

RUSH FIRE DISTRICT – NEWSLETTER INFO FOR DECEMBER 2015 JANUARY 2016

COMMISSIONERS ELECTION: The annual Rush Fire District Commissioners election was held on Tuesday, December 08, 2015 from 6 to 9 PM at the main Rush Fire Station. Past Chief Dale Sweet was elected commissioner for a five year term. Al Sweet has served as commissioner for 40 years and many years as Chairman of the Board. Al chose not to run this time.

FIRE DISTRICT ANNUAL ORGANIZATION MEETING: Will be held Saturday, January 2, 2016 at the main fire station – 9 AM.

ACCESS: The town and state codes require every home owner have emergency equipment (fire & EMS) access to their homes. Some residents in Rush have failed to provide this. When we are aware of this we are notifying the town code enforcement officer. Our fire apparatus are big, have long wheel bases and weigh over 40,000 pounds. They are very costly to repair and have to be taken out of service for extended amounts of time to be repaired. We take pride in the manner that the Rush firefighters keep our equipment parade ready. We don't need it all scratched and banged up.

LED SIGN: A brick foundation and wall has been installed around the sign at station one.

FIRE DISTRICT WEB SITE: It is up and running. Rushfiredistrict.org – The Fire Department's web site is rushfd.org

FIRE DISTRICT BUDGET HEARING: Our budget is \$341,141 for 2016. Your tax rate remains \$1.12 per thousand. We also were under the state mandated 2% cap on any tax increases. All taxpayers will receive a check from the state because of this.

ANNUAL INSPECTION DINNER: It was held at the Riverton golf facility. 30 members attended. This dinner is authorized by state law for the active firefighters of the fire district. Commissioner Mike (Pee wee) Terzo coordinated the affair.

DEER ACCIDENTS: So far this year we have had a higher number than normal of car vs. deer accidents. Look 20 seconds ahead and slow down so do not over drive your head lights. Do not look at the deer, look at your escape route.

HYDRANT MARKERS: It's time to put those plastic hydrant markers back. They could save your life and property!

BLACK ICE: It is the time of year for "Black Ice" and we have many bridges and areas in town where there are several crashes every year. On days where we could have this ice problem leave early, wear your seat belt and slow down.

RUSH FIRE DEPARTMENT AND AMBULANCE SERVICE:

ANNUAL FUND DRIVE: The annual fund drive second request went out in the first part of November. We sent out over 400 letters to people who our records show did not respond in May. We realize the some give through the United Way but we have not been notified of all their names yet. We also understand that the economy is still not good for many of our residents and they have to watch every penny.

NEW MEMBER: We welcome JASON DUNDON as a new firefighter in the Rush Fire Department. Jason has prior service in the volunteer fire operation.

CONGRATULATIONS: ANDREW SOCOLA has completed the NYS Certified Firefighter II Training at the MC Public Safety Training Center.

FACEBOOK: The Rush Volunteer Fire Department has a facebook page. Fire prevention, safety and health hint will be posted along with other information about what is going on at the fire department. Become a friend on our facebook page.

LADIES PARTY: The Rush firefighters & explorers put on the annual Christmas party for the Rush FD Ladies Auxiliary. They ladies had a choice of Prime Rib, Salmon or Chicken. Also garden salad, shrimp cocktail, mixed vegetables, open bar, assorted cheese cake were available.

KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY: The ladies put on the annual Christmas party for Rush kids. Santa and the cast from "Frozen" were there.

LADIES AUXILIARY: ANNUAL ELECTION DAY DINNER was a success. Thank you to all who supported the auxiliary. They are looking for new members go to RushFD.org and click on auxiliary for information.