



# THE PATRON FIRE FIGHTER



**BEMUS POINT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT., INC.**

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*Fire Chief*



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*President*

This annual news report is for you, Our patron Firefighter. Our purpose is two-fold. One is to let you know what your fire department has done and plans to do. Secondly, we are asking for your kind contribution to our annual fund drive. You can help us save lives and property even if you are not an active firefighter through your financial support. Become a Patron Firefighter. Unfortunately, our job can't be done by dedication and courage alone. IT TAKES MONEY. We are not going to come around on a door-to-door campaign anymore. Believe it or not, that takes at least a month of time. We also feel that sometimes we catch people off guard financially or miss you altogether. Yes, we're taking a chance because you could very easily put this down and forget about it, but we would all suffer for that, wouldn't we? Your donation might have been that new child's throat airway that we just couldn't afford. Your money might have prevented that self contained breathing apparatus failure in a fire filled structure because we just couldn't replace the old one yet. Your donation might have prevented that accident after the accident if we could have issued that fire policeman 12 safety flares instead of 6. Your donation may have helped buy that new pager worn by the firefighters; however, because he didn't have one, he went down to the station to find out where the alarm was and found out the heart attack was just down the street from him.

Patron Firefighter, we are not trying to create a guilt trip or scare you. We are well equipped, but we must maintain the level and progress. That very simply cost money. There is no such thing as shopping for a lower grade item to save money. In our business, you usually only get one chance with no room for error. What we are telling you is that each and every one of your hard earned dollars you donate buys us these type of things. The Bemus Point Fire District people always, without exception, give generously and we THANK YOU. Remember, what you give helps ensure a safer place for all our loved ones and friends. We'll supply the manpower, dedication, and courage to the death if called upon; we can't do the job for you without state of the art equipment.

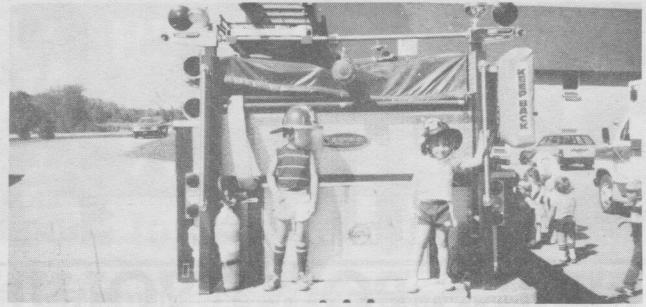
Attached you'll find a Self-Addressed envelope for your convenience. We're Sorry we couldn't provide a stamp, but that would be costly. You can mail your donation, Drop it off at the Fire Station, or Give it to a Bemus Point Firefighter.

Thank You.

*Bryan Dahlberg*

# NEW ENGINE GOAL

Bemus Point is noted for taking excellent care of their equipment. We provide most of the maintenance ourselves. Some of our people have attended manufacturer schools just so we can do as much as possible and not pay for it; however, eventual replacement of a piece of apparatus is inevitable. This is the situation with our 1968 Maxim/ Ford Fire Engine. We must replace it within the next two years. We have been budgeting and saving. Most of our fund raising efforts, such as this one, will be devoted to paying for a pumper/ tanker that will probably cost in the neighborhood of \$80,000. Your donations this year will go directly toward this effort.



METHODIST NURSERY SCHOOL  
Jr. Firefighters at Fire Safety Class

## BEMUS POINT F.D. 10-K LAKE RUN

In 1983 the fire department took on a sporting event which has grown by leaps and bounds. The Bemus Point Fire Department 10-K Lake Run has become the largest and most popular race in Western New York and Northwestern Pennsylvania. It has drawn 232 runners in 1983, increased to 303 runners in 1984, and last year drew 406 runners, representing 13 different states including 1 from Canada and 1 from as far as Esther, Alaska.

The money we make on the race goes directly to equipment. In 1983 we made \$521.00 that went to buy tune-out gear such as helmets, gloves, coats, bunker pants, etc. In 1984 we made \$492.00; this was used for purchasing a heart monitor. Last year we made \$927.00; this was used for a new Johnson out-board engine for the rescue boat.

