

2014



# THE PATRON FIRE FIGHTER



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

13 ALBURTUS AVENUE, BEMUS POINT, NEW YORK 14712

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**Steven Hayes**  
*Fire Chief*



**Michael Krott**  
*President*

Dear Patron Fire Fighter,

2014 has been a busy year in Bemus Point, but thanks to your support it has been a good one. Our call volumes continue to remain high, especially calls for our ambulance which continues to be maintained and stocked with essential supplies thanks to your ongoing contributions. We have seen an increase in new members and as always, we welcome new members as we have many jobs to be done and have a role to match anyone's level of interest and expertise.

In this edition we announce the arrival of Bemus Point's new fire engine which brings the latest safety features to our firefighters. Staying current with safety takes the form of replacing worn equipment, providing classroom training opportunities, and in some cases, satisfying unfunded government mandates for equipment and training. Your support is essential to allow us to stay current.

As we look ahead to 2015, we see continued challenges across volunteer fire and emergency services in recruiting new members, especially in providing emergency medical services. If you or someone you know has an interest in providing life-saving services to your community, whether it is Bemus Point, or elsewhere, we encourage you learn more. Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) classes are offered twice a year, at no cost to the student. For college students, local tuition grants are available to students who volunteer during their studies – visit the fire department to learn more about how being a volunteer can help cover college tuition costs.

We welcome you to visit the fire hall any Tuesday evening to see our equipment and meet our members who represent a diverse cross section of our community from high school and college students to retirees, local business owners and seasonal residents, and backgrounds as varied as the people themselves. Our doors are open every Tuesday evening, and we welcome you and your family to stop in and see your local fire department.

Thank you for your patronage. Stay in touch with us throughout the year at our website [bemuspointfire.org](http://bemuspointfire.org), Facebook, and Twitter @BPVFD.

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# FIREMAN OF THE YEAR

## *“Randy Edwards”*

### Chief Officers

Chief – Steven Hayes  
 1st Ass't – Michael Winne  
 2nd Ass't – Jeremy Crist  
 3rd Ass't – Randy Edwards

### Line Officers

Station Captain - Jeffrey Hatch  
 Station Lieutenant - Dave Gustafson  
 Station Lieutenant - Kyle Griffith  
 Fire Police Captain - Brad Crist  
 EMS Captain - Mike Winne/Jeff Hatch

### Administrative Officers

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 Vice President – Brad Crist  
 Secretary – Sheri Winne  
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 Treasurer – Louise Parker

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Carlson, Deb	Johnston, Debra
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Collins, Steven	Lewis, Marie
Compton, Scott	Magnuson, Rob
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Crist, Jeremy	Parker, Tobin
Crist, Kerry	Pickard, Ben
Crossley, Chuck	Raines, Brian
Dahlberg, Bryan	Rea, Tom
Dahlberg, Collin	Rea, Val
Edwards, Jeff	Rein, Nick
Edwards, Randy	Samuelson, Dawn
Erickson, Phil	Samuelson, Pete
Evens, Brian	Schlemmer, Mark
Farnham, Ted	Seeley, Mike
Glassman, Dan	Shephard, James
Glassman,	Shick, Chuck
Johnathan	Shick, Rick
Goold, Greg	Stahley, Jon
Goold, Robert	Thompson, Ronald
Graham, Dave	Thompson, Trudy
Griffith, Kyle	Todd, Brandon
Gustafson, Dave	Walker, Ryan
Hatch, Chelsea	Winne, Mike
Hatch, Jeff	Winne, Sheri



Each year our members vote in secret to nominate the recipient of this coveted award. This year's nominee is Randy Edwards.

Randy is a Chautauqua County native, born in Westfield in 1976, raised in Sinclairville, graduated from Cassadaga Valley HS in 1986, who moved to Atlanta to work and later Erie to attend school to learn the tool and die trade.

