

1999



THE PATRON FIRE FIGHTER



BEMUS POINT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT., INC.

Alburtus Street, Bemus Point, New York 14712

Ted Farnham

Fire Chief



Ron Thompson

President

Dear Patron Fire Fighter,

What would happen if no one volunteered?

As we begin our annual fund drive, we are reminded that we not only need the financial support of the community but also community members that are willing and able to give of their time and expertise in order to help others in need. I can think of no better way to teach our children to be givers rather than takers, to think of community needs rather than "me, me, me", or to value the rewarding feeling of having truly made a difference in the life of another than to become a volunteer firefighter.

Tuesday nights are our drill / meeting nights. We urge you to stop by and talk with us about becoming a member.

Yours Truly,
Ted Farnham
Fire Chief

CHIEF OFFICERS



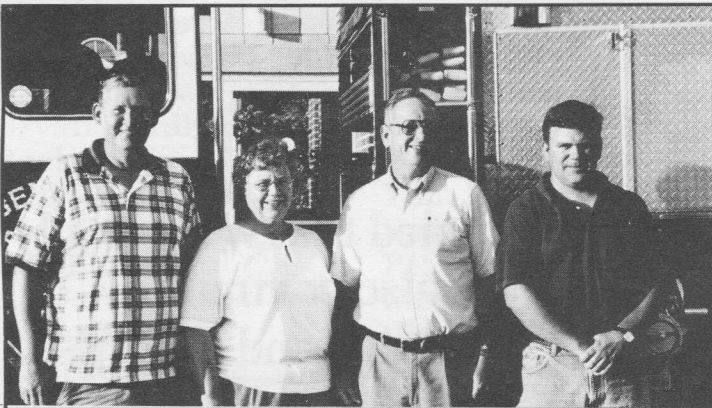
PICTURED FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:
Chief Ted Farnham • 1st Assistant Dave Graham • 2nd Assistant Charlie Frazier • 3rd Assistant John Kuhn

LINE OFFICERS

Captain of Boats Bruce Johnson
Lieutenant Dana Johnson

Co Captain R-441 Mike Winne & Charlie Frazier
R-442 Captain Dave Gustafson & Lieut. Phil Erickson
E-441 Captain Carl Steenburn & Lieut. Tom Rea
E-442 Captain Rick Farnham & Lieut. Brian Raines

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS



PICTURED FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:
Vice President Phil Erickson
Financial Secretary Trudy Thompson • President Ron Thompson • Treasurer Ed Farris
(Not Pictured) Secretary Mark Schlemmer

FIREMAN OF THE YEAR "EDWARD FARRIS"



PICTURED FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:
President Ron Thompson
The Fireman of the Year...Ed Farris • Ted Farnham

The Bemus Point Volunteer Fire Department held its annual awards banquet at the See-Zuhr House restaurant in Bemus Point. Highlights of this year's banquet included the naming of the Fireperson of the year. This year's Fireperson of the year, as voted by the membership, was Edward Farris. Ed has been a member of the department since 1992 and currently holds the position of Treasurer of the Company as well as being an EMT B. Ed is a graduate of Purdue University and works for Farm Credit of WNY in Mayville. He resides in the Village of Bemus Point. Congratulations Ed!

Additionally, the following firefighters were recognized with service awards:

Robert Stahley - 50 Years

Bruce Johnson - 40 Years

Raymond Roberts - 35 years

James Shepard - 25 Years

Hilary Rambacher - 20 Years

William Woodfield - 15 Years

Congratulations & Thank You for your Dedication

WHALE PROGRAM TO BEGIN

The Bemus Point Volunteer Fire Department is beginning a program called WHALE, an acronym for We Have A Little Emergency. The goal of this program is to ensure the proper and efficient rescue and treatment of children riding in car safety seats who are involved in motor vehicle accidents.

For children participating in this program, an informational label is attached to the back of the car safety seat that the child occupies. The label contains important information about that child. WHALE logo stickers are then attached to the car safety seat and to the rear windows of the vehicle in order to alert rescuers that the vehicle occupants participate in the program.

If the car seat is no longer used, sold, given away, or even temporarily used for another child, the information label as well as the WHALE logo stickers should all be removed.

If your family is interested in participating in the WHALE program, please contact any Bemus Point Volunteer Fire Department Chief.

BEMUS POINT CHIEF ALERTS RESIDENTS TO POSSIBILITY OF AMBULANCE FEES

The possibility that area residents will be charged for ambulance service under some circumstances has been noted by Ted Farnham, chief of the Bemus Point Volunteer Fire Department. Farnham explained that the Bemus Point department, like most area volunteer fire departments, is experiencing a shortage of members, and that in some instances it may be necessary to call for assistance from the WCA Hospital based ambulance service. In those cases, residents can expect to receive a bill, Farnham said.

