



Summer 2018 ISSUE
June

The Fire Bell

* March • June • September • December *

A Quarterly Publication of the Greensburg Volunteer Fire Department

A Message from

GREENSBURG FIRE CHIEF
Thomas M. Bell

Well here we are, almost through half of 2018. In April we lost a great man. "Hutch" passed away. We will never forget the man that built this fire department. We will continue where he left off.

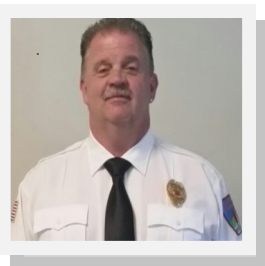
We again have graduating class of young recruits that have completed the essentials program and are now ready to proceed with FF - 1. Great job to all of you.

We have also had another successful Community Days. We utilized this event as a kickoff to our yearly recruitment for membership. This year was a huge success! Thanks to Rick Steele and a friend of his, we had a new water target prop that would up being a huge hit for the kids. We also had T-Shirts available for purchase, we gave away coloring books, bracelets, and other things available for the kids this year that we obtained through a Grant. Thank you to everyone that came down and helped out.

For the remainder of the year, we will continue to tour more buildings, conduct more hands-on drills, and continue to keep safety our number one priority.

During the Summer Months, if you see a hydrant with a flag leaning down or pointing out into traffic, please stop and fix it. Help us maintain our hydrants.

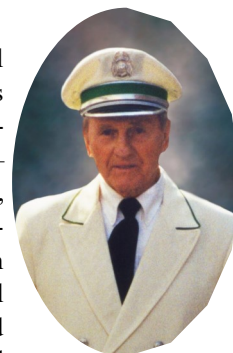
Don't forget, we are all SAFETY OFFICERS no matter how big or small the incident may be. Please keep a lookout for each other. Stay Safe EVERYONE!



REST IN PEACE

Chief J. Edward Hutchinson

The Greensburg Fire Department paid its final respects to a great man who for 63 years shaped the Greensburg Volunteer Fire Department into what it is today. Chief Hutchinson – Born November 13, 1921 – Died April 15, 2018. Over 100 of the members of the department participated in the Memorial Service on April 22nd at the Palace Theatre "Hutch" will be missed greatly by those who loyally served him, especially those who he mentored to, and by a grateful community that benefitted by his unselfish contributions. It is now up to all who serve in the Greensburg Fire Department to take the initiative and follow in some very big foot prints set by a legend in the Fire industry.



Department Training

Department Training has seen continuing success. In March, 50 members of the department attended EMS ASSISTS; In April, 57 members toured First Commonwealth Bank and 38 members attended INCIDENT COMMAND REVIEW; May – all 25 of those that attended SITUATIONAL AWARENESS MATTERS found that it provided a prospectus to be aware of the causes of most LODD in public safety – mental barriers that play on one's self-conscience blocking clarity in making decisions on the fire ground. We wrapped up May with VEHICLE RESCUE REVIEW with a great attendance of 43 members. COMING UP in JUNE....HIGH-RISE FIREFIGHTING with classroom on Friday, June 22, and Hands-on, a choice of June 23rd or 24th. Only 60 openings available. Hands-on will be at Westmoreland Hospital west stair tower. It should be noted that this department is spending dollars on training, both the Situational Awareness Matters program and the up-coming High-Rise Firefighting Class. We are not filling these classes the way we should and we ask that you take advantage of these wonderful opportunities to prepare all of us for the responsibility we take on behalf of the community we proudly serve. Future Training: June: Water Supply & Pittsburgh St. Verizon Building; July: Fire Ground Ladder Placement; August: Rapid Intervention; September: Salvage Operations; October: Gas Meter Review; and November: Fire Scene Preservation. (See Page 4 - Training Turn-Out Statistics)

"ECM2"- OFF | "SPOTTED DOG"- ON

The Relief Association has officially approved the replacement of the Emergency Dispatch Notification System. Justin Calisti, will be arranging with the Company Captains training for their members. The new Spotted Dog offers many features and is a much more cost efficient application.



Reserve Members

The Department benefits by the established Reserve Membership Classification by having experienced and trained firefighters join our ranks especially during the week daylight hours. These experienced firefighters from other departments when working in and around us during the day can offer us additional necessary man-power during an actual incident. Reserve Members cannot be members of our individual companies, as our members cannot belong to more than one department. Reserve Members cannot vote or attend meetings. Reserve Members serve at the pleasure of the Chief. Reserve Membership will be restricted in number to 5 and not to exceed 10. Each year the Chief will review the prior activity of each Reserve Member and will determine if the Reserve Member shall remain on the reserve roster. Reserve Members shall not be affiliated with a Company and shall be designated by a 900 number which will start with 900 and end at 909. Reserve Members shall be listed on all Company Run Sheets as a Reserve member with name and number and may show up at any station to assist. Reserve Members may become Social Members of an individual Company if mutually agreed to by and between the Reserve Member and the Company. Reserve Members will be expected to supply their own gear; however, a special arrangement can be made on a case by case basis. All Reserve Members will be required to attend the next regularly scheduled Department Meeting to be introduced to the membership after their appointment by the Chief, and each January, the Chief will issue a reviewed roster to the Board of Control and Companies listing the current Reserve Members. Any Reserve Member who did not participate in the prior year will be cut from the roster.

