

THE FIREHOUSE SCENE



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NEW BATTALION CHIEF'S JOHN DONOVAN, KEVIN BRIGGS, AND PATRICK TROLLOP



NEW LT.'S SAM MCNAMES AND KYLE SWANSON



NEW FFS DYLAN LACKEY AND DAVID HUTSON

Photos by Sheryl Drost



FROM THE CHIEF'S DESK
BY FIRE CHIEF DON SHOEVLIN

Where did summer go? It sure does not appear to have stopped, or even slowed, as have many events these past four-in-a-half months.

Before we know it, school will be starting -- we think. We have received information that schools have every intention of starting classes in one form or another. As with this pandemic, the stress due to uncertainty of risks is laying heavy both on parents, teachers, and students. Just as we all try to process answers to so many questions, school boards (who we should remember consists of parents) and administrations, are struggling with the same stress and uncertainty.

As a Fire Chief, a day does not go by that I do not ask myself, "Are we doing the best we can? Are we remaining vigilant to the treatment we give to patients as well as protecting our members?" Some days it is particularly challenging to listen to the news with the updates to help answer that question. I ask all of us to have patience as schools work through this new process and I am confident that they have the best interest of the children in their minds. As a parent, and now a grandparent, I too can understand the plethora of uncertainty that is being felt. We can all work towards solutions together by asking questions, sharing ideas, and acting with respect towards the safety of us all.

The request for our services continues to grow. Our firefighters responded to 309 calls in the month of July. Our members continue to do an outstanding job of meeting those requests while keeping COVID Protocols in place.

Summer and early fall also brings with it many community events. Well, not this year. Everything I can remember to date, and into early October, has been cancelled.

Lastly, this past month we were able to hold a deserving event for members who have achieved thresholds they have all worked hard to achieve. It was quite the challenge I can say to keep the distancing, continually wearing masks, and to not shake their hand. You will find pictures and an article on the event in this newsletter. It was also posted on Facebook.

It has been hard not being out and about, seeing those in our communities. However, I assure you the men and woman of HRFD continue to work extremely hard to see that everyone receives the service and treatment they deserve, no matter how big or small, no matter how severe the call may or may not be. Thank you all for your continued support to the men and women of the Harlem Roscoe Fire Protection District. If I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Stay Safe,
Chief Shoevlin



We are currently accepting applications for Firefighters and EMS members.

Are you a caring individual looking for an opportunity to grow in the public safety world? Are you a person looking for challenges and working with a superb group of individuals? Watch our video on our Facebook page.

If you are, then we are looking for you. Applications may be filled out Online at our web site or picked up at Station One which is located at 10544 Main Street in Roscoe IL, 61073 (mask required). Any questions should be directed to the Chief or Deputy Chief of the Harlem-Roscoe Fire Department.

CAR FIRE

PHOTOS BY
DIVISION CHIEF TOM AAKER

Firefighters extinguished
a car fire on I-90 mm 6
on Saturday, July 18th.



FIRE EXTINGUISHER SERVICE

BY HRFD FIRE PREVENTION DIVISION CHIEF JAY ALMS

Harlem-Roscoe Fire provides fire extinguisher tags to be compliant with the Life Safety Codes required by both Federal and State regulations for all businesses in our community.

This service is offered the 4th Wednesday of each month throughout the year. 8am-10am at our Fire Station One on 10544 Main St. Please take advantage of this service for your safety and ours.

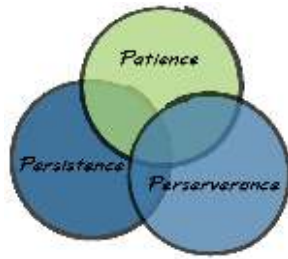


FIRE EXTINGUISHER CLASS

PHOTOS BY EVERETT PETERSON

HRFD Fire Prevention personnel held a fire extinguisher class on August 3rd at RWS on Willowbrook Rd.





BY DIVISION CHIEF
TOM AAKER

Good topic nowadays when it comes to living the life we live and the status we are living in. A year ago, if you told people they would be wearing masks in public they would have laughed at you and wondered what you were on for medication. They would probably have called for us to come out and have you evaluated.

