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Harlem-Roscoe Firefighter's Association's

Annual fundraiser . . .



Spring Dinner

Menu:

Roast Beef, Ham, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Vegetables, Cole Slaw, Buns, Homemade Pies, Coffee, and Milk

- **April 1, 2006 5pm – 8pm**
- **Harlem-Roscoe Fire Station #1
10544 Main Street, Roscoe**
- **Tickets: Adult - \$8, Children 12 and under - \$4, Under 5 – Free**

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Dryer Fire Photo by Sheryl Drost



Matt Bush clears out the inside of the dryer after they carried it out of the home.

February 18, firefighters responded to a dryer fire on Nestlewood Drive. The fire was contained to the dryer, and fans were set up to rid the home of smoke.

Accidents Photos by Sheryl Drost

February 27 – a rear-end accident on Hwy 251 just south of Forest Hills Road.



Firefighters take down information on one of the vehicles.



Both drivers refused treatment.

March 2 – another rear-end accident. This time it was in front of 5820 Prairie Hill Road.



The driver and the passenger were transported to the hospital by ambulance.



The driver of the Chevy pickup refused treatment.

March 5 – Slick roads may have played a part in this accident. Snow was falling when the driver of this Chevy Blazer lost control in the northbound lane of Hwy 251 and the vehicle ended up on its side in the southbound lanes. The driver refused treatment.



Luckily the vehicle didn't hit any southbound traffic.

February 9 - Firefighters responded to a two-vehicle accident at Rockton Road and White School Road. One driver had to be extricated from the vehicle. Both drivers and one passenger were transported to the hospital by Harlem-Roscoe's ambulances.



Bystanders had already helped the driver and a child passenger out of the Nissan X-Terra when fire units arrived.



Firefighters extricated the driver of an Olds Achieva. The driver was transported to the hospital by ambulance.



Firefighters move one of the injured drivers to the ambulance.

March 3 – Firefighters responded to a two-vehicle accident at Belvidere Road and Hwy 173. Both drivers refused treatment.

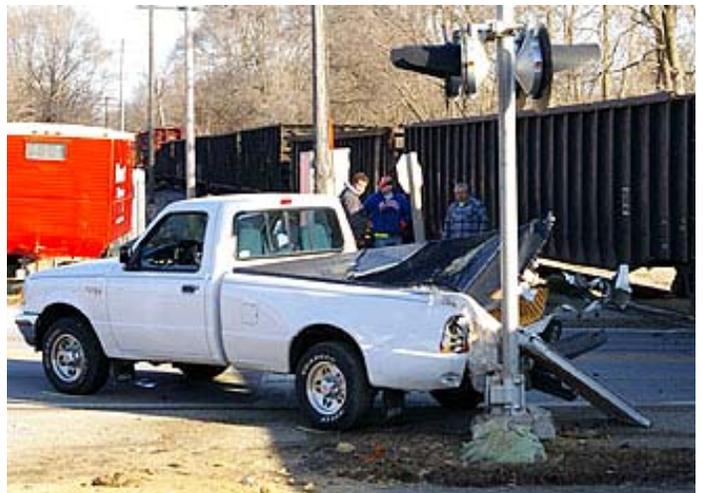


Jon Pyzynski takes vehicle information on the damaged Jeep Grand Cherokee.



The driver of the Roscoe Ready Mix semi was able to stop just before striking road construction signs after crashing with the Grand Cherokee.

March 3 – It seems a 16-year-old driving a pickup was clipped by a train while crossing the tracks on Main Street in Rockton. The driver was transported to the hospital by Rockton Fire's ambulance. The train stopped after hitting the truck and proceeded to block all east/west traffic in the town for about an hour. Rockton Fire called and requested that we stand by for any calls on the east side until the train was moved.



The driver was transported to the hospital by Rockton's ambulance.



Times Rekindled

By Sheryl Drost



March 5, former Harlem-Roscoe Firefighter Lt. Tyler Kinison was killed in a tragic snowmobile accident.

