

### BEMUS POINT VOLUNTEER FIRE CO., INC.

13 ALBURTUS AVENUE, BEMUS POINT, NEW YORK 14712
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Jeremy D. Crist
Fire Chief



**David Graham** 

President

This past year has been very successful and rewarding. As incident volumes increase, the teamwork of our volunteers is outstanding. As a community we are proud of the individuals that give their time and knowledge to those in need. Our volunteers need resources for providing the best possible care that our community has become accustomed to. Your generosity last year was outstanding and greatly appreciated.

We had two major accomplishments this past year. We purchased a new Ice Water Rescue Boat and a new Heart Monitor. Both of these items are vital pieces of equipment for providing our high level of care. As we look towards the future, one major goal is to purchase a new ambulance around the year 2008 or 2009. An investment of this size does not happen right away, and requires planning and preparation well in advance.

That, and the smaller things required for daily operations, is what we have prepared for the upcoming year. I invite you to stop by the Fire Station to take a look at our organization, and equipment that we have.

We are proud of what we have achieved and owe a lot of it to you. We are regularly at the Fire Station on Tuesday evenings. Everyone here has something to offer, though a variety of different skills and professions.

From young to old, everyone contributes and makes a difference. The Bemus Point Volunteer Fire Department is one of the most respected departments in Chautauqua County. If you would like to become part of our team, I encourage you to stop in and fill out an application.

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

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# FIREMAN OF THE YEAR SCOTT KELEMEN

Each year the members vote in secret to nominate the recipient of this most prestigious award. For this year the choice was clear; our Immediate Past Chief, Scott Kelemen. Scott joined our department 15 years ago and has held all the firematic positions culminating in Chief in 2004. Scott, 38, is a lifetime Bemus Point area resident

and is married to Andrea and is the father to two children Kristin, 5, and Drew, 3.
Scott, a Maple Grove graduate has his BA in Business Administration



from SUNY Fredonia. He is

employed by
HSBC
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Corp. and is a
successful
mortgage
originator in
Western New
York.
Besides the
Fire
Department

where he is a top ten

responder, he is a very active (low handicap) golfer and bowler plus skis frequently during our winter season. Scott has been deeply involved in the improvment of the Department in its growth to a modern and well trained fire service organization. We salute past chief Kelemen.

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

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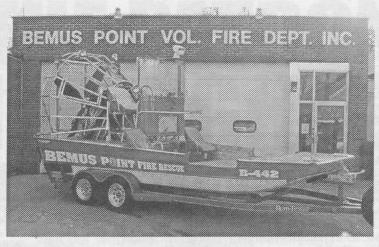
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FINANCIAL SECRETARY

### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

Boot Drive - Due to some very inclement weather during the Labor Day Weekend we, in conjunction with the Bemus Bay Pops, had to delay the drive and the Pops until the next day. The result was a reduction in the number of visitors to Bemus and a shortfall in our fund total; all of which was to be used for the purchase of our new heart monitor. Those who donated were generous - just not enough people were in the area that day to meet our goal. We bit the bullet and purcahsed the monitor anyway. Equipment costs - Chief Crist noted our two major improvments to the department. As noted above we ordered and just took delivery of a modern and very technically advanced heart monitor in order that our EMT's and paramedics have the very best unit to diagnose and treat those with cardiac problems. New York State has mandated several new regulations for prehospital cardiac care and we had to replace our older, insufficient unit. Training on the new machine is ongoing at present. After a dozen or so years our ice rescue airboat was outliving its useful life without some major repairs. We used it to make a number of life-saving rescues over the years that we had it. Something newer and more usersafe was indicated and we took possession of a new one early in 2006. It is more powerful, has





better handling and flotation and much more storage for our medical and rescue equipment on board. Please stop by to see it as it is kept at the hall ready to go instantly.

Training - Many of you have driven by our station or attended a all comes down to training and

breakfast or Christmas party and that is all you know of us. The door to our truck bay is usually closed, so what really goes on there when no one can see inside?

Like any organization or team it

practice. It takes thousands of man hours of training in firefighting, medical EMT, hazmat, pumper operations, fire police, water and boat usage, engine and rescue driving, building and equipment maintenance, the inevitable paperwork and reports, fund raising, planning and member recruitment. Then we add cleaning of everything, fix-up of tools and small engines, parade practice and breakfast cooking. Again, cleaning.

This year we graduated nearly 100% of our members in State and National courses (IS-100 and NIMS-700) in order to better understand the big picture of larger disaster responses. These courses were mandated in order for us to continue to operate safely and apply for funding. A number of our chiefs, officers and members have taken courses far beyond the minimum and all on their own time and money. That is what makes a volunteer fire department run training and practice and dedication. No one is born a firefighter or EMT; one does it by time and effort, all without compensation.

Just imagine:

"What would happen if volunteer firefighters didn't volunteer?"

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