Fast forward one year later and some people think still the same thing. It's funny to see how people react to adversity. Some roll with the punches, some tighten up, get their defensive stance on and are ready to attack anyone who opposes. Some are just oblivious, or pretend to be that way at least. I think the three words on top are good things to think about when you wake up in the morning for your day. If we could all do a little self-reflecting in the morning and answer these definitions it may help us with what we have going on in our lives, whatever it may be.

Patience; the capacity to accept or tolerate delay, trouble, or suffering without getting angry or upset. Defined very well I must say. One of the hardest things for some people to control. I know I ask my son to get his hockey gear together two times a week and then when he's done with it to put the gear in the wash. Talk about testing patience. My daughter loves to read, she loves it so much that she will tune out the world while reading her book. We have come home from an errand and she may sit in the car for another hour reading because she loves it so much. Awesome right? Except when you need her to clean up after herself, or help with the groceries, or get ready for the next event.Patience. I think people in general need to take a step back and look at that word a bit, keep it in mind. Patience with the difference of opinions and the actions that are being asked of us to take. Not concede, maybe just understand others opinions and views on a subject. Not be defensive but call for sympathy, or being adaptable. We could all use a little patience right now.

Persistence; firm or obstinate continuance in a course of action in spite of difficulty or opposition. Now the definition makes you think, "wait you just said be patient, this goes the other way". I agree, the way I read it, it does go the other way. Be firm in your beliefs, be brave in your resolve. I believe this says to me that we need to be strong in our beliefs, be persistent in what we want to achieve or the goals we want to accomplish and get what we deserve, however we should also have some patience in thinking that other people are wrong and they need to see our point of view. Or assume we have the right opinion without having all the facts. Persistence to me means pleading your case, and trying to make a difference. Not pleading your beliefs and then shutting down to all others. Educate your self on what is true not just through others opinions out to be the truth.

Perseverance; persistence in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success. I love the fact the definition plays to the last word I spoke about. Life is hard, decisions are tough, this is part of life. If you want to make life easy and decisions easy then just stick the answers in a cup and draw. Do what that says, decision made. If you're not into the whole random chance life decision making then hunker down, pick the pros and cons, make an informed decision. Again, don't listen to other "expert" opinions, you know what they say about those. Educate yourself from multiple facets, learn not from others conclusions but your own. Most importantly make the right decision, not the popular one. Don't let someone sway your choices, persevere.

Patience to tolerate and understanding, persistent with your own beliefs and decisions. Perseverance to complete and be successful in the choices you make.

TRAINING MINUTES

BY DIVISION CHIEF TOM AAKER

August! Your summer is about over. Just kidding. You still have plenty of time to get outside and enjoy the weather, be social, but distant! Remember you can hang out with people, just don't be on top of them. Best advice I can give? Wash your hands often, don't just rinse, wash. Practice good hygiene.

Most of May we continued on with our online training. We reviewed multiple videos and completed tests on fire behavior, reading smoke, and some building construction training.

June began the month of everyone going back to some type of training. The Public Health department made special conditions for Firefighters so we could get back to our training as well as bring new members on. Our recruits went back to Basic Operations Firefighter Training with the Illinois Fire Service Institute. They completed the course mid-July and by the time you read this most of them have their certification through the state.

Late June through July we started back up Tuesday night trainings. We started getting back together but staying within the COVID guidelines and the guidelines set for by the State Fire Marshal when it pertains to our hands-on training. We went back to the basics for our fire training. We hadn't been together as a group in so long that we felt that we wanted to get back to basics. We completed a lot of hose advancement drills. We also spent time on the SCBA systems to get us back in the groove. We stayed distant and worked in small groups. As you read this, we completed the end of our "back to basics" drill schedule this last week. Going forward we will start working on specific drills in our training tower and out at different targeted sites throughout our district.

