

RUSH FIRE DISTRICT – NEWSLETTER INFO FOR - AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

FIRE DISTRICT: You are reminded that it is **your responsibility** to have access for emergency equipment onto your property. Our crews have had problems getting in with the ambulance and other equipment due to low branches and bushes, this slows our response and has damaged our vehicles. The lack of visible house numbering also remains a problem and is violating building codes.

WEST RUSH GENERATOR: We are spending \$7,200 for a 12 KW natural gas generator for station two at West Rush. The 10 KW we have there now is beyond repair.

2018 BUDGET: We are in the process of doing next year's budget. It is our goal to keep your tax rate at \$1.12 a thousand. The fire commissioners and Rush Fire Department membership is doing everything that we can to keep this rate as low possible. .

BUILDING ADDITION: We had a local contractor who did the majority of our last project in 1998 addition look at what we need and he thinks we can get it done for around \$80.00 a square foot. We want to put all the water rescue and special operations equipment in one area. (4 WD – ATV and Boats w/ trailer) We need a bay high enough to raise the cabs on the larger truck to do maintenance so we don't have to do it outside in the cold and snow in the winter time. We need a larger secure equipment storage area. The boiler is way past its expected life span. We are looking at between 3,500 & 4,000 sq. foot. This should cost around \$300,000. We have the funds in a reserve account for this. When other area departments need more room they just built new stations that cost between 6 and 10 million \$\$\$\$. We not going to do that.

MEMBERS TRAINING SINCE JANUARY 1st. Newest **EMT** is Marica Scott. Dale Sweet , Mike Terzo Jr., Diana & Royer Pfersick renewed their EMT certification.

Four members completed the **NYS Pump Operators Course**. They were Firefighters Tyler Grillo, Eric McNeil, Jason Dundon & Jenna Cirincione.

Captain Joe Watlack and F/F Eric McNeil completed the **NYS Water Rescue Technician** class at Montour Falls State Fire Academy.

Basic and Medium Structural Collapse Operations 2 separate courses. Sean Brown, Eric McNeil, Luther Keyes, Tyler Grillo, Will Stanton.

Basic Wildland Fire Suppression - Mike Terzo Jr, Eric McNeil, Jason Dundon.

Building Construction Combustible and non combustible - Tim Relyea.

NYC Certified Firefighter 2 - Tyler Grillo.

Planning Live Fire Training, NFPA 1403 - Mike Terzo Jr, Peewee Terzo .
NYS Fire Instructor I Certification - Mike Terzo Jr.

Rescue Technician Basic - Jim McNeil, Jenna Cirincione, Eric McNeil, Jason Dundon, Tyler Grillo.

Trench Rescue Awareness - Jim McNeil, Jim Princehorn, Eric McNeil, Jason Dundon, Will Stanton.

Water Rescue Awareness - Jim McNeil, Jim Princehorn, Abby Oneil, Eric McNeil, Jason Dundon, Will Stanton

Four members attended the **NYS Fire Chiefs annual meetings, seminars and equipment show** at the Turning Stone Casino. They were Commissioners Bob Faugh and Mike Terzo Sr., Asst. Chiefs Jon Faugh and Mike Terzo Jr.

As you can see our VOLUNTEERS spent a lot of time doing additional training along with our normal Monday night drills and classes.

MEMBERSHIP: We have an explorer who is now an active firefighter and he is Josh Gretzinger. Christopher Hahn has moved to social membership. We are still looking for new members – CAN YOU HELP?

MUTUAL AID AMBULANCE: We have had to Mutual Aid 15 BLS (Basic Life Support) calls out of 95 calls for the ambulance since January 1st because of no crew. ALS (Advance Life Support – Paramedic) covered 70% of our calls that ALS was required, so crews for those were not an issue when we didn't have a crew. We had a First Responder on 90% of these calls.

FIRE DEPARTMENT & AMBULANCE:

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK: We are on facebook with information almost every day. Go to Rush Volunteer Fire Department.

FUND DRIVE: A special “thank you” to all of the residents that have contributed to our annual fund drive. Your firefighters appreciate the Rush community financial support from our residents. Since we began a Fund Drive this money has purchased vehicles and equipment worth over 2 MILLION \$\$\$ dollars.

CARNIVAL: The annual Carnival & Parade was held July 13, 14 and 15. Both the Ladies Auxiliary and Fire Department report it was a very successful event. The annual parade about an hour long. The ladies auxiliary provide a “Rush Mush” plates much like a “garbage plate” and they were a great success. Several “garbage plate” experts on scene again last year said it was the best they ever had.

We were very happy with the ride and midway contractor MIDWAY OF UTICA NY. The midway had several games and any kind of Carnival food you could wish for. They provided 5 adult rides, 6 kiddie rides. Our explorers and adult advisor Asst. Chief Jon Faugh handle all ticket sales. We get between 20% and 25% of the total ticket sales and last year we received \$4,700 from Midway Rides of Utica, NY. The band, Reporter played Saturday night and the Boy Scout Troop sold out of their famous BBQ chicken dinners.

THANK YOU: We wish to thank the many businesses and people both in the fire department past FD members and many volunteers who are not FD members for all their help in making this such a successful event. We also want to thank our Mutual Aid Fire and Ambulance agencies that provided coverage for our District during this event.

Photos are on our web site. Go to www.RushFD.org click on Carnival or Parade. The 50/50 Raffle had three winners. If all the 1,200 books were sold the prizes would be \$1,000 each. The profit to the department would be \$3,000.

RUSH SENIORS PICNICS: The Rush firefighters are providing the hots, hamburgs and rolls for the summer picnics that the senior citizen hold in the fire departments pavilion every summer in July & August.

PARADES: The Rush FD, Ladies Auxiliary, Band and Explorers have attended the Mendon and Spencerport parades. We have East Rochester and Clifton to go. They have won numerous prizes at these events. Go the www.RushFD.org and click on Parades on Left side of home page for the complete list.

CAN YOU BE SEEN? We must remind the joggers and bike riders to please wear lime-yellow or bright orange when doing their thing. It is hard to see many of you in black or real dark clothing, you are putting yourself at a unnecessary risk.

SEPTEMBER FALL FESTIVAL: The FD and Auxiliary will have activities and food at the OCTOBER 7, 2017 fall festival that will be held at our Firemen's field. Tours of the firehouse and equipment will be available.