

Hot Calls

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History

August 7th 1969 Watkins Glen responded to a fire at the Pollio Dairy on 12th Street. Fire was through the roof on arrival and mutual aid came from Montour Falls. Fire was discovered at 01:30. Tankers were also used because of low water pressure. Building was a total loss.

August 13th 1969 at 8:00 P.M. a second working fire within a couple of days hit the Franklin Street business of the Watkins Review and Express. This was directly across from the Watkins Fire Station. Alarm was turned in by Bill Randolph . The fire was confined to the second floor office. Good stop was made but smoke and water damage was on the first and second floor. Tarps were spread and some equipment moved. No mutual aid was requested on this call.



Calendar:

Blood Drive
@ Beaver
Dams Fire
Station 9/25

Montour Falls
FD Open
House 10/5
Noon-4pm

Occustar
Physicals @
Mecklenburg 10/8
(Schuyler members
welcome. Contact
Chief.)

Mecklenburg
Sportsman
Drawing 10/20
drawing.
\$10
Donation,

Trivia Question

Who was the first Fire Coordinator in Schuyler County?

First to contact rickshirlc27@gmail.com with the correct answer gets a pick of a fire service novel. This month it is "Fire Engines and Firefighting History".

Congratulations to Steve Craven of Norfolk Naval Fire Department for correctly answering the last trivia question.

Question: At a cellar fire in a multiple dwelling with interior and exterior stairs where should the first line go?

Answer: Inside the building to protect the stairs.

EMT Profile: Nick Cecci

Every Tuesday through Wednesday you will find Nick pulling duty at Schuyler Ambulance. He has become a permanent fixture in the county for over 10 years.

Nick is married to wife Judy for 52 years. They just celebrated that with a trip to Hawaii. They had two daughters and 17 foster children, two of which they adopted. One daughter, Kim, became an EMT in Moyers Corners then moved out of state and did not continue the service.

Nick became an ambulance attendant at 18 when he used to communicate with the on duty crews in Corning through CB (citizen band) radio chatter. They needed one more person to play Pinnacle one night so he went down and they said, "Why don't you come to work part time?" So he did, and has been doing EMS ever since. His EMT# is 0090. He was still in high school at the time. That was in 1963. When he first started there were no requirements for training. After a bit, there was a Red Cross class offered. Then, over time, more advanced training was provided. He was the first person to be able to give IV's in the field in Steuben County. This was an accident on the railroad in Corning and the person was trapped and required pain medication for the extrication. There was not a lot to work with then, but it was the early version on today's ALS. There was very little ALS in the area then.

The '72 flood caused considerable damage to his home in Corning. He worked for three straight days with no breaks. The summer and fall were spent trying to re-build their home from 7 ½ feet of water damage.

Not only is EMS his specialty, but he also has served as Chief of the North Corning Fire Company for 30 years and has been a member for 48 years. He's spent time volunteering for Bath Ambulance, too.

He came to work for Schuyler Ambulance and has been here for the last 10 years.

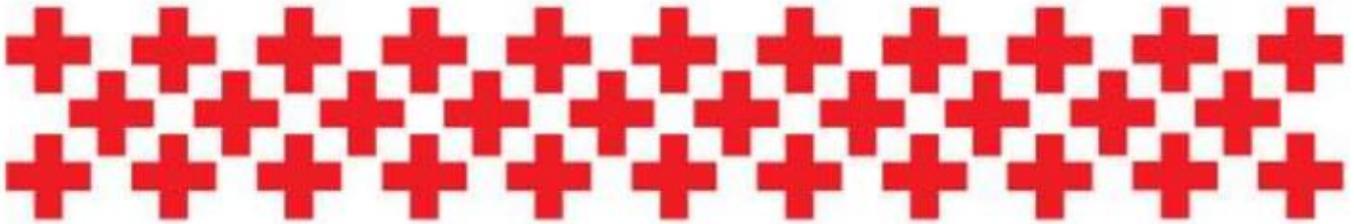
The worst call he was ever on was an MVA on 414 when multiple children and adults were killed in a pickup vs Volkswagen bus came head on.

I have worked with Nick for a very long time for both fire and EMS. He continues to amaze me as he still keeps up doing both jobs. He is the energizer bunny in shorts. His uniform includes shorts every day, even in the dead of winter. When you see Nick on the next call thank him for his contributions and continued service.



American Red Cross

Give blood. Help save lives.



Beaver Dams Fire Department Blood Drive

In the Hall
1165 Co Rte 19
Beaver Dams, NY

Wednesday, September 25
1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Call 1-800-REDCROSS or visit redcrossblood.org to
Make your life saving appointment!

**Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15
minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to
complete your pre-donation reading and health history
questions on the day of your appointment.**

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Why Firefighters Should Vote?

We all know how important it is to select our Fire Department leaders. We need to choose wisely as these will be the ones that we look to, not only to run our day to day operations, but we are asking them to lead and guide us into the uncertain future.



In a few weeks we will be going to the polls to select our local leaders. It is as equally important that we participate and choose wisely in these elections also. It is our local leaders that we expect to be governing with our best interests in mind. The local leaders are the ones that our Department Chief Offices must work with to maintain and improve our departments. Funding is not the only thing that the Fire Service receives from local governments. Their oversight in many areas can affect the fire departments and our ability to do our jobs.

Code Enforcement is a local service that can have great effects on our ability to provide fire protection. In addition to structural requirements, the codes provide requirements for private roads and access to the structure for fire protection. Adherence to codes greatly reduces the risks of fire. We depend on local DPW's and Highway Departments to maintain our roads, water systems and to be there during storms to assist us. (Good! I like the added details.)

