

# THE FIREHOUSE SCENE

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**FROM THE CHIEF'S DESK**  
BY FIRE CHIEF DON SHOEVLIN

All schools are back in session, high school football has started in our communities, and now the smell of yard campfires will begin and the leaves will start to turn. As the days of sunlight grow shorter, let's remind ourselves that we need to be more attentive for those walking, jogging, and biking.

Well, I don't know if I jinxed our members or what by stating last month that they responded to the most calls in a month however, in August, we responded to 378 calls. From my research that makes it the most calls in the history of our department. That is an average of a little over twelve 911 calls per day. I know of many full-time departments not responding to that many calls. It is an honor to have so many devoted and committed members of HRFD. I am very proud and thankful, but also concerned if this pace keeps up. After all is said and done, everyone needs and is entitled to some downtime.

As we roll into the fall season, requests for our attendance at community events are increasing. We will do our utmost best to be a part of as many possible. As stated above, our call volume has increased and there may be times availability is stretched. I assure you we want to be out and about. We are looking forward to seeing many people at the Fall Festival. Speaking of fall, keep an eye on our Facebook page for Fire Prevention Week which is the second week of October. We have not made any final plans yet, but looking to shortly.

**HELP WANTED!**

We are currently accepting applications for part time/volunteer EMT-B or EMT-P and firefighters. 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? Are you looking to give back and have some fun? If you are then we are looking for you. Applications may be filled out online at our web site or picked up at Station 1 which is located at 10544 Main Street Roscoe Illinois 61073. Any questions should be directed to the Fire Chief or Deputy Chief of the Harlem-Roscoe Fire Department.

Finally, as I write this, we will be remembering the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of a horrific terrorist attack on our country within the week. This was the largest act of terror in our country that took the lives of more than 400 emergency personnel. I am sure that all of us that were alive on 9/11/2001 can remember where we were, as well as what we were doing. This event is still taking lives of those who were there. This event changed how we do things in many ways along with changes to many families who are still feeling the effects. To the 343 brothers and sisters who lost their lives in New York, along with those who perished in the Pentagon and Pennsylvania "we will never forget and always remember". May they all rest in peace. To all the families still feeling the effects our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Your continuous and generous support is greatly appreciated and does not go unnoticed. Please remember we do not solicit for donations. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me, this is your fire department. Don't forget to keep up on the progress of your fire department by visiting our website. [www.harlemroscoefire.com](http://www.harlemroscoefire.com), we can also be found on Facebook, so go ahead and friend us.

And if it is fall it must be apple picking, cider and cider donut time.

Stay safe.

*Chief Shoevlin*

**PRESENTATION**



*Fire Chief Shoevlin accepted, and shows off, a beautiful flag plaque from Ethan and Alex Kinney, owners of Chared Chisel.*



## TRAINING UPDATE BY DIV. CHIEF TOM AAKER

Well, summer vacation is over. For some parents that's great news, for other parents it's a bitter sweet ending to another summer of doing things with your kids. For me its more about the morning. My daughter is turning 13 and she slept in most of the summer. As soon as school started, she wakes up and boom ready in 10 minutes, making her own breakfast and lunch. My son however, is a different story. He's 11 this year. In the summer he was up at 0700 (no alarm). Breakfast within 5 minutes at the table on the computer playing games on one computer and watching You Tube on the other. Now that school has started, he barely moves out of bed at 8 am, and drags until he finally "has to" leave. Then still five more minutes before we can get out the door. I have to remind myself that they are back in school. All the alarms are back on my phone and my morning routine has to change as well.

Fire training reminds me a lot of my kids. We don't do something for a while we lose the habit. When we lose the habit, we start to lose focus of what we are supposed to do. We make mistakes. Mistakes happen, but if we learn from them, practice on not repeating them, practice on the right behaviors, and keep those behaviors repetitive, we keep our standards high. We try to keep our training repetitive throughout the year so we keep the muscle memory of the task. This way when it's time to perform the task we make fewer mental errors. Especially during the hectic time of an emergency call when someone is in need of our assistance. In their time of need we want to be at our best.

We were busy over the summer not only with calls but with training. We worked steadily on our new recruits. They were sworn on in late June and continued their class. We still have some classes they need to catch up on and complete. They will be taking their certification test next month. I'm sure they can't wait.