"Unfortunately, there are times when our EMTs are out of the area, or otherwise unable to respond. Also, there are times when we encounter a critical situation where our EMTs feel that they need additional help. At those times we will have no choice but to call WCA for assistance," Farnham stated.

"While we certainly wish that we did not have the necessity for this action, we are sure that area residents would agree that it is in the best interest of all concerned in a life or death situation," Farnham said. The chief went on to note that the fire department ambulance service is supported mainly through fund raising efforts and donation, with a portion of its revenues coming from tax monies. "We have never made a charge for our services, and never will, as long as we remain a volunteer organization. While we sincerely appreciate the generous support that our community has given us, the best way for residents of our fire district to ensure that this service is available when needed is to become active themselves. Anyone over the age of 16 is eligible for membership in the department," the chief said. Anyone interested in joining may contact him, or any member of the Bemus Point Volunteer Fire Department for more information.

ICE RESCUE BOAT



RESCUE BOAT



FALL BREAKFASTS TO HELP MAKE PROCEEDS FOR PIÑATA

Several Sundays in the Fall, the Department puts on Breakfasts with the proceeds going towards the buying of gifts, furnishing food and stocking the ever popular Piñata at our Annual Community Christmas for the kids.

1999 Bemus Point Volunteer 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

Fletcher Ward
 Bob Gustafson & All the helpers on the 10-K race
 Chuck Kruse and Jim Lucey
 Shore Acres Marina
 Bob & Sandy Stanley and The Penny Saver
 Ellery Supervisor Arden Johnson
 and Town Officials
 Bemus Pt. Mayor Bryan Dahlberg
 and Village Officials
 See Zurh House
 Sheriff Joe Gerace and Deputies
 Chautauqua County Fire Co-Ordinator Neil
 McNeight & Deputies

ACTIVE FIREMEN

Dan Anderson	Scott Kelemen
Daniel Burns	John Kuhns
Sharron Caloren	Rob Magnuson
Dennis Carlson	Sandra Morrison
Herb Crandall	Jim Oleniacz
Doug Crist	Barry Oste
Jeremy Crist	Dan Oste
Charles Crossley	Terri Oste
Liz Crossley	Jeff Present
Bryan Dahlberg	Brian Raines
Becky Ellis	Hilary Rambacher
Phil Erickson	Tom Rea
Rick Farnham	Ray Roberts
Ted Farnham	Pete Samuelson
Ed Farris	Mark Schlemmer
Andy Finson	Chuck Shick
Charlie Frazier	Jon Stahley
Dave Graham	Becky Stahley
Dave Gustafson	Bob Stahley
Janice Hallberg	Carl Steenburn
Kurt Holm	Ron Thompson
Jeff House	Trudy Thompson
Bruce Johnson	Mike Winne
Dana Johnson	Bill Woodfield

CHIEF'S CENTURY CLUB 1998-1999

Businesses

See Zurh House
 Italian Fisherman
 Bemus Point Golf Club
 Surf Club
 Hare-N-Hounds
 Skibick Pipeline Co.

Chautauqua Brick Co.
 Michael Rodgers Land
 Surveyors P.C.
 Wendleys One Stop
 Bemus Point Market
 H & H Metal Specialty
 Shore Acres Boat Yard

Citizens

Ralph & Anna
 Langbartel
 Steve Sample
 Richard Reading
 Elizabeth Proctor
 George Braley
 Roger Olson
 Anne Lahr
 Lynda Howard
 John Johnston
 William Thompson
 Peter Brann
 Edward Davies III
 Charles & Mary Gibson
 Jack & Lynn Reading
 Roy & Mary Benson
 Beverly Johnson
 Bruce & Karen Scroton
 Louis Brickner
 Ingjald Lodge #65
 Arden Johnson
 Bob & Eva Wilson
 Tom & Mary Dawes
 Clayton Sweeney
 Tyler Swanson

Louis Volpe
 William Soffel
 Harold Anderson
 James & Mary Turney
 Dr. & Mrs. John
 O'Connor
 Gary & Charolette
 Reinbolt
 Beth Sebaugh &
 Robert Poklar
 Jean Zingale
 Bob & Paul Samuelson
 A.J. Paddock
 Karen Walsh
 John Sitzenstatter
 Martha Miller
 Ellery Sno Cruisers
 Mr & Mrs Allen Short
 Doug & Sue Neckers
 Daniel Haglund
 Don & Marilyn
 Haglund



LAST ALARM



Fletcher Ward Sr.