A Message from the Chief

The strength of any organization is based on the strength of the personnel who make up that organization. The Henrietta Fire District has been blessed with having individuals of great strength and dedication. Whether career, volunteer, firefighter, or civilian staff, the Henrietta Fire District personnel are dedicated to serving the public. Recently two of those dedicated individuals, Lt. Steven Hahn and Secretary/Treasurer Barbara Sharp have retired from the HFD.

Lt. Steve Hahn joined the HFD in October of 1976 as a volunteer firefighter in West Henrietta. Steve and I joined the fire department on the same evening. Steve was hired as a career firefighter in 1986. Steve was promoted to Lieutenant in September of 1995. Lt. Hahn was a dedicated employee and an aggressive firefighter. Lt Hahn was responsible for the maintenance of all Henrietta Fire District facilities. Lt. Hahn was also the group 4 supervisor at Station 4 on Bailey Road. Steve could always be counted on to assist with projects, serve on committees, or work diligently to complete tasks. Steve is missed by his co-workers. Secretary/Treasurer Barbara Sharp was probably the most important person in the Henrietta Fire District over the last 20 years. Barb was hired by the district in 1987 as a clerk. Barb was appointed Secretary/Treasurer in 1991 after the retirement of Harry Smith. Barb has served in that capacity until her retirement this year. Barb was responsible for all human resources issues, budget preparation, investments, accounts receivable and payable, meeting minutes for the commission, payroll, and many other items that found their way to her desk. Barb has been an important member of the Henrietta Fire District management team. Barb will be staying with the Henrietta Fire District on a part time basis as we transition to our new Secretary/Treasurer Barb Schaeffer.

I personally will miss these individuals. They were not only co-workers but friends and my neighbors for many years. I know their families and watched their kids grow up. The Henrietta Fire District and I wish them well in their retirement and thank them for their dedicated service to the citizens of Henrietta.

A Message from the Chief
by Chief Jim Comstock

We would like to invite the public to the Henrietta Fire District Open House that will take place on Saturday October 10, 2015. The Open house will run from 12:00 PM until 3:00 PM at Station 4 (located at 850 Bailey Road). 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 10, 2015 • 12:00 - 3:00 PM
Station 4 • 850 Bailey Road

Activities
• Fire Apparatus Tours
• Tour our Safety Trailer
• Tour the Monroe County Special Operations Truck
• Try our Extinguisher Trainer
• Have your picture taken at our free photo booth
• Spray Water from a Fire Hose at a target
• 1:00 PM Vehicle Extrication Demonstration
• 2:00 PM Live Fire and Sprinkler 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.
Early this year, the Henrietta Fire District applied for a grant of $461,973 through the Assistance for Firefighters Grant Program (AFG) from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). On August 28th the Henrietta Fire District was notified that we were awarded the grant. This grant will be used to replace our Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA). Our current SCBA are 15 years old and have reached the end of their useful life. Our current SCBA bottles are required by law to be replaced within the next year. These new SCBA will meet the most recent NFPA and MOSH standards and provide the greatest safety for our firefighters.

Congresswoman Slaughter summed it up best in her press release for the grant when she said “For more than 45 years, the Henrietta Fire District has been serving and protecting residents during times of great need. When the alarm rings, the men and women of the Henrietta Fire District are the first responders we count on. Today’s grant announcement will allow the fire district to purchase much-needed new equipment and will help ensure they’re prepared when we need them most”

Since the inception of the AFG grant program the Henrietta Fire District has applied for and received over $1,000,000 (1 million) in grant funds.

Officer Side View

### New Engines

On April 7th 2015 voters of Henrietta approved the fire district to purchase 2 new fire engines, to replace ageing engines that are located at Station 4 on Bailey Road and Station 5 on Pinnacle Road.

A fire Engine also called a pumper is the basic piece of fire apparatus that is used to get water from a fire hydrant on to a fire; obviously this would be impossible without an adequate number of Firefighters.

The new engines will provide a safer riding area for our firefighters, increased storage space and increased foam capabilities. The new 642 and 662 are expected to be delivered by Emergency One in March of 2016.

The engines will carry
- 750 gallons of water
- 30 Gallons of foam
- 2100 Feet of hose
- Basic Firefighter rescue tools “jaws of life”
- Basic Life Support Equipment with Automated External Defibrillator (AED)
- Basic Haz-Mat monitoring and spill mitigation tools
- Mobil Data Terminal with GPS

### Bailout Training

On January 23, 2005 in the Bronx, NY two firefighters died and another four were seriously injured while searching an apartment building during a fire. While inside the fire, conditions deteriorated and they needed to escape out a window. As a result of that incident New York State enacted legislation requiring fire departments to issue all of their interior firefighters emergency escape systems. This system will allow us to safely escape from an elevated emergency. After evaluating the many systems available, the Henrietta Fire District decided to purchase the Sterling F4 Bailout System for its members.

In the Winter of 2015 we started training our members on the Sterling F4 System which consists of a 50' piece of escape rope, a descent control device, and a carabiner.

