

CITIZENS HOSE COMPANY

Newsletter January 2003

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Chiefs Corner

(Jason Wagner/Steve Walker
Jack Lockwood)

Hello and welcome back to the monthly newsletter. Many thanks to Bob Woodhams for getting this service back on track. I, for one, am pleased to have the opportunity to communicate with everyone each month, and I can only hope that you don't mind hearing from me either.

I would like to thank everyone for all of their hard work and dedication this past year. As it stands today, our fire call volume is nearly 20% higher this year when compared to 2001. Turnout at calls and drills has been steady, though we can always use more help. Eight additional members have returned or newly joined the company last year.

Many hands always make for light work; it would be wonderful to see some more people involved in drills, committees, meetings and always at calls. I am aware of the constraints placed on our free time, but I would ask each of us to give whatever you could. Making the call and "taking the nozzle" is the action end of the business, but we frequently need people to pick up an EMS jump kit, broom, or pen just as much. I'll get of my soapbox for now, but we really do need all the help we can get.

Other odds and ends: I'm told that the order for the new truck to replace Engine 2512 will be placed before the end of 2002.

Current estimates from manufacturers project a delivery in six or seven months.

The Village will be selecting a bid later this month, after which they will be able to share a photo of what our new truck will look like. Recommendations on compartments and cab setup are welcome.

Equipment from our \$33,780 NYS grants will be arriving very soon. Some items (pagers and portables) are already in service, while the majority should arrive in early January 2003. We are actively working on grants for the future also.

The building committee has been working closely with our architect for some improvements on the design of the new firehouse. In fact, they have come up with a very efficient design that is both affordable and provides the structure with some character too. I expect to be able to share some drawings at the monthly meeting in January. Work continues with local lending institutions to secure funding for the project; their progress is positive.

Training in January will focus on operations and safety. An emphasis will be placed on hands-on training that reinforces OSHA standards and safe practices, as opposed to classroom sessions. People learn best by "seeing and doing" a skill a few times slowly, and safely until it becomes second nature. That's exactly what we're going to do. Sessions will be hands-on, in depth, and based on real world scenarios. I invite everyone to participate as always. Officers: if you are asked to plan a drill and need any additional ideas, please contact me. I have several reference sources with drill ideas galore.

A few winter driving safety reminders: please take the extra minute to thoroughly clean off your windows when responding in cold weather. It does the victim little good when his rescuer also becomes a victim. When operating apparatus, remember to leave ample stopping distances, and as always watch your speed. I'd also like to remind everyone about the proper use of seatbelts while responding. Please take the extra second to buckle up.

Pump operators: remember to circulate your water if you will be on scene for any length of time. This is the case for 2511 and 2551 alike. If you are not certain of how to accomplish this, please see the officer in charge of that truck. The apparatus assignments for January-June 2003 are as follows:

2511: Carl Bengé
2512: Rocky Collett
2551: Bill Morgan
2571: Lloyd Rice

I am exploring the feasibility of quarterly refresher / recertification training for all pump operators. Operating the truck is a skill that we don't all use every day; some additional practice should serve us well.

Updates from the Village Board: Please try to conserve the heat in the apparatus bays; close the overhead doors as soon as possible after the apparatus has departed. The Village has also passed a resolution that places a restriction on the age of interior firefighters using SCBA. Firefighters over the age of 55 will not be permitted to perform interior firefighting duties with SCBA effective January 1, 2003. Questions or concerns about this policy should be directed to the Village Board.

Reminder about physicals: If your physical is not current, please see me for the procedure to schedule a firefighter's physical with Health Works in Farmington. If you don't know when your last physical was, we can check your personnel file.

