



CITIZENS HOSE COMPANY

Newsletter March 2003

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It's a



Girl

Sierra Madeline

Born: February 14, 2003

7 lbs. 11 oz.

21" long

Congratulations to Donalda & Scott List for the new addition to their family.

Chiefs Corner

(Jason Wagner/Steve Walker
Jack Lockwood)

I have received many positive comments about our scene size-up drill in February. For those unfamiliar with the drill, we simulated structure fires using digital photographs of local buildings in various stages of fire involvement. Building construction, occupancy, vehicle placement, water supply and firefighting strategies were then applied. While we do this drill together bi-annually, I would like to suggest that the size-up of structures in our area is a never-ending process.

Take a moment as you drive through the area to apply your

professional eye to "undress" structures you come across. I try to carry a camera in my vehicle for those times that I find a structure whose situation should be recorded and shared. New construction, renovations, or other changes are always good to record and catalog in the back of your mind for future use.

I will be working to arrange walk-throughs with several businesses this spring. This includes as many of the Main Street buildings as possible, the book storage company on Race Street, Great Lakes Kraut & Distribution Center and any others you would like to see. It's important for us to stress with the owners that our visit is not an inspection, but a familiarization tour for our own information.

Parade season is approaching quickly. Please take a moment to try on your uniform for proper fit. Should you need any alterations, please contact me for arrangements. If you are a new member, or have not chosen to obtain a uniform as yet and would like one, please let me know. The current uniform resolutions as I understand them require members to pay an \$80 deposit to CHC, which is refundable after you attend three (3) uniformed functions (parades, special events, etc.) In the event that the deposit would be a hardship, please let me know privately, and I will work with the board to implement a solution on a case-by-case basis. The standard turn around time for

a uniform order is eight weeks. Parade season starts on Memorial Day, May 26th; so try to have your request in before March 1, so I may arrange to have you measured.

The fundraising committee had its first meeting of 2003 on February 9th. Many good ideas were discussed including our continued pancake breakfasts, a chili cook-off, CHC's own "Code 35" hot sauce, a company cook book, a fire apparatus and classic car show at the carnival, a Vegas Day in conjunction with an evening band (i.e. Hazer) at the Legion, Chicken BBQ's, participation in the Shortsville Fall Family Festival, the raffle of a New Yorker leather helmet, a second annual Boot Drive, and of course, our annual Fund Drive.

We received nearly \$5,000 over the course of Memorial Day weekend last year. I would like to continue this event this year on May 24th and 25th. Details will follow soon.

As always, I would like to thank everyone for their efforts and dedication. Keep up the good work.

Hot spots on the web:

<http://www.piercemfg.com/>

The home of Pierce firefighting apparatus and more. Great galleries of recent deliveries across the country.

<http://www.1stresponder.com/index/>

Fire, Rescue, and EMS news from all across New York State



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<http://www.fasny.com/>

Homepage of the Firemen's Association of the State of New York. News and information.

<http://www.mfri.org/>

Home of the Maryland Fire Rescue Institute. Online drills and quizzes available.

Thanks,
Jason (250)

EMS Chiefs News
(Erin Trewer)

We are having a Department of Health on site inspection on March 13th. The day Medics and myself have started preparation for this. Mike Harris will be sending out a health questionnaire in the next week. We need these to be returned before the inspection to get our records up to date. (remember that this information is confidential and will be kept secured.)

The weekend staffing is now in full swing and covered by Fingerlakes Ambulance. We are now covered seven days a week from 6am – 6pm. We are still in need of drivers, not just the weekend hours but throughout the weekdays also. All help is greatly appreciated!!

Please remember to have the billing sheet signed by all patients that are transported, along with a hospital face sheet.

EMS Weekend Duty Crews:

March 2nd - Friday
March 9th - Sunday
March 16th - Monday
March 23rd - Tuesday
March 30th - Wednesday

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

1) For 2003, Dick Houle will serve as Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors and Brad Hixson will serve as Chairman

2) The board has mailed a short questionnaire to all our members. The purpose is to identify the issues that are important to our members. We have already gotten some excellent feedback that will help provide future direction for the

Company. This is a good opportunity to identify what we do well and not so well. From this information we can develop programs to strengthen our Company and our members. **Please take a few minutes to complete and return the questionnaire, you will be glad you did!**

3) A committee from the board has met with an accounting firm to explore hiring them to prepare and monitor an operating budget for our Company. The expense of owning and operating our own building will require the close monitoring of our finances. This will be important if we are to have the funds to continue our programs as in the past.

4) Motion was made and unanimously approved by the Board of Directors and the General Membership to grant Bob Woodhams early Life Membership. Bob has been with Citizens Hose Co. for 18 years. This honor is in recognition of the many contributions that Bob has made to Citizens Hose Co. There was a multitude of stories about Bob's many contributions over the years. Lets look at a few of those contributions:

- >Bob served as Chief for 8+ years.
 - >Bob served as President, guiding the Company for many years.
 - >Bob works all year long putting a tremendous effort into making the carnival a success.
 - >Of course this newsletter is proof of Bob's dedication and energy
- But on the lighter side;



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>Do you remember the diaper fire where Bob demonstrated his unique "in the woods" parking technique
 >Can anyone forget Bob running from his home to downtown in his bunkers. What dedication, it took him a week to catch his breath.
 >And last but not least, how about his skill at water ball. Anyone remember the time, during a waterball match, Bob learned not to point the nozzle towards the ground

From all the members of Citizens Hose Co. a big, collective, THANK YOU to Bob!

Auxiliary

The pancake breakfasts are going really well and we are anticipating them only getting better. Heard a lot of positive feedback from the public. Word of mouth is the best advertisement there is (and it's free)!

We have decided on a uniform and will be ordering them next month so they will arrive in time for the parade season. They are a light blue short-sleeved top, black pants and black shoes. We are also thinking of getting our own coats as well.

The Auxiliary is also working with the Company on the Carnival as well as something for the Twin Cities Festival this year.

Thanks!
 Anne

Parades

6/14 – Northern Central – Geneva

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

Thanks,
Bob W.

Dates to Remember

Mar. 2 – Pancake Breakfast

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

Mar. 4 – General Meeting

The monthly meeting in March is on Tuesday the 4th at 7:30pm.

Mar. 13 – Carnival Meeting

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

Mar. 20 – Board of Dir. Meeting

April 26 – Annual Banquet

The annual banquet will be held on April 26 at the Phelps Hotel. Invitations will be mailed soon.

June 19,20,21 – Carnival

Other News

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

Please send any comments, questions or ideas to:
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