

2012



THE PATRON FIRE FIGHTER



BEMUS POINT VOLUNTEER FIRE CO., INC.

13 ALBURTUS AVENUE, BEMUS POINT, NEW YORK 14712

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Ryan Walker
Fire Chief



Michael Krott
President

Dear Patron Fire Fighter,

You may not appreciate the blaring siren at 2:00 in the morning, or having to pull over to the side of the road to allow the emergency vehicles to pass; however, every year, no matter how bad the economy is, each and every one of you demonstrates your appreciation through your generous donations and inspiring support. Despite rising gas prices, higher taxes, and deeper cuts in public services, you continue to help us provide the highest level of Emergency Services possible.

Unlike many departments throughout New York State, we continue to recruit new members who give their time, energy, and skills to our community. In fact, our newest members have completed many hours of grueling Firefighter and other Tactical Emergency Rescue training to provide the best possible services. Although we have continued to recruit new members while other departments are struggling to maintain active rosters, we welcome all community members who are interested in donning twenty pounds of fire-retardant gear and trudging through debris, snow, rain, or even "unknown" muck to help out whoever calls at whatever time of the day or night. If, however, that doesn't sound like your cup of tea, we have plenty of other things to do: cooking, waiting tables, marching in parades, teaching children about fire prevention and safety, and even occasionally standing in the middle of the road with a fire boot to raise money for special projects or equipment.

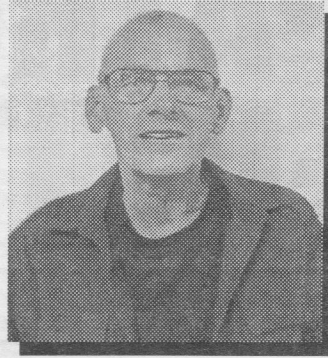
We may not always be your favorite "alarm clock," but rest assured, we are here for you—and we are always looking for more Heroes to join us.

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FIREMAN OF THE YEAR

“Dave Gustafson”



Each year our members vote in secret to nominate the recipient of this coveted award. This year's nominee is Dave (Gus) Gustafson.

Gus is a local native, graduated from Bemus Point HS, and joined the department in 1977 several years after his service in the Navy. He was in the submarine service for 8 years and had five three-month patrols during the Vietnam War aboard the nuclear submarine “Kemehemeha” based in Hawaii where he was a “plank owner” of the sub as he rode it down the ways during its launching. He was an E-6 specializing in electronic navigation. After military service he had a career in maintaining electronic business equipment in the

Jamestown area retiring in 2009. He is almost always a top 10 responder (tops in 2012) and is a firefighter, truck operator, and is the lieutenant of our heavy rescue truck. He also maintains most of our radio and paging units. Well known in the area he is frequently seen responding on his bike in good weather and is always ready to help on calls and around the station. We are proud to have Gus as our Firefighter of the Year.

Chief Officers

Chief – Ryan Walker
 1st Ass't – Michael Winne
 2nd Ass't – Tom Rea
 3rd Ass't – Jeremy Crist

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Station Captain - Michael Seeley
 Lieutenant - Dave Gustafson
 Lieutenant - Steven Hayes
 Lieutenant - Randy Edwards
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 Training Officer - Brian Evans

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Kerry Crist	Jeff Present
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Randy Edwards	Dawn Samuelson
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Greg Goold	Carl Steenburn
Robert Goold	Keith Swanson
David Graham	Gertrude
Kyle Griffith	Thompson
Dave (Gus)	Ronald Thompson
Gustafson	Brandon Todd
Jeffrey Hatch	Ryan Walker
Steven Hayes	Michael Winne
Kurt Holm	Sheri Winne
Lynda Howard	William Woodfield

SMOKE ALARMS

There have been multiple fatal fires across New York State recently, and unfortunately they share a thread all too common--the evidence of non-working smoke alarms.

We urge all our residents to clean and test their smoke alarms regularly. Working smoke alarms can dramatically increase a person's chance of surviving a fire. Smoke alarms provide an early warning to a fire, allowing occupants vital minutes to escape to safety.

Most fire deaths are caused by smoke, not flames. The majority of fire deaths and injuries occur at night while victims are asleep. The earlier you are alerted to a fire, the more likely it is that you will get out in time. Smoke alarms will not prevent fires, but they will increase your chances of getting out alive. The key is to make sure your smoke alarms are working. Many people forget that smoke alarms need to be maintained in order to be in proper working condition.

Research by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) indicates that while 94% of American homes have at least one smoke alarm, more than 1/3 are inoperable because of dead or missing batteries. Nearly 1/2 of our nation's fire deaths occur in the 6% of homes with no smoke alarms at all. Far too many fire departments in WNY report they continue to respond to calls in homes and apartments each year where there is no working smoke alarm present.