There are many posters for upcoming fire / ems training courses on the boards at the station. Please take advantage of the opportunities around the area. The NYS Academy of Fire Science is just an hour away in Montour Falls; they offer all manner of training that isn't always available from the county. I am also interested in getting a group together to attend the NYS weekend at the National Fire Academy in Emmittsburg, Maryland in the spring. The trip is very inexpensive (NYS pays for the bus ride down, and the accommodations at the

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Academy are free!) and the training is reported to be excellent. I'll provide the exact dates in the coming weeks.

Keep an eye on the web page at <http://www.chc25.com> for news and updates of all sorts. I hope to see everyone at a drill, detail, or call soon.

Thanks,
Jason (250)

EMS Chiefs News

(Erin Trewer)

I have been in contact with Finger Lakes Ambulance regarding changing our paid staff coverage to 7 days a week. This is to ensure that we have a medic available to the community on the weekends. We are still in need of drivers on these days. Any help is greatly appreciated by all!

Don Bruder has been appointed as EMS Training Officer. Any suggestions for drill, or questions can be directed to Don.

January 27th EMS training – OSHA Bloodborne Pathogens for all FIRE and EMS personnel. Jeff Harloff will present this.

EMS Saturday Duty Crews:

Jan 4th Wednesday

Jan 11th Thursday

Jan 18th Friday

Jan 25th Sunday

Thanks,
Erin (2503)

Trainers Forum

(Scott List)

Happy New Year everyone!!!!

The first quarter drill schedule is posted at the fire hall and remember that I am always looking for suggestions.

For the month of January we have a lot of OSHA training, so please plan on attending. Just to let everyone know, I am not going to be around from Jan. 2 until Jan. 18, so if you have any questions

or concerns please direct them to 250.

Jan. 13-Fire Station Safety and Response Safety

Jan. 20 -Protective Clothing

Jan. 27 -Blood-Borne Pathogens (by Jeff Harloff)

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 at (fireman@rochester.rr.com).

Thanks,
Scott

Board of Directors

Auxiliary

It's official, Christmas is here! Santa arrived by fire truck Sunday night, December 15, at 6:00 p.m. It was a cold night, but we had a fairly good turnout. Everyone enjoyed hot cocoa and holiday treats, and the children got coloring books and crayons while waiting to see Santa. We made \$120 from the Pictures with Santa, which will be going toward the building fund.

A very special thank you to Todd Jennings, Country Studio of Photography, for volunteering his time and talents, and to John Baylor (a.k.a. Santa Claus). Thank you also to Bob Woodhams, Ed Clark, and all the Auxiliary members who helped make this event fun and successful

Anne Rodney

CHC Volunteer Auxiliary Secretary

Parades

Dates to Remember

Jan 7 – General Meeting

Jan 11 – Installation of Officers

April 26 – Annual Banquet

June 19,20,21 – Carnival

Other News

The monthly meeting in January is on Tuesday the 7th at **7:30pm**.

Installation of Officers will be Jan. 11, 2003, 6:00pm cocktails, 7:00pm dinner.

Please contact by Jan. 7th:

Bob Woodhams 289-6875 or 729-3063

or

Jason Wagner 289-3502 or 802-3502

Citizens Hose is on the Web:
(www.chc25.com)

Please send any comments, questions or ideas to:

(mattydale_25@hotmail.com)

I screwed up and lost everyone's e-mail again. Sorry, please send me them again.

Thanks,
Bob

If you would like your newsletter E-Mailed, please send me your E-Mail address and I will be more than happy send it to you. Send address to:

(rwoodham@rochester.rr.com)

If **anyone** wants to add anything, please let me know by the 15th of each month.

Thanks,
Bob W.

Election Results

President -Lloyd Rice
Vice President -Joe Perri
Treasurer -Chuck Whitmarsh
Secretary -Donalda List
Board Member -Dick Houle

-Kevin Rice
-Rocky Collett
Trustee -Fred McBride
Parade Drill -Bob Maher
Radio Capt. -Bob Woodhams
EMS Secretary -Don Bruder
2nd Asst. Chief -Jack Lockwood
Station Cust. -