



Henrietta Fire District Dispatch

Fall 2012

Is There a FIRE in You?

Do you have the Commitment, the dedication, the drive to do something great? Have you always wanted to do more for your community, but you didn't know how or where to start? Have you been longing to take on a new challenge and be a part of something big and impactful, where pride is the reward?

Join the Henrietta Fire District!

Get Involved

By joining the Henrietta Fire District, you are afforded the chance to truly make a difference in your community. This is your opportunity to get involved in something rewarding and meaningful. You'll find out what it takes to be a volunteer firefighter, to have the courage to act, the ability to perform.

Give Back

Giving back is answering the call when no one else will. It's providing the safety and reliability the community needs. It's the ultimate service to your community. You might think at first that you don't have the time – until you feel the honor of helping out your neighbors in a way that no one else can, when they truly need you. You'll realize nothing is more worth your time.

Train for Safety

Your first thought may be that you're

not trained to fight fires and handle emergencies. But when you join the volunteer fire service, you're trained to be safe. You'll receive continuing education on the most current technology and equipment as you go along to hone your first responder skills. You can rest assured you're making a huge difference in your community and doing so in the safest way possible thanks to the exceptional training provided to you.

Benefits

As a member of the volunteer fire service, not only do you get the satisfaction of helping others, but you get free training, tuition assistance and other great benefits. You become part of a new family, a brotherhood and sisterhood unlike any you've ever

known.

Do it for the pride, the honor of it all, and most of all, do it for your community who needs you. You will find that it will be one of the best decisions of your life.

Find out if you have what it takes to be a volunteer firefighter.

Take the first step. Volunteer at www.henriettafire.com.

Other potential benefits of becoming a volunteer firefighter include but are not limited to:

- Free training
- Life insurance policies
- Being a team member
- Retirement benefits
- Tax breaks
- Tuition assistance

Is there a **FIRE** in you?

NYS Volunteer Firefighter
 Name: Jessie R.
 Occupation: College student
 Number of years as a volunteer: 2
 Status: Wife
 Nickname: "Smiley"
 I always wanted to give back to my community but didn't know how. Joining my local department turned out to be one of the best decisions of my life.

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Henrietta Fire District OPEN HOUSE



Saturday October, 13th
1:00 Pm-4:00 Pm
Henrietta Fire District Headquarters
850 Bailey Road

See a Live Fire Demonstration
2:00pm
Watch as the Firefighters cut a car apart with the "Jaws of Life"!
3:00pm



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Join us for our Open House!

- Meet your Firefighters.
- Tour the Fire House and Fire Trucks.
- Visit the Fire Safety Trailer.
- Learn how to use a Fire Extinguisher.
- Have your children participate in our coloring contest.

Who's Who at the Henrietta Fire District

In each edition of our newsletter we will profile some of our members, so that you will have a sense of the type of person that provides a vital service to our community. Hopefully, when you see them around town, you will mention to them that you saw their profile in the newsletter. In this edition John Myers, Alex Traina, and Charlie Remelt are being profiled.



John Myers Commissioner

John "Frank" lives in Riverton in West Henrietta with his wife of twenty-eight years Diane. He has two children from a previous marriage John F Myers IV who lives in Albany and Heather Kathleen Myers who still lives in the Rochester area. Frank grew up in Utica, NY. He went to college at Mohawk Valley Community College for mechanical technology after serving three years in the U. S. Army. He also served his country after getting off active duty in the 98th Division Headquarters Company (in Rochester) and rose to the rank of Sergeant First Class. He was a member of the Frankfort Center Fire Department for four years until he moved to Henrietta in 1967. Frank joined the Genesee Valley Fire Department and served in line officer positions for eleven years, Battalion Chief for three years, Deputy Chief for five years, District Chief for three years and as Fire Commissioner for eleven years. He is a Life Member of the Genesee Valley Fire Department and an Active Reserve Member of the Henrietta Fire District. He currently serves as the President of the Board of Directors for the Riverton Community Association. Frank worked as a Senior Designer for Harris Corporation-RF Communication Division for twenty three years before retiring in 2003. He also worked as a Senior Designer at Edmac Associates in East Rochester, Dynalec in Rochester, then in Sodus, and Fredin a Division of Singer Corporation. He also worked for General Electric's Light Military Equipment as a Draftsman in Utica.

Alex Traina Career Firefighter

Alex Traina is our newest career firefighter. He was hired in April and is assigned to group 2 at station 5 on Pinnacle Rd. He brings 11 years of both volunteer and career firefighting experience as well as 6 years of paramedic experience.

At 17 years old Alex got an early start as a volunteer firefighter with Cayuga Heights Fire Department (outside of Ithaca). In 2007 he was hired as a firefighter/paramedic at Niskayuna Fire District #1 (Schenectady County).

