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An Adventure"

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## Doyle Battle's Stubborn Basement Fire

By Assistant Chief Don Szumigala

I want to take a minute to thank those who were able to make the basement fire last month on Peoria. A few key things came to mind with regard to the fire, manpower, and training. First, the most obvious thing that we need to work through is manpower. Even though our numbers are growing- time of day, day of week and season all play a role in how many firefighters we may have. It is easy to get discouraged when there are few members on scene, but knowing what your knowledge, skills and abilities provide can make a safe scene and still be effective. Being safe and effective at a scene also comes back to training. Training is much more than Wednesday night drill however. Training should occur every day and with everything you do. As you drive



Doyle Firefighters Confine Fire to Basement

down the street or stop at a red-light, something simple like looking for electric and gas meters on a house are good to do. This helps build heuristics (rules of thumb) which make you more safe and effective at a scene. Keep in mind household layout as well. Windows to the rear may be bedrooms, windows to the side may be a kitchen or dining room,

windows in the front are almost always a living room or family room.

Finally, looking specifically at the fire we encountered, a main issue we suffered was pack-rat-itis. This very common condition of people storing their whole life's possessions in a 1000 sq/ft house can be deadly to the homeowner just as bad for the emergency responder. The largest issue with this type of fire is limited mobility compounded by fire load. If we cannot get to the base of the flames, things continue to smolder and burn, making the scene that much more dangerous as it may spread to structural components of the house. I want to thank those who were available that night to respond and help in every way. Overall it was a job well done by everyone on scene! Keep up the good work and remember: Training is more than Wednesday night drill.

## Doyle 1 Welcomes New Member: Colton Marinelli

Please join in welcoming our newest member, Colton Marinelli, who was accepted into the Fire Company at the June 2009 meeting. He lives on Cayuga Creek Road and will be attending Erie Community College this Fall.

Currently, he works as an usher at Ralph Wilson Stadium and he listed his hobbies as sports, his girlfriend, Sara, and his friends. When asked why he joined Doyle 1 he stated, "My life goal is to help as many people as I possibly can, I thought this would be a great stepping stone. And after all, who doesn't want to be a firefighter when they're a kid? So, the dream just stuck with me into reality."

Colton will be attending the NYS Firefighter 1

Boot camp starting July 6th and looks forward to taking an EMT Course in the Fall.

When asked about his future goals, he replied, "As a career I would like to be in local law enforcement."

Regarding his athletic abilities; "I formerly played 2B, SS, and LF in Baseball, as well as Strong Safety in Football." So we may be sending him to speak with our Softball Team Manager.

Please spend a few minutes to welcome Colton into Doyle 1.





# From The Chief

Thank you to all that went to visit our brothers in Welland. I hope you enjoyed the fish!

Thank you to all that pulled their weight during Inspection Clean Up. Also thank you to all that showed up for Inspection.

I hope everyone had a good time at our Clam Bake! A special thanks to Vic Styn for all his help! I would also like to thank Jerry and Lisa for filling in as our cooks.

I will be putting up a sheet for dinner at the Southwestern Friday August 7<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up if you plan on being there for dinner. We will be leaving August 1<sup>st</sup> for Lake Erie Beach. Load up at

9:30 AM

Just a reminder that August 14, 2009 is the Erie County Fair. We will not be marching but we will have a truck in the parade. Please just come and have fun. In addition, I will be looking for help loading, unloading and cooking. Please see me if you are interested in helping.

The family Picnic is July 26<sup>th</sup>. Please come and have some fun.

Your Friend and Chief,  
Charles "Chip" Schnurstein

## Chicken Dinners a Big Success

According to Chairman Richard "Chipper" Andrjewski, 600 of our finest chicken dinners (with the secret sauce recipe) were cooked and sold at the Saint Josaphat's fund raiser.

He would like to extend a great big "Thank You" to all the men and woman who helped out for this very worthy community cause.

Pictured are some of the folks that stopped by to help out.



## The President's Corner



Happy 4th of July!

I hope everyone had a happy and safe holiday weekend! The Town parade had as big a crowd as I can remember with both sides of the street 3 and 4 deep all the way to the park. Thanks to the guys who marched.

