



1998 THE PATRON FIRE FIGHTER



BEMUS POINT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT., INC.

ALBURTUS STREET, BEMUS POINT, NEW YORK 14712

Pete Samuelson
Fire Chief



Ron Thompson
President

To the Citizens of Bemus Point:

Once again it is time for the Bemus Point Fire Departments annual fund drive. As in the past we are asking for monetary contributions to help with some of the much needed equipment and activity expenses. This year however, we are also asking for **YOU!** Over the past few years the enrollment in this organization has dropped but the need for volunteers is on a constant increase. Fire and Rescue calls are at an all time high.

Would you like to know how you could help?

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR:

- A) Help with our many Races** - Volunteers are needed for keeping times, assisting runners, assist in registration, handing out shirts and numbers and much more.
- B) Help with our Games of Chance** - Volunteers are needed to deal cards, work tables, welcome people, set up and tear down equipment, and cook food.
- C) Help with Data entry work** - Enter run reports, equipment budgets, enhance 911 information, training schedules and so much more.
- D) Community Ice Skating Rink** - Volunteers are needed to set up rink, make ice, shovel snow and other activities!

AS YOU CAN SEE THERE IS ALWAYS A PLACE FOR YOU IN THE BEMUS POINT FIRE DEPARTMENT!

In today's busy world it's hard to find the time to volunteer. We all have careers and lives that pull us in many directions but volunteering your time in such a much needed community organization as the Fire Department will be the most gratifying work you will probably ever experience.

As my grandfather once told me "Many hands make light work". So give of yourself - stop down to see us. We meet every Tuesday evening.

Thank You Again for Your Contributions.

Yours Truly,

Pete Samuelson
Fire Chief

CHIEF OFFICERS

Pictured here are the Fire Chiefs. These are the guys that call the shots. The ultimate responsibility of any call or function of the Fire Department rests on their shoulders.



PICTURED FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:

Scott Kelemen - 2nd Assistant Pete Samuelson - Chief
David Graham - 4th Assistant Ted Farnham - 1st Assistant
Not Pictured

LINE OFFICERS

These people are responsible for implementation on the scene of the general orders given by the fire chief. They manage teams of firefighters / rescue personnel during an incident.

Dave Gustafson	Dana Johnson	Tom Rea
Mike Winne	Chuck Shick	Rick Farnham
Chuck Frazier	John Kuhns	Carl Steenburn
Mark Schlemmer - Safety Officer		
Dan Burns - Public Info Officer		

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

The overall administration, finances and fund raising responsibilities rest with these individuals.



PICTURED FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:

Sandra Morrison, Secretary Ed Farris - Treasurer
Trudy Thompson, Financial Secretary Not Pictured...
Ron Thompson - President Phil Erickson - Vice President

TED FARNHAM NAMED BEMUS POINT FIREMAN OF THE YEAR

By: Dan Burns

The Bemus Point Volunteer Fire Department held its annual awards banquet at Davey's Lookout Restaurant on February 28, 1998. Highlights of this year's banquet included the naming of fireman of the year.

This year's Fireman of the year, as voted by the membership, was Ted Farnham. Ted currently holds the position of Assistant Chief in the Department, a position he has held for several years. Besides being the officer in charge at many calls, Ted is also responsible for in service training. Ted resides in the Village of Bemus Point, with his wife Mary, and two sons, Jordan and Andrew.

This year's several members were recognized for their years of service to the department.

Jon Stahley 30 Years • Bryan Dahlberg 25 Years
Gertrude Thompson 20 Years • Robert Magnuson
15 Years • Dana Johnson 5 Years • Mark
Schlemmer 5 Years • Jeremy Crist 5 Years

ICE RESCUE DRILL

By: Dan Burns, Public Information Officer, Bemus Pt. F.D.

February 8, 1998, the Bemus Point Volunteer Fire Department sponsored an Ice Rescue Drill on Chautauqua Lake near the Bemus Point Ferry landing of the Bemus Stow Ferry.

This drill included Bemus Point, Ashville, Chautauqua, Dewittville, Maple Springs, Fluvanna, and Gerry Fire Departments, along with the Chautauqua County Water Emergency Team. Approximately 45 people took part in this drill, which included ice rescue, extrication from the water, and also allowed for orientation and practice with several different pieces of ice rescue equipment.

The Bemus Point air boat, the Dewittville Hover Craft, and the "Arrive Alive" Ice rescue sleds



from the Chautauqua Fire Department, Maple Springs Fire Department, and the Chautauqua County Water Emergency Team were used in the drill.

In completing this training, it was no surprise that very unstable ice was encountered due to this year's warmer than normal winter.

BOSTON WHALER

Our Fire Department now has in service a new Rescue Boat which is a Boston Whaler. The boat is a 22 ft. Guardian with a 1998 225HP Mercury Outboard engine.

The new boat is the most "State of the Art" Rescue Boat available today. We are very fortunate to have this piece of equipment.



The Port (left) side has a 34" cutout for the ease of sliding in a back boarded patient at water level instead of over the gunwale.

