



2017

THE PATRON FIRE FIGHTER



BEMUS POINT VOLUNTEER FIRE CO., INC.

13 Alburtus Avenue, Bemus Point, New York 14712

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Michael Winne
Fire Chief



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President

Dear Patron Fire Fighter,

Each year we take this opportunity to tell you about what the Bemus Point Volunteer Fire Department has accomplished over the past year. We have again been very busy responding to a high volume of calls and continued training to keep our responders up to date on the latest skills and use of available equipment. Our department's challenge is to insure that all of our responders are fully trained and prepared to meet whatever emergency is presented and do so professionally. In this endeavor we are extremely fortunate and humbled to have the profound support of our community—YOU.

In addition to your significant support, we are also getting help from the county in the form of the County Fly Car System which dispatches Paramedics to assist on Advanced Life Support (ALS) Criteria calls when our own Paramedics are unavailable. Since EMS calls are the majority of our responses, having enough EMTs to handle the calls is always a challenge, but we have recently added three more EMT Basics to our roster as well as having two in the Paramedic Class. This will eventually bring our roster to 12 Basics and four Paramedics.

All Volunteer Fire Departments are under great pressure to recruit and retain enough members in the right positions to effectively serve their communities and we are extremely fortunate to have as many dedicated active members as we do. Our response numbers have been steadily climbing as our newer members complete their various trainings and now look for opportunities to utilize them. It is not enough, however, to just have members, they have to also be trained to handle any possible situation that may arise. As the nightly news reports about the overwhelming number of Opiate Over Doses and shootings in Western New York, we are lucky to be escaping those numbers in Bemus—so far, but that does not mean that we shouldn't train for those, and many other possible events. All of the current EMTs have been trained to administer Naloxone (Narcan) which can reverse the effects of opiate over doses when administered in time. The EMTs are also given instruction on Active Shooter protocols as part of their training and we are looking to bring Active Shooter Training to this area for all members since we could be called to respond to one of our Mutual Aid districts for an incident.

We have made great strides over the past few years in updating and upgrading our response vehicles, tools and equipment, as well as training our responders. We are confident that we will meet every challenge with knowledge, skill, and the right tools for the job, and it is all thanks to you and your unwavering support.

Thank you,

Michael Winne
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FIREFIGHTER of the YEAR “Ben Pickard”

Each year the members of the Bemus Point Volunteer Fire Department vote one member as our Fire Fighter of the Year. There aren't any nominations or campaigns, just each voting member writing a name on a piece of paper of who they believe has demonstrated all those traits that represent the best of the best: someone who works hard, is a Top Responder, is respectful and is highly respected. This year's recipient embodies all of that and does so at the age of 20.

Ben Pickard is a quiet, unassuming young man who grew up in the area under the watchful eye of his mother Margaret. He graduated from Maple Grove High School in 2016, already a two-year member of the department. Ben submitted his application the day he earned his driver's license in July of 2014 and has been a top responder ever since. While still in High School, Ben answered as many calls as he could around his class schedule and Junior Fire Fighter curfew to make it in the Top Ten Responders, but he didn't stop there. Ben started taking training courses and classes as soon as he was allowed by age, including Scene Support, Emergency Medical Technician (NY and PA), Interior Firefighting Operations, Emergency Vehicle Operations Certification and is a member of the Chautauqua County FAST Team.

After earning his Basic EMT Certificate Ben was hired by Alstar where he works full time (and then some) and is also currently enrolled at ECC as a Paramedic Student and expected to certify in August of 2018. Despite all of the time required for work and school, Ben continues to be one of our most active members. More importantly, he has earned the respect of the membership as he consistently demonstrates his skills and knowledge base while proving that there is always time to serve the community.

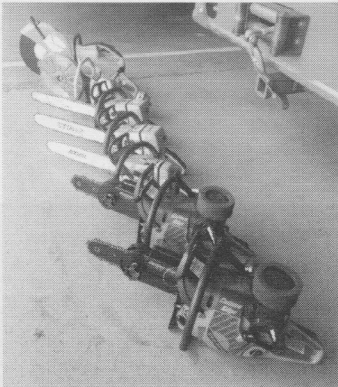
Congratulations Ben, we are fortunate to have you in our department and community.

Department Receives Two Grants

The Bemus Point Volunteer Fire Department has been extremely privileged over the past few years as your generous donations allow us to continue to offer professional grade emergency services, but costs continue to rise with the advent of new equipment and procedures. It would be impossible to keep up with the changes, despite all of donations and fund-raising events, if we did not make every effort to capture all revenues available. To that end we have applied for and received Grants to help offset some of the costs. In 2017 we received two very beneficial grants. The first was received from M&T Bank for \$2,300 to help

purchase JYD Struts used to stabilize vehicles during patient extrication. Rescue Personnel practiced with the struts to insure smooth operation during actual extrications, which paid off when a recent Mutual Aid call required their use.

