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Doyle 1 Strikes It Big in Recruitment & Retention Award

By Mike Mazurowski

Chairman of the Recruitment & Retention committee, Len Siwinski recently announced that Doyle Hose Company 1 was awarded a grant for \$275,000 by the US Department of Homeland Security to conduct a recruitment campaign, initiate a new creative recruitment stimulus program and provide current members with options for retention incentives during the next four years.

The funding awarded under the federal Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (S.A.F.E.R.) program is the largest amount awarded to any Fire Company in New York State and is one of the largest amounts awarded to any organization nationwide.

"The Team has worked very long and hard to come up with a proposal not just to obtain funding for a Recruitment campaign but, one that would also help to provide initiatives for new and current members to acquire certifications that will improve our

service to the citizens of the Fire District" said Chairman Siwinski. "I think

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it was our creativity and attention to detail that made the difference."

The unique part about the Doyle proposal is the tuition or certification awards that new or current members are eligible for. New members that complete their entry level courses and obligations are eligible for up to \$3000 as a tuition award or \$2000 as a certification award for attaining New York State or NFPA certifications. Current members of Doyle 1 can also achieve yearly tuition or certification awards in the same amounts by making the same certifications. A Tuition awards is funding to any education institution that the recruit attends.

Certification awards are gift certificates to area merchants that can be used for groceries, gasoline, or almost any product or service that the member could imagine. The Committee has reviewed and developed a list of awards based upon certifications that are available from the New York State Department of Health, the State of New York Firefighting and Code Enforcement Personnel Standards and Education Commission and the National Fire Protection Association. Awards are based upon obtaining these certifications and meeting the usual Fire Company obligations. A brochure outlining the certification and tuition awards will be distributed shortly.

Assistant Chief Don Szumigala has developed a computer program that will identify all the requirements for each eligible certification. It will also have a list of courses that each member has completed. This will allow any member to take a look at what

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Doyle 1 Newsletter Makes a Comeback



Since 1993 Doyle Hose Co. 1 has had a newsletter to help keep the membership informed of activities and other Fire Company information. As a part of the recent S.A.F.E.R. grant award, funding has been provided to upgrade and improve upon the formatting, design, printing and distribution of the newsletter. This will represent a significant step in keeping the membership informed on Fire Company matters.

Firefighter/EMT and Recruitment & Retention Committee member, Debbie Jakubowski has agreed to act as the editor. "I know that everyone can't make the Company

meeting and I think this will be a great way to keep everyone informed about what's going on." We intend to mail copies to those members that are unable to attend the Fire Company meeting.

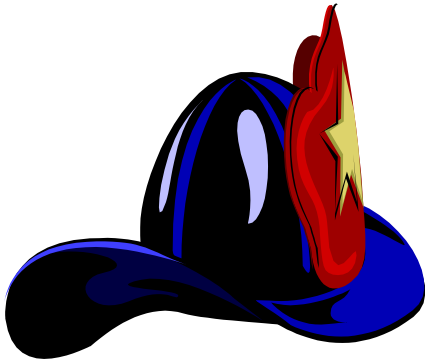
Anyone that would like to submit information is asked to either email it to Firegirl27@localnet.com or type it and leave it in the Fire Chiefs mailbox no later than 7 days before the Fire Company meeting. This will provide sufficient time to make any corrections or revisions before printing. Debbie can also be reached at her home phone at 893-3934.

The Chief's Column by Chief Schnurstein

May in review:

Ladder 6 will be continuing to cover for South line Industrial/Business fires until further notice. In addition Winchester and Union for all alarms of fire. Keep up the good work!

All Interior/Exterior firefighters are required to take their OSHA physical. Those firefighters who did not take it at the hall will have until June 16, 2008. The Board of Fire Commissioners sent out letters to the non-compliers. If you have any questions if you are an Interior/Exterior firefighter, please see the Chief. All firefighter classifications are assigned by the Chief and are not a choice by the firefighter.



