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An Adventure"

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Merry Christmas To All Doyle 1 Members!

A Warm Welcome To Our Two Newest Members



**Doyle 1
Welcomes
Lisa Sprada**

Lisa always had an interest in knowing what her husband Jerry did when he went to the fire hall, so she decided to join and see how she could help too.

Lisa resides on Crisfield Avenue and is a self-employed Registered Nurse. The major reason she joined Doyle 1 is to give something back to the community.

She is also the very first Emergency Medical Responder that has joined Doyle 1 since the District has created the position. Her hobbies include candle making and camping.

Her biggest and most rewarding interest is taking care of her 6 beautiful children. Welcome Lisa!



**Doyle 1
Welcomes
Sam Sampman**

Sam joined Doyle 1 in November of 2008 and although he has no prior emergency service experience, he has expressed a deep interest in learning emergency medical and firematic techniques that will help meet his training requirements.

Sam resides on Rossler Avenue and is a Technician. He joined Doyle 1 because he always enjoys helping out his neighbors.

An avid outdoor sports fanatic who loves hunting, fishing, and aviation, Sam enjoys being outdoors.

Sam has 5 beautiful children. Welcome Sam!

(A special thank you to Mike Kempa for the photography!)

Yo, Ho, Ho

An Original and Refresher EMT Course will be held at Doyle 1 on Tuesdays and Thursdays commencing January 6, 2009. For all of you who are interested and are highly encouraged to take it, please call Karen Gengler at the Erie County Fire Training Academy at 681-6070 or see Debbie for more details. It's a



great way to increase your knowledge in the treatment of our patients and also a good way to obtain certification awards as a part of our SAFER grant. The classes will run from 7-10 PM.

(For those originals who want to get a head start, the text book used is "Emergency Care" Brady Publisher, 11th Edition. You can purchase the book at ECC Book Store or the UB Book Store on Main Street. The 10th Edition is also acceptable

And a Good Time Was Had By All...

It was an exciting day that started with bowling, moved on to a scrumptious dinner, and continued with indoor horseshoes and a pinnacle tournament. The Doyle 1 Annual Stag and Bowling Party was once again in full swing!



Event Chairman Bill Depczynski who did a great job of coordinating a good time for all, said he was happy that it looked like everyone had a good time. He is also happy to announce this years competition winners:

Stag Bowling Tournament: Blind Draw Winners: Joe Ehnes and Dave Crone. Pinnacle Winners: Frank Piotrowski, Joe Cartenuto and Steve Pajak, Horseshoe Winners: Leo Bogdan, George Cipressi, Jerry Sprada and Vic Styn. The Chairman would like to give his special thanks to Chris and Katie Farnsworth for assisting in the games and also thanks to the kitchen crew, Vic "Curly" Styn, Kevin "Larry" Weiss and Jim "Potsie" Wozniak.





From The Chief

Our response with Tower 6 to South line will be coming to an end in the next couple of weeks. I am now trying to secure a spot on their Mutual Aid with a pumper. I want to thank everyone for their extra effort in making our response a huge success!

A majority of our firefighters have re-qualified to use our AED. As a reminder, if you have not re-qualified you are not allowed to use the defibrillator. If you need to re-qualify see me.

I would like to remind the members that the Fire District rules mandate all members to have ICS-100, ICS-200 and ICS-700 training. The courses are available on the web site; www.fema.gov. Just follow the links! If you need any further guidance, please see me.

December 17, 2008 will be our Holiday drill. Please indicate if you'll be there on the sign up sheet.

There will be no drill December 24 and 31, 2008. A sheet will be out by 9:00 in the morning and will remain until 7:00pm. If you stop in and sign you will get a clean-up credit!

An EMT course will be held at our hall starting Jan. 6th. Anyone that is interested should see one of the Chief's so we can get you to correct paperwork and signed up. I will be an original/challenge refresher and will run on Tuesday's and Thursday's evenings. As this course will be open to other Fire Company's, I would like to start enrolling our people ASAP! Any additional questions see me or one of the Assistant Chief's.

Thank you Kevin Wiess for filling in for the injured Vic Styn with our Thanksgiving Drill meal.

Your Chief and friend!

Charles "Chip" Schnurstein



The President's Corner



I would like to start by thanking everyone for your support during the year and thank you for the confidence to be your president for 2009. To all of the committee's, a huge THANK YOU and if anyone is interested in getting involved in any committee please step forward. We need new people to take interest in our committee's to keep our company moving forward.

Our Christmas drill will be Wednesday December 17th and Chip has a special dinner

planned. Hope to see as many of you as possible. The Santa visit is Friday December 19th so sign the sheet if you need a special delivery to your home. Look for the sign up sheet for the Installation Banquet and clear your calendar for an evening of good food and the return of "Elvis".