Tyler volunteered on Harlem-Roscoe Fire for 10 years from 1991 until he left to join the Rockford Fire Department in March of 2001. While on Harlem-Roscoe Fire, Tyler was a FFII, Instructor I, an EMT-B, and was promoted to Lieutenant on February 11, 2001. Tyler ran out of Station Two and was on the training crew. Tyler's brothers Trent and Stuart Kinison also served on Harlem-Roscoe and Ty was so proud of them. Tyler was serious when it came to firefighting, but he was also very fun-loving and full of life. He was sincerely a great guy who adored his wife Tammy, and was well liked by all.

Tyler has many friends at Harlem-Roscoe. "It is a shocking loss!" says Chief Oscar Presley. "I am personal friends with Tyler's family and watched Tyler grow up and even used to cut his hair." Mike Huffman grew up with Tyler and they went to school together. They both were Instructors and taught a lot of classes together. Mike says, "Ty was one of the best and he was always there when someone needed something!" Jerry McCormick remembers many hours on the soccer field with Tyler growing up and that Tyler was the one that got him to become a firefighter. "Ty was a true friend and firefighter brother. He was always aggressive. He would push you to learn more, to do more, and to make yourself better – you never knew enough. He totally loved firefighting. He taught it with so much enthusiasm that you played off of it, and got caught up in the learning process without knowing it. He was so full of energy and I would trust him to go anywhere with him in a fire! He was the ultimate professional – firefighter – friend." Lt. Jay Alms adds that, "Ty didn't like to wait - he was not about to watch a fire from the outside!" Mike Powell agrees and added, "The hotter it got - the better Ty liked it!"

Deputy Chief Kirk Wilson also ran out of Station Two with Tyler and says, "Station Two guys were tight back then. Ty had a heart of gold and was a good Instructor. He was a real asset to what was the training crew at that time." But what Kirk remembers the most was something Tyler would say when heading into a fire. He would always say, "Let's go, I got your back bro!" And he always did! What I picked up most from Tyler's firefighting brothers was that he had found his true calling in firefighting and was really good at it.

All of us at Harlem-Roscoe Fire wish to offer our deepest sympathies and condolences to Tyler's family and friends. Tyler will be greatly missed in our firefighting community as well.



Tyler was one of 4 firefighters that made a great stop on this garage fire on Baerewood. Tyler is the firefighter on the ladder in the picture.



Chaplains Corner

By Chaplain John Powell



Well for those of you who don't know me, my name is Chaplain John C. Powell. I have been married to Carol for 17 years. We have 5 children, Kristina, Danial, Jonathon, Chris and Cody. I pastor the New Hope Baptist Church in Machesney Park. I have had the privilege to serve the Harlem-Roscoe Fire Department for 5 years now. I have had the opportunity to serve the Rockford Police and Fire Departments, 2 area hospitals and the Illinois State FOP lodge as a chaplain. One of the great opportunities that I have experienced is the occasion for excellent training. I have had the training of many basic and advanced classes along with Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) courses. This has allowed great opportunities to serve not only emergency personnel but also the church I pastor.

In looking at the Mission Statement of the Federation of Fire Chaplains, the mission is to bring together persons interested in providing an effective Chaplain Service: to give aid, comfort and help to firefighters and their families; to work toward the betterment of all areas of the fire and emergency service. To serve God, to aid humanity, our communities, our government, our religions, our Country and the quality of life; to help mankind in developing their most noble characteristic-that of serving others; to help bring about a better understanding among all people with mutual harmony and respect regardless of one's level of authority; and to achieve a single healing, unifying spirit of love for God and each other. The Federation is non-denominational, non-sectarian and calls for no compromise of either individual beliefs or convictions. Our first responsibility is to God.

Thus with training and experience, as Harlem-Roscoe chaplains, we desire to be an asset to the firefighters and their families. This can only happen if **you** utilize the other chaplains and me. Some forget that we are available for the standard needs and tasks, such as prayer, (individual/marital) counseling, (peer/pastoral) support, but also for some: funeral services, wedding ceremonies (almost not for one couple thanks to Trans Meridian Airline). But the underlying fact is that we are here to serve you.

