



Henrietta Fire District Dispatch

Fall 2014

A Message from the Chief by Chief Jim Comstock



Chief Jim Comstock

On 9/11, 343 FDNY Firefighters perished. On Christmas Eve of 2012, two West Webster Firefighters were killed and two were wounded. This past week Officer Daryl Pierson was killed in the line of duty.

What do these incidents have in common? These were extraordinary incidents that reminded the public of the sacrifices that emergency service workers make in the service of the community. Annually over 100 firefighters both career and volunteer perish in the line of duty and countless others are injured. At the funerals of these first responders, words like hero, valor, and selfless dedication are used. These words truly describe these individuals, but doesn't tell the whole story. Most firefighters would not use these words to describe themselves. Firefighters look at themselves as no different than anyone else. We are just ordinary citizens helping our community. True heroes are the men and women of the military protecting this country around the world.

Who are the people who serve as firefighters?

The Town of Henrietta and The Henrietta Fire District are very fortunate to have a di-

verse group of individuals who are dedicated to serving their community. Our firefighters are made up of numerous religious, racial, gender and age groups. We have husbands and wives, single parents, college students, sports coaches, school committee members, scout and explorer leaders, civic club members, and amateur athletes serving as firefighters. These firefighters are your friends and neighbors.

Our firefighters give of their time and talents to serve the community. Our firefighters both career and volunteer give back to the community they serve in many different ways. Our annual boot drive for MDA is one of the largest in the county. IAFF Local 3738 annually provides a scholarship to a graduating Rush Henrietta High School Senior. Many of our firefighters assist The School of Holy Childhood in their fund raising efforts. Our career firefighters and the City of Rochester firefighters sponsor an annual Christmas Party for the School of Holy Childhood students. The Henrietta Fire District does over 400 public education and community events per year.

Training is a very important component of being a firefighter.

The Henrietta Fire District career firefighters attend a certified academy and receive over 400 hours of basic training and a minimum of 100 hours of annual in service training. All career officers are required to attend First Line Supervisors Training at the FDNY Academy in

New York City. This is a month long residential program.

The Henrietta Fire District volunteer firefighters receive over 120 hours of basic firefighter training at the time of appointment. This training is held at our training facility on Erie Station Rd. Our volunteer firefighters receive a minimum of 40 hours of in service training per year.

Our firefighters also attend programs and training at the New York State Fire Academy in Montour Falls NY, the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland, and the Public Safety Training Facility on Scottsville Road.

What do firefighters do?

The Henrietta Fire District responds to over 4,000 requests for service per year. Those responses include fires, automatic alarms, first response EMS, gas leaks, motor vehicle accidents, numerous other types of calls. If you call 911 and they don't know who to send, they send the fire department. In recent years, local and countywide response preparation has dealt with Homeland Security issues and special operations. The local fire department will be the first agency to provide aid in the event of a natural or a manmade disaster. Regardless of events or weather our firefighters are dedicated to helping the community.

If you are interested in being a volunteer firefighter, please fill out an application form on Henriettafire.com.

Fire District Budget Hearing

Tuesday, October 21
5:30 pm
Henrietta Fire District Station 4
850 Bailey Road

Fire District Commission Election*

Tuesday, December 9
4:00-9:00 pm
Henrietta Fire District Station 4
850 Bailey Road

*All registered voters in the Henrietta Fire District are eligible to vote.

Henrietta Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners

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

OPEN HOUSE

We would like to invite the public to the Henrietta Fire District Open House. This event will help wrap up the National Fire Prevention Week, and give us an opportunity to showcase some of the services we provide to the residents of the Town of Henrietta. We will have things to do and see for all ages.