I don't believe that there is any one candidate that you will agree with 100%. However, before you vote, do your homework. Ask questions, express your issues and concerns, then vote for the candidate that you believe will best represent you and your views.

As the fire service changes, we will need the support of elected officials and as a collective group we can have a voice in who these officials will be.

I am not telling you whom you should vote for, but I am encouraging everyone to exercise their right to vote.

- Bill Kennedy

Odessa: Structure Fire

A hot August afternoon brought out Odessa, with Montour Falls, Watkins Glen, Burdett and Mecklenburg covering. A quick knock down stopped the fire in upstairs room



Monterey Fall Festival

October 19th, 2019

1 to 6pm

Chili & Apple Pie Contest

Games, food

Music, hay rides

Hot dog eating contest

Vendors & much more

Entry fees for Apple Pie, chili and

Hot dog eating all \$5

Winner received trophy and \$50

Fee to paid day of event please sign up by

10/16/2019

Contact

Kali @ 607-542-7252 or

Kelly @ 607-731-2348

Kids contest

Sack race

Pumpkin balance

Whip cream pie eating

\$1 entry

Day of event

Monterey Fall Festival

Chili Contest

October 19th, 2019
1pm to 6pm

Judging @ 4pm

----Categories----

\$5
Entry fee

**Extreme Heat
Original
Vegetarian**

Winners receive Trophy & \$50 gift card

Fee can be paid day of event

To sign up text or call Kali @ 607-542-7252

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Monterey Fall Festival

HOT DOG Eating Contest

October 19th, 2019
1 to 6pm

Contest starts @ 4pm

5 minutes all you can eat
Hot dog & Bun

\$5
Entry fee

**Winner recieved
Trophy & \$50**
Come join us see how many
you can eat !!!!!

Must be 18
To enter

Fee can be paid day of event
Sign up by 10/16/2019

To enter contact Kali @ 607-542-7252
Or Kelly 607-731-2348

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Monterey Fall Festival



Apple Pie Contest

\$5
Entry fee

October 19th, 2019
1pm to 6pm

Judging @ 3pm

winner receives
Trophy & \$50 gift card

Fee can be paid day of event

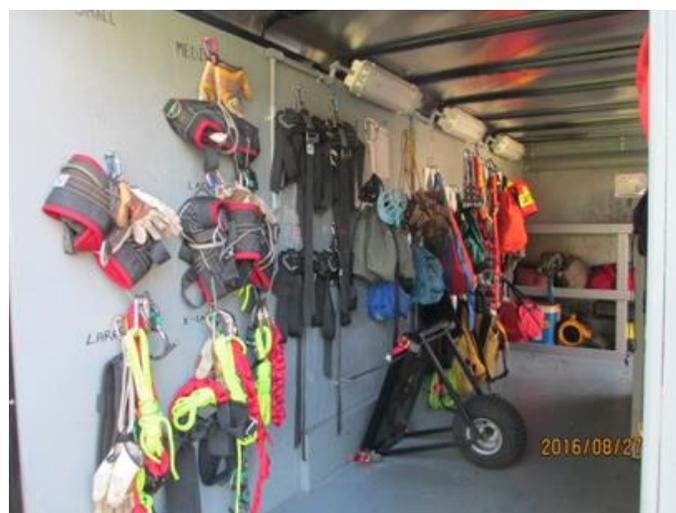
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Watkins Glen: Busy Summer in the Gorge

Watkins Glen has responded to numerous calls in the State Park gorge with one being fatal. They do an excellent job staging equipment and extricating patients from the trails on the gorge. Several calls required mutual aid from Burdett and Montour Falls. They train constantly and are well equipped for any task there.



MECKLENBURG VOL. FIRE CO. 2019 SPORTSMAN DRAWING



**10 Chances to win
Choice of prizes or money**

**Tickets available from members,
or by calling 607-280-0471**

Donation: \$10

**Prize drawings at the October
Breakfast, October 20, 2019
10:30am.**

Need Not Be Present to Win



New Addition to Monterey Fire Company

We have had our new side by side EM38 in service for about 3 weeks now. With all of the state land we cover that have hiking trails, horse trails and snowmobile trails, we decided it would be a good idea to have one set up for EMS response. Within a week of being in service we were requested to respond with EM38 mutual aid to Bradford for a male patient on the Finger Lakes Trail having chest pressure. We responded and extricated the patient out of the woods and transported him to the awaiting ambulance. We are very happy that we are able to respond and assist our neighbors as well as take care of our community when needed.

- Chief Mel Horton



EMS TEACHING DAY

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December 7, 2019

Location:

Bath VA Medical Center
76 Veterans Ave
Bath, NY 14810

Earn 6 CME's for all levels of EMS

Visit

emstar.org/ems-teaching-day
for more information

ArnotHealth



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Last Alarms



Bob DeNardo
Watkins Glen FD

John Stillman, Jr.
Montour Falls FD

Upcoming Classes

We will be offering the following classes:

- *BEFO (10/15/19)*
- *EMT Refresher (10/20/19)*
- *EMT Original (11/4/19)*
- *School Bus Rescue (12/2)*
- *School Bus Rescue: Hands-on (12/9)*

Tentative:

- *SCBA/Interior (TBD 2020)*

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

For more information, visit:

www.schuylercounty.us
www.dhses.ny.gov/ofpc
www.emstar.org

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Suggestions!**

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