Training was a little hectic since June. We did some repetitive training some classroom and some outside so much different little things. We completed a Pump Operation class, some used it as a refresher, some it was their first class. This class goes over how the pumps on our vehicles operate and honestly a lot of calculations for water flow and pressures. Mostly what we use on a fire when we have multiple lines deployed. It was a good training, a lot of the operators new and old got some good knowledge out of the training. We are now in the process of "testing out" our operators with yearly skills assessments. Again, to keep up their knowledge and help them stay fresh with pump operations.

We started our yearly Multi Company Operations (what we do when we are at a fire) in July. We do this drill every year to help us keep that muscle memory. Not only our bodies but the muscle between our ears. We do scenarios and critic those scenarios. This way we can make mistakes and learn from mistakes in training and avoid those same errors when we are out on calls.

Lastly, we have four new members that are in the Illinois Fire Service Institutes Basic Firefighter class. This class is funded by the state Fire Marshall (your tax dollars) and our people get free training from the state level. The classes takes about 4 -5 months and when they are done, they are certified through the state. These four individuals have a great opportunity to learn from some of the best. They also get a chance to work with other area department personnel. This promotes teamwork when they are in class and should carry through when they are out of class. Knowing the person from the next town over goes a long way when we go to the next town to help them when they call.

Hopefully you had a great summer this year. Remember to stop by our tent for Fall Festival this weekend for our famous walking taco or perhaps a baked potato. We look forward to seeing you.





**EMS**  
BY LT. RYAN SARVER

Hello, my name is Ryan Sarver, I have been with the department since 2011. I have been a Lieutenant since 2017 and also serve as our department's EMS Coordinator since then. Some of the requirements of my position are maintaining our 4 ALS ambulances and overseeing the training of our EMS personnel.

When 911 is called for a medical emergency, it is the fire department responding with ambulances in our community. For those who don't know what an ALS ambulance is? It stands for Advanced Life Support and means there is at least one paramedic and one EMT on staff. ALS ambulances can begin treatments for a heart attack with early detection with a 12 Lead ECG and trained in Advanced Cardiac Life Support treatments. We are also trained in specialized Pediatric Advance Life Support, and Pre-Hospital Trauma Care. Many of our paramedics have gone on and taken additional trainings in Advance Burn Life Support, Tactical Emergency Casualty Care, and Community Paramedicine.

Another task of the EMS Coordinator is to organize training for our department personnel. The idea of the trainings is to keep our EMS staff up-to-date on the most beneficial treatments and maintain our proficiency of skills.

We are teamed up with Swedish American Hospital as our Medical Control (means we are licensed to perform our treatments through a emergency room physician who oversees our training/protocols). I'll work with Swedish American Hospital to create training schedules and the hospital will bring out instructors of varying backgrounds to educate our staff. In addition, our crews go over a treatment protocol in detail everyday while on duty to help maintain our skills in knowledge. This training helps our crews stay prepared and confident in their response to each call we go on.

Another training Harlem-Roscoe Fire provides, is a public CPR/AED class for a very small fee to recoup costs of the equipment we use during the class. We currently have five CPR instructors that take time from their days off to teach the public CPR. We recognize this as a lifesaving skill and want to bring it to as many people as we can. We also will go to local businesses and educate their staff on CPR.

Below is an article published in the EMS World Magazine. I believe this article does an excellent job defining HRFD EMS. Just remember, the next time you call 911, the people who show up are members of your community. Our members live in the community we serve and because of that it brings a sense of pride and ownership into what we do and how we act.

### **EMS: It's About Customer Service**

BY WARREN J. PORTER, BA, NREMT-P, PNCCT ON DEC 1, 2005

<https://www.hmpgloballearningnetwork.com/site/emsworld/article/10323479/ems-its-about-customer-service>

"When many of us entered EMS, we had the lofty goal of "helping people." We may have had no idea how we would accomplish this, but we knew that we would make a true and beneficial difference in the lives of our patients. Looking back, we can honestly say that we didn't think of our patients as customers, but, after a few years and a new perspective, we now realize that our patients are not only patients-they are indeed customers. Not only are our patient's customers-everyone we work with and for are our customers.