We continue to adapt and overcome the challenges that this epidemic has brought us. Our main goals is to get good training out to our people so that they can use that training to make our community safer. The future is still uncertain but we train and adapt to overcome uncertainty wherever it may be. Stay safe, wash your hands, stay distant, but learn to adapt and overcome.



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

BY LT. RYAN SARVER

September is National Preparedness Month and being right around the corner, here are some tips on how to organize a plan to prepare for unexpected emergencies.

FEMA has provided a lot of resources to help families develop a plan. You can find this information at FEMA's emergency preparedness website, Ready.gov. Emergencies and disasters can come in many forms. I think we all relate that we have felt or are still dealing with the effects of a pandemic disaster, but a disaster does not have to be a large-scale national disaster. They can be small scale such as severe thunderstorms knocking out crucial infrastructure, isolated such as a single family losing their house to a fire, or a blizzard shutting down your town. One of the first steps you can take is to develop your plans, which involves doing an assessment of what you already have. One of the most important parts of emergency preparedness is to start planning. You may be more prepared than you think. Below are some questions you can ask yourself.

- How will I receive an Emergency Alert? Am I set up for text message alerts, do I follow social media pages of local government agencies (Police, Fire, Health Dept, etc.)
- Am I prepared to shelter at home for an extended time?
 - Household Items
 - Food Storage (how many days/weeks/months do you have stored)
 - Backup Generator with fuel supply (Never run a generator indoors)
- What is my family's evacuation plan?
 - Friends/Family location
 - Designated Emergency Shelters (how will you find their locations?)
 - Is your car's fuel level kept above half for emergencies?
- Do I have an emergency preparedness kit, when was the last time it was updated?
 - Clothing and bedding
 - Drinking water
 - Financial reserves
 - Important documents
 - Longer-term supply of basic food items
 - Medication and first aid supplies
 - Three-month supply of food that is part of your normal diet
 - Supplies for your pets
 - Ways to communicate with family following a disaster

I am attaching a list of how to start building a food storage, as this may be a daunting task to start. The important thing to remember when building a food storage, is to evaluate what you have in your home now and then build upon that with small steps. One way you can do small steps is to add \$20-\$30 into your food budget each month and purchase long lasting items. You can use the inventory list to gauge where you are and where you should be.

A Suggested 3-Month Food Storage Plan

(Amounts For One Adult. Multiply as needed for Family)

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		Family		
		Total	Have	Need
EMERGENCY WATER (2 week supply)				
14 gallons or about 4 x 24 ct. cases of 16.9 oz. Bottles				
GRAINS (75 lbs.)		Total	Have	Need
Wheat, hard	25 lbs. or 4 #10 LDS cans			
Flour, white	15 lbs. or 3 #10 LDS cans			
Rice, white	10 lbs. or 2 #10 LDS cans			
Oats	5 lbs. or 2 #10 LDS cans			
Spaghetti and/or Macaroni	4 lbs. or 1 #10 LDS can			
Pasta, other	4 lbs.			
Corn meal or Masa Harina	1 lb.			
Pancake Mix	2 lb.			
Cold or Instant Cereal (opt.)	6 boxes or 6 lbs.			
SUGAR (15 lbs.)		Total	Have	Need
Sugar, white	10 lbs. or 2 #10 LDS cans			
Sugar, brown	2 lb.			
Sugar, powdered	1 lb.			
Honey	2 lb.			
Corn syrup	4 oz.			
Jam/Jellies	32 oz.			
Jello	6 oz.			
Pudding	6 oz.			
Pancake syrup	32 oz.			
MILK (4 lbs.)		Total	Have	Need
Milk, Nonfat dry	4 lbs. or 1 #10 LDS can			
Evaporated	12 oz. can			
OILS/FATS (6 lbs.)		Total	Have	Need
Cooking oil	3 lbs. or 48 oz.			
Olive oil (shorter shelf life)	8 oz.			
Shortening or powder	1 lb.			
Mayonnaise/Salad dressing	16 oz.			
Peanut or Almond Butter	32 oz.			
Butter, canned	12 oz.			
MEATS (24 lbs.)		Total	Have	Need
Chicken or Turkey	12 - 12 oz. cans			
Beef, Ham, Pork or Spam	12 - 12 oz. cans			
Tuna or Salmon	12 - 6 oz. cans			
TVP, various	2.5 lb. or 40 oz can			
BEANS/LEGUMES (15 lbs.)		Total	Have	Need
Dry Beans, lentils, etc.	5 lbs. or 1 #10 LDS can			
Various canned beans	12 - 15 oz. cans			

