



# CITIZENS HOSE COMPANY

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## Chiefs Corner

(Jason Wagner/Steve Walker  
Jack Lockwood)

After a busy year in 2002 things were rather calm around the Firehouse in January. To date we've had only two fire calls, neither of which involved fire! We should enjoy it now while it's slow, because I'm willing to bet that things will pick up before we know it. Off-peak times are great to refresh your skills, check your tools, equipment, protective gear, and focus on being prepared for the calls that are certain to

challenge us in the future. Every minute without a call draws us closer to the next one. Take time now to be ready when the tones drop again.

Training in the early part of the year tends to focus on meeting OSHA standards and safety issues. I believe that safety issues should be a part of every drill, and that "OSHA training" is not always held in a classroom. People learn by watching an instructor perform a task, and then practicing that skill until they understand and perfect it. That's a great way to teach safety in all aspects of our operations. The instructor discusses and demonstrates safe practices, and we should all practice and perform them in that safe fashion. Training in this fashion allows safety to become a habit and not an obligation.

Some of the tools and equipment ordered with our grant funds has arrived. Highlights include the pair Honda generator lights, most of the Survivor flashlights (one per SCBA), and an assortment of new hand tools. The ProPak foam unit, gloves, hoods, and helmets should be in before the end of January. Expected February arrivals may include the lightweight SCBA cylinders, rescue ropes, and Fire Reporting Software.

I would like to thank our Custodian, Dan Gerew, and Ed Clark for their recent efforts to clean the meeting room floor and

truck bays. Let's try to keep things looking good. When washing apparatus indoors during the winter months, please make certain to flush the road grime and salt from the floor. Larger chunks of snow or slush may need to be removed by shovel.

I am pleased to announce that we have four new firefighters attending Basic Firefighter training this winter. Their number includes new members Ernie Corino, Torey Kaiser, Mark King, and Joe Rast. New member Megan Rice is taking her EMT class this winter, along with Chaplain and Vice-President Joe Perri. I encourage everyone to support our new members in their continuing education. As always, please take advantage of training opportunities in the area; course announcements are posted on the bulletin boards at the firehouse.

I am also pleased to announce that the Village Board has selected a bid to replace engine 2512. The new engine 2512 will be a Pierce Custom Contender, purchased



this is a picture that is close to what the new truck will look like. There will be some variations in color.

from Churchville Fire Equipment. The truck will feature a six-person cab (five SCBA seats), 1000 gallon



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poly tank, 1250gpm pump, and roll-up rescue style doors. A truck very similar to ours will be arriving in Churchville in late January. I am working to arrange a time for this truck to visit our station on its way to its final destination so we may have a preview of good things to come.

A few people have asked me to look into customized house flags featuring the Citizens Hose Logo. My inquiries have turned up some leads, and I expect to place an order before the end of February. I am also looking into creating decals, which are a likeness of our patch as well. If you would be interested in such a decal, please let me know.

Here are a few hot spots on the web:

Keeping with our theme of safety, check out:

<http://www.respondersafety.com> for information and tips about emergency services and traffic safety.

The U.S. Fire Administration (a division of FEMA) has a great web page with many types of information. Check them out at <http://www.usfa.fema.gov>

Whenever the unfortunate reality of a firefighter fatality occurs, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) launches an inquiry. Their reports are detailed, comprehensive, and well worth

reading. We can work to prevent future injuries by learning from the past, at <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/firehome.html>

I would like to thank everyone for your continued dedication, perseverance, and service. 2003 looks to be an exciting year for Citizens Hose! See you on the next call...

Thanks,  
**Jason (250)**

**EMS Chiefs News**  
(Erin Trewer)

**EMS Saturday Duty Crews:**

Thanks,  
**Erin (2503)**

**Trainers Forum**  
(Scott List)

**Drills are on Monday nights unless otherwise noted.**

**As always, attendance at FIRE and EMS drills is greatly encouraged.**

Any questions or concerns, please contact me at home @ 289-4925 or E-Mail me @ **(fireman@rochester.rr.com)**.