Alex and his wife Andrea relocated to Pittsford in 2010 when Andrea accepted a job in the area. Alex is also a volunteer firefighter with Pittsford fire department and works part time as a paramedic with Southeast Quadrant MCCU. When not working, Alex and Andrea have two dogs that keep them busy at home.

Join us in welcoming Firefighter Traina to the Henrietta Community. Feel free to stop by and say hello to him or any of us at the Henrietta Fire District.



Charlie Remelt Volunteer Firefighter

After graduating from college at age 20 and looking for something to do by giving back to the community, Charlie joined the Henrietta Fire District as a volunteer. While volunteering as a firefighter in Henrietta, he met his wife Sarah, who also was a volunteer. Charlie and Sarah both resigned after the birth of their son, Parker; but Charlie rejoined after Parker became older. Charlie and his wife are advisors for the Explorer Post, and Parker serves as Chief of the Post.

Charlie has been a member of Battalion Two for 16 years, and presently serves as Captain, and also participates in the Duty Crew several evenings a month. The Duty Crew provides a crew of volunteers in quarters ready to respond to emergency calls.

The next time you see the crew in quarters at Station Two, feel free to stop in and say hello to Charlie and the crew. They would be happy to show you the station and equipment and how it is used.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Everyone is welcome to come and meet your firefighters at these events.

Genesee Valley Fire Dept. Turkey Party

On Saturday, November 17, 2012, the Genesee Valley Fire Department will once again hold its annual Turkey Party at the firehouse at 9 Riverview Drive (off River Meadow Drive). The party starts at 7pm and continues throughout the night. In addition to over 40 turkeys being raffled off, there will also be games, free food and refreshments and door prizes. Admission is free. For more information, contact Bill at gvfire@gmail.com.



The Henrietta Fire District Open House

Saturday, October 13th 1:00 pm - 4pm 850 Bailey Road West Henrietta, NY 14586 Live fire demo @ 2 pm and Extrication Demo @ 3 pm.

Henrietta Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners

Commissioner Joe Martin (Chairman)	Secretary – Treasurer Barb Sharp
Commissioner Jim McGovern	Counsel Louise Beale
Commissioner Jim Potter	
Commissioner Bill Gilchrist	Fire Chief Jim Comstock
Commissioner Frank Myers	

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

In addition to their Fire Service duties, District members have a long history of being involved in other community activities.

Scouting

Explorer Post 401 is sponsored by the Fire District. This program is for boys and girls ages 14 to 21. The post introduces the Explorers to the Fire District and what we do. Many of our volunteers and career firefighters began with the Explorer Post. The contact person is Charlie Remelt, 334-5629.

Adopt – A – Hydrant Program

The Henrietta Fire District offers the Adopt – A – Hydrant program to all Third, Fourth, and Fifth grade students at all Rush-Henrietta Elementary schools. We ask the child (or family) to “Adopt” a fire hydrant. The children are asked to keep the fire hydrant accessible for the fire department by cleaning weeds and debris from around the hydrant, and keeping it clear of snow in the winter time.

We hope this program will increase awareness of the important role that fire hydrants play in the protection of their homes and additionally foster civic participation in the children.

The children fill out an adoption form and return it to school. The Henrietta Fire District will then issue an “Adoption Certificate” with the child’s name and Hydrant location on it. In addition to the certificate, one participating child from each school will be chosen for a special ride to school in a fire truck.

These pictures are of the winners of the ride to school for the 2011 – 2012 school year.



Alexis Heist & Sydney Hart



Jacob Wenzel



Lexie Snyder



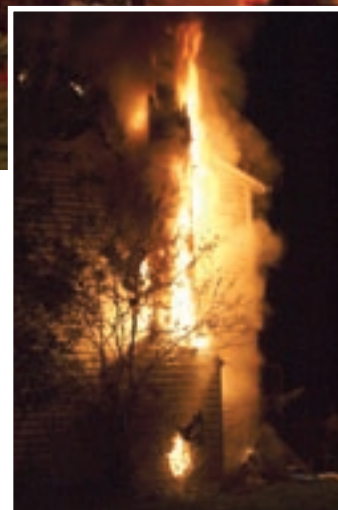
Erinn Frantz-Bush



Hailey Zenner

Recent Incidents

These pictures emphasize the importance of having your chimney cleaned. This was a chimney fire in a local residence.



As the Town of Henrietta has grown so has the demand for the services of the Henrietta Fire District.

20 years of growth
1990 - 1161 incidents
2000 - 2660 incidents
2010 - 3619 incidents

As of September 1, 2012 we are at 2574 incidents for the year.