		Family		
		Total	Have	Need
FRUIT				
Apple slices	1/4 #10 LDS can			
Applesauce	48 oz. or 3 cans			
Banana chips (opt.)	1/4 #10 can			
Fruit, various etc.	12 - 15 oz. cans			
Raisins or other dried fruit	16 oz.			
VEGETABLES		Total	Have	Need
Vegetables	12 - 15 oz. cans			
Potatoes flakes	4 lbs. or 2 #10 LDS can			
Green chilies or mushrooms	2 - 4 oz. cans			
Pumpkin	15 oz. can			
Yams	15 oz. can			
Salsa	24 oz.			
Tomatoes, various canned	6 - 15 oz. cans			
Tomato sauce	12 - 8 oz. cans			
Tomato paste	6 - 6 oz. cans			
Spaghetti sauce	26 oz.			
BAKING ITEMS/SPICES		Total	Have	Need
Baking powder	5 oz.			
Baking soda	4 oz.			
Salt	8 oz.			
Yeast	4 oz.			
Dough enhancer (opt.)	5.25 oz.			
Gluten flour (opt.)	6 oz.			
Eggs, powdered	1/4 #10 can			
Baking cocoa	5 oz.			
Cornstarch	4 oz.			
Lemon juice	4 oz.			
Vinegar	8 oz.			
Bouillon, chicken/beef	4 oz.			
Vanilla	4 oz.			
Spices, various	varies			
Chocolate/Baking chips	12 oz. pkg.			
Onions, dry	4 oz.			
Cooking spray	4 oz.			
Muffin or Corn muffin Mix	1 box			
Brownie mix	1 box			
Cake mix	1 box			
Frosting, prepared	1 cntr.			
Stuffing Mix	1 box			
Potatoes, Scalloped/AuG	2 box			
BEVERAGES		Total	Have	Need
Fruit drink mix or Tang	1.5 lbs. or 1/4 #10 LDS can			
Hot cocoa	1.5 lbs. or 1/4 #10 LDS can			
Apple/Fruit Juice	3 - 64 oz.			

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PINNING AND RECOGNITION CEREMONY

PHOTOS BY PHOTOGRAPHER SHERYL DROST



Harlem-Roscoe Fire Trustees Bart Munger, John Donahue and Al Bach performed a Pinning and Recognition Ceremony on July 27th for fire personnel at the department's Fire Station #3.

Capt. John Donovan, Capt. Patrick Trollop and Kevin Briggs were promoted and pinned for their new Battalion Chief Positions. Firefighters Sam McNames and Kyle Swanson were promoted to the rank of Lieutenant. David Hutson and Dylan Lackey took the Firefighter Oath and became probationary firefighters, receiving their yellow helmets. Firefighters John Hawkins, Jalen Johann, Travis Johnson, Alyssa Nicosia, and Cecilia Ster have completed their 6-month probationary time and were recognized and received their black helmets.

Harlem-Roscoe Fire Chief Don Shoevlin addressed all those present, "Congratulations to all. I thank my fellow Chief officers - Deputy Chief Bergeron, Division Chief Alms, and Division Chief Aaker for all their talent and time they have given and shared to this process. To my company officers and members thank you for showing the support and assisting them to where they are today. In a new world that is being driven in many directions due to many uncertainties, I am pleased to be able to have this ceremony while maintaining our attention to safety but wanting to carry on the tradition we have all come to know.

