



2001

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,

The past year brought many new changes to the fire department; new equipment, new members, and new responsibilities. We will continue to modernize our department and our members. Member recruitment and retention are problems all volunteer departments face. Any area resident over age 16 is invited to visit and join. We have all positions open, especially medical response personnel. EMT/Rescue calls account for the great majority of our alarms, so these specialists are most welcome. The friendships made and satisfactions gained are lifelong.

Once again, thank you for your continued support.

Yours Truly,
Ted Farnham,
Fire Chief

CHIEF OFFICERS

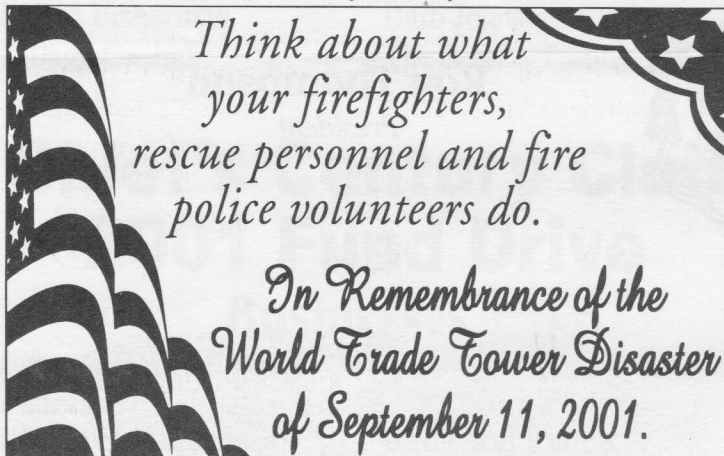
Chief Ted Farnham • 1st Assistant Scott Keleman
2nd Asst. John Kuhns • 3rd Asst. Jeremy Crist

LINE OFFICERS

R-441 Captain Charlie Frazier - Lt. Lynn Wigren
R-442 Capt. Dave Gustafson • Lt. Brian Raines
Engines Capt. Rick Farnham - E-411 Lt. Dawn Samuelson
E-442 Lt. Tom Rea
Boat Capt. Bruce Johnson - Lt. Randy Apperson
Fire Police Capt. Bruce Johnson - Lt. Dave Lewis

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

President - Ron Thompson
Vice President - Dave Lewis
Treasurer - Marie Lewis
Financial Secretary - Trudy Thompson
Secretary - Becky Stahley



FIREMAN OF THE YEAR Brian Raines



This year the annual awards banquet was held in February at the Hare & Hounds in Bemus Point with about 100 current and past firemen, families and guest present. Our 2000 Fireman of the Year, voted upon by active members, is Brian Raines, age 35. Brian has been a member for 16 years, is very active, and is Lieutenant of the Heavy Rescue Truck (R-442). Brian lives just outside of Bemus Point and works for Jamestown Mattress Co.

ACTIVE MEMBERS

Daniel Anderson
Randy Apperson
Dave Braund
Dan Burns
Denny Carlson
Herb Crandall
Doug Crist
Jeremy Crist
Chuck Crossley
Liz Crossley
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Ted Farnham
Charlie Frazier
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Dave Gustafson
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Kurt Holm
Jeff House
Bruce Johnson
Dana Johnson
Scott Keleman

John Kuhns
Dave Lewis
Marie Lewis
Rob Magnuson
Phil McNamara
Jeremy Mescall
Barry Oste
Dan Oste
Doug Oste
Jeff Present
Brian Raines
Hillary Rambacher
Tom Rea
Dawn Samuelson
Pete Samuelson
Mark Schlemmer
Jim Shepard
Jon Stahley
Becky Stahley
Bob Stahley
Trudy Thompson
Ron Thompson
Lynn Wigren
Tom Wigren
Mike Winnie
Bill Woodfield

CALLS

During the past year we had over 190 calls. Of these 90% were EMS, Ambulance or rescue calls and the rest were fire or service calls. Note that the fire service has evolved into a largely medical help-rescue service that also answers fire calls. We have 6 EMT's in the department (and a few from mutual aid companies) to handle all those calls. New EMT's are very much needed.

