



# 2016 THE PATRON FIRE FIGHTER



## BEMUS POINT VOLUNTEER FIRE CO., INC.

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**Steven Hayes**  
Fire Chief



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President

Dear Patron Fire Fighter,

We thank you for your continued support throughout 2016 and reflect on another busy year at the Bemus Point Volunteer Fire Department. Our call volumes remained high again this year, with our ambulance crews busy throughout the year, especially during our warm summer months. Your support has allowed us to maintain a full suite of advanced life support equipment and resources onboard our ambulance, which was recently re-accredited by the NY State Health Department to continue providing the highest levels of care to our community.

We were fortunate this year to welcome new members from our community who became volunteers, including those who have committed to the extensive training requirements to become certified Emergency Medical Technicians, which is a critical skill set we are always seeking. While our county is taking some very positive steps to help address the growing need for emergency medical services by deploying paramedics in "fly cars" around the county starting in 2017, we still rely on our local volunteers (you!) to help us answer the call. Stop by the fire hall any Tuesday night if you want to learn more about becoming an EMT, or would like to volunteer your time in any capacity.

This year our efforts were centered on key areas of new technology as we upgraded our AED/defibrillator on the ambulance, migrated from paper-based patient care recordkeeping to an electronic system, and replaced our legacy radio system to be compatible with the county's new emergency services communications infrastructure. The new radio system provides us with incredible communication capabilities, and will help ensure we have the most current resources to effectively operate as a department, with our mutual aid neighbors, and with other agencies who help serve our community's needs. New radios have been installed in all of our vehicles.

These necessary improvements come with significant price tags, and your support allows us to stay current with the most updated resources, and meet the ever-increasing costs for equipment, supplies, and medications. Your support also allows us to participate in training, both locally, and at the NY State Fire Academy in Montour Falls, where we sent a record number of participants this year for training. Our air boat will soon be seen on the lake ice, as we train with local departments, and we encourage you to consider safety-first if you plan to venture onto the frozen lake this year.

As you take some time around the holidays with family and friends, please know that we are grateful for your support, and for the privilege to continue serving our community as we have since 1920.

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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## FIREFIGHTER of the YEAR "Jeff Molnar"



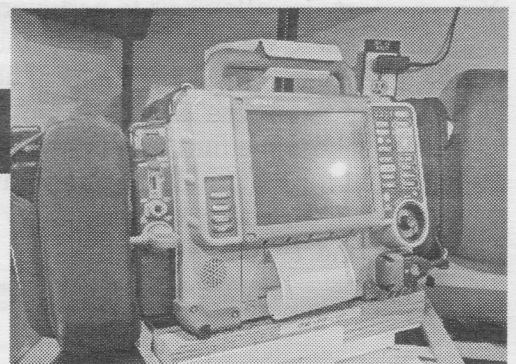
This year the Bemus Point Volunteer Fire Dept. membership selected 3rd Assistant Chief Jeff Molnar as the Firefighter of the Year. Jeff joined the department in December of 2002 as a part-time resident and gradually evolved into full-time duty in 2014. Jeff says that public service has always been in his DNA beginning as a firefighter wanna-be at Medina (NY) FD. Then, in 1974, Jeff became Captain and later President for Ridgeway (NY) FD. In 1980 Jeff became a police officer in Sanibel Island, Florida and a firefighter for Captiva Island VFD. A second residence in Bemus Point and a business across from BPVFD exposed him to what he refers to as "the tug" back into the fire service. Jeff served as a Lieutenant, has served for two years as an Assistant Chief, and was awarded Top Responder for 2015. He also represents the 4th Battalion on the Chautauqua County Fire Advisory Board, where he serves on the Radio Committee, and is the Co-Chair of the Facilities Committee, which handles construction, major projects, and repairs to the fire training centers and the Emergency Operations Center. Currently, he is the owner of a Batteries Plus Bulbs franchise store in Buffalo which operates as a family business along with his wife Barbara and son Ian. Their daughter Alison is attending graduate school as a sustainability major. Jeff believes that there is no greater contribution than to serve his community and to help others in need. He often says "we're all in this together."



## EMS PROVIDER of the YEAR "Mike Winne"

Each year the Chautauqua County Emergency Services Council honors several people in the area for their heroism and dedication to Chautauqua County. This year's recipient of the EMS Provider of the Year was Bemus Point's own Michael Winne. Although this award is most often given to someone who has gone above and beyond for a single incident during the year, Michael was nominated for his 30 plus years of dedication to EMS both as a volunteer and a professional.