...Chaplain John C. Powell

From the Chief's Desk

By Chief Oscar Presley



This month we are finishing our new brochure that we will hand out to our new residents moving into our district. It will also show or remind our present neighbors the services that we offer. I think it is going to be a great item to share with all of you. Sheryl has worked hard to bring this together for me – making it informative and interesting. And don't forget you may also visit our

website – www.harlemroscoefire.com for just about anything you want to know on Harlem-Roscoe Fire.

I am sure Station Three personnel are happy to be back in their station after all its renovation. If any of you fire personnel have thoughts on items we need to better do our jobs, let me know - grant writing time is now upon us.

Please pay attention to the following article. It pertains to emergency vehicles as well. We must follow all construction speed zones as well as school speed zones!

IDOT, Tollway and State Police Warn Drivers to Prepare for Highway Construction Season

New tools this year include increased fines, loss of license and photo enforcement



CHICAGO—The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) joined with the State Police and Illinois Tollway to remind motorists construction season is about to kick in to gear and warn that tough new laws are on the books that target drivers who flout work zone speed limits and endanger the lives of construction workers and other drivers.

We want to send a message to motorists now to slow down in work zones," IDOT Secretary Timothy W. Martin said. "If you are caught speeding in a work zone, at minimum you will be looking at a fine of \$375, at worst, you can kill yourself, a loved one or a worker."

Under enhanced penalties passed by the Legislature and signed into law by Gov. Rod Blagojevich last year, first-time work zone speeders, including those caught on camera, will be hit with a fine of \$375, with \$125 of that sum going to pay off-duty State Troopers to provide added enforcement in construction or maintenance zones. Two-time offenders are subject to a \$1,000 fine, including a \$250 surcharge to hire Troopers, and the loss of their license for 90 days.

Starting in July, State Troopers will deploy specially equipped vans that can take photographs of drivers speeding in IDOT and Tollway construction and maintenance zones. Tickets will be issued by mail to vehicle owners.

In addition, drivers who hit a worker are subject for up to a \$10,000 fine and 14 years in prison.

Fire and Burn Hazards Prompt Nite Lite Recall

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the firm named below, today announced a voluntary recall of the following consumer product. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed.

Name of Product: "Forever-Glo Nite Lites"

Units: About 35,000

Manufacturer: American Tack & Hardware Co. Inc. (AmerTac), of Saddle River, N.J.

Hazard: An electrical short circuit in the nite lite can cause it to overheat and smolder or melt which can burn consumers or result in a fire.

Incidents/Injuries: AmerTac has received nine reports of incidents involving the recalled nite lites smoking, burning, melting and/or charring. No injuries have been reported.



Description: The recalled "Forever-Glo Nite Lites" look like small picture frames that plug into the wall. Only model numbers 75001 or 75002 with a manufacture date of April 2004 or later are included in this recall. Model 75001 is white or bronze-colored and has molded scroll-work around the front of the nite lite. "Model 75001" is printed on the back of the nite lite. Model 75002 is silver-colored and has a punched tin frame. "Model C8A5" is printed on the back. Both nite lite models measure about 3 inches by 3 inches and are about 1/4 inch thick. "AmerTac" and a circle with the month and year of manufacture are indicated on the back of the nite lites.

Remedy: Consumers should stop using the recalled nite lites immediately. If the units are plugged into the wall, turn off the power at the circuit box and remove the light from the wall socket and contact the firm for a full refund or two free replacement nite lites.