Saturday, October 11, 2014

1:00 - 4:00 PM

Station 4 • 850 Bailey Road



ACTIVITIES

- Fire apparatus tours
- Tour our safety trailer
- Try our extinguisher trainer
- Spray water from a fire hose at a target
- **2:00 PM** Live Fire and Sprinkler Demonstration
- **3:00 PM** Vehicle Extrication Demonstration
- Coloring contest
- Free balloons, stickers, fire hats, pencils and educational materials
- Free cider and donuts
- Free ice cream (provided by Bruster's)
- Much, much more!



Come and visit your fire house. It will be a fun and informative day for the whole family!

TO BETTER SERVE YOU



Fire District Purchases New Fire Truck

On June 9, the Henrietta Fire District put a new fire engine in service. The new engine is numbered 622 and is assigned to Henrietta Fire District Station 2 which is on Erie Station Road near West Henrietta Road.

622 is a 2012 Emergency One Pumper capable of pumping 1500 gallons of water a minute, it has foam and EMS capabilities. It

replaces a 1991 Pierce Pumper which will be moved to station 6 at East River and Erie Station Rd.

The new pumper will provide firefighters with increased safety and seating, better climate control and more storage space. This pumper responds to approximately 240 runs a year including all HFD incidents on the NYS thruway.

Help Us Help You

When responding to emergencies, seconds count. There are two ways you can assist us.

The first is to make sure that you have visible address numbers on your home or business. As per the Henrietta Town Code chapter 52, a home or business must have Arabic numbers which are a minimum of 4 inches high perma-

nently affixed to the front of the structure.

Second, please make sure that the fire hydrants near your home or business are kept clear of debris, brush, weeds, snow or other obstructions. Maintenance of the hydrants themselves is the responsibility of the Monroe County Water Authority.



Unusable hydrant



Buried hydrant



Clear hydrant

PERSONNEL NEWS

Henrietta's Newest Firefighters



On Wednesday evening August 20, 2014 nine recruit volunteer firefighters for the Henrietta Fire District were sworn in by Chief of Department James Comstock. The recruit firefighters completed the Henrietta Fire District recruit class and became NYS certified Firefighter I.

The Henrietta Fire District recruit class includes the NYS Firefighter I curriculum, the NYS Hazardous materials – Operations Level

curriculum, NYS Confined Space Awareness, NYS Fire Fighter Survival, and Basic Life Support - Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR). The entire training course has over 120 hours of classroom and hands-on training, and is designed to give the students the basic training required to operate safely and effectively at emergency scenes.

The Firefighters completing this training were:

New Tools for Henrietta Fire District EMTs to Treat Patients

The Henrietta Fire District provides Basic Life Support non-transport medical care to the town of Henrietta. The Fire District responds to life threatening traumatic and medical emergencies based on criteria set by our Medical Director. In 2013 HFD responded to about 1800 EMS calls. Over the last few months the Henrietta Fire District has added new Equipment and Medications for use by District Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs).

The Fire District has recently added tourniquets and pulse oximetry to our medical bags. Tourniquets which for years were not used except in extreme situation, are now used on a regular basis to control severe bleeding. We also added pulse oximeters to all of our fire trucks, allowing us to obtain oxygen saturation levels for all of our patients. This adds another vital sign we can document to notice any trends in the patients condition. The transport EMS agencies have used pulse oximetry for years and HFD did carry a limited number of units prior to this.

The newest medication we added is a medication called Naloxone, this is a drug that is sprayed up the nose to counter act opiate overdoses. Across the state we are seeing an increase in this type of overdose. This new medication is in addition to our current inventory of Epinephrine for Anaphylaxis (severe allergic reaction), Albuterol for severe Asthma attacks, Aspirin for heart attacks, glucose for Hypoglycemia and oxygen for difficulty breathing. These are all the medications NYS DOH currently allows EMT's to carry.

Have Questions About Installing Your Car Seat?

Is the car seat in tight? Are the harness straps positioned properly?



When should my child use a booster seat?

The Henrietta Fire District has answers to these questions and can teach you to install your child's car seat! Contact Lieutenant Mike Dinsmore at 585-359-7191 with questions or to schedule an appointment.