This year, we predict approximately 500 runners. The event will take place Sunday, June 29, 1986, and will start at 9:00 at the village park.

## PARKING PROBLEMS

Many people do not realize that the Bemus Point Fire District does not have any fire hydrants. There are two basic ways we fight fire. One way is with the water we have on our two engines (1,000 gallons E-441, 850 gallons E-442), and that of our mutual aid units called in from neighboring departments. The other way is to obtain water by laying a hose line to a water source such as the lake, pond, creek, swimming pool, etc.

However, if access fire lanes and roadways are blocked or made too narrow, we can't get to the water. This is an ever increasing problem that we are facing. Our population and activity in the area is increasing from season to season, and so does the parking problem. We ask your support and help in being considerate of where you park, and to help make others considerate of where they park. It would be very sad to see a life or property lost because of a carelessly parked vehicle or thoughtlessly piled dock.

## LAS VEGAS IN BEMUS POINT "CASINO NIGHTS"

A few years ago, New York State legalized games of chance for non-profit organizations. The Bemus Point Fire Department was the first in the state to start this activity. During the summer months, we offer black jack, money wheel, craps, and bang table. We always have a good crowd and they have a lot of fun!

Money raised goes strictly for the purchase of equipment. In the past, we have bought our ambulance, a heart monitor, and contributed to the new motor on our rescue boat. We Heartily thank all those patrons who have lost their money to us.

Summer 1986  
8:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

May 23	July 25
June 6	August 8
June 20	August 22
July 11	September 5

## Active Members of The Bemus Point Volunteer Fire Department

Dan Burns  
Mike Burns  
Bill Briggs  
Denny Carlson *Lt. Treasure*  
Herb Crandall  
Marian Crandall  
Bill Crandall *2nd Asst. Chief*  
Doug Crist  
Bryan Dahlberg *Fire Chief*  
Dick Darroch  
Dave Engblom  
Pete Evert  
Ted Farnham *Vice Pres.*

Dave Graham *Fin. Secy.*  
Jeff Graham  
Dave Gustafson *Lt.*  
Kurt Holm  
Bruce Johnson *Capt.*  
Arnie Koch  
Dave Kohl  
Fred Krywy  
Bruce Lovejoy  
Rob Magnuson *Capt.*  
Barry Oste *3rd Asst. Chief*  
Hilary Rambacher  
Kim Rambacher  
Brian Raines

Evie Reynolds *Rec. Secy.*  
Ray Roberts  
Pete Samuelson  
Jim Shepardson Jr.  
Jim Shephard *1st Asst. Chief*  
Tom Slivka  
Jon Stahley  
Bob Stahley  
Carl Steenburn *President*  
Keith Swanson *Capt.*  
Ron Thompson  
Trudy Thompson  
Mike Winnie  
Bill Woodfield

## Thank You!

Donations to the Fire Department come in many forms other than direct money. Below are just some of the people we would like to recognize and thank.

Mayor Dick Babbage and the Bemus Point Village Board  
Supervisor Arden Johnson and the Ellery Town Board  
The Bemus Point Area Businessmen's Association and each business  
County Legislator Bob Stanley  
Bemus Point Hardware  
Norm Skillman, Bemus Point DPW Director  
Bob and Jack Hanson of Hanson Signs  
The Jock Shop  
Gren Recycling  
Pepsi  
Jim Lindblom and Staff at Long Point State Park

County Sheriff, John Bentley and his staff  
Civil Defense Director, Wanda Gustafson  
WKSJ/ WHUG  
WJTN  
Penny Saver  
Bruce Aersman  
L-S Aero Marina  
Bob Green, Journal Press  
Bemus Point School District  
Gene Madden, Red Cross  
Dick Sparling, Shore Acres Boat Yard

## HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENTS



The responsibility of the modern fire placed upon the department is constantly increasing. One of those areas is hazardous materials incidents. The Bemus Point Fire Department was faced with two incidents of this type this past summer. Ironically, both happened in almost the very same location. Both times, fuel oil had spilled from a truck tanker. In coordination with the contractor, the Chautauqua County Hazardous Materials team and the Bemus Point Fire Department the situation was quickly neutralized. The spill was contained by building small dikes. The fuel was then absorbed with specialized absorbent granules and pads. Runoff into buildings and the lake was prevented.

