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The Long Journey

The Town of Batavia Fire Department, Inc. has provided fire service to the Town of Batavia since 1948. It was then, and continues to be, a 100% volunteer department. Statics indicate that 73% of all firefighters in the United States are volunteer. Your fire fighters give their time to you at no charge.

Since 1948, the fire service has undergone many changes. It seems that as I analyze the way we do business today, it looks little like the fire service of years past.

Most of the changes have occurred with safety in mind. Safety, not only for our firefighters, but for you, the general public, as well.

Technology allows us to more safely operate, for longer periods of time, in

normally perilous environments where seconds may mean the difference between life and death. Everything, from the gear we wear to the self-contained air systems we use to breathe, are designed with safety in mind.

That red fire truck you see going to an emergency is safer too. Like you, we are required to be seated in the fire truck with seatbelts fastened. The days of riding on the back of the truck while standing on the back bumper, (how ever quite fun) are long gone. Fire trucks are now constructed using state of the art safety technology.

Training has changed too. Did you know that a new "rookie" fire fighter must complete an initial 96 hour training course to maintain an active fire-

Part I Safety By 1st Asst. Chief Randy W.

fighter status? It then takes additional in-house training for the firefighter to become interior certified. Even so, firefighting is a very dangerous job. After all, who in their right mind, would "run into a burning building when everyone else is running out."

Unfortunately safety through innovation comes with a price tag. We have seen all our fire equipment escalate in cost as technology truly makes us all safer.

As we plan for the future of fire protection in the Town of Batavia, safety, in an every changing environment, is our constant concern. New and unknown hazards will confront us. Meeting these challenges, while constantly controlling costs is paramount.

Be Safe!

Daylight Savings time has just past and time springs ahead. We should be reminded to change the batteries in our smoke detectors again.

Try this: write the date that you change the bat-

tery on a piece of tape and stick it to the outside of the detector so you know how old the battery is.

Some smoke detectors available today have a 10 year life with a non-replaceable 10 year bat-

Change your Battery!

tery. If your smoke detector is old...replace it. It could save your life.

If you need a smoke detector and cant afford one, call us. We'll arrange to get one to you.

Rescue On a Pillow of Air

Air Bag Training Comes in Handy

Rescue 20, our Heavy Rescue, has loads of specialty equipment. It is a continual task to stay competent in the use of it all.

Training in January concentrated on use of our high pressure airbags. The airbags give us extended lift capabilities if we need to achieve a rescue by lifting heavy objects or vehicles. We can lift even larger vehicles such as a semi-trailer.

Sometimes lifting just a few inches may be enough to free someone from entrapment following a car accident, in-

dustrial equipment accident or as in the case earlier this year, a large object that had fallen on a victim.

Just a week after our air bag training, the Town of Batavia Fire Department was summoned to the Ramada Limited for "ice that had struck a man". When we arrived, we learned that the ice was a 3000 lbs. ice pillar that had fallen on the victim's leg. Our solution was the use a high pressure air bag. Firefighters carefully dug under the ice with a shovel and positioned the air bag under the ice. As the bag was inflated, the mass of ice was lifted no more than 3 or 4 inches...just enough to allow the victim to be pulled to safety. No serious injury was reported.



Buy a Ticket...Win a Bike

This year you could win a 2009 Harley Davidson Fat Boy (model FLSTF) with security system and custom paint Black Ice Blue Ice.

For a \$20 donation, you will be one of 2700 ticket holders hoping to win. But don't despair, There will also be four additional drawings of \$500 each. Of course, each of the four alternate prize winners tickets will

be reentered for the Grand Prize.



All five drawings will be held on July 25, 2009. The first ticket will be selected at 9:45 p.m. at the Town of Batavia Fire Department Recreation Hall, 8382 Lewiston Road, Batavia.

Proceeds to benefit the Town of Batavia Fire Department, Inc.

Winner need not be present to win.

Want To Be A Hero?



We are always looking for more help. We can promise you times of fun, times of great challenge, times of great personal reward and satisfaction, times of deep sorrow, times of sheer panic...and all this with no pay!

We have activities occurring each Monday evening between 7 and 9 p.m. so come on down, see what we do and pick up an application.

Big Fire...Bring Big Water

The Technical Corner



We took delivery of this 2006 Fire Engine a few years ago. We saved money on its purchase by selecting a truck that was used as a factory demo.

The truck certainly brings a big punch to a fire.

Engine 21 is equipped with a 1500 gallon per minute pump, and has a foam capability that increases the ability of water to extinguish fires.

Powered by a ISL 400 Cummins diesel engine and a 3000 Allison transmission, it packs plenty of power to do the job.

The crew compartment has room for 6 firefighters and compartments for firefighting and rescue equipment,

including TNT hydraulic tools capable of safely removing a victim from a car accident by cutting, spreading or pushing the car away.

We are expecting delivery of a new truck that will be designed with multi roll capabilities. It will carry equipment to better satisfy both the fire fighting and rescue functions.

The new Engine, designated Engine 24 will replace an obsolete, engine that had the crew capacity of 3 and much more limited compartmentation. It's a tired old engine that soon will be 20 years old.

Spring Clean-up

Spring is now here and everywhere that you look, people are cleaning up their yards, removing fallen limbs and dead leaves.

Customarily, many folks in the Town of Batavia burn their yard debris.

Before you do, please keep just a couple of things in mind.

1. You may not burn building ma-

terials in the Town of Batavia.

2. Use common sense:

- Don't burn near a building
- Don't burn on windy days
- Be ready with a hose
- Attend the fire
- Notify fire dispatcher
- At 343-3313

If the fire department is called, we may extinguish your fire if any of

Chief Robert Hunt

these guidelines are broken. Likewise, if our response is because of a neighbor's complaint about the smoke you generate, we may extinguish your fire.

Keep in mind that just because the earth is wet below your feet, the dead grass and vegetation that is on the ground is very dry and burns spreading faster than you may think to buildings and surroundings.

Fire Prevention

It's fun to see the faces of pre-school children as the big red fire engine comes to their school.

Our fire prevention team enjoys interacting with children while teaching them to act safely in an emergency. They are taught what to do if their clothing catches fire or if a fire is discovered at home.

Slowly and methodically, a fire fighter dons his firefighting gear; first the pants then the coat, continuing until his is fully dressed with an SCBA (self contained breathing apparatus).

The goal is to familiarize them with how he looks and how he sounds, as he speaks in muffled tones through

the airtight mask that he wears.

"The firefighter is your friend, he is not a monster" is comforting to a 4 to 6 year old that may be seeing a fully dressed firefighter for the first time.

Usually, the time ends with a turn on an actual fire hose. The kids really like spraying water from the fire truck.