St. Baldricks Foundation



In March of this year Firefighters from the Henrietta Fire District raised funds and shaved their heads for the St. Baldricks Foundation. The funds they raised are used to fund grants for childhood cancer research.

Fill the Boot



This year's Fill the Boot was held on Saturday August 16 in the Town of Henrietta. Firefighters, Explorers, and spouses volunteered to help raise almost \$7,500 to support MDA. Thank you to all that contributed to this worthwhile cause.

Henrietta Hires an Assistant Chief



Mark Strzyzynski

The Henrietta Fire District would like to welcome Mark Strzyzynski to our management team. Mark was appointed as the Henrietta Fire District Assistant Chief in December of

lifelong resident. Mark is a graduate of Rush Henrietta Sperry High School. Mark has served the Henrietta community as a volunteer firefighter, a volunteer at Henrietta Ambulance, and a youth soccer coach. Asst. Chief Strzyzynski currently serves as a member of the Western New York Incident Management Team and the Monroe County Special Operations Team.

Mark will be responsible for many of the operational functions of the Henrietta Fire District including but not limited to EMS, communications, and incident management. Asst. Chief Strzyzynski's strong background in the fire service and incident management will provide a tremendous benefit to the Henrietta Fire District and the community.

2013. Asst. Chief Strzyzynski is a 24 year veteran of the City of Rochester Fire Department. He most recently served as a Battalion Chief. Mark grew up in Henrietta and has been a

Firefighter Alexander Dykes
Firefighter Matthew Massaro
Firefighter Christina Paulot
Firefighter Patrick Paulot
Firefighter Scott Pfluke
Firefighter Alyssa Posner
Firefighter Parker Remelt
Firefighter Samuel Torres
Firefighter McKenzie Uhl

Firefighter Parker Remelt received the Academic Excellence Award, Firefighter Scott Pfluke received the Leadership Award, and Firefighter Alyssa Posner received the Achievement Award.

A short video of the skills and classes these firefighters participated in is available for viewing at the Henrietta Fire District Website, www.henriettafire.com and also on YouTube at <http://youtu.be/lrvpd7iHcQ>

Retirement News

After graduating from Rush Henrietta's Sperry High School and service in the military, Adelbert (Del) Reynolds III began a career with the Henrietta Fire District. Del was hired by the Henrietta Fire District in January of 1975. Del's initial assignment was equipment and apparatus maintenance, facility upkeep, and fill in dispatching. In 1984, Del became a Public Safety Dispatcher. In addition to his dispatching duties, PSD Reynolds performed many other functions including the maintenance of computer records such as SARA Title III reports, inventory, and personnel. After 39 plus years of service to the Henrietta Fire District and the citizens of the Town of Henrietta, Del decided to retire in May of this year. We would like to thank Del for his dedicated and professional service and wish him well during his retirement years.

Henrietta Fire District Receives Technology Grant



The Henrietta Fire District has received a \$2,200 fire prevention grant from FM Global, one of the world's largest commercial property insurers.

FM Global representatives presented the check to Chief James Comstock on July 18, 2014 at the Henrietta Fire District Headquarters located at 850 Bailey Road. The award will be used to assist the fire district with pre-incident planning through the use of modern technologies.

The Henrietta Fire District will be using Apple iPads for all hazards incident preplanning

and management. This technology will put life saving information in the hands of first arriving incident commanders. Along with pre incident planning it will also give us access to mapping, real time weather, hazardous materials information and volumes of information that we use to carry in three ring binders.

In addition to the pre-incident planning piece, often we would be utilizing smart phones to gain situational awareness, the iPads are more user friendly and much faster. We are at the ground level with incident management technology, and the sky is the limit!