YOU need to take an active role in fire prevention and follow these fire safety tips:

1. Place smoke alarms on every level of your home, outside each sleeping area and in every bedroom.
2. Test smoke alarms monthly.
3. Vacuum alarms monthly to remove dust and cobwebs.
4. Replace old alarms. Smoke alarms ten years old and older need to be replaced. Alarms should never be disconnected and batteries should never be removed for other uses.

When purchasing a smoke alarm, look for smoke alarms with a loud siren or horn, a hush feature, a malfunction signal and a UL listing. Most hardware stores, home stores and other retail outlets have excellent smoke alarms at reasonable prices,

We want to reaffirm the value that working smoke alarms have in protecting people from the tragedy of a home fire death and emphasize the need to continue planning and practicing home fire escape plans.

Remember: “Smoke alarms can not save you if they aren't working.”

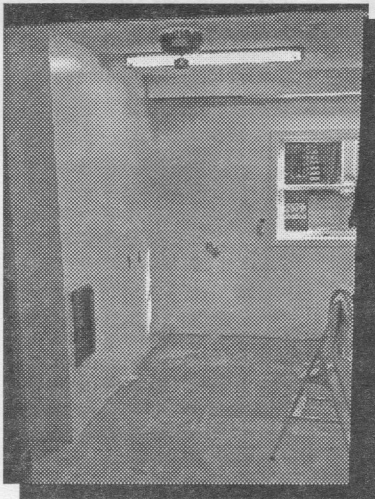
OUTSIDE IMPROVEMENTS



Last year we told you about the new Storage Garage we were purchasing for the Boston Whaler rescue boat, but due to circumstances beyond our control, we did not receive delivery of the unit prior to the Patron's publication 2011. The Storage Garage was finally erected and now allows us to keep the Whaler out of the weather without taking up valuable space in the main garage.

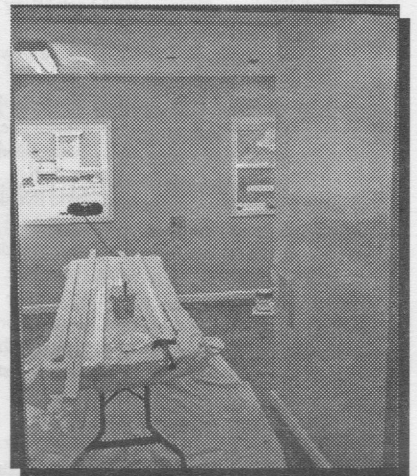
We are also very pleased that the Village's Street Superintendent, William Reynolds III, has done an amazing job of cleaning up the area adjacent to the unit as well as the rest of the Village. Thanks to our generous supporters, Mr. Reynolds, and our industrious membership, we are continuing to make improvements.

HOUSE IMPROVEMENTS



Again this year our Members have dedicated their time and skills to improving our Fire House. As we mentioned last year we have several projects on our "To Do" list, one of which is the remodeling of the Administrative Office—which is now two offices. The Volunteer Fire "Business," like all other businesses, requires meticulous records and constant attention to details; to that end, the shared office that allowed for an "open door" policy, is no longer adequate.

The truth of the matter is that we actually house two entities within the Membership: the Fire Department and the Fire Company, each equally important, but certainly different in their functions. When an unexpected roof leak necessitated the office remodel be expedited, the decision to incorporate a storage area to allow the office to be split into two offices emerged as a viable and effective solution. Thanks to Bush Manufacturing's donation of office furniture for the two spaces and all of our "in-house" skilled labor, we were able to keep the cost minimal.

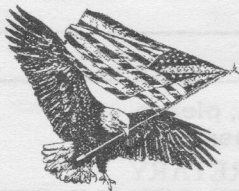


Although we are still putting on the finishing touches, the reapportioned spaces will be efficient—and aesthetically pleasing.

We were also able to purchase a new AED Monitor (Automated External Defibrillator) for all of our Basic EMTs and CPR Certified members to use. Should the need arise the AED can be used by any member who is certified to do so, not just EMTs. A few years ago your donations allowed us to upgrade to a Life-Pak 12 Monitor which is capable of performing EKGs and manual defibrillation in the field by our Medics; however, the new AED is much more compact and can be easily used by more rescuers.

To top this all off, we have also upgraded our security system to keep everything safe. The new monitor has several cameras, stores the footage, and the digital sequencing makes it easy to find specific dates/times for viewing if an incident is discovered. So as you can see, it has been another busy year, but we are doing everything we can to invest your donations as wisely as possible.

Remembering Their Service



LAST ALARM

Herbert Crandall & Sandy Morrison
May we live up to their sacrifice.

RESPONSE CALLS FOR 2012

EMS.....91	Other.....13
Fire.....44	TOTAL:
Vehicle..16	164

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Please check for accuracy and let us know. (Donations received Nov 1, 2011 to Oct 31, 2012).

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