Michael has been with the Bemus Point Volunteer Fire Department for more than 30 years with his initial introduction to the fire service as a Junior Firefighter in Maple Springs. Mike became an EMT, then earned his AEMT-CC certificate and later his Paramedic certificate. Throughout his career, Mike has saved many lives, brought comfort and care to the sick and injured, and even helped bring new lives into this world. Mike also taught EMT classes for many years, helping new students navigate the transition from reading the information in a book and learning practical skills to treating patients, as well as reiterating to those refreshing their certificates why their job is so vital to their communities. Mike represents the ideals of the Volunteer Fire and Emergency Response Agency: dedication, professionalism, and the highest standard of care. Congratulations Mike, for a job well done.



## Life Pack 15 Cardiac Monitor

Thanks to your generosity we have been able to pay the balance owed on the Life Pack 15 Cardiac Monitor, a vital part of the Advanced Life Support services we provide. It is only through the donations like yours that we are able to continue to serve our community, its visitors, and the surrounding area at a high level of care and response.

## Check and Inject: EMT Training for Epinephrine

The Bemus Point Volunteer Fire Department EMTs are learning a new process for delivering the lifesaving drug Epinephrine for patients experiencing an anaphylactic response to an allergen. People who are known to be highly allergic to bees, peanuts, and other allergens may have a prescription for and carry an Epi-Pen Auto-Injector which they can use when they have been exposed to their allergen and are having a life-threatening reaction. For many years now, EMTs have been taught how to use Epi-Pens for these emergencies and the auto-injectors are part of the required medications carried on all ambulances. Unfortunately, with the sky-rocketing cost of the auto-injectors (\$600 for 2), many volunteer agencies have a hard time affording the annual cost of these auto-injectors. In years past many volunteer agencies, including us, have had times when we have had to replace the Epi-Pen Auto-Injectors because they have expired and not because they were used; however, this year there have been an unusually high number of Bee Sting calls throughout the county and the cost of those replacements have been a burden to many departments.

In response New York State has approved the use for the Check and Inject Kits with a total cost of \$150 for the first two kits and the instructional package to teach the EMTs how to use them. Replacement kits are then free when the used kit is returned. With the new product comes education and skills training of each EMT in our department as well as new policies and protocols to be adopted by the state, county, and local Medical Directors. All of our Bemus Point EMTs have been trained to use these new kits and have passed the accompanying exam to insure they know the protocols on their use. Rest assured that we will do everything we can to continue to provide the professional level of care to which our community has become accustomed.

### Response Calls for 2016

123	—	EMS
11	—	MVA
16	—	FIRE RELATED
26	—	FIRE ALARMS
21	—	OTHER
FOR A TOTAL OF...		
<b>197 CALLS</b>		

## Your Generous Donations!!

Every year we ask our community to help us help you through your generous donations, and every year you demonstrate your faith in us by exceeding our hopes. This year was certainly no exception. Not only did you support us through six very successful Breakfasts, two Grab 'n Go Mini-Breakfasts, and a phenomenal Boot Drive, but there were a few extremely generous personal donations as well. All of these donations, and some Grant Monies we were able to secure, not only make it possible for us to purchase emergency equipment and pay monthly bills to maintain the department, but they also enabled us to pay-off the Life Pack 15 two years early!

The Life Pack 15 is an advanced Cardiac Monitor and Defibrillator that allows our Paramedics perform an EKG, monitor vitals, and deliver interventional electric shocks to the heart when in a life-threatening rhythm. It also enables the Paramedic to transmit that information to the receiving hospital so the Physician can make immediate decisions about the interventions and care to be given in route to the hospital and prepare more effectively for the patient's arrival. The Life Pack 15 is an integral part of the high level of care we strive to maintain for everyone we are called to help.

We hope that you are never in the position of needing our services, but we also want you to know that if you ever are, we have the equipment, skills, and dedicated responders to help you through whatever emergency you have—and it's all because of your support.

Thank you.



*In December 2015, we participated in a contest thru The Community Foundation and won a donation which was applied to our recent purchase of the Lifepack 15.*

# LIST of DONORS

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Donation \$: \_\_\_\_\_

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