### New Recruit Volunteer Fire Fighter Training instructions and a new curriculum

The Henrietta Fire District has appointed 3 new Municipal Fire Instructors for the Volunteer Recruit Training Program. New York State has just implemented a new recruit Fire Fighter curriculum.

The new instructors are Lieutenant Mark Woods, Firefighter Todd Strasser, and Firefighter Justin Tam. These members have taught multiple drills in the past and are all very experienced in adult learning. The addition of these three instructors brings the total number of instructors for our recruit training program to 5.

Lieutenant Mark Woods was hired by the Henrietta Fire District in 1994 and is currently assigned to Station #5, Group 1. Lieutenant Woods holds a NYS Fire Instructor II certification.

Firefighter Todd Strasser was hired by the Fire District in 2007 and is currently assigned to Station #5, Group 1. Firefighter Strasser holds a National Certification for Fire Instructor I.

Firefighter Justin Tam came on the job in 2002 and is currently assigned to Station #4, Group 4. Firefighter Tam holds a national certification for Fire Instructor II.

The former recruit program was 96 student contact hours of instruction, the Henrietta Fire District increased these student-instructor contact hours to 140, with the addition of Auto Extinguishment and Pre-Extinguishment, Firefighter Survival, and extra skill development drills. The new program has been increased by New York State to 101 Student contact hours; correspondingly the Henrietta Fire District has increased the hours of our program to 161 hours. Recruits that successfully complete the training course will have earned the following New York State Certifications, Firefighter I, Firefighter Survival, Accident Victim Extrication Training, Hazardous Materials - Operations Level, Confined Space Awareness, and National Safety Council First Aid and CPR.

Our current Recruit Training Course is under way with 7 Henrietta Recruit Fire Fighters, 1 Brighton Fire Department recruit, and one Walker Fire Department recruit. The leadership of the Henrietta Fire District is committed to the best training we can provide to our recruit fire fighters. With the addition of more instructors, the dedication of our volunteer staff (that provide invaluable logistic and instructional support), and this new training program our recruit fire fighters are better prepared to handle the career in front of them.

### Personnel News

Nine Recruit Firefighters complete Firefighter I Training

Firefighter Lovelle Moton
Firefighter Nick Ferraina - HFFD
Firefighter TJ Elinger - Mendon
Firefighter Kellee Jacobs
Firefighter Dan McLean
Firefighter Adam Jacobs
Firefighter Patrick Frediani - Rush

We would also like to recognize the following individuals:

- Academic Excellence Award Winner
  - Adam Jacobs
- Leadership Award Winner
  - TJ Elinger
- Achievement Award Winner
  - Patrick Frediani

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 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WgqSnmYAA10&feature=youtu.be

Please give a warm welcome to our new members.

The HFD would like to welcome Barbara Schaeffer to our administrative staff. Barb came to the District in July 2014 having worked at the Seneca Park Zoo Society as Business Manager, the Town of Canandaigua as Bookkeeper to the Supervisor and as Business Manager at the Country Club of Mendon. She was appointed as our new Secretary/Treasurer in May 2015. Barb’s duties as Records Manager and Chief Fiscal Officer include budgets, financial reporting, maintaining records, preparing minutes and human resource duties.

Barb is a graduate of Rush Henrietta Sperry High School. She and her husband Kevin are lifelong residents of Henrietta. Their recently blended family of two sons and a daughter reside in West Henrietta.
Turkey Party
Fire Department

Installing Your Car

Have Questions About
Henrietta Fire District

SEE YOU THERE!

Turkey Party
Henrietta Company 1

gvfire@gmail.com.

free. For more information, contact Bill at

3129 East Henrietta Road
(off River Meadow Drive)

Starts at 7:00 pm

Adopt-a-Hydrant Program

The Henrietta Fire District offers the Adopt – A – Hydrant program to elementary students at all the Rush–Henrietta Central School District 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 the 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.

I would like to express a special thank you to all the families that participated in this program last year. We had an incredible amount of snow that you shoveled, to help us save time while responding to emergencies in your neighborhoods.

These pictures are of the winners of the ride to school for the 2014 – 2015 school year.

Winner for Sherman School, Parker Baldwin
Winner for Winfield School, Nicholas Broccoli

Adopt-a-Hydrant Program

Henrietta Firefighters Honored

On October 8, 2015 at the Joint Fire Services Awards Dinner several Henrietta Firefighters will be honored.

Lieutenant Mark Audino, Lieutenant Mark Woodis, FF. Brian Reynolds, FF. Doug Barber, Henrietta Fire District, FF. Francis Martin III, FF. Todd Scissmore, and FF. Jeremy Messenaci will receive the Gold Seal Award.

The Gold Seal Award is awarded a firefighter who intelligently and in the line of duty distinguishes himself by the performance of a courageous act involving great risk of immi-

nent serious personal injury while saving a life, or attempting to save the life of a fellow human being.