The Ol' Henries Drill Team Wins Third Straight Western New York Championship



The 2014 drill season has come to an end and the Ol'Henries were successful in their quest for a three peat championship. Our team has been running tournaments for forty years with our best years being the last three years. We compete in drills in the Western New York area for the most part but we do travel around the state especially for the New York State Championship Drill which is held every August in different parts of the state. In our team history some 150 plus members of the fire district have participated in some form with the team. Presently we have 13 dedicated members who have worked very hard, practicing two nights a week, maintaining and repairing our trucks and equipment, attending competitions on Saturdays as well as responding to emergency calls and attending the required fire department training. Trophies for the events of 2014 were presented to all of the teams from Western New York at the awards banquet which was held on September 13, 2014.

We appreciate all of the support from the Fire District, the fire companies, the community, and our fan base. Without all of your help we would not have been this successful.

Eagle Scout Project Benefits Firefighter Training



In the summer of 2013, Eagle Scout candidate Eric Dixon approached the Fire District with an idea of building a training prop for his Eagle Scout Project. Eric Dixon is a member of Boy Scout Troop #401 and is also a member of the Henrietta Fire District Explorer Post #401.

Eric had the idea of building a ventilation simulator to replace the aging simulator at the Henrietta Fire District Training grounds. Eric met with Fire Chief Comstock and Municipal Training Officer Erickson and many ideas were discussed. Eric researched other ventilation simulators and with Lieutenant Erickson designed a multi use simulator. The design included multi-level ventilation simulators, a firefighter through-the-floor simulator, and a first and second floor bail-out window.

Eric approached many local businesses and obtained funding and supplies for his project, acted as the general contractor, arranged and provided labor, worked with the Town of Henrietta on the required permits, and built the simulator over the winter months of 2013-2014.

Eric completed the simulator in the spring of 2014 and was awarded the rank of Eagle Scout



on August 10, 2014.

The Henrietta Fire District has utilized the Training Simulator for much more than ventilation training. The summer 2014 Recruit Class used the simulator to train on Firefighter Survival skills. The recruit firefighters learned and practiced first floor window bail-outs, second floor head-first ladder slides, and second floor rope slides. The career firefighters have used the simulator to train on ventilation, ground ladder usage, firefighter trapped drills, and first floor bail-outs.

Eric's contribution to the Henrietta Fire District will doubtless save the lives of firefighters.

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 2013 - 2014 school year.

May 28 - Winner for Crane School, Riley Favro

May 29 - Winner for Sherman School, Alexys Oechsle

June 3 - Winner for Winslow School, Seaira Aceto

June 4 - Winner for Leary School, Rebecca Kench

June 12 - Winner for Fyle School, Kristin Berry



Riley Favro



Alexys Oechsle



Seaira Aceto



Rebecca Kench



Kristin Berry

Annual Genesee Valley Fire Department Turkey Party

Saturday,
November 22

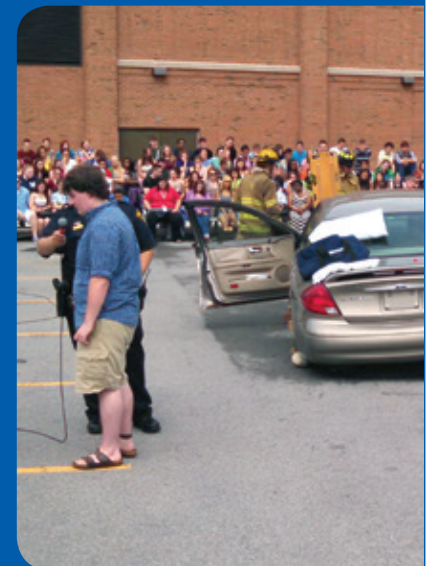
Starts at 7:00pm

Genesee Valley Fire Department
9 Riverview Drive (off River
Meadow Drive)



In addition to over 40 turkeys being raffled off, there will be games, free food and refreshments and door prizes. Admission is free. For more information, contact Bill at gvfire@gmail.com.

DWI Drill at Rush Henrietta Senior High School



On June 13 the HFD responded to Sperry Sr. High School for a DWI accident in the parking lot that resulted in 1 death, 3 injuries and the arrest of a fellow student.