We have also been awarded \$6,000 By Senator Catherine Young toward the purchase of new pagers that will work with the new County-wide Radio System. Although this amount seems exorbitant, it is a fraction of the overall costs that the department has had to absorb in order to have compatible equipment. New radios, repeaters, scanners, and various other items have been and continue to be purchased for the new system and Senator Young's Grant was a tremendous help. We will continue to apply for all grants available but we know that as donations and government funds get tighter, more departments will be vying for the same grants.



New Tools

Have you ever seen the look on someone's face when they have a chain saw in their hands and a tree to be hewn? Now imagine if you will a chain saw that can not only cut through a tree, but through a multitude of materials at higher RPMs with a nearly indestructible chain and a filter that allows it to be used at much higher temperatures. That is what the new Cutter's Edge Chainsaws recently purchased by the department can do. These saws are specifically designed to vent roofs made of materials not usually penetrable by a chainsaw. The heat resistance helps prevent engine failure and the bullet chain at the higher RPMs makes quick work out of most building materials, even those that regular chainsaws can't touch. Rest assured that the fire fighters of the Bemus Point VFD have been practicing with

the new saws and will be ready to utilize them when the need arises.



Training, Training, & More Training

To insure the Bemus Point VFD is able to provide professional grade emergency services, a lot of training has to be done on a regular basis. In just the last few months the responding members of the department have taken part in multiple training exercises of varying kinds. For instance, Rescue Webbing in 20 foot increments was distributed to each of the responders and they practiced different ways to harness, drag, carry, or lower out a window any victims or injured personnel. The webbing is

rated at 4,000 lb load capacity making it strong enough to handle almost any situation.

Responders also participated in water supply and attack drills which allows them to practice hooking up to the trucks and/or hydrants, laying out hose, pumping water, and working with the full hoses as they advance on fires. This drill allows both the exterior and interior fire fighters to practice their skills while improving team work.

We also practice with other departments since very often fires require multiple departments to work together, so when Dewittville bought a new tanker we were able to help them get used to filling the new truck and then transferring that water to the portable ponds. The departments were able to successfully fill, empty, and refill without a disruption in the water supply to the portable ponds.

The teamwork didn't stop there though, because back in May we had a joint drill at the Lenhart to practice high-rise fire tactics. The drill not only allowed the five participating departments to work under the Incident Command model utilizing each department in command positions, but also practice Search and Rescue skills using smoke machines to simulate the high stress conditions they may encounter.

This all may sound to some like a waste of resources, but when a local restaurant caught fire, the Bemus Point VFD and the other mutual aid departments were able to not only contain and extinguish the fire fairly quickly, but do so without extensive loss of property from either the fire or water damage. It took great teamwork and well-practiced skills to perform like a well-oiled machine.



Mike Seeley

The Bemus Point VFD has a robust membership with a wide variety of backgrounds, experiences, and interests. Along with all of those also comes needs. This past spring one of our members, Mike Seeley, who is also a Chautauqua County Sheriff and newlywed, was diagnosed with Leukemia. Many of you already know about Mike from the Post Journal Newspaper articles and the Fund Raisers "Fight for Seeley" throughout the area. We wanted to let everyone know just how fortunate we are to have Mike as a member and that the proceeds from two of our Fall Breakfasts were donated to the Fight for Seeley to help him and his bride, Nicole, with the day-to-day expenses incurred battling this disease. Thanks to the abundant generosity of our Breakfast patrons we were able to give Mike & Nicole a check for \$2,000. For more information about upcoming events you can go to our Facebook page or Website, and if you would like to donate to the Fight for Seeley you can send them to the Bemus Point Volunteer Fire Department Attn: Fight for Seeley.



Response Calls for 2017

116 — EMS
7 — MVA
5 — FIRE RELATED
31 — FIRE ALARMS
28 — OTHER
FOR A TOTAL OF...
(as of 11/20/2017) **187 CALLS**

Like Us on Facebook!

The Bemus Point VFD has been around for 97 years so far, but like any company that's been around longer than modern technologies, it may take us a little while to catch up with the times—at least insofar as things like Social Media. We do everything possible to make sure that our equipment, tools, apparatus, skills, and policies are as up-to-date as possible, but things like Facebook take time. We have however been able to update both our website (bemuspointfire.org) and our Facebook page. On each you will find a variety of interesting articles, events, and pictures as well as upcoming calendar events. Give us a look—and a Like!

Last Alarm

Ann Dahlberg
Marilyn See
Harold Cassler
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*We grieve, we cry, we say good-bye
But forever shall live in our hearts*

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