

2007



THE PATRON FIRE FIGHTER



BEMUS POINT VOLUNTEER FIRE CO., INC.

13 ALBURTUS AVENUE, BEMUS POINT, NEW YORK 14712

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Dear Patron Fire Fighter,

This past year the Bemus Point Volunteer Fire Department has been very active. We continue to show a pattern of increasing incidents to which we respond. The outstanding teamwork, dedication, and knowledge that our people demonstrate are something for the whole community to be proud of. Last year you again gave generously, and we deeply appreciate it.

The money you so freely give each year is spent on items that are critical to our operation. As I stated last year we are moving closer to the time when we need to replace our ambulance. This will be a project that takes a lot of thought and planning. Over seventy percent of our calls are medical related, so you can see the need for careful and proper planning.

I would like to extend an invitation for you to stop by and see the many new pieces of equipment your generosity has allowed us to obtain. We have been fortunate this year to recruit some new members but, as always, you are welcome too. We meet at the Fire Station every Tuesday evening for various drills and meetings. Stop by and we would be more than happy to explain what we do, and how our operation works.

Thank you again for your generous patronage. Feel free to visit our website at www.bemuspointfire.org.

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FIREMAN OF THE YEAR THOMAS REA



Each year the members vote in secret to nominate the recipient of this most prestigious award. The recipient this year is First Assistant Chief, Thomas Rea.

Tom, 46, has been a Bemus resident for over nine years. Born in Stuttgart Germany he grew up in Panama, NY, graduating

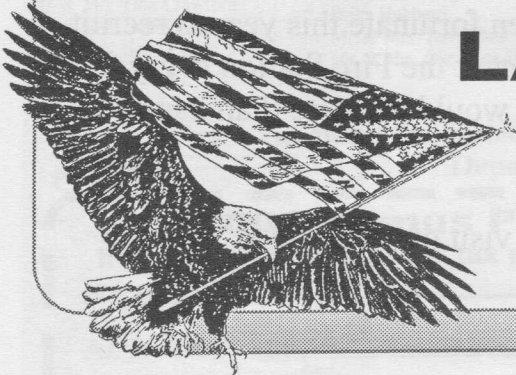
from Panama HS and attending the NYS Corrections Academy to prepare for his career in the Sheriff's Department as a Corrections Officer at the Chautauqua County jail in Mayville. Tom entered the fire service in Panama in 1980 and joined our department in 1997. He has progressed through the ranks becoming captain, third

assistant and now first assistant chief. He lives close to the fire station with his wife Valerie (also a member) and his son, Josh. He has been a top ten responder for years. Tom is a long-time hunter and a recent motorcycle enthusiast. Our congratulations to Tom on this well-deserved award.

Remembering Their Service

LAST ALARM

Ernest Bohall
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TRAINING

In the past we have discussed the commitment and time our members put into training to better respond in the event of your emergency. This year we wish to ask you to also do some training to prevent injuries to you and family members in the event of fire.

FIRE SAFETY INDEX

— Cut Out And Post For All To Read —

Fire kills more people every year than all of the natural disasters in the United States combined! Earthquakes, floods, tornadoes and hurricanes do not even come close to matching the destructive power of fire.

Approximately 5,500 people die from fire every year in this country. The real tragedy is that most of these deaths could easily be prevented with a few simple precautions. Working smoke detectors along with a well-rehearsed escape plan can mean the difference between life and death. The following covers the most important areas to consider in developing a family home escape plan.

HOME ALARM

SIGNAL: Smoke detectors are your best alarm. They will buy you time to make your escape. Working smoke detectors could reduce residential fire fatalities by up to 90 percent. Test your alarms regularly. If you have a battery-powered alarm, change the battery every six months. (A good time is when you change your clocks spring and fall). Once awaked by your detector, yell and shout to make sure that all family members are awake.



"I can think of no more stirring symbol of man's humanity to man than a fire engine."
—Kurt Vonnegut

TWO WAYS OUT of each bedroom is a primary consideration of a home escape plan. A window is usually going to be the second exit. Make sure it is not blocked by furniture and is easily operable by children. Screens must come off easily. If you have security bars, they must have inside quick release devices. Practice using them. If you live in a two-story home, a fire escape ladder is a must. Have one for each occupied bedroom. They are available through larger hardware stores at a cost of about \$50.00. They fold into a small box that fits under your bed.

GET OUT FAST once the alarm has sounded. Do not stop to dress or gather valuables. Don't let the children look for favorite toys or even the family pet. We are discussing survival

and you do not have the luxury of time. Fire moves FAST.

TEST DOORS BEFORE OPENING THEM to make sure it is safe on the other side. Feel the door and look for smoke seeping in around the edges. If you feel it is safe to open, then do so slowly and be prepared to slam it shut if heat and smoke rush in.

AN OUTSIDE MEETING PLACE should be decided upon in advance. Locate the meeting place well away from the house and make a rule: "ONCE OUT — STAY OUT". As soon as two people have reached the meeting place, one should leave to call 911 at a neighbor's house. The second member should stay to account for all other family members. If someone is missing do not

go back inside; notify responding fire companies immediately upon their arrival.

REHEARSING YOUR ESCAPE PLAN regularly is essential. A practiced routine will override panic in an emergency situation. Children who have had fire drill practice at home will automatically do the right thing in a real emergency. Without such practice they will usually hide under a bed or in a closet which can mean disaster. A small amount of time spent planning and rehearsing your escape plan may mean the difference between life and death in a fire. Don't let it happen to you.

RESPONSE CALLS FOR 2006

(2007 approx the same to date)

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| EMS | 121 |
| Fire | 15 |
| Fire Alarms | 21 |
| Vehicle Accidents | 30 |
| Severe Weather | 5 |
| Water Rescues | 8 |
| Service Calls | 3 |
| Canceled Enroute | 7 |
| Hazardous Cond. | 2 |

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