Consumer Contact: For additional information, contact the firm at (800)420-7511 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. CT Monday through Friday, or visit AmerTac's Web site at www.amertac.com or www.recall-center.com

Station Updates

By Assistant Chief Ken O'Dell



The contractors are putting the finishing touches on Station Three, but there are still some minor repairs and work to be done. Station Three personnel have really stepped up to the plate and put a lot of time in already putting their station back together. Just a few things that need to be done yet are installing the phone and cable lines, speakers in the bay, kitchen cabinets, TV hung in the lounge, etc. Any fire personnel may help and it would be greatly appreciated. Listen for Station #3 work details and let's all pitch in and help them put their station back in service.

There is a new radio installed in the dispatch room. It is called Star-Com and it operates off the satellites. It may be used during a state or national emergency to contact any emergency department in the state such as police, fire, ESDA, etc. Once more agencies have it installed we will be doing tests.

TRAINING

By Captain Don Shoevlin - Training Officer



As the weather breaks, so does training. Many activities have started with others in the works. A new recruit/FFII class has started. Even though we just finished a recruit class, we are trying to change it so we have one class each year that starts in the spring. This will better utilize our training facility. The Extrication Team has started practicing. Remember it is open to everyone! Speaking of extrication, we are working with IFSI to host a bus/heavy truck extrication class this summer or fall. I have put up info on other classes as well. Fire college info should be coming out soon. Thank you for all your participation and efforts. It is truly appreciated.



The new recruit class kicked off with the Introduction class by Chief Presley.

Training Night Snapshots

Photos by Sheryl Drost



February 14th training was on salvage and overall. Above, firefighters practice making a water shoot using a salvage cover.



February 21st training was on Simplex alarm systems. Lt Virgil Johnson (second from left) and Captain Bill Sabin (far right) pose with Simplex Total Service Manager Steve Breszki, Tech Supervisor Joe Carter, Preventive Maintenance and Sales James Erickson, and not pictured Technician Greg Walters. The group was here from Simtex to give demonstrations on their alarm systems.



March 7 training was held up at Station Three. The training burn tower was used for a live drill of a house fire. Afterwards everyone gathered in the new addition for the first time.



EMS Report

By Captain John Bergeron



The new guidelines for CPR Instructors are out. Classes are available at Heart Solutions and Swedish American. All Instructors must attend a class before they are allowed to teach. It is mandatory to have this class completed by June 2006. There is a schedule posted at Station 1 for March classes and there will also be classes in April. Please check with Capt. Bergeron or Lt. Bergeron before you reserve a place. There is a cost of \$50 per person. This includes your updated instructor manuals.

This class informs you of the many changes to CPR for Healthcare Provider, Heart Saver, and Friends and Family. However, it is each individual's responsibility to view the videos and books before teaching.

Also there will be a mandatory Core Instructor class that also needs to be completed by July of 2007. This class is to learn teaching techniques. The Core Instructor class will be available thru Heart Solutions or online at AmericanHeart.org in April. If taking the class online you will have to use Pay Pal. Prices have yet to be announced.

Please watch the board at Station 1 for new postings related to these issues.

Happy Birthday



**Radi Huggard -25th
March 23rd**



**Gone,
But not forgotten**

*Some people come into our lives,
And quickly go. Some stay awhile and leave
footprints in our hearts. And,
We are never, ever the same.*

- **Cora Morris, grandma to firefighter Jeff Morris passed away on January 26, 2006**

Our deepest sympathies and prayers go out to Jeff and his family.

Driving Course Photos by Sheryl Drost

Part of being cleared to drive any Harlem-Roscoe Fire vehicle is passing the obstacle course in each of the trucks the firefighter may drive. Several days have been set up to get all our drivers tested. The obstacle course gets set up at the Harlem High School parking lot.



Station Tour



In Appreciation



Deputy Chief Kirk Wilson and Captain Don Shoevlin present the owners of Loves Park Auto Salvage with an Appreciation certificate for their continued support of the department.

A Few Zen Thoughts for Those Who Take Life Too Seriously.