A badge pinning recognizes the entry into a firefighter's career along with marking each promotion they may achieve. The color of helmets in the fire service indicate rank. A white helmet indicates a chief officer, a red helmet indicates a company officer (Lieutenant, Captain), a black helmet indicates a firefighter and a yellow helmet indicates a probationary firefighter. Our members receive their badges when they become probationary firefighters. It may seem odd to mark their start with at this junction, but they have already jumped through quite a few hoops not to mention trainings to obtain their firefighter badge.

Our new Lieutenants went through an assessment center which consisted of a written exam {which had to be passed to continue} then on to a tabletop exercise and an oral interview process. It was a process that required them to prepare. I have the utmost confidence in both Kyle and Sam that they will mentor our young firefighters to be the best they can along with their commitment to grow personally in their new position, and to serve under the proud tradition of this fire district. I am honored to have you both as a part of the management team.

Our three new Battalion Chiefs will have the responsibility of supervising not a crew or station, but the entire shift. They as well went through an assessment center also to reach their achievements. This search began in February with receiving over 40 applications, then COVID arrived. Well anyway, we worked towards narrowing

that number down to 20. Oral interviews began and the count dropped to 13. Of the final 13, 6 were selected to move on to the assessment center which included a written exam, administrative and practical scenario-based assignments, then final interviews. I feel we have selected three talented and experienced individuals who will fulfill the job description along with assuring we continue to be successful not only today but into the future. John, Kevin, Patrick, have earned their badges they received tonight and I look forward to all of their positive contributions to the management team.

Beginning something new or a new position can be quite overwhelming, however recognizing the assignments that these woman and men will be taking on, and the service all of our firefighters, EMT's and Medics continue to provide, is amazing. We must not forget that they see people in their worst and most vulnerable points in life and help to provide relief and comfort. I seek and will continue to do so to select the best and provide them the best training so that they can provide the best service possible to the communities we serve."

BATTALION CHIEF PATRICK TROLLOP



Patrick joined the department in 2012. He was promoted to Lieutenant on Feb. 13, 2015 and to Captain on Sept. 23, 2019. He was sworn in as a full-time Battalion Chief on July 27, 2020. He was an EMT-B when joining the department and became a Paramedic in 2013. Patrick currently oversees the Special Operations Division and is the Disaster Preparedness Coordinator for the department. Patrick received the HRFD Firefighter of the Year award in both 2017 as well as in 2019.

Patrick served in the United States Marine Corps from 1998-2002, during that time he gained the rank of Corporal and was an Infantry Squad Leader. During his time in the Marines he served in the Far East as well as the Middle East.

Since joining Harlem-Roscoe Fire, Patrick has obtained multiple state certifications from the Office of the State Fire Marshal including Advanced Technician Firefighter, Fire Officer II, Vehicle Machinery Operations, Hazmat Operations, Hazmat Incident Command, Water Operations, Watercraft Technician, Swiftwater Technician, and Fire Apparatus Engineer. Patrick also has his Associates in Fire Science through Rock Valley College and is currently pursuing his bachelor's degree through Southern Illinois University. Patrick has obtained the Illinois Professional Emergency Management certification from the Illinois Emergency Management Agency. He is also a graduate of the Managing Officer Program through the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, MD. Patrick and his wife Becky were married in 2019 and have two children Gabriella and William

BATTALION CHIEF JOHN DONOVAN



John joined the department on December 15, 2001. He was promoted to Lieutenant on February 5, 2016, and then was promoted to Captain on February 4, 2017. On July 27, 2020 he was sworn in as a full-time Battalion Chief.

John became an EMT-B in 2007 and an EMT-Paramedic in 2011 which he currently holds a State License. John is Illinois State Certified as a Fire Officer I, FFII & FF III, HazMat Operations, Fire Service Vehicle Operator, Instructor I, and is NIMS Compliant. He has completed several fire related classes through IFSI such as Basic Aerial Ops, Basic Company Officer, and Commercial Building Ops along with other classes. John is a certified CPR/AED/First Aid Instructor through the American Heart Association and teaches community classes for the fire department.

John is currently employed as the Manager of Electronic Health Records with Physicians Immediate Care since September 2000. John and his wife Carol have four children, Corie (Kenny) Boris, Chelsea (Matt) Alejandre, Michael, and McKenna. They also have 2 grandchildren Wesley and Rylie.