On May 18, 2015 at 17:29 the Henrietta Fire District responded to a MVA at milepost 361 EB on the NYS Thruway. Upon arrival, command found a driver trapped in a heavily damaged cab of a tractor trailer. Engine 646 and quint 640 arrived on scene, did a size up, and initi-

ated rescue operations. As the crews began to work, they smelled a pungent odor and a burn-

ing sensation in their eyes. A liquid then started dripping from the trailer. The crew immediately donned SCBA and returned to the rescue. Eng-

gine 652’s crew joined the rescue efforts. Within fifteen minutes, the driver had been extricated and sent to the hospital with numerous serious injuries. These firefighters worked in a hazardous at-

mosphere involving multiple leaking chemicals including poisons without regard to their own

safety to quickly extricate the trapped driver. The truck was carrying 44,000 lbs. of mixed load including 10 different chemical compounds.

The crews from Rescues 616, 628, and En-

gine 612 will be receiving the Unit Commenda-

tion Award for their actions in support of opera-

tions at the May 18th incident.

A Unit Commendation is presented to mem-

bers of a department who, while acting collec-
tively as a team, intelligently and in the line of
duty distinguishes themselves by a meritorious

achievement, act, or service to the Department
performed in a manner substantially beyond

normal expectations in similar circumstances.

Chief Jim Comstock will be awarded the Mi-

chael Sadden Award.

This award is intended to recognize exem-

plary conduct of a firefighter over an extended

period of time, rather than highlighting one par-
ticular act of heroism, for which awards have been established.

The recipient must have contributed his/her

time and efforts to the fire service in a signifi-
cant way, well above that required by either his

or her vocation or avocation, to the extent that

he or she stands out among his or her fellow

firefighters and/or predecessors in connection

with the accomplishments he or she has made

in the furtherance of the fire service.

Chief Jim Comstock’s first exposure to the fire service was as a small child. His father was a member and Captain of the Mattituck, NY Fire Department and later an Ass’t Chief with the

California, N.Y. Fire Department. Chief Comstock joined the Henrietta Fire District in 1976 as a volunteer firefighter rising to the rank of Battal-
on Chief. Chief Comstock became a career em-

ployee of the Henrietta Fire District in 1984 and has served as a Firefighter, Lieutenant, Captain, Municipal Training Officer, and Battalion Chief. Jim was promoted to Chief in 2006.

Chief Comstock serves as an Instructor for the Monroe County Fire Bureau for 13 yrs. and was a New York State Fire Instructor for 10 yrs. He also served as a specialty Lecturer for the Monroe Community College Criminal Justice Training Center for 12 yrs.

Chief Comstock serves as an Incident Com-
mander and Operations Section Chief with the Western NY Incident Management Assistance Team. He also is part of the Monroe County Spe-
cial Operations Team where he serves as an IST member. He is also a NYSEMT and a NYS Code Enforcement Officer.

Chief Comstock has served on several Monroe County Committees including most recently, the Special Operations Leadership Group and the Operations Committee for the triunited radio system.

Chief Comstock has been a member of the NYS Association of Fire Chiefs for a number of years. He has served since 2011 on the Paid Officers Committee. Chief Comstock has also been active with the Career Fire Chiefs of New York State and served as President from 2011 -2015. Chief Comstock was elected in June 2015 as a Director of the NYS Association of Fire Chiefs.

Chief Comstock is a member of the AFC, VCOS, ICC, and NFPA.

Henrietta Company 1 Turkey Party
Saturday, November 14
The fun starts at 7:00 pm
3129 East Henrietta Road
SEE YOU THERE!

Henrietta Fire District Responses over the years

1990 we responded to 1,170 calls for service
1995 We responded to 1,608 calls for service
2000 We responded to 2,060 calls for service
2005 We responded to 2,314 calls for service
2010 We responded to 3,618 calls for service
2014 We responded to 4,282 calls for service

Through September 10th 2015 we have responded to 3,133 calls for service.

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Winner for Fyle School, Addison Hobbs
Winner for Leary School, Nina Cochren
Winner for Sherman School, Parker Baldwin
Winner for Winfield School, Nicholas Broccoli
**Cooking Safety**

Cooking brings family and friends together, provides an outlet for creativity and can be relaxing. But did you know that cooking fires are the number one cause of home fires and home injuries? By following a few safety tips you can prevent these fires.

**“COOK WITH CAUTION”**

- Be on alert! If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol do not use the stove or stovetop.
- Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, boiling, or broiling food.
- If you are simmering, baking, or roasting food, check it regularly, stay in the kitchen while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you are cooking.
- Keep anything that can catch fire — oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains — away from your stovetop.

If you have a small (grease) cooking fire and decide to fight the fire...

- On the stovetop, another the flames by sliding a lid over the pan and turning off the burner. Leave the pan covered until it is completely cooled.
- For an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed.
- If you have any doubt about fighting a small fire...
  - Just get out! When you leave, close the door behind you to help contain the fire.
  - Call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number from outside the home.

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

You 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.

- 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.

**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?

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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