### **Goal of EMS**

To understand how our patients and others are our customers, let's examine the general goals of EMS. The first goal is to provide quality prehospital treatment and transport your patient to an appropriate facility. Embedded in that first goal is the second goal of EMS, which is to care about the patient. We "care" when we administer medications or apply traction to alleviate pain, or when we ask if the patient is comfortable during transport to the hospital. In EMS, we care for our patients/customers every day, regardless of whether the service we work for is 9-1-1 or nonemergent transport.

### **How Do We Provide Customer Service?**

Have you ever noticed how many people can't describe what customer service is, but they know when they

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don't receive the level of service they expect? Whether it's cold food at a restaurant or having the cashier go on break just as we get to the head of the line, we know it when we don't see it.

Whether we are private, fire-based or third service, our sole purpose is to provide quality service to our customers.

There are several ways to improve customer service, one being getting good training in the areas where we are weak. If you are weak in pediatrics or geriatrics, look for realistic training that addresses those areas. Training allows us to expand our abilities, see something from a different perspective and provide the quality service that we want to provide. One aspect of training is knowing how to work effectively with all of the equipment on your ambulance. This could be expanded to include equipment that you may not carry on your unit, but routinely come in contact with, like rescue

and cutting tools. By knowing about these tools and general operating techniques, we can provide a higher, more complete level of patient care/service. These are the "tools of our trade," and we should have at least a basic understanding of their use. Linked with these things is technical ability. When we have exceptional technical ability to assess and treat patients, safely drive the ambulance, write reports and handle every other facet of our position, we increase our level of customer service.

We work and interact with dozens of people every day, from patients to supervisors to our communities. When we view them all as our customers and work to meet their needs, we succeed. We meet customers' needs by being technically competent and empathetic, writing accurate reports, driving safely and communicating. There are many ways to CARE about our customers and practical ways to provide customer service by being customer-centered, accountable, responsive to customers' needs and empathetic."

## ACCIDENTS PHOTOS BY BC DONOVAN AND DIV CHIEF AAKER



09/07/21 Hwy 251 & Bridge St.



09/07/21 Rockton Rd. Caseys





## ROSCOE FALL FESTIVAL 2021

**HARLEM - ROSCOE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

**MENU**

- Walking Taco \$5**  
(Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Sour Cream, Cheese, Salsa)
- Loaded Baked Potato \$5**  
(Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Sour Cream, Cheese, Salsa)
- Bottled Water \$1**
- Coffee \$1**
- Iced Tea or Lemonade**  
small \$1, large \$2

Come visit the Harlem-Roscoe Firefighters Association (HRFA) at our tent at the Fall Festival Sept. 10th - 12th.

We are back after a year off due to COVID. We are taking all the required precautions to have a fun and safe Fall Fest 2021.

The HRFA will be serving our walking

taco and/or and baked potato with all the fixings. Along with serving food, we will be selling raffle tickets for VISA gift cards. We will have a fire safety public education tent and activities for the kids.

Bring the whole family on Sun. Sept.12 on Main St Roscoe to watch the parade at 11am. Be aware that the parade route has changed to start at Bridge St. and goes straight down Main St., ending at Williams Drive.

See you this weekend,  
*HRFA Vice President Greg Wernick*

**HARLEM-ROSCOE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION'S . . .**

**FALL FESTIVAL DRAWING**

**September 12, 2021**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize - \$750 Visa Gift Card
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - \$500 Visa Gift Card
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize - \$250 Visa Gift Card

*Drawn on Sunday night at the Fall Festival -- Need not be present to win*

2000 Total Tickets Printed

Donations \$1.00 Each  
Or 6 tickets for \$5.00

**Duty Pride Tradition**

## DONATION



Operation Helping Heroes - Harlem-Roscoe Fire Chief Don Shoenlin accepted a donation from Justin Miles, Ann Derry and Greg Hansen from Country Financial to assist in the upgrade of a Thermal Imaging Camera.

## STORM DAMAGE

PHOTOS BY SHERYL DROST

On Aug. 10th, high winds during a strong storm did some damage in our fire district and power was off for just under 24 hours in Roscoe. Our firefighters were called for several trees and wires down throughout the fire district. Here are some pictures from trees down on 3rd St. and 6th St. in Roscoe.