BATTALION CHIEF KEVIN BRIGGS



Kevin was sworn in as a full-time HRFD Battalion Chief on July 27, 2020. He joined North Park Fire Department in 2009 and has proudly served there for 11 years. He worked his way up from a firefighter to a Deputy Chief of Operations. Kevin joined The Chicago Rockford International Airport in 2013 as an ARFF firefighter. In 2014 Kevin was promoted to Deputy Chief of Training. Kevin is Illinois State Certified as a Fire Officer 2, FF III/Advanced FF, Hazmat Operations, Fire Service Vehicle Operator, Instructor II, and NIMS 100, 200, 300, 400, 700, and 800. Kevin is certified as an EMT basic since 2009. Kevin has been involved in taking many classes in firefighting EMS and leadership throughout his career.

Kevin is a 3rd generation firefighter. Kevin and his wife Jessica have been married since 2010 and have three children, Kyle, McKinley, and Spencer Briggs, who love to go camping in their free time.

LT. SAM MCNAMES



Sam joined the department in 2015. He was promoted to Lt. on July 27, 2020. Sam started his EMS career in 2013 while attending Rock Valley College. He holds a bachelor's degree in biological sciences from IL State University. He received his Paramedic license in 2016 and is also state-certified as Basic Operations Firefighter, Technical Rescue Awareness, FSVO, Hazmat Operations, Rope Rescue Operations, CPR/AED Instructor, and ACLS/PALS/PHTLS. Sam is involved with the Recruitment and Retention Committee and Safety Committee, is an EMS Preceptor and Rope Division Head. He works for HRFD as a Contract FF/Medic through PSI and is a part-time medic at Blackhawk Farms Raceway.

LT. KYLE SWANSON



Kyle joined the department in January of 2018 in a paramedic role and worked his way into a probationary firefighter role. He was sworn onto the department in August of 2018. He was promoted to Lt. on July 27th, 2020.

He joined the fire service in 2009 and previously served with Pecatonica Fire Department, and Stillman Valley Fire Department. Kyle also served as a flight paramedic in 2017 with Air-Evac Lifeteam. He has been a paramedic for 7 years and is currently a Nationally Registered Paramedic. Kyle is an IL State Certified FFII, Hazardous Materials Operations, Instructor I, Water Operations, and Watercraft Tech, and Fire Service Vehicle Operator. Kyle is also a cleared apparatus/pump operator with HRFD. Kyle has taken numerous classes through IFSI Fire College including Fire Stream Dynamics, SCBA, and Coordinated Fire Attack. Kyle was appointed the lead of the HRFD RIT team by Battalion Chief Patrick Trollop, to develop team members and new training. Kyle was a member of the 2018 HRFD Crunch Time Extrication team, with the team earning 1st Place Overall in the competition. Kyle is currently working towards finishing his Associates Degree in Fire Sciences. Through the Illinois Fire Chief's Association: Educational and Research Foundation Scholarship Program, Kyle was awarded a \$1000 scholarship from the IFCA Educational/Research Foundation Charity Basketball Scholarship. Kyle married his wife Kayley in September of 2017.

NEW FIREFIGHTERS

Dylan Lackey and David Hutson took the Firefighter Oath and received their badges becoming probationary firefighters and received their yellow helmets on July 27th.



DYLAN LACKEY



DAVID HUTSON

BLACK HELMETS

Firefighters Jalen Johann, John Hawkins Travis Johnson, Cecilia Ster, and Alyssa Nicosia were also recognized on July 27th and received their black helmets after successfully completing their 6-month probationary period.



L-r, Cecilia Ster, Alyssa Nicosia, Jalen Johann, Travis Johnson, and John Hawkins.

AUGUST WEATHER LORE

- “If the first week in August is unusually warm, the coming winter will be snowy and long.”
- “If a cold August follows a hot July, It foretells a winter hard and dry.”
- “For every fog in August there will be a snowfall.”