REMEMBER....You cannot work together efficiently if you don't train together. This past year's effort in Department Training has been OUTSTANDING. The Citizens of our City should be proud of the dedication you have all exhibited!

*All Training will begin at 18:30 Hrs. Unless noted otherwise
Check Spotted Dog Calendar for Updates*

**The Greensburg Fire Department
Has a Zero-Tolerance Policy
When It Comes To
Human Relations
Hostile Work Environments
Driving Under the Influence**

**FIRE | POLICE | EMS DAY
Lynch Field - 9 am to 4 pm | June 9, 2018
Open to all Youth 11 to 17 Year-olds**

Chief's Staff & Appointments

Name Area of Responsibility

Assistant Chiefs

Rick Hoyle C-2	Training
Tony Manley C-3	Structures
Lou Battistella C-4	Administration/Teams
Chet Bell C-5	Driver Training/ Fire Investigation
Kim Houser C-6	Advanced Training Legal
Bill Wright 52	Records
Les Harvey 58	Emergency Management

Deputy Assistant Chiefs

David Klingler 41	Truck Company Operations
Richard Johnson 42	Hazardous Materials
Bob Baker 43	Rescue Operations
Calvin Kier 45	Firefighter Health

Command Staff Special Officers

Ken Bacha 46	Dept. Safety Officer
Mark Seighman 794	Incident Safety Officer
Chris Tantlinger 240	Public Information Officer
George McFarland 824	Captain—Dive\Swift Water

Committee Chairmen

Rob Giles	Recruitment & Jr. Program
Rick Steele	Youth & Community Prgm
Justin Calisti	Notification Systems
Bud Mertz	Legislative Affairs

Accountability & Decontamination

All Bunker Gear involved in actual fire incidents shall undergo **ON-SCENE GROSS DECONTAMINATION**. The Department will soon have the availability to have Bunkers Suits washed at a commercial facility. You will simply drop your suit off and pick it up 24/48 hours later. The Department urges all to wash gear regularly in accordance with the instructions that have been provided to the Captains and Companies. All personnel are responsible for their own gear. Everyone should have two (2) Accountability Tags. There will be a collection ring on each Engine on the driver's door. You may also tag in with a Command Officer stationed around an

"HOT ZONE" PROTOCOL

All Personnel on the Fire Ground are to be wearing Gear to include: COAT, HELMET, LONG PANTS, BUNKER PANTS, PROTECTED FOOTWEAR. If it is deemed that you are unsafe, you will be asked to leave the HOT ZONE, as well as all civilians and media.



Why.....The Fire Bell ?

Communication is paramount for any Organization that wants to be successful. Minutes are provided after all department meetings, and *The Fire Bell* simply recaps three months as a reminder and serves as a Department Record of Accomplishment

Editor For "The Fire Bell" | Lou Battistella

Parades and Parading

There are 150 Class A Uniforms owned by Greensburg Fire Department but only an average of 35 are being used and there are those who want to parade but do not have a uniform. It has been asked that if you are not going to parade anymore, please turn in your uniform to allow others to use it.

2018 PARADE SCHEDULE

Jun 9 - Sat	3 PM	County Convention Fort Allen
Jun 26 - Tues	7 PM	Mt. Pleasant
July 4 - Wed	10:30AM	Latrobe
Jul 12 - Thurs	7 PM	Bolivar

DECONTAMINATION - PPE

The Fire Department has been working towards a solution to deal with PPE decontamination. The direction is moving to have a local-Greensburg Laundromat process Bunker Suits with Greensburg Fire Department equipment placed at the Laundromat. The plan is no more than a 48 hour turn-around on PPE dropped off by the firefighter. Through a substantial Grant, the Department is purchasing approximately 20 new Bunker Suits that will be distributed to those who are regular interior firefighters. It is hoped that most, if not all, Greensburg Firemen will have two sets of compliant gear as part of the new program in the near future.

Community Days

Special Thanks to all those that came out to help at Community Days. Everything worked out well. It was a time too, to bid a fond farewell to Sue Trout, our long-time City Administrator and we express Best Wishes in her new endeavors.

Which leads us to **WELCOME Kelsey Milliron**

OUR NEW CITY ADMINISTRATOR.

