responded and made a quick knock down of that fire as well. Thank you to all departments that responded.

A big thank you to Hector FD for all the help. You guys definitely stopped both situations from turning out much worse.



Winter Storm

On March 2nd a winter storm hit Schuyler County. It started as a heavy wet snow the night before and during the day Friday an addition 12 inches in some places piled up. This caused numerous power outages from downed trees and powers lines on both sides of the county and effected all eight fire departments in the county. Many hours were spent on blocking roads and checking

on hazardous conditions. As of this writing people in the county were still without power. Warming stations were established in some stations for people to go till power was restored or they could go to shelters.



Ice Rescue Training

Odesa Fire Department conducted the annual ice rescue training March 11th . With thin ice still on LITTLE LAKE (Cayuta Lake) it made for a good day to do the training. Things were going good until the department was called to a working structure fire in Chemung County.



Fire Officer I Class

The new Fire Officer I program, put on by the NYS Office of Fire Prevention and Control, Instructed by Fire Instructor John Jelliff and hosted at the Schuyler County Emergency Management Office ran from December 2017 through the end of March 2018. All students completed 63 hours in the classroom, with many additional course spent on quizzes, homework and projects. The new curriculum ISO added 15 hours of Strategy and Tactics for First Arriving Companies allowing students to learn new firefighting tactics and strategies for dealing with the calls firefighters respond to today and incorporating the new research from the Underwriter Laboratories. List of graduates follows:

1. Damon, Michael - Millport F.D.
2. Gilbert, Shaun - Watkins Glen F.D.
3. Hudson, Jason - Watkins Glen F.D.
4. Martin, Linus - Dundee F.D.
5. Nieves, Anthony - Watkins Glen F.D.
6. Nolt, Harlan - Dundee F.D.
7. Olevnik, Kristina - Watkins Glen
8. Smith, Corbin - Beaver Dams
9. Solorio, Michele - Newfield
10. Swarthout, Savoree - Beaver Dams
11. Swartz, Brandon - Valois, Logan, Hector
12. Thurston, Kent - Beaver Dams
13. Thurston, Rachel - Beaver Dams
14. Whittaker, Wayde - Mecklenburg
15. Zimmerman, Gerald - Dundee
16. Zimmerman, Harold - Dundee



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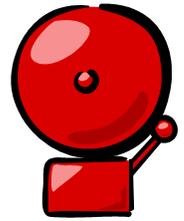
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Last Alarms



Jack Davis
Odessa

Upcoming Classes

We will be offering the following classes:

- *Pump Ops (4/23/18)*
- *Water Supply (TBD)*
- *BEFO (Spring TBD)*

Want to be notified of our upcoming courses? Join our mailing list! Send requests to jgeck@co.schuyler.ny.us

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