GREENPAN SIMMERLITE DUTCH OVENS RECALL DUE TO BURN AND INJURY HAZARDS



Hazard:The lid on the dutch oven can explode while it is inside the oven, posing injury and burn hazards to the consumer.

Description: This recall involves the Greenpan Simmerlite Dutch Oven with Lid. The product was sold in six sizes, 3.5Q-7.0Q, and two colors: Black Metallic and Smokey Sky Blue. The top of the lid says “THE DUTCH OVEN” and “GREENPAN.” The bottom of the lid states “Dishwasher Safe. The Dutch Oven Designed and Engineered in Belgium.” The bottom of the oven states “Original GreenPan with Magneto2 Induction Technology All Heat Sources Including Induction.” There is a four-digit date code laser etched onto the back of the side handles. The UPC code is printed on the bottom of the box under the barcode.

Remedy: Consumers should stop using the recalled Dutch Ovens immediately and contact Cookware Company for a full refund or a free replacement glass lid.

Incidents/Injuries: The firm has received four consumer reports of incidents, including three reports of the lid exploding while the product was inside the oven, resulting in one report of property damage. No injuries have been reported.

Sold At: Online at Greenpan.us, Amazon.com, Macys.com, Surlatable.com, Food52.com and in various independent gourmet kitchen stores nationwide from September 2018 through May 2020 for between \$100 and \$170.

Importer(s): The Cookware Company (USA) LLC, of Irvington, New York

<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2020/Cookware-Company-Recalls-Greenpan-SimmerLite-Dutch-Ovens-Due-to-Burn-and-Injury-Hazards> Recall number: 20-151

ACCIDENTS PHOTOS BY DUTY OFFICERS



07/11/20 Bridge St. & Hwy 251



07/17/20 Rockton Rd.



07/09/20 I-90



07/26/20 I-90



07/27/20 Belvidere Rd.



07/31/20 Manchester Rd.



08/02/20 Dorr Rd. and E. Rockton Rd.





Celebrating 80 Years

Medical by Sheryl Drost

@ The Harlem-Roscoe Fire 75th History Book

If a resident in the Harlem-Roscoe Fire Protection District had a heart attack or was injured in an accident in the 1940s, they had to wait for an ambulance to arrive from the nearby cities of Rockford or Beloit. The wait could be up to an hour. The 1970s saw major advancements in emergency medical care with the introduction of Emergency Medical Service (EMS). The 1980s saw the department's first "trauma unit" ambulance. Advances in technology exploded over the next forty years and today the department operates four Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulances equipped with state-of-the-art equipment. The department also staffs paramedics 24/7 at all three stations and they are backed up by the volunteers.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE

HRFD Firefighter Bernard Hunter said, "In the 1960s, it was so frustrating and very hard to not know how to help people medically. We responded to a lot of accidents and we didn't have any training. You just couldn't stand it! So Jack Brown, Roger Williams and I got the Red Cross to come and give us classes on First Aid and Advanced First Aid. Then we could at least do the basic things like bandaging and resuscitation. Then Oscar Presley took over teaching Advanced First Aid and Personal Safety and got the EMTs started." The firefighters also convinced local nurses to ride along and help with medical calls before firefighters were trained.

In the early 1970s, a new approach to emergency care was sweeping the country and had the blessing of most doctors. In 1978 Former Fire Chief Presley, then a Captain, became the first Harlem-Roscoe Fire paramedic and HRFD was then the first 'volunteer' fire department in the area to have a paramedic. The paramedics could start treatment immediately. There were also improvements in the equipment and the treatments we used to help victims in need of immediate trauma, medical, and cardiac care.

That first paramedic training class in 1979 included 400 hours of study; 200 hours in class, 100 hours in the hospital and 100 hours experience riding in an ambulance. In comparison, to become a paramedic today, it takes 650 classroom hours, 250 clinical hours minimum, 250 field hours, CPR, ACLS (Advanced Cardiac Life Support), PALS (Pediatric Advanced Life Support), PHTLS (Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support), and 25 team leader rounds.