## VISITING PHOTOGRAPHERS BY SHERYL DROST



For 40+ years a group of retired fire officers and fire buffs have made an annual trek to IL fire departments pursuing their habit of taking photos of any new fire apparatus. Needless to say they have acquired quite a portfolio of photos. The guys visited us on August 20th this year. They have always been kind to share their photos of trucks for our archives. If you are a fire truck buff, be sure to check out our website for photos of all the HRFD's past and present fire apparatus. <https://harlemroscoefire.com/apparatusmain.html>

*Pictured left, HRFD Photographer Sheryl Drost poses with visiting Photographers Bill Friedrich, Matt Schuman, Mark Mitchell, Mark Stamphl, Jeff Schielke and Roger Bjorge.*

### MYSTERY SOLVED!

Retired Downers Grove BC Bill Friedrich had previously shared these two photos of HRFD's first two engines that he has in his collection. I have always wondered where the photos were taken though. The mystery is now solved. Bill informed me this year that these two are actually Darley delivery photos. When Darley was located in Chicago they would use neighborhoods in Chicago as backgrounds. These two photos are among my favorite truck photos we have in our apparatus archive. Thought I'd share the photos as well as excerpts I wrote on these two trucks from our HRFD 75th History book.



#### 1944 - Engine No. 1 - \$10,000.00

In 1944, the district sold \$5,000.00 worth of bonds to help buy a 1944 fire truck that was purchased for \$10,000. Engine No.1 was sometimes called a pumper or a mini pumper, but by today's standards it was a grass rig. It carried 500 gallons of water and was used on many field fires, which were what most of the fires were in the early years. Several older firefighters have recalled the day they chased thirty-five plus field fires. You could set your clock to the fire siren when the noon train came by every day because it set off grass fires. Chief Oscar Presley remembered it as a very busy truck that only needed two men to operate. He recalled the day they were coming back from a grass fire on Swanson Road and didn't know the emergency brake was partly on in the truck. It overheated and came off and rolled down the roadway setting fires.

#### Engine No.8 / 708



*Bill sent me a file of his photos this year and I was excited to find this gem. I have photos of this truck in action, but a good posed shot of it has alluded me! 708 was a 1,000 gallon engine/pumper that was the work horse out of Sta. #1 for many years.*



#### 1950 - Engine No. 2 - \$14,000.00

In 1950, the district purchased Engine No.2, a true pumper, for \$14,000 with funds the members raised through a special fund drive and from various activities.

Retired Assistant Chief Donny Ball remembered the time Firefighter Cliff Larson was up on a ladder with the nozzle and Firefighter Don Hall sent water too fast from Engine No.2. This caused Cliff to fall over backwards to the ground, ladder and all. He added that it was only funny after they knew he wasn't hurt.

Former Firefighter Dave Bergeron revealed another story: "Firefighter Lang and I were riding on the back of Engine No.2 heading to the fire out at the saw mill fire in Argyle. Oscar was in the front seat. All of the sudden, here he comes. He had crawled out the window and back to us and slid down between us on the back of the truck, while the truck was moving!" Oscar goes, "Boys that fire is a burner, so when I tell you to jump, you grab the hose and jump." "So when we got there, he said jump, and we jumped! Of course we tumbled right on our butts. We then headed up to the fire. Things started exploding and we got scared. We dropped the hose line and started running. We didn't make it far, though, before Chief Alexander had a hold of both of us and sent us right back up there, telling us to fight that fire!"

# GARAGE FIRE

PHOTOS BY SHERYL DROST

Firefighters responded to Pamela Dr. in Roscoe on Sept. 8th for a report of a residential fire. First in units reported smoke coming from the garage. Firefighters were able to access the garage quickly and extinguish the fire inside, and containing the fire to the garage. Positive pressure fans were used to clear any smoke in the home. The fire seems to have started in the area of a riding mower.





# 7 WAYS TO CELEBRATE SEPTEMBER BIG ADVENTURES YOUR FAMILY WILL THANK YOU FOR LATER

Nancy Josephson Liff 09-01-17

<https://www.highlights.com/parents/family-activities/what-to-do-in-september>

## 1. Explore something.

Got a sleuth in the house? Grab a sweater, head outdoors, and let the little nature lover have fun getting up close and personal with all the different trees, shrubs, perennials, vines, and woody plants in your area. Do it now, in the fall, when the air is brisk, the leaves are turning colors, and the neighborhood trees look super pretty.

Help your child gather leaves, flower petals, and samples of tree bark. Spread them out on the ground and take plenty of pictures—or take them home for further study. Identify trees by the texture and color of the bark, the shape of the trees, and the leaves' size, shape, color, and other features. Create a guide to area trees as you learn more about them. Introduce your child to terms like evergreen, deciduous, and arborist—neat vocabulary words for little learners.

