

# Hot Calls

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## Burdett Breaks Ground

**I**T IS REALLY HAPPENING!

The new Burdett Fire station is underway!

First shovels full of dirt were moved by most of the people that made it possible!



### Calendar:

Hector Fair July 26-28

Tyrone Gun Raffle On-going thru September 15

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



# Firefighter Profile: Donnie Dalrymple

This month's profile is about Donnie Dalrymple. He is the energizer bunny of Fire Prevention for Schuyler County. Without him our fire prevention program would be long gone. Since 2002 he has managed the program.

When he was 17, his mother had a massive heart attack and survived only two weeks. The work the volunteer firefighters and ambulance crew did to save her life, even if for only a few weeks, left a lasting impression on him. He had no clue of what to do, or how, when his mom suffered the heart attack. The fire department did and he said then that's what I need to do to make sure he was able to help someone else if that was to happen to them. That year he turned 18 years old and joined the Hector, Valois, Logan fire Company family. He was introduced to the Schuyler County Fire Prevention Program in 1989. "Learn Not to Burn" was in full swing. In 2002 he was appointed Program Coordinator for the "Learn Not to Burn" program. He has received much recognition for his work. In 2007 he was the recipient of the FASNY Fire Safety Educator of the Year award. Then in 2008 he received the



*Donnie Dalrymple (right) on the job.*

National Volunteer Fire Council Fire Prevention Award.

His partner Anita Dvornicky joined the fire company and they became a team in the fire company as both are EMT's with Hector. Donnie's son Nick has been active in the fire prevention program and eventually became a firefighter with Hector. Nick is currently a member with Watkins Glen. Donnie also got the family dog "Remmy" involved as the dog knew how to do "Stop, Drop, and Roll" and how to crawl under smoke. The kids just loved that. The dog just finally retired after 12 years. Donnie, like all of us in the program, has

sacrificed a lot to keep the program running strong. He runs his own business and has taken many days off to teach, not only in Watkins, but in Montour Falls and Bradford. We can't thank him enough for what he has done. He has saved many lives and prevented numerous fires that we will never know about.

When you see Donnie thank him for all he has done.

# Odessa Banquet

Officers of OFD sworn in.

- Mike Tomassi Chief
- John Jelliff 1st. Asst. Chief
- Adam Mahnke 2nd. Asst. Chief
- Keith Pierce 3rd. Asst. Chief
- Rick Churches Deputy Chief
- Charlene Mahnke Rescue Lt.
- Bill Bulkley Fire Police Capt.

Odessa answered 322 calls for service for the year.

Charlene Mahnke was the top responder for the year.

Bill Bulkley received the annual “Ridge Runner Award” He also received award for 55 years of service.



MOBILE HOME FIRE — Odessa Fireman Bill Buckley (foreground) makes a momentary exit from a Mountour Falls mobile home which was destroyed by fire Monday. Fire investigators determined the fire began with a hair dryer which was used to thaw some pipes.

## Hair dryer causes

*Bill Bulkley a few years ago as an interior*

# Watkins Glen

**W**atkins responded to 695 calls for service, 468 were EMS calls.

Mike Stamp (pictured right) received award for top in training.

Top Responder was Taylor Moore.

Bob DeNardo was recognized for 55 years of service

Line officers are:

|                   |                  |
|-------------------|------------------|
| Charlie Smith III | Chief            |
| Derek Bacon       | 1st. Asst. Chief |
| Robert Gruver     | 2nd Asst. Chief  |
| Jason Hudson      | 3rd. Asst. Chief |
| Dominick Smith    | Deputy Chief     |
| Shawn Gilbert     | Deputy Chief     |
| Robbie DeDominick | Deputy Chief     |



*Charlie Smith III was sworn in as Chief.*



*Junior Specchio receives a plaque for 70 years of "Active Service" he joined in 1948.*

## New SFI for Schuyler

**A**ndrew started his firefighting career in Odessa as a junior firefighter and has since moved to Montour Falls. He has spent 16 years in the fire service and is ready for the next step. He is going through training at the NYS Fire Academy to be certified in basic training classes so he can begin teaching. Andrew is also currently a lieutenant in Montour Falls and is also a Deputy Sheriff.



## Learn Not to Burn

**T**he County Learn Not to Burn program finished another year with Fire Trucks Day in Watkins Glen. This is the 41<sup>st</sup> year of the program and it underwent some administrative changes this year. The program is no longer under the County Fire Association. It is now managed by the Office of Emergency Management. We continue to provide excellent fire prevention to the county



schools and have kept the fires and fatalities to a very low rate. Burns injuries have been dramatically reduced because of this program.

Odessa. Montour Falls and Bradford Schools all participate.

# Emergency Services Meeting in Beaver Dams

Some minutes from the meeting are: The tanker taskforce was discussed and **voted** to get more information. Training authorization letters are now mandatory for all state classes. Talked about the “CAD” information to change on staging calls. Radio frequency priority was discussed. The use of Channel 1 and 2 will be assigned by Dispatch as needed during multiple incidents. Scene frequencies are assigned by Incident Command at the scene.



*Alex Sullivan checks out recently purchased air packs for the Beaver Dams Fire Department.*

# History

The Schuyler County Fire Investigation Unit was started under Emergency Management Director Harlow J. Bailey in 1973. The first “Chief” of the Unit was Gene Hubbell. The other 5 members were Gary Kelly, Fran Voorheis, Dwight Westlake, James Addesso and Dale Jaynes.

The team had their first training at the NYS Fire Academy and was taught by Academy Chief Don Dymes. Every course offered in the field of Cause and Origin was taught to these 6 members. Since its inception the Unit has investigated **thousands** of fires in Schuyler County as well as neighboring counties.

