

The HHFD Response Times

The official newsletter of the Howlett Hill Fire Department



AED Fund Drive underway

Our Fund Drive to receive enough contributions to purchase at least six (6) AED's (Automated External Defibrillators), so we have one on each piece of apparatus and Chief's car, began in October. A mailing was hand delivered to as many HHFD district residents as possible during the Monday, October 7th drill. The balance of mailers are being delivered via the U.S. Post Office. The department has registered for a Bulk Mail permit with not for profit status. This status gives the department a much lower mail rate. Part of the cost effectiveness of the lower rate will allow the department to have multiple mailings to our district residents during

the year. Having more communications with the residents should help keep contributions, and perhaps, even new members interested in supporting the department. To date we have received \$1,420.00 in donations and the majority of the mailers are still in the mail pipeline and not yet delivered to the homes.

We will also be getting a list of suppliers and sending a Fund Driver mailer to each of them.

We are looking at the possibility of "piggy-backing" with the Onondaga County Sheriff's Department to obtain our AED's. OCSD has the ability to use a

governmental contract which has deep discounts on the AED's. Another good point is the OCSD is purchasing the **Physio Control LifePak500** which is the same unit we have on Engine 3 and on which we all received training.

I know we're all looking forward to having a successful Fund Drive!!

If you know anyone who wants to donate, have them send a check or money order to the station:

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The Chief's Office

Editors Note: With all the efforts being spent on the AED Fund Drive, I ran out of time to interview the Chief for his "insights" for this month's edition. Sorry to all. I'll make sure to have an article from the Chief for the next Edition.

Frank

Here's a picture of Engine 3 with it's new AED- Equipped logo. Rescue 2 has the same logo on its side. This puts the word out that HHFD is serious about safety!



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HHFD Training Schedule

Course Name	Date	Instructor	Location	Comments
Tower or Car fire	7-Oct	M. Gosson	Town Tower and/or HHFD	
Business Meeting	14-Oct	G. Peryea & members	HHFD	Old business, New business Come see what's happening
Tower	21-Oct	Officers	Town Tower	Keep skills sharp
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Tower	28-Oct	Officers	Town Tower	Keep skills sharp
Tower	4-Nov	Officers	Town Tower	Keep skills sharp
Business Meeting	11-Nov	G. Peryea & members	HHFD	Old business, New business Come see what's happening. Veteran's Day !!
Tower	18-Nov	Officers	Town Tower	Keep skills sharp
Tower	25-Nov	Officers	Town Tower	Keep skills sharp
Tower	23-Oct	Officers	Town Tower	Keep skills sharp
Tower	24-Oct	Officers	Town Tower	Keep skills sharp

On Saturday and Sunday, September 14 and 15 several members of HHFD attended Thermal Imaging Camera training. The training session co-sponsored by HHFD and Taunton FD featured classroom sessions on Saturday at Taunton Station 1 and practical lab sessions at the Tower on Sunday. Capt. Tom Doyle, of the Atlanta FD and of SafeIR taught both sessions. Attending both sessions were Chief Jim Harris, Capt. Brian Gale, Capt. Scott Bealer and FF Frank Valls. FF Brian Bealer attended the classroom session and FF Mike Gosson attended the practical lab session.

The HHFD team used the department's MSA Evolution Thermal Imaging Camera and another MSA Evolution brought in by the instructor while Taunton practiced with their Safe IR and duplicate brought by the instructor. The course was very informative and highlighted the ability to enhance primary and secondary search methods. The camera makes for a more efficient search process. The teams practiced searches, rescue of a downed firefighter and an entangled firefighter. Locating heat sources is another key feature of the camera. This truly enhances are ability to perform scene management.

As you can see from the Training Schedule for the next few weeks, we're at the Tower until the snow flies. While we're there we'll be practicing with the camera and learning about the new techniques made available by more effectively using our Thermal Imaging Camera.

We have a lot of good notes from the training class and the plan is to create our own classroom training to supplement our drills at the Tower. Stay tuned for more on this new technology.

Parting shots

John Harris Sr. and Mark Edmonds practice CPR with a manikin during the July AED training class.

We all want to recognize Paul Doner for the great job he did in training all of us (plus several citizens) assuring everyone in good standing received CPR/AED training and certification! Thanks for accommodating different work schedules and running additional courses.

Nice work Paul, Thanks!

