

Hot Calls

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Tyrone Banquet Starts a New Year



Bill Kennedy stands with his grandson as he is sworn in as Fire Chief by CFC Kirk Smith



Tom Dykes (left) and Harry Bailey (right) receive 50 Year Service Award

New Tyrone line officers taking oath from CFC Kirk Smith



Tyrone Banquet *cont.*

Tyrone responded to 160 calls in 2023. The following received top responder awards:

Tom Dykes 94 calls, Bill Glerum 58, and Thomas Bartlett 54 calls. Nate Tormey received the Leon Decamp award, Thomas Bartlett Rescuer of the year, Dominic Craven Firefighter of the year. Matt Maloney was recognized for his term as Chief. Tyrone changes every two years. We may see him again.

Mecklenburg Banquet



Chief Brian Gunning, 1st. Carl Taber, 2nd Wayne Lauper, 3rd Albert Foote Jr. Rescue Capt. Kim Beckley, Fire Police Capt. Don Beckley, CFC Kirk Smith

Mecklenburg Banquet Jan. 6th

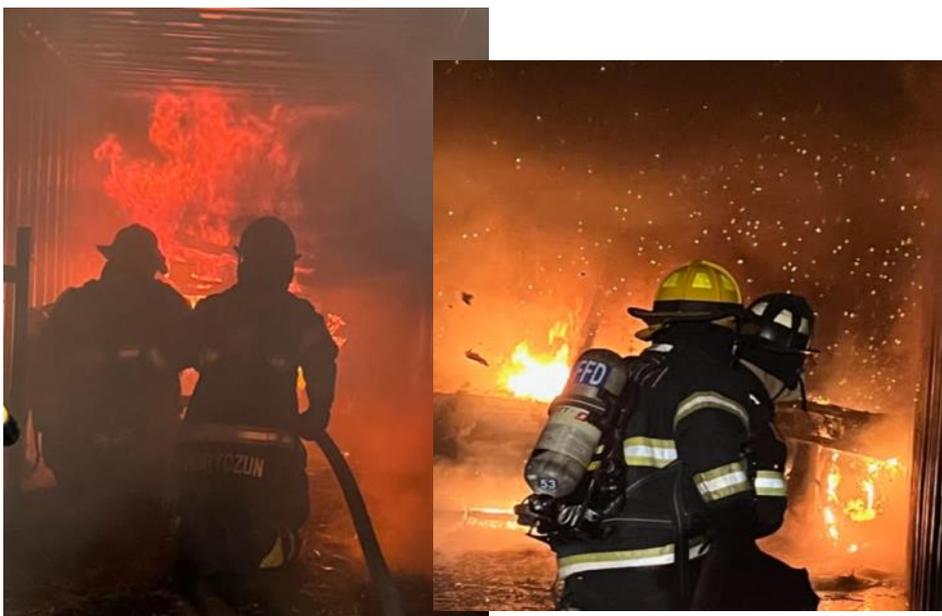
There was no changes in leadership at Mecklenburg. They answered 139 calls. They also average 7 firefighters per call and very seldom do they have to be toned twice. 827.5 man hours were recorded on emergency duty. They received several donations from the auxiliary and from the "Mecktober" event put on by the community. Responders recognized were Kim Beckley for top calls. Chiefs award went to Al Foote Jr. and Nick Laverne. The company had 71 events for fund raising and training.

Beaver Dams Tractor Fire

A tractor fire on Mill Hill Rd. brought out Beaver Dams. First Officers on scene reported fully involved large tractor on fire. Montour Falls was called for a tanker. Beaver Dams engine 5 arrived and made a quick knock down on the fire. Montour was canceled. Fire investigators were called from Emergency Management. No cause as reported. This is most likely a very expensive fire.



Watkins Glen and Montour Falls Live Fire Training



Live fire training was conducted in Watkins Glen with Montour Falls also taking part. A simulator located in Watkins was used to have small fires to give firefighters the opportunity to work together in actual fire conditions. Unfortunately the use of acquired buildings takes so much time to make them safe that it is not practical to use that resource any more.