## "SNOW" SOFTBALL

For the third consecutive year, Bemus Point Firefighters fielded a team at the "Snow Softball" tournament in Sinclairville. The tournament is a fund raiser to help firefighters and/ or their families in times of need.

For anyone not familiar with the tournament, all players have to be volunteer firefighters, and must wear their fire gear while playing. After playing four games, everyone was pretty worn out but it was well worth the effort.

Also, taking home a first place trophy helped alleviate the fatigue!

## THE STORK STRIKES

On a cold, close to blizzard condition night, we received an alarm of a woman in labor at Gene Ross residence on Westman Road. Upon arrival, the rescue personnel found Mrs. Cathy Shephard (First Assistant Chief Jim Shephard's wife) who is a neighbor and registered nurse, aiding Gene's daughter. The rescue squad delivered a baby girl and administered IV's, along with other treatment, to the mother and baby. They then transported both to W.C.A. Hospital through a very wintery night. We now have one stork sticker on the rescue unit.

## RESCUE BOAT

Three years ago the contractor for the Chautauqua Lake Bridge, donated their aluminum work boat and engine to us. The boat had received hard use but through the efforts of Captain Bruce Johnson, the boat has been completely restored and modified for water rescue use. We purchased a trailer, which was obtained through Dick Sparling of Shore Acres Boat Yard, at a very reasonable price. With our Casino Night and 10-K Race money, we bought a motor from L-S Aero Marine, which was also very reasonably priced.

The intent is to have as fast a response as possible regardless of the time of year. During the summer months, it is on a lift in front of Bob Stahley's on Lakeside Drive. It is equally important, if not more, to have the boat available in the off season when others aren't around. At that time, it is on the trailer in front of the fire station. Either way, our response is extremely fast. We have averaged an enroute time within two minutes of dispatch for all three times we have been called recently.



## BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

Over the years, many people have stopped into the fire station to have their blood pressure taken. That offer always stands for anyone. Feel free to ask!

WE SALUTE OUR  
FIREFIGHTERS



# BEMUS POINT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT PROMOTES ENHANCED 911

## A Faster, More Efficient Way to Respond to Emergency Phone Calls.

When Public Safety In The Community is Improved, Everyone Benefits...  
And That's the Biggest Advantage of Enhanced 911 Emergency Calling Service.

- COMING SOON*
- ★ Enhanced 911 Saves Lives By Saving Time.
  - ★ Selective Routing Instantly Routes Calls to The Correct Municipality
  - ★ Automatic Number Identification and Automatic Location Identification Provide the Exact Address of The Emergency Caller.
  - ★ Single Button Transfer Immediately Notifies The Proper Agency
  - ★ E911 Can Help Reduce False Alarms
  - ★ E911 Calls Can Easily Be Handled by Public Safety Attendants.

*If Your Neighbor's House  
Caught Fire,  
Wouldn't You Want to Do More  
Than Watch?*

Of course you would. And we'd like to offer a suggestion; become a volunteer firefighter.

It's a great way to do something important for your community, and for yourself.

But to be a volunteer fire fighter, you'll need more than just a desire to help people.

You'll also need courage and dedication, enthusiasm, and a willingness to learn new skills and face new challenges.

If you think you qualify for this kind of job, come down to the fire station and talk to us.

Watching can be a helpless feeling. We don't have to tell you what kind of a feeling you'll get from helping.



**If You Wish A Receipt for Tax Purposes,  
Please Enclose Coupon & We Will Validate It For You**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ DONATION \$ \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**NOTE: If You Have Any Special Concerns, Safety Concerns or Questions,  
Please Indicate Them On This Form  
& We Will Call You Concerning Your Comments.**