- A day without sunshine is like, night.
- On the other hand, you have different fingers.
- I feel like I'm diagonally parked in a parallel universe.
- Honk if you love peace and quiet.
- The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.
- I drive way too fast to worry about cholesterol.
- Change is inevitable, except from vending machines.
- Get a new car for your spouse. It'll be a great trade!
- Plan to be spontaneous tomorrow.
- Always try to be modest, and be proud of it!
- When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.
- If Barbie is so popular, why do you have to buy her friends?
- Who is General Failure and why is he reading my hard disk?
- What happens if you get scared half to death twice?

Birthdays



March

- 4th John Donovan
- 6th Chaplain Jay Carr
- 16th Aaron Miller
- 18th Troy Vail
- 21st Mike Morrison
- 22nd Jay Alms
- 23rd Radi Huggard '25th
- 29th Sheryl Drost

April

- 1st Jeff Ball
- 10th Colleen Bloyer
- 12th Ami Rafferty
- 13th Chaplain John Powell
- 14th Eve Salstrom
- 21st Jim Burdick
- 24th Paul Stanphill

April Breakfast Crew

Ramona Baldoni-Lake, Amber Aaker, April Cooper, Sheryl Drost, Cathy Drye, Gina McCauley, Debbie Rykowski, Eve Salstrom, and Tracy Wilson.

Total Calls

February 2006

Medicals -	69	184
Accidents -	11	24
Fires -	10	32
Misc. -	22	35
Total Calls	112	275

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Station Gossip

- Rumor has it Radi has been a little haggard lately. Well that's what his new gear says. Joe is getting the letter a changed to a u.
- Then, there is Don Chevron, I mean Shoevlin.
- Boy, I tell you the extremes our fire prevention personnel have to go to get a week off! No, just kidding, our thoughts and get well wishes go out to Lt. Virgil Johnson after his recent trip to the hospital.
- Colleen says she thinks Trustee Ocker is on first name basis with his doctors now. Seems he is on his 5th surgery. Jerry I hope they are taking good care of you and you recover soon.



In the above picture, girls are able to spot the word "Lift" easily. Men find it difficult to see the word.



Assistant Chief Ken O'Dell turned 60 this last month and we just couldn't let it go by without a bang or would that be a pop!

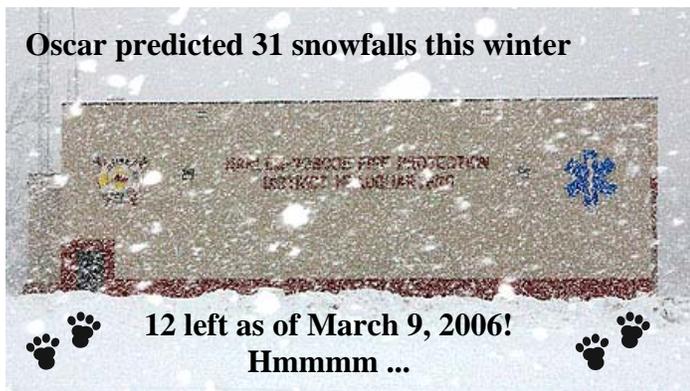


Do I hear rehab?



MDA Fill the Boot - February 14, A MDA representative presented Harlem-Roscoe with a traveling plaque for raising the most money in this year's Fill the Boot for MDA Campaign. The plaque is displayed in the front hallway of Station One.

- Captain Drost reads the Beloit Daily News online everyday and came across the following in the "On This Date" section..... **"March 9, 1996(Saturday) - Roscoe fire chief and village barber, Oscar Presley, says his pet dog helps him predict the number of snowfalls, mimicking the formula of Fredrick 'Tinker' Ties of Brodhead. Presley says the dog 'says' there will be 18 more snowfalls yet this winter, even though it's March already..."**



Optical Illusion



Here is a great optical illusion photo taken of a Lufthansa 747-400 and a United 757-200 that were on simultaneous approaches to runways 28L and 28R at SFO. The separation requirement for flying parallel and simultaneous approaches is 225 meters (738 feet). These two aircraft are at a safe distance for the approaches they are each flying. Due to the 747 being three times larger than the 757 and being slightly behind, gives us this incredible optical illusion