The boat is docked off Lakeside Dr., under the watchful eye of the Stahley family, on a new lift with a canopy top. The dock has 10 new dock horses and dock sections.

E.M.T.'s

In 1997, 85% of the Bemus Pt. Fire Department's calls were for Medical Emergencies.

Our 1st responders have 30 hours of Medical Training. The Basic EMT's have had 110 hours of training, including hands on hospital and Automatic Heart Defibrillation training. Our Advanced Emergency Technicians or a EMT, CC's have gone through 310 hours of training including ER and Ambulance time with WCA. They have the ability to offer more Advanced Care, such as Medication administration, ability to start IV's and Manual Heart Defibrillation.

Thanks to all for a good job. If anyone is interested in joining our team contact the Bemus Point Fire Department.



1998 Bemus Point Vol. Fire Dept. Fund Drive

If you wish a receipt for tax purposes,
Please enclose coupon & we will validate it for you.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ DONATION \$ _____

NOTE: If you have any special concerns, safety concerns or questions, please indicate them on this form & we will call you concerning your comments.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY _____

SPECIAL THANK YOU LIST

Bemus Point Mayor Judie Robinson & Village Officials
 Bemus Point Hardware
 Bemus Point School District
 Chautauqua Brick Company
 Paul Swanson
 Sheriff Joseph Gerace & Deputies
 Shore Acres Marina
 The See Zurh House
 Bob & Sandy Stanley and the Penny Saver Staff
 County Legislator Richard Babbage
 Wanda Gustafson and Staff
 Ellery Supervisor Arden Johnson & Town of Ellery Officials
 Chaut. County Fire Coordinator Neil McNeight & Deputies

CHIEF'S CENTURY CLUB 1997 - 1998

BUSINESSES

Bemus Point Golf Course
 Ye Hare N Hounds
 Wendley's One Stop
 Shore Acres Boat Yard
 See Zurh House
 Michael Rodgers Association
 Chautauqua Brick Co. Inc.
 Turney Sanitary Service

CITIZENS

Doug & Suzanne Neckers
 Tom & Dorothy Hurst
 Jack & Lynn Reading
 Robert E. Sharpe
 Roger Olson
 John Tanner
 Tyler Swanson
 Roy Benson
 Elizabeth Proctor
 Edward Davis III
 George Braley
 Jess Present
 Paul & Robert Samuelson
 William Thompson
 Tom & Andy Dawes
 Clayton & Sally Sweeney
 Ellery Sno-Cruisers
 A.J. Paddock
 Arden Johnson
 Martha Miller
 Don & Marilyn Haglund
 Daniel Haglund
 Albert D'Attilio
 Harold & Debbie Anderson
 Allen & Elaine Short
 Jean Zingale
 Gary & Judy Johnson
 Ruth Sack
 Louis Volpe
 Dena Lander
 Gary & Charlotte Reinbolt
 Maj Britt Traynor
 Robert Wilson
 Dr. & Mrs. John O'Connor
 Karen Walsh
 Beverly Johnson
 Louis Brickner
 Injald Lodge 101 #65

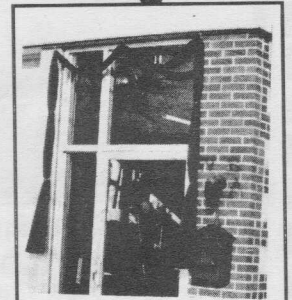
ACTIVE MEMBERS LIST

Chief Peter Samuelson	Safety Officer Mark Schlemmer	Treasurer Ed Farris
1st Assistant Ted Farnham	Pub. Officer Dan Burns	Fin. Secretary Trudy Thompson
2nd Asst. Scott Kelemen	Pres. RonThompson	Secretary Sandy Morrison
3rd Asst. Dave Graham	Vice Pres. Phil Erickson	
Daniel Burns	David Gustafson	Hilary Rambacher
Sharron Coloren	Kurt Holm	Tom Rea
Dennis Carlson	Jeffrey House	Raymond Roberts
Brenda Crandall	Bruce Johnson	Peter Samuelson
Herbert Crandall	Dana Johnson	Mark Schlemmer
Douglas Crist	Scott Kelemen	Chuck Shick
Jeremy Crist	Ed Koning	James Shephard
Elizabeth Crossley	John Kuhns	Jon Stahley
Bryan Dahlberg	Robert Magnuson	Becky Stahley
Philip Erickson	Jeremy Mescall	Robert Stahley
Ricky Farnham	Sandy Morrison	Carl Steenburn
Theodore Farnham	Jim Oleniacz	Keith Swanson
Edward Farris	Barry Oste	Gertrude Thompson
Andy Finson	Terri Oste	Ronald Thompson
Charles Frazier	Jeffrey Present	Michael Winne
Dave Graham	Brian Raines	William Woodfield



Fallen Fire Fighters

**William D.
Crandall
and
Frank
Raynor**



Whenever you see the black banner hung above our door - It is our way of honoring a fallen fire fighter. We will leave it up for one month, after the death of one of our colleagues.