Thanks,  
**Scott**

### **Board of Directors**

The Board of Directors would like to take this opportunity to wish every member a Happy and Prosperous New Year. We would also like to say thank you to all our members for their contributions, be they large or small, throughout 2002. We look forward to working together on the many calls and projects in 2003. With everyone's help we will have another successful year. Our organization is blessed with many talented and dedicated people, all of whom contribute to our success. While, for a variety of reasons, some may be able to contribute more or their contributions are more visible than others, be assured that everyone's efforts are important and appreciated.

As we move forward into 2003 there are some exiting and significant challenges facing Citizens Hose Co. We are in the process of building our own Fire/EMS station, a step that will dramatically change our company and the way that it functions. We will now be property owners, responsible for all the issues that will go along with that ownership.

We are also in the early stages of replacing an ambulance. This will be a critical part of our future success as the EMS income is a significant financial contributor in our building plans. The new ambulance and the other improvements we are undertaking in the EMS side will ensure that Citizens Hose Co. continues to



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*provide safe and reliable service to our fellow citizens.*

*As a company we will need to reach out in new and innovative ways to support these important ventures. All of which will make Citizens Hose Co. a more vibrant and effective organization to the community and our members. The Board asks each member to consider what role they can play in supporting our company in 2003. Let's all look for new and different ways to make us a stronger, more effective Company, an organization everyone can enjoy.*

*>The Board continues to set up a training course for current and future officers. There will be a questionnaire sent to all members to identify issues to be addressed with this training. Please take a few minutes to complete the questionnaire when you receive it.*

*>There is a wide variation in the cost of CHC coats purchased by members due to the number of options selected. In the past the Company has shared the cost equally with the member. Due to the cost variations, the board and membership have voted to share equally, the cost of the coat to a maximum of \$35 per coat. Members are free to select a coat, with the options of their choice, subject to the Company match.*

*Brad Hixson*

## Auxiliary

*The Auxiliary is looking forward to working with Joe Perri and the members of the Citizens Hose Company on the monthly pancake breakfast. The first breakfast will be Sunday, Feb. 2 from 7:00 to 11:30a.m. and will continue on the first Sunday of every month. This will be an all-you-can-eat breakfast with eggs, homefries, sausage, pancakes, coffee, orange juice and tomato juice. We will need volunteer help every month from both the Auxiliary and fire company. It should be a great fundraiser for the department, as well as an opportunity for the Auxiliary and the fire company to work together and support each other.*

*The Auxiliary is putting together a "Fire Call Box" with cups, coffee stuff, and etc. that we can just grab and take to the scene so that we may better support the fire company on calls when needed.*

*We are also working on putting together uniforms, jackets and other items so that we may join the fire company in parades and other such events, and looking forward to a wonderful and rewarding year. As always, we are seeking new membership and encourage those interested to please submit an application. Here's to a great 2003.*

*Anne Rodney  
Auxiliary Secretary*

*We are looking forward to working with you all for the Pancake Breakfast, and hope that this will be a good profit maker for the Building Fund. If there is anything else you need from us, let us know. Thanks again for the reimbursement of the Christmas presents that disappeared. We plan to replace the gifts and give them to the kids they were intended for.*

*We plan to clean and organize the kitchen and our closet on Tuesday, Jan 21 to help better assist the fire company.*

*Please, we need everyone's help for functions that we have. These functions are to benefit the Building Fund and **O U R** Company.*

*Laura Gerew  
President*

## Parades

**6/14** – Northern Central – Geneva

## Dates to Remember

*Feb. 2 – Pancake Breakfast*

*Feb. 3 – General Meeting*

*Feb. 6 – Banquet Meeting*

*Feb. 13 – Carnival Meeting*

*Feb. 20 – Board of Dir. Meeting*

*April 26 – Annual Banquet*

*June 19,20,21 – Carnival*



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## Other News

*Pancake Breakfast will be held the first Sunday of every month from 7:00 am –11:30 am. Need workers to help on these days.*

*The monthly meeting in February is on Tuesday the 3rd at 7:30pm.*

*Annual Banquet meeting on Thursday Feb. 6 at 7:00pm.*

*There will be a carnival meeting on Thursday, Feb. 13 at 7:00pm.*

*The annual banquet will be held on April 26 at the Phelps Hotel. More information to follow.*

*Citizens Hose is on the Web:  
([www.chc25.com](http://www.chc25.com))*

*Please send any comments, questions or ideas to:  
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*If anyone wants to add anything, please let me know by the 15th of each month.*

*Thanks,  
Bob W.*