The first fire this Unit investigated was an arson/explosion of the Connecticut Hill Snowmobile Club off Swan Hill in Alpine. Three years later this case was solved by an arrest on a different matter.

The County Team members are not Peace Officers and have no arrest powers. They develop the leads and or suspects and once the investigation has progressed as far as the Unit can go, it is turned over to Law enforcement.

Because of the extreme dedication of this group, the cause and origin of all but a very few fires are determined. Today the Unit is comprised of 11 Investigators with 7 of them at Level 2 status and 2 of them Pro-Board Certified, the highest level in New York State. Members of SCFI Unit are:



*Fire Investigator ( center) works with local fire department on a recent suspicious fire.*

Chief Dale Jaynes, Car 9, Level 2 Pro Board Certified  
 Bill Kennedy, Car 1, Level 1  
 Kirk Smith, Car 4, Level 1 Juvenile Fire Setter Certified  
 Andrew Yessman, FI 74, Level 2  
 Keith Caslin, FI 75, Level 2 Pro Board Certified  
 Bill Kennedy Jr., FI 77, Level 1  
 Tim Hudson, FI 78, Level 2  
 Jason Fuller, FI 79, Level 2  
 Jeremy Edmister, FI 81, Level 2  
 Phil Barnes, FI 82, Level 2  
 Tony Longbucco, Level 1

## Mecklenburg: House Fire

**M**ecklenburg and its second alarm partners made a good stop on a fire on the Williamee Road (again). This was caused by a person soldering pipes and set fire to an outside wall. It extended into the second floor bedroom but was stopped by Mecklenburg and Trumansburg quickly. Burdett and Enfield also assisted at the scene and Odessa stood by. Damage was kept to a minimum. Good job by all.



## Burdett: Barn Fire

**F**or the second time in a month, Burdett saved a barn on the Arcangeli farm. This time it was a larger barn away from the barn that caught fire last month. A piece of farm equipment caught fire and it extended into the rafters. Firefighters were at the station and made a quick response to knock the fire down. Second alarm was called but not needed. This was a real good stop (again).

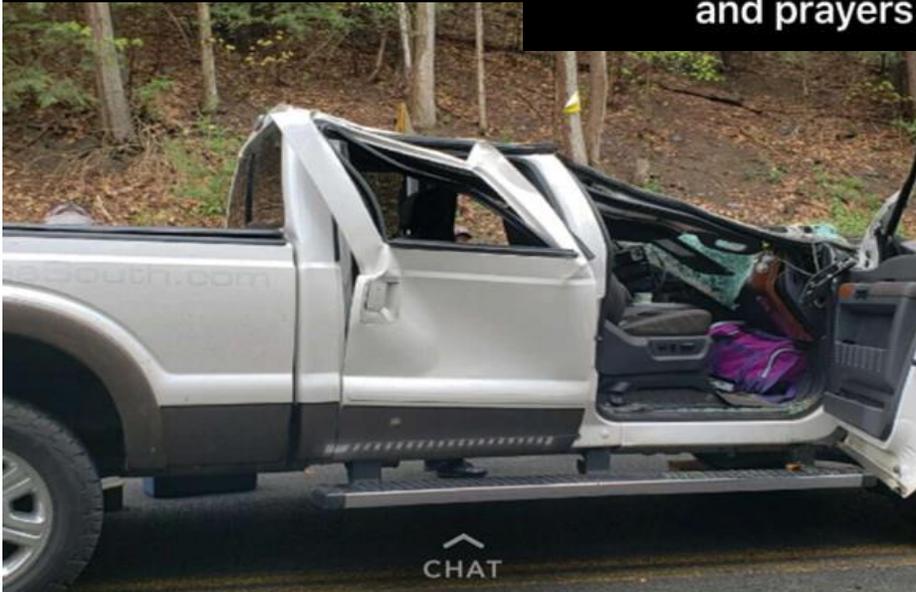
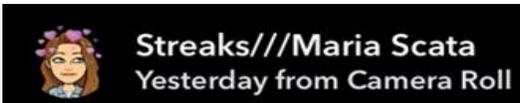


# Odessa: Tree Fell On a Truck

The father and daughter were trapped in this truck from a tree that just fell over as they drove by. Both had minor injuries. They had to be cut out by OFD.



For all of you wondering, my dad and I were in an accident on Thursday afternoon. We are both doing okay and made out pretty well all things considering. We are very lucky to be alive and very thankful for all your thoughts and prayers as we recoup 🧡



## Tyrone: Barn Fire

**T**yrone had a barn Fire on a very hot spring day! 5 inch hose lay to the pond on Sugar Hill State land.

The cause of the fire which was on Tower Hill Rd. is unknown at this time. Wayne, Dundee, and Montour Falls also on the scene as was Tyrone. The house was saved and a fast moving grass fire was stopped before it got too far.



Watkins Glen sets up to protect the house.



# Mutual Aid to Chemung County

A Pepsi truck went into a house after being hit by a Jeep in the wrong lane. A large mutual aid response was requested to handle the incident.

Schuyler County Rescue Jack Task Force. Beaver Dams, Odessa, Montour Falls, Watkins Glen, with Burdett standing by.

Watkins, Montour, and Beaver Dams extricated the truck driver.

Notice the use of the rescue jacks!

See this link for more pictures:

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## Last Alarms



*Brenda Jamison  
Tyrone*

## Upcoming Classes

We are hoping to offer the following classes this fall. Dates to be determined.

- *Water Supply*
- *CFR Original*
- *CFR Refresher*
- *EMT Refresher*

**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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