Situational Awareness

The Ability to perceive what is happening around you
& the understanding of what is happening
Around you

SAFETY - SAFETY - SAFETY

The Department's emphasis on training goes hand-in-hand with Safety. Safety is this Department's first and foremost goal, EVERYONE MUST COME HOME SAFE. The safety rules are not only the rules of the department, but that of the City of Greensburg. Basic rules are: SEAT BELTS MUST BE WORN | PPE ALWAYS: type when appropriate Bunker Suits, Hoods, Helmet, Eye Protection, Gloves, Chain Saw Chaps, Hard Hat, Face Shield, Hi-Vis Class II when in traffic. These items are an example of and not just limited to these. Everyone knows what to do. Violations of the policies regarding the Department Safety Mandates will be a verbal warning for the first offense and suspension and/or expulsion for any offense thereafter. It is all about safety and you returning home. As the Chief said in the last department meeting, "The last thing we need is someone to be severely hurt or die because you feel you don't need to abide by the safety rules."

Apparatus Equipment Standardization

There was a fire incident recently where a hose stretch required the use of a 2.5" double female. Members were delayed in making the hose connection because the double female was not in the compartment where they expected it to be. This could have resulted in loss of life situation if it were under another set of circumstances. All Greensburg Engines are designed similar and are to be equipped and arranged based on a standard. All Companies are to do this. We are a Department and there are times others must assist another company. All Company Captains have been issued a guide to use in establishing compartmental standardizations. Everyone needs to do this. It's about being efficient.

Dress White Uniform Shirts

Members that received Dress White Uniform Shirts and those that worn the regulation badge of the Department, look exceptionally great. As the Chief says: "You got to look like a Team to be a Team". The Dress White Shirts looked very professional at "Hutch's" Memorial Service worn by those that did not dress in a Department Class A. They also looked nice at the Department's Annual Banquet after which, there was another order placed for those who neglected to take advantage of the first ordering go-around. The Dress White Shirt makes a strong statement of Greensburg Fire Department Proud!

Remember to be Professional on the Radio

IT Speaks Volumes for

OUR Department's INTEGRITY

OUR RADIO IS NOT A CB

MAKE ONLY NECESSARY TRANSMISSIONS

"Strive to Be the Best - by Being Informed"



DRIVERS - PLEASE BE RESPONSIBLE!

Take Care and Drive Always with Caution
PLEASE USE COMMON SENSE

IF 9-1-1 ANNOUNCES an AFA as Burned Food
Turn Your Lights off and PROCEED

The Call is NEVER OVER until someone from the
Greensburg Fire Department physically
checks out the Alarm

NEVER TAKE THE WORD OF THE
RESIDENT OR OCCUPANT
!!! •INVESTIGATE• !!!

Alarm Investigation

On all alarms...our protocol is simply - "GO"
Especially at night, do not wait for the O.I.C., we need to find out
for ourselves as nobody else is going to
do it for us

RUN THE TRUCKS
LET'S FIND OUT

CONGRATULATIONS

JUSTIN CHOBIRKO

On his Receiving the Status of
VEHICLE RESCUE TECHNICIAN
**Westmoreland County
Community College**

Chief J. Edward Hutchinson

DVD's For Sale

At the Greensburg Fire Department Museum
PHOTOS & MEMORIAL PROGRAM
In its Entirety
Only \$5.00
All Proceeds Go to the Museum Fund
Contact Dave Klingler

NEW EXTRICATION TRAINING CLASS OFFERING

OCTOBER 28 OR 29, 2018



CRASH COURSE VILLAGE & WESTMORELAND COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Crash Course Village and Westmoreland County Community College
are coming together to offer a traveling "Crash Course".

This class will be a one day session having a total of 5 rotating stations. It will be offered on
October 28 or October 29. Station 1 is a T-Bone crash with 3 victims. Station 2 is car on side.
Station 3 is car on top. Station 4 is slope evacuation. Station 5 is an under ride. Call or email us
for pricing. **We look forward to seeing you in October!**



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2018 DEPARTMENT TRAINING TURN-OUT STATISTICS

Date	Topic	COMPANIES						R	Total
		1	2	3	6	7	8		
1/19	Bleeding	4	12	7	4	11	13		52
1/15	G1 Mask	7	14	4	8	12	13		58
1/27	Veh Ext	0	1	1	1	4	5		12
2/5	Palace	8	15	3	4	9	13		52
2/17	Table Top	4	9	1	4	9	12		35
2/19	Hampton	2	13	2	3	8	13		41
2/26	Acc Scene	1	10	2	7	10	15		51
3/19	Bair Bldg	4	10	1	1	3	11		30
3/26	EMS Assts	8	12	4	3	9	14		50
4/16	Cmwth Bk	8	16	4	4	10	15		57
5/19	Sit. Awrns	1	7	0	1	6	10		25
5/21	Veh. Resc	6	7	3	6	7	13	1	43
Averages		4	11	3	4	8	12		42



THE COLLAPSE ZONE

IS 1.5 times the Height of
the Structure