From the officers, we would like to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

-Larry



Recruitment Campaign Starts in a Big Way



The Doyle 1 Fire Company Recruitment and Retention Team has initiated another step in its continual efforts to enlist new members. In November, a billboard at 2070 William Street was erected carrying the Doyle 1 message "Life's an Adventure; Start your next adventure @ Doyle 1 Fire/Rescue/EMS" This is the first ever billboard that has been posted for Doyle Hose Co. 1! Additional recruitment materials are in development and should be out in the neighborhood shortly.

While our Recruitment efforts are underway, our Retention efforts are also in full swing. The Team is very proud to announce the first members that are recipients of certification awards as a part of our SAFER grant. Congratulations go out to:

- Brian Slichta—NYS Fire Recruit II
- Mike Kempa—NYS Fire Recruit II and NYS Hazardous Materials First Responder
- Jim Hill—NYS Fire Recruit II

Several additional members are also awaiting certifications from New York State and will receive awards shortly. As a reminder, members are encouraged to meet with Recruitment and Retention Team members to review their eligibility for certification or tuition awards.

The Team is also working with the Americorps Program to schedule a presentation on how their program can help our members obtain tuition funding for themselves or members of their family. Currently, they offer \$1000 or \$1200 in return for designated hours of community service. Fire and EMS training, drills, and calls are all included as designated community service.

Your Recruitment & Retention Team is continually working on ways of attracting new members and keeping those we have!

**The Doyle 1
Recruitment &
Retention Team
would like to wish you
and your family a
Merry Christmas
and
The Happiest of
New Year's!**

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From The Editor

Debbie Jakubowski



Dear Friends At Doyle:

I would like to wish each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful, happy New Year. I hope you have enjoyed these last seven months of newsletters as much as I've enjoyed putting them together. I have to give special thanks to Mike Mazurowski for his input into further enhancement of the newsletter. You see, when Mike e-mails a copy of the newsletter to me, I e-mail him back saying "what's up with the changes?" But, I have to admit, the finished product has always made me proud!

Through this newsletter, we can all be better informed and share in each member's contributions to the Company, share in joys and sorrows and also laugh and have some fun!

Remember, all members are welcome to contribute. I hope in the coming year, you all will contribute because it is your newsletter! Also, I'm still looking for a few more baby pictures from our members—they can be up to age 5.

Again, I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Blessed, Happy and Healthy New Year. A sweet little baby boy born on Christmas Day was destined to live a life trying to understand all of man's physical suffering, hunger and poverty before he was crucified. An 11 year old boy by the name of Brandon Foster died last Friday. Brandon suffered from Leukemia and lost his battle from the disease. But, in the 2 remaining weeks of his life, he was interviewed on

camera, weak and hardly able to speak.. While being transported back from the hospital, he noticed something in the street. It was a group of homeless people. Brandon wanted to give them something before he died. Word quickly spread and soon people were setting up kitchens making food to take to the homeless from California to the East Coast. All it took was a dying boy's last wish—to do something for those who were without. "He died so that others may live". The Lord truly does work through people. This compassionate 11 year old found out early in life what Christ was all about. We are all very blessed by God and He will keep blessing us in our efforts if we "pay it forward"-by helping others in need. So take some time and give the gift of giving this Holiday Season, to someone who is hungry, ill clothed or needs just a little of your time, especially someone who is lonely. These are the greatest gifts of all. God's Blessings are great!

A final note: let's all agree to disagree, smile and laugh when someone upsets us, and not let them take our joy away from us. Be happy when someone is commended or has a good idea—give them praise for a job well-done. Our Fire Company is something to be proud of. It's not just a building,, it's the people in it. We are all individually and collectively, a group of caring Doyle members who all have unique talents and abilities. No two are alike.

"God Bless Us, Every One!" Debbie

(djakubowski@roadrunner.com)

From the Bakowski's

Hello to our Doyle 1 Family,

Albert and I are truly grateful and thankful to have all of you...our family and friends in our lives. This has been quite a year for us. BUT we could not have gotten thru our rough time if it was not for each and everyone of you.

So today as we sit down at our dinner...we will think of you and thank GOD for you and for having you in our lives.

THANK YOU for your love, concern thoughtfulness, helpfulness, con-

sideration, support and prayers. THANK YOU for "being there".

HAPPY THANKS-GIVING. We HOPE YOU HAVE A BLESSED AND WONDERFULL HOLIDAY.

I was able to come home last weekend and had Thanksgiving on Sunday with my family. I have brought Albert down here to Washington, DC and we will spend today with my Army Family.

Hugs and kisses Big Al, Barb Eric, Alan and Rayanne

Wanted: Santa's Helper's (Elves)

- * Must be happy and smile a lot.
- * Must love kids and believe in Santa Claus.
- * Must be able to drive a fire truck without reindeer!



Sign up now for an evening of fun and merriment as we distribute gifts to the children and grandchildren of fire company members.

Date: December 19th

Scheduled Liftoff: 1730 hours

Interested parties should contact

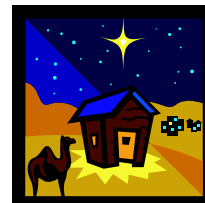
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