Inspection Clean up will be June 11

and 18 @ 7pm and June 14 and 21 @ 9am. This is mandatory for all members. Please see assignment sheet on bulletin board. Inspection will be June 25 @ 6:00pm and is mandatory as well. Full Dress Summer Uniforms are to be worn! Please bring pagers and long sleeve shirt for review. We will start promptly and will be taking a company photo! All excuses will be requested in **writing** to the Chief only by June 18, 2008!

Thanks to all that completed their street for fund drive.

I will be looking for help for the Clam Bake June 25. See me if interested.

Please come out and support the ball team. Schedules are posted on the bulletin board. Thank you to all the players for showing up.

Please come out and attend fireman's day at Cheektowaga Town Park. It will be held on June 29, 2008. See bulletin board for more details!

Your Chief and Friend!

Charles "Chip" Schnurstein

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certifications they are eligible for as well as help them to develop a plan for completing additional courses to obtain additional certifications.

"This is a very exciting time for the Team" said Siwinski, "There is a lot of behind the scene work that goes on in a project of this size and we are now able to get started on bringing in some new blood for the Fire Company and provide some pretty good incentives for our folks."

"Since the announcement, our members have been very enthusiastic in speaking to residents about joining Doyle 1. We have developed several good leads from them. There efforts are key to making this campaign a success and is deeply appreciated."



Recruitment & Retention Team members check out new signs in the District

The President's Corner by President Larry Menard

Dave "Mad Dog" Benefit

On Saturday May 17th nearly twenty members of Doyle 1 attended a Benefit for former member and Assistant Chief Dave "Mad Dog" Mazurowski who is awaiting a kidney transplant. Dave said that he is optimistic as he is now placed first on the list and has already received a few "standby" calls that unfortunately did not develop into a transplant. In addition to the moral support, Doyle Hose Co.1 also provided Dave with a financial donation of \$200, which added to the ticket sales totaling \$920. Dave said "I am just overwhelmed by the support that I've received from my family, friends and brother and sister Firefighters. I want to say a special thanks to my friends at Doyle 1 for all their help and support."



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Dates to Remember:

- * June 2 Little League Parade
- * June 11,14,18 & 21 Inspection Clean Up
- * June 25 Inspection
- * June 25 Fire Company Clambake
- * June 29 Town Firefighters Picnic

AmeriProCorps offers educational dollars

AmeriProCorps has recently announced an offer for firefighters, law enforcement personnel, EMT's, disaster coordinators, emergency responders and community educators the opportunity to receive a \$1,250 education award for the hours they already serve each year.

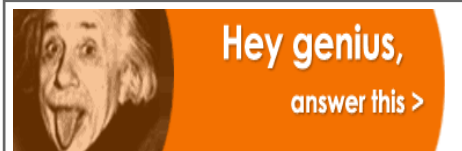
Every hour you serve is counted towards the program and you are awarded the educational funds once you achieve the 450 hour annual service goal. These funds can go towards

paying qualified student loans, college tuition, or even a qualified vocational school – and you have seven years to use the award.

If you're concerned you won't be able to meet the 450 hour obligation, we also offer a 300 hour annual service program for which you'll receive a \$1,000 education award.

Remember, these are hours you already serve during drills, meetings, work details, emergency calls, public education events and drive-time back and forth. It averages out to under six hours a week for \$1,000 and under nine hours a week for a \$1,250 award.

Please don't hesitate to contact Ardie Reinard at 558-3327 to answer any questions and guide you through the process. AmeriProCorps is a program of Western New York AmeriCorps, serving WNY since 1992.



How Do I Get Rid of Ants Safely?

To get rid of those pesky critters, try using natural ingredients like, cream of tartar, toothpaste or baking soda or cayenne pepper

Just sprinkle the powder by any point of entry, door, window, etc.

Baking soda is most effective when the ants try eating their way through it, they blow up.

This method is safe around children and pets. Try it. It works!