Burdett – Hazardous Materials Spill



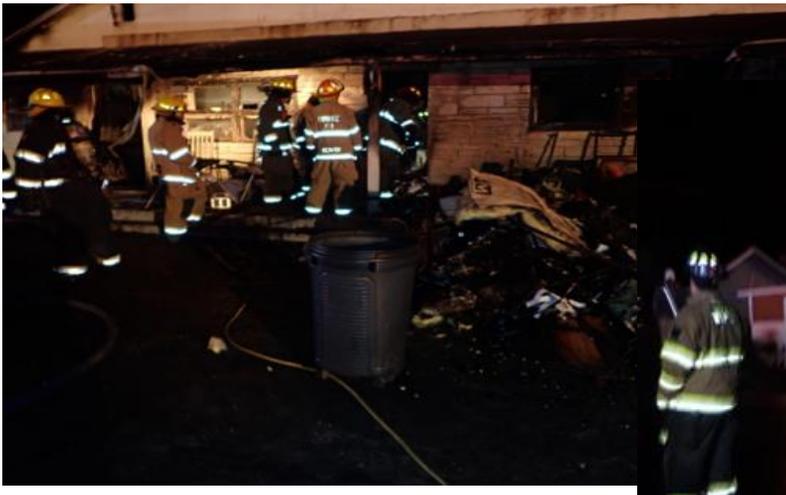
A single axle tanker delivering fuel oil rolled over in the driveway of a home on Middle Rd. Town of Hector. Burdett Fire, Schuyler EMS, and EMO responded. The driver was trapped but uninjured. Extrication was delayed so BFD could get the truck stabilized. While that extrication was being done, efforts to stop the flow of diesel and fuel oil to Seneca Lake was underway. Quick thinking had BFD set up a portable pond to pump ground water and petroleum liquid into the porta-pond. DEC, T&R Hazmat, Charlie's wrecker service, Schuyler Sheriff, EMO were all on scene assisting the BFD. They did a great job and succeeded in keeping any fuel from reaching Seneca lake.



Watkins Glen – Motel Fire

Second Motel Catches fire in Watkins Glen

A working fire on Jan. 10th brought out WGFD with their second alarm partners to the log house Motel on Rt 14 North. C-19 arrived finding flames visible for one detached structure containing a laundry and several rooms. WGFD made a defensive attack and transitioned to interior operations once manpower arrived. Water supply was set up at Lakewood Vineyards on a newly installed dry hydrant. A good stop was made and no exposures (2) were damaged. It was a good operation by all. WGFD, BFD, MFFD, DFD, and HFD were all involved with OFD covering and SEMS providing and ambulance.



This is why we do Fire Prevention!!!

This is the 50th year of the Maricle Fire in Watkins Glen, Parker Fire Reading Center, Frost Fire in Odessa, And Rumsey Hill Rd Trailer Fire in Tyrone

A total of 16 lives were lost. Most of these were children. The Maricle fire in Watkins Glen was early on a Saturday morning November 21, 1973. First reports were that seven people were in the 3 story building but one victim was found safe in Montour Falls. It took considerable work by the Watkins Glen Fire Department and Schuyler Sheriff, and Watkins P.D. They were under the direction of Dr. William Tague. The recovery started at 8:30 and was finished about noon. A makeshift morgue was provided. Dead were three Maricle Girls 12, 8, 7. Three adult women, one was just spending the night. Ten people were able to escape the fire. Watkins Glen Fire Chief Ted Specchio, said it was impossible to enter the building as there was too much fire to make any rescue. Village P.D. were on scene first and could not make entry. All the students were in the Watkins Glen School. The other two fires were at different times. All the fires involved children and in Tyrone there was 5 lives lost. The Parker fire. The father and 5 children were lost. And in Odessa one child was lost and a second seriously burned. At that time there were no smoke alarms. All were trying to escape. In one case all were found by a window that was nailed shut, another the rear door was nailed shut. Smoking and wood stoves were listed as probable causes. This was over a span of two years. This prompted Schuyler County to start the "learn not to burn" program. It is also important to continue to keep harping when you make a call at residence to ask if they have smoke alarms and escape plans. If you have time, help your local LNTB program. There was 14 people in the building the night of the Maricle fire!!!

This article was written from a Watkins Review article .

The Learn not to Burn program struggles to provide instructors and helpers for the continuation of the program. Bradford is one that has been in trouble for a while. What we must realize is this is the only way we save lives from fire. There is no way unless there is someone in the station that fire departments can arrive to get a victim out if they are trapped when they make that 911 call. Education of children to have 2 ways out and having smoke alarms to give early warnings will make the difference. It has been proven that people in the county have done the right thing in fires because of the education the children have brought home. Those children eventually become adults and have children and the message keeps getting passed along. The choice is yours for you to keep it going.

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Schuyler EMS Completes First Year of Operation



The new ambulance service has been in business a year as of January 2nd. They have answered over 2800 calls for service and have asked for assistance only a couple of times. The need for a full time service has been needed for a long time. Volunteers can no longer fill the need for ambulance service. Calls are up and volunteers are down.

This Issue's Trivia Question

What is Atmospheric Pressure at Sea Level and how does it affect the Fire Service?

Email answers to Rick at rickshirlsc27@gmail.com

Our last trivia question: What kind of nozzle is this?

Answer: The "Rockwood" or "Navy" nozzle



Several adapters could be used with this nozzle and was in use in the county for many years.

The nozzle and adapters are still in use today At Odessa

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Last Alarms



**Gary Kelly– Nov. 19th 2023 Burdett FD,
and Schuyler County EMO**

Upcoming Classes

We will be offering the following classes:

EMT Original and Refresher:
February 21st 6pm
Burdett FD

Want to be notified of our upcoming courses? Join our mailing list! Send requests to jgeck@co.schuyler.ny.us

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