## 2. Celebrate something.

On Sunday, September 13, set aside time to call, visit, or Skype Grandma and Grandpa. It's National Grandparents Day—a perfect time to honor the people who would go to the moon and back for your cuties. Help older kids bake a cake, or cupcakes, to commemorate the occasion. Or just let your family hang out and do whatever they like to do together: read a book, take a walk, watch a movie. Sleepovers work too. Grandparents are known to bend the rules (Bedtime? What bedtime?), so relax your standards for a couple of hours. If there's time, urge your kids to connect with another elderly relative or a neighbor who needs a visit. They can exchange ideas, listen, and demonstrate empathy.

## 3. Discover something.

Treat your child to a rock-solid experience this month. Give him a taste of an Indiana Jones-style adventure. Hand over a pail and shovel on Collect Rocks Day, Wednesday, September 16, and let your child get to know the ground beneath his feet—before winter sets in and frost or snow blankets the area. There's an exciting world down there, with tons of rocks and pebbles, along with worms, beetles, grubs, plant roots, snakes, insects, and spiders.

And here's the thing: all this digging can make your child smarter. He can wow others with his knowledge of igneous, sedimentary, and metamorphic rocks as he learns how to identify them. If worms and other moving things are more exciting, he can capture and store them temporarily in glass jars with holes in the lids. Help him return all life-forms to their environment when he's done exploring.

## 4. Swing at something.

Squeeze in one last game of golf—mini golf, that is—before your local course shuts down for the season.

Why golf? Because it's a great way for kids to work on physical and social skills, including hand-eye coordination, taking turns, and patience! Visit a local course on Miniature Golf Day on September 21, and if the game's a hit, try a mini-golf club crawl next weekend.

Or try foot golf. No kidding. Check it out. It's a lot like golf and a little like soccer. It's perfect for an autumn day and it is the hot sport that you're going to love but didn't know you were missing. Kid-and-parent pairs of varying skills and ages can play this together on a formal foot-golf course. Or try a friendly round of at home, adapted for your space, and wear anything you want to be comfortable.

## 5. Practice something.

Archery is a crazy-awesome activity for kids and parents, and fall is the perfect time of year to hone your skills with bows and arrows. Archery is fun, safe (with supervision), and inexpensive, and participation pays off big time—physically, socially, and academically. Archery builds skills, confidence, discipline, and awareness, as well as core strength, balance, hand-eye coordination, and stability. Sounds good, doesn't it? You probably remember archery from *The Hunger Games*, *The Hobbit*, or *Robin Hood*. (The latter also happens to be a pretty good adventure story to read together, as a family, afterward.)

## 6. Learn something.

You may not think about American history all that much. But you can change that (and teach your kid a thing or two or three) on Thursday, September 17. That's because the 17th is Citizenship Day and Constitution Day. Both are official U.S. holidays that are super important, but they're often overlooked and underrated.

Now you have twice the incentive to turn yourself and your kid into American history wizards. Try these stand-out facts about the U.S. Constitution to get started.

### Did you know that:

- The signers were all born in the United States or were naturalized citizens.
- The document was penned in Philadelphia, in secret, behind locked doors in the same location where the Declaration of Independence was signed.
- And get this: two of the most famous Founding Fathers didn't even sign the Constitution. Thomas Jefferson was in France, and John Adams was in Great Britain!
- Benjamin Franklin, 81, was the oldest delegate at the Constitutional Convention and Jonathon Dayton, 26, was the youngest.
- The original document is on display at the National Archives in Washington, D.C., but when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor, it was moved to Fort Knox for safekeeping.

## 7. Lose something.

Like your way. In a maze. Really. It's tons of fun and it could be the coolest thing you do all season. With luck—and legwork—you may be able to find a maze close by that's well designed and large enough (two miles or more) to keep highly energetic kids busy for several hours. Depending on where you live, you also may be able to find one that suits your family's needs: not too scary, not too childish. Are there maps or aerial photos to help you navigate? Check trail conditions before you go. Ask what happens if you get lost. If you have young kids, make sure the maze you have in mind is stroller friendly.

