Hot Calls

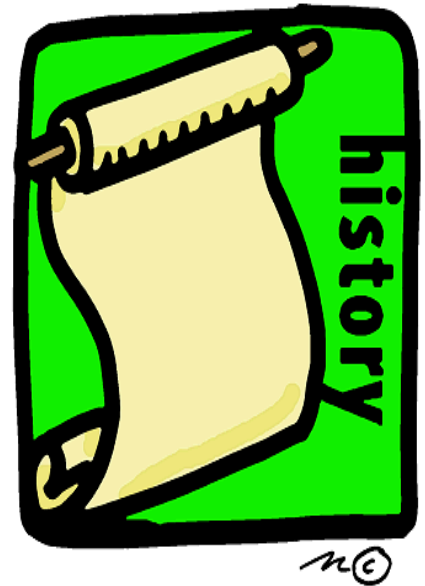## History

NOVEMBER 13, 1958

Raphael Specchio, Jr., as the Chairman on the newly organized "Seneca Santas", sent a letter to each fire department requesting them to donate $25 to this new county-wide organization for the purpose of distributing goods and supplies at Christmas time. It was left up to each department to decide if they would support this effort

Calendar:

Mecklenburg Breakfast — November 18

(every 3rd Sun, October thru May) — 7:30-11am

Keep the Wreath Blue — Begins November 2

Burdett's 20-Week Club/ Dinner Dance Tickets. $100ea (Dinner for two) — On-going thru April 27

Watkins Glen: House Fire

On October 12, about noon, a house fire brought out Watkins Glen and their second alarm partners. On arrival, an aggressive attack was made. As you can see, the fire had a significant head start on an older home with plank and lathe and plaster. Other departments throughout two counties aided at the scene, making for a long afternoon. A fill site was established at the business park hydrant. Along with Watkins, Montour Falls, Burdett, Odessa, Beaver Dams, Tyrone, Mecklenburg and Dundee assisted. Dundee was the Rapid Intervention Team (RIT).

Mecklenburg: MVC

An MVC in Mecklenburg brought out Mecklenburg Rescue, Trumansburg and Schuyler Ambulance. Two persons were injured. A helicopter was requested, but could not fly due to weather.

Odessa: MVA

The morning of October 22 proved to be a busy one for Odessa. They had two medical calls and an MVC that could have been a real challenge. A vehicle ran off State Route 224 and into a marshy area. With all the rain of late OFD prepared to do a water rescue if the driver was still in the vehicle. When 16-1 arrived, the driver was out and along the road with no injuries. They had water suits on board but not needed.

Hector: Garage Fire

A garage fire in Hector's district on October 16 brought out a second alarm response. The owners found it in the morning when they opened a door and smoke came out. They closed the door and called 911. On arrival, Hector's first engine found there had in fact been a fire during the early morning hours, around 3:00 am. The fire had consumed a workbench and other items, but because the garage was so well built the fire ran out of oxygen and extinguished itself! All units were in service or canceled.

Training for Water Supply

Mecklenburg Fire Company hosted a NYS Water Supply class taught by Robbie DeDominick. Some out-of-county firefighters traveled as long as an hour and a half just to take the course.

One problem we have really solved is rural water supplies. Even with large fires we are able to supply large amounts of water for firefighting. Robbie does a good job getting people out and trying different ways to fill tankers and off-load water at fires.

Marking Hazards

I t pays to look at new construction in your district. These pictures of a new church in the Odessa district show lightweight roof construction, which under fire conditions, can collapse within 5-6 minutes.

The pictures show new construction. According to code, truss construction is to be marked at the building entry - for roof, basement/floor, or both.

County Color Code

T here is or has been a color code in the county for each department. The purpose is to identify small equipment simply by the color painted on the tool. It has not been widely used in recent years. It seems with every large fire there are issues trying to identify the owners of the small tools. As memory serves: Black= Odessa, Yellow =Montour, Gray = Burdett, Green= Watkins. This could be inaccurate. EMO is looking to see if they can find any record of the old color code.

Top: Some of the id tags are rubbed off.

Bottom: Some tools are not marked at all

Emergency Services Meeting

The Emergency Services meeting was held at the Montour Falls Fire Department. Those in attendance were Montour Falls, Burdett, Watkins Glen, Tyrone, Odessa, Mecklenburg and Emergency Management. There were also two representatives from Schuyler County Public Health in attendance. There was a survey done on the status of health in the county and they were looking for comments from the responders to add to the report. One thing that was mentioned is that there have been a lot of calls for fire departments for lift assistance for people who have issues with mobility and/or have no home care there for them. During the discussion, there were two calls for lift assistance in the county, and it was duly noted by the Public Health reps. As to the validity of the reports, a lot of people don't report injuries or illnesses because they don't go to the ER.

Other items brought up at the meeting included:

Burdett has purchased a boat and is training for water rescues in their district.

There is a survey for department chiefs to complete in regards to forming a Tanker Task Force. They would like to get this to EMO as soon as possible.

Keep the Wreath Blue starts November 23 and goes thru December 31st.

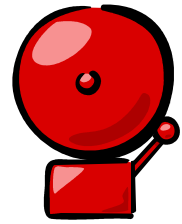EMS class for Core Content is coming up at the Fire Academy in November .

Last Alarms

Edson Howell
Tyrone

Elwin 'Pete' Miller
Monterey

Upcoming Classes

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

- *Interior Firefighting Ops (TBD)*

- *Ice Rescue (1/26, 1/27)*

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

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