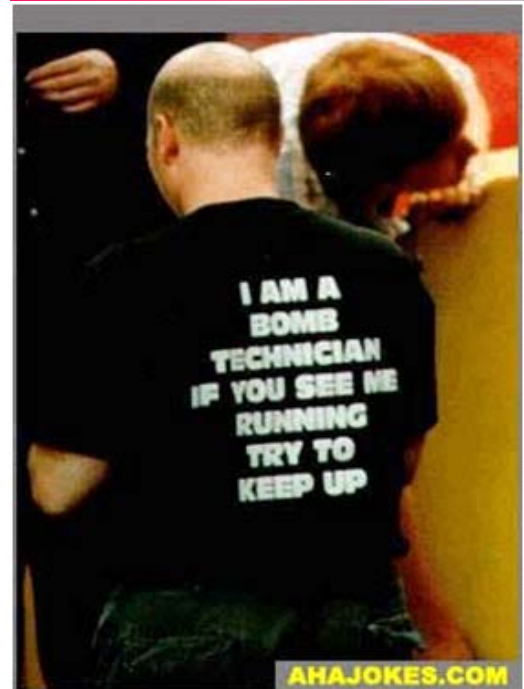
The family picnic promises to be a good time for all so please sign up as Chairman Matt has a nice meal planned. Plan for the Erie County Fair and the Bison outing in August. See the board for the ball game sign up sheet.

Finally, I would like to thank the scholarship committee for the selection of a worthy selection of our award for 2009. Maybe it is time to have the scholarship have a name instead of what JFK calls the Academic-Citizenship Scholarship.

The award was presented to Amanda Zanghi.  
Larry



## The Funnies



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"Don't eat the hard bit on its back."  
"It will give you gas."



Doyle 1 Chicken BBQ  
GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!

# July 2009

## Doyle Fire Company #1

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## THE "BIG AL" UPDATE

Hello to All,

Well Big Al is quite the trooper. He is slowly recovering but not without being in a great deal of pain. He is doing ok and the best as to be expected. He was transferred out of the ICU and he is now on 6E room 8 at Roswell Park Cancer Institute.

He will be undergoing some testing today ...a barium swallow and a swallowing evaluation to see if the surgery has been effective in the re-connection and if all goes well...he will be discharged on Monday.

So I will be heading home in the next day to await his discharge and to be home for the initial recov-

ery. I will be home on a 7 day military leave. The Army / Walter Reed / my OIC (boss) have been outstanding and so supportive of me and my family during this time as well as being so flexible with my work schedule. I am so thankful for THAT and cannot thank them enough.

And so I THANK YOU for your love and support as well as the PRAYERS....which Al still needs as he still has a long road and a lot to conquer yet

I want to wish you a HAPPY 4TH of JULY...a safe and fun-filled weekend.

Barb and Family

## DOYLE 1 ADDS EMT'S

Five members of Doyle 1 have successfully completed original or refresher training as New York State Emergency Medical Technicians. Scott Hoerner and Lisa Sprada have completed all the necessary requirements to be awarded NYS certification. In addition, Assistant Chief's Rich Nowak, Don Szumigala and Firefighter Rachel Szumigala have completed the NYS EMT Refresher course.

The Emergency Medical Technician – Basic course is designed to provide training to prepare an individual to function independently in a medical emergency. This course provides the basic knowledge and skills needed to provide basic life support (BLS) care until higher levels of prehospital care arrive. The course requires a minimum of 111 hours of classroom and skills instruction and 10 hours of Clinical/Field rotations for a total of 121 hours of training. NYS Certification requires successful completion of a written and practical skills examination.

This course is designed to train individuals to: recognize the nature and seriousness of the patient's condition or extent of injury, administer appropriate emergency care to stabilize the patient's condition, and lift, move, and otherwise handle the patient in a way as to minimize discomfort and further injury.

Please extend a sincere congratulations to these members for their hard work and dedication in becoming New York State Emergency Medical Technician's!

Invite your friends and neighbors to "Start their adventure @ Doyle 1"

## Firefighter's Day in the Park

By Rachel Szumigala

Rain rain go away, come again another day. Yeah, like every Firefighters Recognition Day, or so it seems. Aside from the rain, we hope everyone had a great time.

This year, aside from the normal activities, we had an animal show by Nickel City Reptiles, won first place (again) in

the chili contest, and even had our 9 and 9-2 make a big splash in the dunk tank raising money for J-FIRE.

Keep in mind the last Sunday in June is always Recognition Day at Town Park. We welcome you and your families each year to come and have a great time.

Because after all, who are you without your family?

## Doyle 1 Alumni News



Former Doyle 1 Truck Captain and EMT Jon Chapp has recently completed Federal Law Enforcement training and is now a member of the United States Border Patrol.

Andy Poreda a recent Firefighter and EMT with Doyle 1, graduated from SUNY Upstate Medical University as a Physician on May 10, 2009. He is continuing his studies to specialize in Emergency Medicine.



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