You probably did not hear about it because it was a reenactment, staged by the Monroe County Sheriff's office, Henrietta Ambulance, Monroe County's DA's office and the Henrietta Fire District. Every June we provide this life lesson to the senior class just prior to them attending prom. The hope is, it will assist the students with making smart choices while out celebrating their recent accomplishments. Reactions are usually dramatic with some students just staring open mouthed and others were visibly shaken and overrun with emotions. The 2014 RH class felt this was a "real eye opener" and "very successful".

9-volt Battery Safety



9-volt batteries power our smoke alarms, household items and toys. They can be found in most homes. But these batteries can be a fire hazard if not stored safely or disposed of with care.

The problem

- » 9-volt batteries can be dangerous. The positive and negative posts are close together. If a metal object touches the two posts of a 9-volt battery, it can cause a short circuit. This can make enough heat to start a fire.
- » It is unsafe to store 9-volt batteries in a drawer near paper clips, coins, pens, or other batteries. Do not store common household items such as steel wool, aluminum foil, and keys near 9-volt batteries. If these items touch the two posts, there is a greater risk of a fire starting.
- » Weak batteries may have enough charge to cause a fire. Some fires have started in trash when 9-volt batteries were thrown away with other metal items.

Storing 9-volt batteries

- » Keep batteries in original packaging until you are ready to use them. If loose, keep the posts covered with masking, duct, or electrical tape. Prevent the posts from coming in contact with metal objects.
- » Keep them someplace safe where they won't be tossed around.
- » Store batteries standing up.
- » 9-volt batteries should not be stored loose in a drawer. Do not store them in containers with other batteries.

Disposal

- » 9-volt batteries should not be thrown away with trash. They can come in contact with other batteries or pieces of metal.
- » 9-volt batteries can be taken to a collection site for household hazardous waste.
- » To be safe, cover the positive and negative posts with masking, duct, or electrical tape before getting rid of batteries.
- » Some states do not allow any type of battery to be disposed of with trash. Check with your city or town for the best way to get rid of batteries.

9-VOLT BATTERY STORAGE

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Clothes Dryer Safety

Doing laundry is most likely part of your every day routine. But did you know how important taking care of your clothes dryer is to the safety of your home? With a few simple safety tips you can help prevent a clothes dryer fire.

- » Have your dryer installed and serviced by a professional.
- » Do not use the dryer without a lint filter.
- » Make sure you clean the lint filter before or after each load of laundry. Remove lint that has collected around the drum.
- » Rigid or flexible metal venting material should be used to sustain proper air flow and drying time.
- » Make sure the air exhaust vent pipe is not restricted and the outdoor vent flap will open when the dryer is operating. Once a year, or more often if you notice that it is taking longer than normal for your clothes to dry, clean lint out of the vent pipe or have a dryer lint removal service do it for you.
- » Keep dryers in good working order. Gas dryers should be inspected by a professional to make sure that the gas line and connection are intact and free of leaks.
- » Make sure the right plug and outlet are used and that the machine is connected properly.
- » Follow the manufacturer's operating instructions and don't overload your dryer.
- » Turn the dryer off if you leave home or when you go to bed.

AND DON'T FORGET...

Dryers should be properly grounded.

Check the **outdoor vent flap** to make sure it is not covered by snow.

Keep the area around your dryer **clear** of things that can burn, like boxes, cleaning supplies and clothing, etc.

Clothes that have come in contact with **flammable substances**, like gasoline, paint thinner, or similar solvents should be laid outside to dry, then can be washed and dried as usual.

FACT

! The leading cause of home clothes dryer fires is failure to clean them.

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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.

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.

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.

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.

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,

Find out if you have what it takes to be a volunteer firefighter. Take the first step. Volunteer at www.henriettafire.com.

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

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

If you have any questions or comments please contact us at the Henrietta Fire District
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