



The HHFD Response Times

The unofficial newsletter of the Howlett Hill Fire Department

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First Edition

Welcome to the First Edition of The HHFD Response Times, a newsletter for the Howlett Hill Fire Department members, their families and the community we serve. While there have been newsletters in the past, we call this the First Edition of our more formal publishing media.

The intent of this newsletter is to provide information to our readers on a consistent basis. Too often we hear at the fire house, "if I had only known, I would have ..." Now with this communication vehicle, we'll minimize "being in the dark".

Since this is the first edition, I'll provide some orientation on some of

the "options" we can include in "our" publication. Keep one thing in mind, we want publishing this to be fun to produce and easy to contribute. All of us are already volunteering our time to belong to the fire service so publishing a newsletter should not take up precious remaining time.

I have some first cuts at topics to run "regularly" in the newsletter and some others to run "periodically". I'll include a "Voting Ballot" with this edition and you can vote for topics, even write-in votes will be considered. "Regularly" scheduled topics of consideration could include: The Chief's Office, and the Line Officer's

Forum. I think the Training Officer's section would be a natural regularly scheduled feature. A section on "The Crew Cab" would entertain comments from those not riding in the front seat. "Periodically run features" could include: Special insights from the Board of Directors, The Auxiliary, new apparatus, etc.

Don't forget to vote.

This is our paper!

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The Chief's Office

I'm not sure if this would be a Regularly scheduled feature or a Periodic section. We'll need to see Chief Harris' reaction to all of this. I can see having it a Periodic section might be less burden on Jim, and still provide a forum to communicate a

message in one, consistent manner that everyone will be able to view. It also provides a way to tell the members of issues to be considered during the year, or of improvement opportunities to be reviewed.

James Harris, Chief

We might alternate insights among the Chief's in this area, or alternate the Chief's column and the Line Officer's column every month. Feedback will be the key, so it's important to vote.

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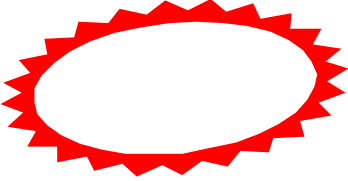
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The Training Officer's Class Notes

HHFD Training Schedule

Course Name	Date	Instructor	Location	Comments
Mask confidence	26-Aug	Capt. Gale	Town Tower	Run the dept. qualifications class
Hose deployment	2-Sep	Lt. McCartney	Town Tower	Controlled burn and deploy hose from E3. SCBA required.
Search and Rescue	9-Sep	Capt. Bealer	Town Tower	Search techniques first and second floors
Infrared camera	16-Sep	Chief Harris (Jim)	Town Tower	Use of camera indoor fire conditions, night rescue conditions
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Mark your calendars

We can have information about future events in this area.

Sept 1—Skaneateles Fireman's Field Days

See our Sign-up Sheet for events:

1 3/4" Pushball

2" Pushball

Sink-the-boat

Parade

Let's make HHFD proud!!

Sept 14—HHFD Family Picnic

Spend some time with your family and treat them to a fun time at the Howlett Hill Park from 3:00PM—7:00PM

Sept xx—AED Boot Drive

Sign-up for times and locations to staff the boot drive.

Dec. xx—Vote for Officers and Board

Jan. xx—Annual Department Banquet

Officer's Corner

Here we would post information from Brian, Scott, Dan, John and Paul. They could talk about their goals, insights about recent calls or training or lessons learned to be shared. They could announce the latest new members names

"From the Crew"

In this section we could have anything about the general membership such as: Chuck Lanning and Bob Slivinski began their EMT training in August and expect to be certified in December. Neither one have had to read so much or do so much homework in their lives!! Good luck guys.

Mark Edmonds is back making drills and calls after a brief hospital stay.