Update on how tax exempt properties impact tax rates for homeowners

For the budget year 2012, the Town of Henrietta has tax exempt property with an assessed evaluation of \$690,031,517. For 2012, the impact of all tax exempt property on the Fire District budget was \$.4147 per \$1000 of assessed evaluation. If all tax exempt properties paid their share of the fire district tax, a typical homeowner with a \$100,000 assessment would see their fire tax bill reduced \$41.47.

The Rochester Institute of Technology has the largest tax exemption in the Town of Henrietta with a total property tax exemption of \$381,751,500 or \$.2496 per \$1000. If RIT paid their portion of the Fire District tax, the typical homeowner with a \$100,000 assessment would see a reduction of \$24.96 in their fire tax bill.

Homeowners and businesses are subsidizing services provided to tax exempt properties.

Explorer Day

June 9, 2012 - The Henrietta Fire District and the Monroe County Fire Chiefs Association hosted a day of training for area Fire and EMS explorers. 50 Fire and EMS explorers participated in drills that included, engine company operations, ladder company operations, fire extinguishers, donning and doffing of personal protective equipment, medical patient assessment, traumatic patient assessment, bandaging and bleeding control, and spinal immobilization skills.



Fire Prevention and Safety

Car Seat Safety



Is the car seat in tight?

Are the harness straps positioned properly?

When should my child use a booster seat?

We have the answers!!!

The Henrietta Fire District can teach you how to install your child's car seat! Have questions or want to schedule an appointment: Contact Lieutenant Mike Dinsmore at (585) 359-7191



How much does it cost to outfit a fire fighter?

Total Cost: \$12,833

This is the total cost to outfit one fire fighter.

We are required to replace most of this equipment every 10 years, regardless of its condition.



Helmet: \$185.00

Mask: \$718.00

Hood: \$30.00

Jacket: \$1,400.00

Radio: \$3,000.00

Air Pack: \$6,000.00

Flashlight: \$100.00

Gloves: \$50.00

Pants: \$1,100.00

Boots: \$250.00

BE HALLOWEEN Safe

Halloween is a fun, and spooky, time of year for kids. Make trick-or-treating safe for your little monsters with a few easy safety tips.



Halloween Fire Safety Tips

- »»» **When choosing a costume**, stay away from billowing or long trailing fabric. If your child is wearing a mask, make sure the eye holes are large enough so they can see out.
- »»» **Provide children** with flashlights to carry for lighting or glow sticks as part of their costume.
- »»» Dried flowers, cornstalks and crepe paper are highly flammable. **Keep** these and other decorations well away from all open flames and heat sources, including light bulbs, and heaters.
- »»» **It is safest to use** a flashlight or battery-operated candle in a jack-o-lantern. If you use a real candle, use extreme caution. Make sure children are watched at all times when candles are lit. When lighting candles inside jack-o-lanterns, use long, fireplace-style matches or a utility lighter. Be sure to place lit pumpkins well away from anything that can burn and far enough out of way of trick-or-treaters, doorsteps, walkways and yards.
- »»» **Remember** to keep exits clear of decorations, so nothing blocks escape routes.
- »»» **Tell children** to stay away from open flames. Be sure they know how to stop, drop and roll if their clothing catches fire. (Have them practice, stopping immediately, dropping to the ground, covering their face with hands, and rolling over and over to put the flames out.)

Use flashlights as alternatives to candles or torch lights when decorating walkways and yards. They are much safer for trick-or-treaters, whose costumes may brush against the lighting.

If your children are going to **Halloween parties** at others' homes, have them look for ways out of the home and plan how they would get out in an emergency.

Did you know?



Decorations are the first thing to ignite in more than 1,000 reported home fires each year.

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Christmas Tree Safety



As you deck the halls this holiday season, be fire smart. A small fire that spreads to a Christmas tree can grow large very quickly.

- »»» **PICKING THE TREE**
 Choose a tree with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched.
- »»» **PLACING THE TREE**
 Before placing the tree in the stand, cut 1-2" from the base of the trunk.
- »»» Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source, like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights.
- »»» Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit.
- »»» Add water to the tree stand. Be sure to add water daily.
- »»» **LIGHTING THE TREE**
 Use lights that have the label of an independent testing laboratory. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use.
- »»» Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Connect no more than three strands of mini string sets and a maximum of 50 bulbs for screw-in bulbs. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of LED strands to connect.
- »»» Never use lit candles to decorate the tree.
- »»» Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.

After Christmas

Get rid of the tree after Christmas or when it is dry. Dried-out trees are a fire danger and should not be left in the home or garage, or placed outside against the home. Check with your local community to find a recycling program. Bring outdoor electrical lights inside after the holidays to prevent hazards and make them last longer.

FACTS

- ! One of every three home Christmas tree fires are caused by electrical problems.
- ! Although Christmas tree fires are not common, when they do occur, they have a higher chance to be deadly.
- ! A heat source too close to the tree causes **one in every five** of the fires.

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