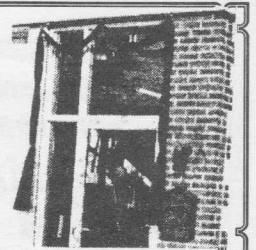
BLOOD DRIVE

Shae Lipsey
Donating Blood
during Our Blood
Drive at the
Bemus Point Fire
Hall.



LAST ALARM

Robert West



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

Actually highlights of the past 18 months. We needed room inside for the Ice Rescue Air Boat (B-442) which had been stored outside in a canvas and pipe-framed "tent" and was balky starting in the depth of our cold winters. When we need to use it, it usually means someone has fallen through the ice in the lake and the boat must start RIGHT NOW! So we rehabilitated the storage garage right next door in the Historical Society building and made it into an ambulance bay for R-441 and all the medical equipment. Then we had room for B-442 in the big truck bay, warm and ready to hook to the heavy rescue (R-442) to tow to the lake or wherever.

Last year's "Patron" showed the new open-air gear lockers. Additionally we have upgraded our member's protective turnout gear, meeting current safety standards, including new helmets. Also some breathing apparatus (air Packs or SCBA's) were replaced as well. In addition we have started to replace our pagers with new Motorola units that have more features. Finally we're getting boots and gloves to complete the protection of our firefighters.

HERB CRANDALL

1947. President Truman was in, WWII had ended and Korea was unknown to just about everyone, baby boomers were starting to be born but didn't have a name yet, a new Chevy cost \$600 and gas was 19 cents. That's when Herb Crandall, newly back home as a Staff Sergeant with Patton's 3rd Army in Europe in the Big War, decided to join the Bemus Point Volunteer Fire Co. Inc., and has remained active ever since.

Herb, now 78, married to Beverly Carol, father and grandfather, started in the family painting business, got his assoc. degree at the predecessor to JCC, and his BS in Health & Phys. Ed. at Brockport, '52, and entered the oil/gas business for 7 years. He then became a teacher in Bemus Point and Maple Grove and retired in '84. Keeping busy was no problem. Besides the Fire Department, Herb played semi-pro baseball with the Town of Ellery team against the best locals and some former minor and major leaguers. He also fished and hunted, played golf, did some trapping, and is now busy with gardening and floral arranging.

Frank Lamphere asked Herb to join in 1947 and he became a ladder man, nozzle man, driver, interior firefighter, etc. up to Captain during his active firefighter days. Herb's first call was before he even joined the department, before WWII, during the Rogers Fire. He remembers the propane tank explosion that

The big news is the ordering of the new fire truck. The truck committee worked for over a year to design specifications of what we needed and fit it into a budget. We expect delivery in December and it will replace the venerable E-441 which has performed well for over 20 years and has gotten somewhat long in the tooth. Next year's "Patron" will have a complete report on it.

Breakfasts were held last fall and this spring for the benefit of the Children's Christmas Party and the new modular playground equipment we just helped install in the Village park.

Finally the siren has been replaced. We repaired it last year, but it is of WW2 vintage and wouldn't spin up to full pitch or volume. We recently installed a new, single tone, directional unit that can be heard for miles but isn't that much louder up close. It still whistles at noon daily, blows during emergency calls and will be activated as a disaster warning.



Pictured From Left to Right: Ron Thompson -President, Brian Dahlberg - Mayor, Herb Crandall, Jon Stahley - 4th Battalion coordinator, Tedd Farnham - Chief

blew men off ladders and burned 9 or 10. His first fire as a member was the Viking's Club fire, started by lightning.

When asked about the biggest fire, Herb tells of the Hotel Rappole (now the See-Zurh House) fire when he, and several others, had to enter, change nozzles and aggressively attack to quell the fire. In addition he recalls the Two Hare-N-Hounds fires and the big fire at the Colonnade building at Chautauqua. Herb also did rescue and ambulance calls after receiving Red Cross basic and advance training. Herb now has been an active Fire Policeman for some 20 years and still answers calls when needed. Certainly he is a foundation of our department.

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Jim Lucey	Town Supervisor Arden Johnson & Town of Ellery Officials
Bob Gustafson	County Legislator Richard Babbage
Janice Hallberg	Bemus Golf Club
Dan Magara	Dana Johnson
See-Zurh House	Barb Johnson
Christmas Party	The Stahley Family
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Italian Fisherman	
Village Casino	

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Chief's Century Club 2001 Fund Drive

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Turney's Sanitary Service	Contracting

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