He has worked at Classic Brass in Lakewood and currently for Innovative Tool and Machine as a CNC operator/programmer. Not married, he moved to the Bemus area in 1998 and joined the Department in 2010 because he wanted to help in the community.

As any new member, he started at the bottom and has attended many of the fire/rescue schools and rose quickly and is our current 3rd assistant fire chief. He is a top 5 responder and seems to be always at the fire hall helping in many ways with training and station upgrades in addition to response calls.

His hobbies include hunting, fishing, boating and motorcycle riding in addition to the Department. The best thing he enjoys as a BPFM member is the “family” of our membership. We are fortunate to have him part of us. Congratulations, Randy!

## CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2014

The fire department hosted the Maple Grove Class of '14 on graduation night last June in continuation of a tradition begun over 30 years ago. The fire hall was transformed into a Monte Carlo casino for the evening as the newly graduated students enjoyed some casino games (with play money of course) and refreshments as part of the all-night post-graduation events. Our members look forward to this event each year and with each year we see members who once visited the hall as students, welcome their own children as graduates. We thank the many volunteers who help with events like this, and the sponsors who make them possible.

## NEARING A MILESTONE - CENTENNIAL UPDATE

We are one year closer to the 100th anniversary of the Bemus Point Volunteer Fire Department in 2020.

Our focus now is reviewing volumes of archived photographs, documents, and memorabilia and ensuring items from our history are preserved and able to be shared at the anniversary and in the future.

Anyone with an interest or background in document archiving or historical preservation would be welcome to participate in our efforts. Stop by the fire hall to learn more.

### RESPONSE CALLS FOR 2014

EMS ... 101 • FIRE ... 19  
 VEHICLE ... 17 • FIRE ALARMS ... 35  
 OTHER ... 12 • TOTAL ... 184

# NEW FIRE ENGINE IN SERVICE



After 20 years of service to the community, Bemus Point's old Pierce Lance fire engine, which faced structural wear and tear and rising repair expenses, has been retired and replaced with a 2015 Pierce Impel fire engine. This new apparatus contains the latest in safety features for our firefighters, most notably an enclosed crew compartment which protects our volunteers in transit and provides a place of shelter from the heat of summer or a call on an icy night in winter. The engine is able to carry a crew of six firefighters and brings new features not seen in Bemus, such as an

innovative lighting tower which can provide incredible scene lighting capabilities, increasing safety in nighttime operations. We look forward to decades of service from our new "Engine 442" and welcome you to visit the fire hall on a Tuesday evening to see it for yourself.

## FIRE SAFETY EDUCATION



This year we continued our focus on fire prevention through three of our favorite activities: Fire Prevention Night at the Bemus Point Library, Toddler Reading Hour at the fire hall, and our annual visit to the fire hall from more than 200 students from the Bemus Point Elementary School. During our Fire Prevention Night last Spring we discussed kitchen safety tips, including never leaving items cooking unattended on a stovetop, and extinguishing a grease fire on a stove by placing a lid on the pan - not using water. Our school visitors learned about smoke alarms, and had a chance to see our firefighters in their full protective gear, and had an opportunity to climb aboard our new fire engine! Your contributions allow us to send our visitors home with kid-sized fire helmets and safety education materials.

This year's national Fire Prevention Week theme was "Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives". Have you changed the batteries and tested the smoke alarms in your home?

## FIRE DEPARTMENT SUPPORTS BEMUS POINT LIBRARY



During the 2014 statewide fire department recruiting open house in April, the Bemus Point Volunteer Fire Department held a rummage sale at the fire hall, with items donated from the community. The fire department presented the Bemus Point Library with the proceeds of the sale - a check for \$1,000. The fire department is proud to support our local community and appreciates the many people who donated items to the sale and came to shop during our open house.

# LIST of DONORS

Please check for accuracy and let us know. (Donations received Nov 1, 2013 to Oct 31, 2014).

## INDIVIDUALS

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