In 1979, the department had only one paramedic; by 1983, the number had increased to five. Twenty years later, in 1999, there were still only eleven paramedics. Those early volunteer paramedics' dedication and commitment to make sure a paramedic was always available 24/7 to respond immediately from home was very commendable! They set a strong foundation and community expectation that continues today. Now, the stations are staffed with full-time Paramedics and are able to respond immediately.

In the beginning, paramedics would take practically the whole ambulance into the house and start treatment on a patient. Today the paramedic is able to make the decisions on the best emergency treatment and initiate them on scene and give their patient report while en-route to the hospital.

The early rescue trucks the department had in the 1960s would have first aid boxes and oxygen, but that was it.



Paramedic Oscar Presley uses the stand alone "White Box Radio/Phone" in 1983 for the first time.

The department started with the "White Box" radio/phone. Division Chief Alms said, "It was just like you'd see in the old TV Show Emergency where they had to radio the hospital and reserve a med channel to send the EKG strip over." The rapid changes in cell phone technology have also been a challenge to stay ahead of and the ambulances are now Wi-Fi hot spots and computers and medical devices all connect via Bluetooth. Deputy Chief Bergeron adds, "This speeds up the delivery of information sent to the hospital as well as patient care report. Today, the ambulances carry a vast array of medications, airway devices, the sophisticated Phillips EKG monitor/defibrillators, as well as anything needed to handle a medical/trauma emergency."



Paramedics John Bergeron and Kirk Wilson were two of the Paramedics that were full-time staffed at Station One in 2000.

AMBULANCES



In the 70's, the Firefighters Association raised enough money to purchase a 1973 Pierce truck that served as a rescue truck and was the first truck that carried a patient. That first year, over sixty people were transported to

the hospital; however, Swenson's Ambulance Service and Beloit Fire Department were still the main transporters.

In March of 1981, another first for a volunteer fire district in Winnebago County occurred. The department purchased their first true ambulance for \$38,000, and it carried \$20,000 worth of equipment. With the new unit, the paramedics were able to provide life-supporting services faster. The truck was capable of transporting up to three victims from an accident or fire scene, if it was necessary.



The first two modular gas powered trauma units, the one in 1981 and another in 1985 were built in Florida. The department added a third ambulance in 1990 and a fourth in 1992. To stay on the leading edge and to improve comfort and care of both the patient and the EMT, ambulances have had to be replaced regularly throughout the years.



Above,
2014 - 4 ALS Ambulances

Right, - Newest
ambulance - 2017 Ford
Horton Ambulance -
\$196,000



HRFD CRUNCH TIME

Roscoe Fall Festival

Glad to hear Dispatcher Harry Wagner is recovered from knee surgery and is back to work!



Birthdays

August 2020

1st Larry Sarver
14th Tim Schrader
14th Dylan Lackey
27th Al Bach
27th Mike Sherbon

September 2020

5th Adam Eich
8th Travis Johnson
12th Bart Munger
13th Marty Green
13th Joe Koeninger
28th Paul Meyers

The Firehouse Scene

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Cooking Safety

Cooking brings family and friends together, provides an outlet for creativity and can be relaxing. But did you know that cooking fires are the number one cause of home fires and home injuries? By following a few safety tips you can prevent these fires.

"COOK WITH CAUTION"

- Be on alert! If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol don't use the stove or stovetop.
- Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, boiling, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- If you are simmering, baking, or roasting food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you are cooking.
- Keep anything that can catch fire — oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains — away from your stovetop.

If you have a small (grease) cooking fire and decide to fight the fire...

- On the stovetop, smother the flames by sliding a lid over the pan and turning off the burner. Leave the pan covered until it is completely cooled.
- For an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed.

If you have any doubt about fighting a small fire...

- Just get out! When you leave, close the door behind you to help contain the fire.
- Call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number from outside the home.



Cooking and Kids

Have a "kid-free zone" of at least 3 feet (1 metre) around the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried.

FACTS

- ❗ The leading cause of fires in the kitchen is unattended cooking.
- ❗ Most cooking fires in the home involve the kitchen stove.



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