# Out in the Community



Roscoe United Methodist Church event



PTO Back to School Night



Easter Seals Academy "End of Summer School Field Day"



Pink Heals



# hAPPY BIRTHDAY

## SEPTEMBER 2021

5th Adam Eich  
12th Bart Munger  
13th Marty Green  
13th Joe Koeninger  
24th Kevin Briggs  
28th Paul Meyers  
30th Kevin Raymer

## OCTOBER 2021

2nd Gus Larson  
2nd Jason Street '30th'  
13th Ryan Messinger  
13th Hannah Carlson  
17th Pedro Villasenor  
25th Jim Purpura  
26th Tom Aaker  
29th Sue Null



*Jason Street '30th'  
October 2nd*

## The Firehouse Scene

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# Congratulations



*Tyler & Cecilia Young  
August 15, 2021*



## 2 MILLION HUMIDIFIERS RECALLED

**Recall number:** 21-174

**Recall Date:** August 04, 2021

**Hazard:** The recalled dehumidifiers can overheat and catch fire, posing fire and burn hazards.

**Units:** About 2 million (In addition, about 380,000 in Canada, and about 25,000 in Mexico)

**Description:** This recall involves 25-, 30-, 35-, 45-, 50-, 60-, 65-, 70-, and 74-pint dehumidifiers, manufactured before September 1, 2017, with the brand names including AeonAir, Amana, ArcticAire (Danby), Classic (Danby / Home Hardware Stores), Commercial Cool, Danby, Danby Designer, Danby Premiere, De'Longhi, Edgestar, Friedrich, Generations (Danby), Haier, Honeywell (JMATEK / AirTek), Idylis, Ivation, perfect aire, SuperClima, Whirlpool, and Whynter. The brand name, model number, and pint capacity are printed on the nameplate sticker on the back of the dehumidifier.

**Manufacturer(s):** New Widetech

**Remedy:** Consumers should stop using the dehumidifiers immediately and contact New Widetech for a refund. The amount of the refund will be pro-rated based on the age of the dehumidifier.

**Incidents/Injuries:** New Widetech is aware of 107 incidents of the recalled dehumidifiers overheating and/or catching fire, resulting in about \$17 million in property damage. No injuries have been reported.

**Sold At:** Lowe's stores, Costco, Walmart, Menards, and other retailers nationwide from February 2009 through August 2017 for between \$120 and \$430.

**Manufactured In:** China

**Check here for specific model numbers and photos of units:**

<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2021/Two-Million-Dehumidifiers-With-Well-Known-Brand-Names-Recalled-Due-to-Fire-and-Burn-Hazards-Manufactured-by-New-Widetech>

## RAZOR USA RECALLS GLW BATTERY PACKS

**Recall number:** 21-189

**Recall Date:** August 25, 2021



**Name of Product:**  
Hovertrax 2.0 Self-Balancing Scooters/ Hoverboards with GLW Battery Packs

**Hazard:** The lithium-ion GLW battery packs in the self-balancing scooters/hoverboards can overheat, posing a risk of the products smoking, catching fire and/or exploding.

**Description:** This recall involves the removable GLW battery packs installed in UL-Listed Hovertrax 2.0 brand self-balancing scooters/hoverboards manufactured between September 2016 and August 2017. GLW's battery packs were certified as compliant with ANSI/UL Standard 2271 by UL. Hovertrax hoverboards have two wheels at either end of articulated dual platforms and are powered by GLW battery packs. The battery packs have the name GLW written in large letters on the packs themselves. The battery packs have serial numbers beginning with GLW, which is printed on a white sticker on the top of the battery pack, below the bar code. Hovertrax 2.0 is printed on the front of the hoverboard. The hoverboards were sold in black, black monochrome, blue, green, red, red monochrome, white, rose gold, camouflage, ocean blue, purple colors, and three multicolor patterns called Spectrum, Galaxy and Carbon.

**Remedy:** Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled self-balancing scooters/hoverboards and contact Razor for instructions on how to obtain a prepaid shipping carton to send the GLW battery pack back to Razor, and to receive a free replacement battery pack.

**Incidents/Injuries:** There have been more than 20 reports of Hovertrax 2.0 Self-Balancing Hoverboards containing GLW battery packs overheating, including some reports of smoke or fire. No injuries have been reported.

**Sold At:** Walmart, Target, Toys R Us and other stores nationwide and online at Walmart.com, Amazon.com and other websites from September 2016 through 2018 for about \$460.