

2005



THE PATRON FIRE FIGHTER



BEMUS POINT VOLUNTEER FIRE CO., INC.

13 ALBURTUS AVENUE, BEMUS POINT, NEW YORK 14712

Visit our web site: www.bemuspointfire.org

Scott M. Kelemen

Fire Chief



David Graham

President

This past year has been both successful and rewarding. As our call volumes continue to escalate, we find that the teamwork of our people to give their own time and knowledge when a problem arises is something for the whole community to be proud of. Your financial support is also an essential part of our team. Without your support we simply could not have the resources to give the best possible care that our community has become accustomed to. Last year you again gave generously and we deeply appreciate it.

Again as we look to the New Year we will have the challenges of replacing our Ice Water Rescue Boat, the purchase of a new Heart Monitor, and the never-ending dilemma in the fire service of recruiting and retaining members. Your help can be vital in all these facets by either monetary donations, referring a prospective member, or by joining yourself.

Please feel free to stop in any Tuesday evening and take a look at our organization as well as the purchases we have been able to make with your generous donations. We are a diverse group that makes our organization run as it does today from engineers, to bankers, to electricians, to registered nurses, from the young to the old, but each unique individual has something to offer to make the Bemus Point Fire Company one of the most respected fire departments in Chautauqua County.

Thank you again for you patronage. Also, feel free to visit us at our new improved web site bemuspointfire.org.

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FIREMAN OF THE YEAR ROBERT STAHLEY

Last summer the Bemus Point Fire Dept. lost our long time servant to the community. After marrying Mary Jane Carlson and moving to Bemus, Bob joined the fire department in 1947 and was an active member ever since that time. With Mary Jane in attendance at the annual department banquet this past March, Chief Stahley was honored post humously as the Firefighter of the Year and a new award in his name was created with Bob as the first recipient.

Twice The fire chief and numerous years as an assistant chief, Bob always filled the role where there was a need. He was also one of the first County Deputy Fire Coordinators when that system was first instituted in New York State. Chief Stahley was also instrumental in starting the first medical treatment (First Aid) system along with an ambulance for the department. Prior to that time patients were transported in funeral home hearses, dead or alive.



Bob also held numerous administrative offices for the

Fire Company. For many years he was the secretary of the Chautauqua County Fire Chiefs Association. In later years he could always be seen on location as a department fire policeman. One could say that he was also classified as one of the town characters, which was always good for the morale of the firefighters.

Chief Stahley exemplified devotion to duty and an attitude of how to get the job done for the good of the fire department.

Please cut along the dotted line, and mail it in the envelope provided to The Bemus Point Fire Department. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

2005 Bemus Point Volunteer Fire Dept. Fund Drive

If you wish a receipt for tax purposes,
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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.

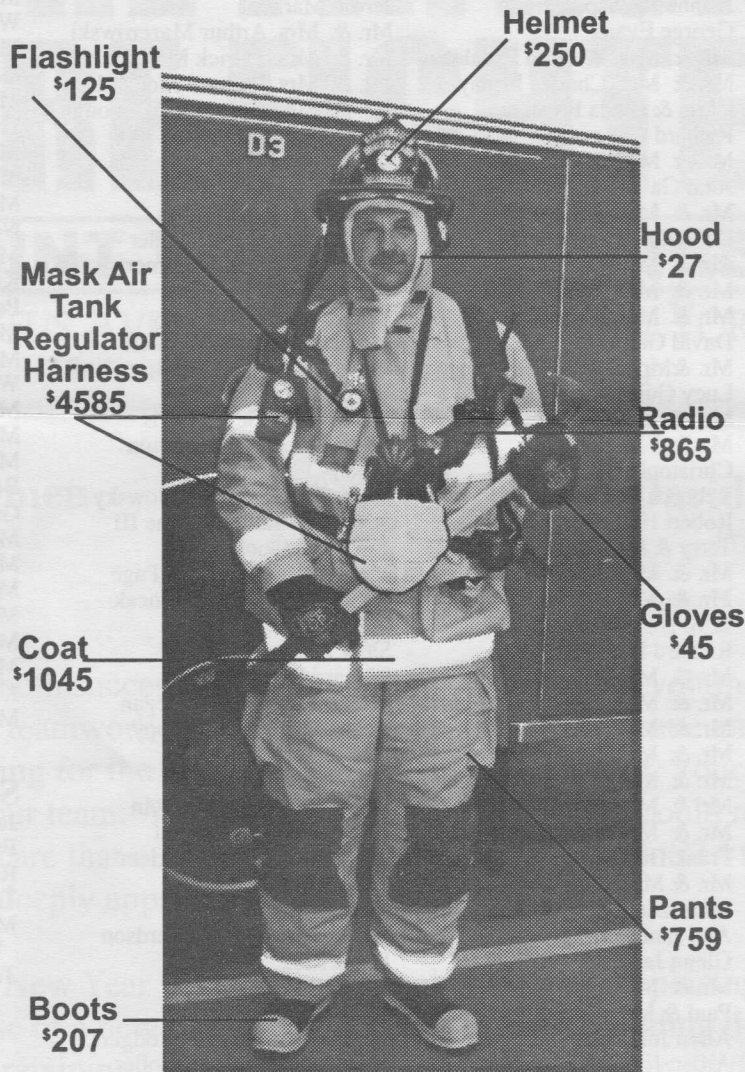
FINANCIAL SECRETARY

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

Boot Drives - After much thought we decided that the boot drive method of raising money was a far better return on our investment in time and equipment. We also are able to personally ask the visitors to the Bemus area for donations as they comprise many of our seasonal calls. We used a few small ones for the planned purchase of a new heart monitor and were planning to do a big effort during the Labor Day events, but that was before hurricane Katrina.

Realizing that there were many problems with our fellow firefighters all along the Gulf Coast we have adopted Lamar County, MS, and their eleven volunteer fire departments as the recipient of the proceeds and will be hoping that other local departments will follow our lead. Those coastal departments have lost so much and we are blessed with comparatively benign weather.

Breakfasts - We had our usual three fall and three spring breakfasts. The fall ones are historically used for the Bemus-Ellery Childrens Christmas party and the spring ones for various needs in the Department. Look for the posters and join us for good food and an excellent time. Bring the Kids and



TOTAL \$7,908

tour our hall and get acquainted with the equipment.

Special Fund Raiser - One

of our members lost his daughter in-law in an auto accident and we, in conjun-

tion with some local businesses, held a Benefit Dinner for the granddaughter, age 7. It was very successful and the Department wishes to thank the residents and business community for their support. The granddaughter, one of our family, is doing fine & will use the funds for a better life.

Equipment costs - We have several to report on. We bought a number of new air-packs and complete personal protective clothing for our prime responders. The photo attached shows the increase in equipment costs as compared with the photo run only three years ago. Federal and state code requirements have markedly impacted those costs. When you see our members, packed up and protected, remember the many, many thousands of dollars you are looking at.

Other equipment includes new chain saws, portable water pump, office equipment and a host of miscellaneous things. The Chief mentioned the new ice-rescue air boat we hope will be here just after Christmas. Our department continues to stay current with equipment to provide you with the best bargain in fire, rescue and medical response.

Remembering Their Service

LAST ALARM

Daniel Anderson
and
James Rodgers



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