



The Indian

The Official Newsletter of the New Hackensack Fire Company

May 2008

President's Report

Steve Boccagna

Hope everyone is enjoying the nice weather we have had!

Well, the new chairs and bar stools are in the Rec. room. Dennis Lasowski and the House Committee are now ordering some new tables.

The new parade helmets are also in. I would again like to thank the commissioners for their help in funding the purchase of these helmets.

The cameras are up and running thanks to Bob Bitzko.

Family Fun Day is Saturday, May 17th and Glen Morrice will need help. I'm sure Glenn will talk about the event in his Fire Prevention column. If you can volunteer, we'll be able to find a job for you.

Work on Engine One is progressing. Finding parts isn't an easy job. Bob Butler and Chris Heady have been trying to find places that carry the older parts that are needed.

I got a name and suggestion from Vinny Valentino. William Van Jura is a representative from Liberty Mutual. He will attend our meeting this month to let us know about discounts on home, auto, etc. insurance his company can offer us. He may be able to save some of us money on our policies.

My thanks also go to Paul DiGiovanni Sr. He snaked the drain and fixed the leak in the Rec room sink. I want to thank him for donating his time and efforts.

I heard the Bingo Fund Raiser at RCK for Rocco's daughter was a big success. I regret my wife and I couldn't be there. Our first grandchild, a little girl, was born by emergency C-Section at Hartford Hospital that same night. My compliments go to all who attended and to the students who made the event possible. It's a community at its best.

Stay Safe!

Admin. Officers Meeting

Wednesday, April 30th at 7:30 P.M.

Company Meeting

Thursday, May 1st at 7:30 P.M.

Chief's Report

Rocco DiMase

April had its showers, except I think it forgot about the latter part of the month with all the brush fires around us, and hopefully we will see May flowers. I would like to thank the company for their generosity for Lauren and also any other companies that made a donation. A great big thank you to all whom attended the bingo night at Ketcham on March 4th. The response was overwhelming with a packed cafeteria and people turned away at the door. That night was absolutely amazing. It just goes to show you the power a community can have when they come together for a common cause. Unbelievable!

FDIC was an excellent training arena and all that attended made full use of all the opportunities available. One of the nice things about attending a

seminar of this magnitude is that the day does not usually end after class is over. We spent many evenings together talking about the days training and how we could bring back some of these ideas to benefit the membership. One of these ideas was to conduct mini-training for 30 minutes or so for anyone that would be interested in attending. Starting in May, we will be holding these mini-drills on Wednesdays at 3PM. John and Brian will conduct the sessions. Each week will be a different topic and will be decided depending on the audience.

Daytime response recently has been a little light so if you are available during the day, please make every effort to respond to alarms.

We attended the Chiefs Council in LaGrange this past month and they talked about the confidence course at the training center, the website and the DC council's seminar at Arlington HS. They also had a vendor who tests hose there. Speaking of hose don't forget the hose test at the end of the month.

Well enough said and I will leave you with my signature sign-off. Have a safe month.

Quotations for the Month

Try not. Do or do not, there is no try. – Yoda

Leadership ... the ability to see what no one else sees, to listen when others talk and the ability to be optimistic when others are pessimistic.

-- George W. Cummings

Commissioner's Report

Bernie Roe

Congratulations to the following members who recently completed courses: 2nd Lt. Chris Argiento, NYS Incident Safety Officer, 1st Lt. Paul Bucher, Fire Officer 1, Firefighter Gary Beaumont, NYS Flammable and Combustible Liquid Emergencies, 2nd Ass't Chief Glen Morrice, and firefighters Paul Digiovanni, Thomas Walker, Robert Lombardi, Robert Fortier, Ezekiel Serrano and Frank Mascolo, Firefighter 2 Firefighter Robert Bitzko attended Engine Company Operations— From Firehouse to Fire Floor

Welcome to the following who were accepted as active firefighters pending successful completion of a required physical:

Matthew A. Acosta, Alexis Argiento, Jennifer Rongo and Michael S. West Sr.

The next Commissioner's meeting is scheduled to be held Tuesday, May 6th. Beginning at 7PM. All are Welcome!!!

Commissioner's Meeting

Tuesday, May 6th, at 7:00 P.M.

Training

Frank Paulo

There is a Fire Behavior/Arson Awareness class that will be hosted by Fairview Fire Department. The class will start Friday 5/9 at 1800 hours. It will run 5/14 and finish on 5/19, both at 1800 hours. If you are interested, please fill out the registration form and put it in my inbox.

During training classes, attendees will be given out green cards that need to be filled out in full. This is your registration for a special ID number. You will no longer utilize your Social Security number for classes. It's imperative

that you make sure to fill out an email address and/or physical mailing address. The Fire District will not get your ID number. It will be sent directly to you for confidentiality reasons.

It's very important that everyone reads and understands the Fire District Standard Operating Guidelines. Our SOG Committee has spent countless hours preparing these procedures to ensure we all know the district's procedures for response to calls. We had some issues at the recent aircraft emergency at the airport. First, please remember that no personal vehicles are allowed on the runway. Also, police do not have any radio capabilities with the airport, so they are not to be utilized as escorts. Lastly, the security gate must be closed once the apparatus make their way onto the runway.

I'd like to thank Captain Morley for all his assistance thus far with handling the in-house training at NKFD. He's been doing a great job and I appreciate all his help.

I'd like to welcome our new members: Alexis Argiento, Jennifer Rongo, Micheal West, and Matthew Acosta. Let's make them feel welcome and show them the ropes. With a delay in FF1 classes, it will be some time before they are up to speed.

I'd like to thank those of you that attended the services for Sally Quinn. She was a longtime member of Hillside Lake Fire Co. and East Fishkill Rescue Squad. Thank you to Steve Boccagna and Nick Bucher for bringing the Engine to the funeral as well.

Training Schedule

Chris Morley

All stations and drills are posted on the calendar!! Please make every effort to attend!!!

Fire Prevention

Glen Morrice

I would to thank Kara Valentino, John Ineson, and Howard Prager for teaching the Baby Sitters course. We had 10 female adolescents complete the 10 hour course.

Family Fun Day is May 17 we are going to need help with set up, clean up, Fire Prevention trailer, and the kitchen selling food. Please come down and support your firehouse and the Lymphoma charity.

Station

Glen Morrice

The **Mandatory Annual Hose Test** will be held on Friday and Saturday, **May 30th and 31st** so please mark this in your calendar. There are 3 sessions Friday 9-12, 1-4, 7-10 and 2 sessions on Saturday 9-12 and 1-4 sign up sheets are in the Communications Room. Lunch and dinner will be served.

The Indian & Calendar

Julia E. McCord

Reminder to all of the Committee Chairpersons: If you have something to put in the Indian or to appear on the Calendar just email it to me by the deadline on the calendar.

Dates to Remember:

Commissioner's Meeting

May 6th at 7:00pm

Officer's Meeting:

April 30th at 7:30pm

Company Meeting:

May 1st at 7:30pm

Station Days:

May 5th & 19th.

Station Nights:

May 12th.

Drills:

May 5th: PM: Hose advancement, Building Construction and Fire Behavior.

May 12th: PM: Apparatus Response & Scene Safety

May 19th: PM Building Search(live burn)

Hose Test: May 30th and 31st