

THE FIREHOUSE SCENE

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FROM THE CHIEF'S DESK
 BY FIRE CHIEF DON SHOEVLIN

Thank you to everyone that stopped and visited at the fall festival. It was the return of a long-running village event put on by the Roscoe Lions. It was a weekend of fun, warm weather, and a parade. Thank you all for your show of support as we walked the parade route in remembrance of 911. Congratulations to our winners of our raffle!

October, probably the busiest month for us outside of our normal responses to emergencies. Speaking of responses, the men and woman responded to 354 calls in the month of September. To date we have had 2771 calls for the year which is an increase of 11 % from last year. Back to October, Fire Prevention Month. Our crews of dedicated men and women have been involved with many station tours, school visits, extinguisher demos and more. Our Fire Prevention Division, with the help of the firefighters, have been performing fire drills in all area schools. Hats off to everyone for an excellent job and extra volunteerism! Thank you to our fire prevention bureau for an outstanding commitment and hard work towards community safety and education.

This Saturday, October 9th we will be holding our Fire Prevention Open House. It will be held at Station #1 on Main St. There will be numerous pieces of apparatus and safety items for kids. All the officers and firefighters are working hard to assure we have a successful fun event for all. I hope you will be able to attend.

As the saying goes -- Spring ahead and Fall behind. Yes, it is that time of year again when we gain an hour of sleep. Remember to turn your clocks back one hour at 2:00 AM on Sunday, November 7th. This is also a good reminder to test your smoke alarms and CO detectors.

With the turning back of our clocks, it brings to mind that darkness will occur earlier in the day. Please be attentive to the bikers and walkers. I would also like to ask everyone to check that his or her addresses are properly marked and VISIBLE from the street. As we respond to emergency calls, we do not want our arrival to be impaired because of improper or no visible markings.

To end with a personal note. Congratulations to our son and daughter-in-law on the joy of expecting their 3rd child. If your counting (I'm not) this will be Tammy's and mine 9th bundle of grandness. When you talk to all the cousins it is split with the girls wanting a girl and the boy's wanting a boy. Grandpa goes with a boy to even things out a little, but we will love it lots no matter what. We are all excited and anxious for April 2022 to arrive. Congratulation Steve and Sarah.

Remember to check out our website www.harlemroscoefire.com and 'Like' us on Facebook to keep up with the progress of the department, individuals, and calls we might have been on. As always, don't hesitate to contact me, or stop by if I can be of any assistance. *Stay safe.*

OFFICER PROMOTION
 BY FIRE CHIEF DON SHOEVLIN

I am proud and honored to announce that Chris Witcik has been promoted to the position of Lieutenant on Sept. 27th. As with all my officers, I have the utmost confidence in him that he will be a positive addition to our management team. He is committed to mentoring our personnel and has a passion for the continued growth of HRFD. Chris has been working on this achievement for some time and understands there is a lot to learn. Congratulations Chris!"



MOBILE HOME FIRE

BY FIRE CHIEF DON SHOEVLIN

PHOTOS BY CHAPLAIN LARRY SARVER

Firefighters were dispatched to Glen Forest Drive for a report of a structure fire. Fire Chief Shoevlin reports, "Upon arrival we found a single manufactured home fully involved with fire. Fast action by fire crews brought the fire under control quickly. Crew also encountered a live wire on the ground along with the gas meter involved. There were no injuries. The cause of the fire is still under investigation."



FALL FESTIVAL RAFFLE WINNERS

Thank you to everyone that supported our Fall Festival HRFA Raffle at the festival this year. The winners were:

1st Prize \$750 Visa Gift Card - Sarah Cheney

2nd Prize- \$500 Visa Gift Card - Jon Kemmett

3rd Prize- \$250 Visa Gift Card - J. Street

The Harlem-Roscoe Firefighters Association also wishes to thank the following businesses for their generous donations to the Association during the Roscoe Fall Festival:

Frito Lay
Sabrosas
Main St. Meat Co
Dal Pra Pacemaker (Poplar Grove)
Gordon Food Service

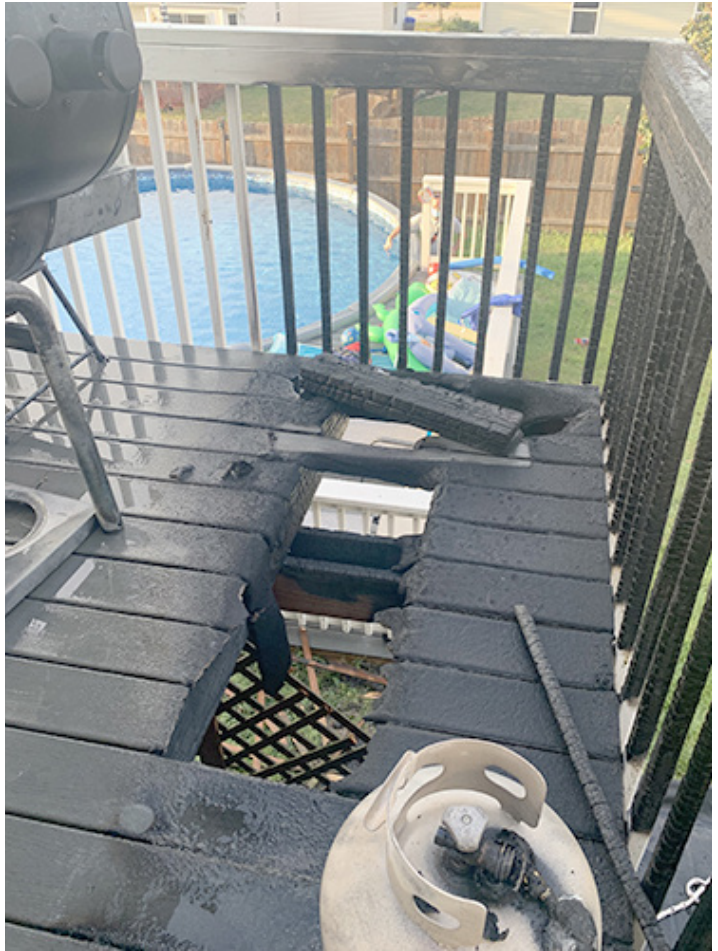


November 7th, 2021

GRILL AND DECK FIRE

BY FIRE CHIEF SHOEVLIN

Firefighters responded to Merseyshire Lane on Sept. 27th for a deck fire. The fire was quickly extinguished. The grill, the deck, and the siding on the home was damaged in the fire. No one was injured.



POSSIBLE HOUSE FIRE

BY DIV. CHIEF TOM AAKER

Firefighters were dispatched to Jeanette Dr. on Oct. 2nd for a fire on the back of the house involving electrical lines. First in units arrived and found the fire was put out by the occupants. The fire was contained to the back of the house and damaged the siding and outer paneling of the exterior. The fire was caused by an unknown issue involving a cable junction. Fire crews checked the rest of the residence and found no further issues.



TREE FIRE

PHOTOS BY BC BRIGGS

Firefighters extinguish a tree on fire on Sunset Dr. in Roscoe on Oct. 1.



ACCIDENTS PHOTOS BY PHOTOGRAPHER SHERYL DROST & DUTY OFFICERS



09/10/21 Hwy 251

09/18/21 Hwy 251 & Elevator Rd.



09/16/21 Nestlewood Dr.

10/06/21 Prairie Hill Rd. & Pleasant Valley Rd.



09/18/21 Forest Hills Rd.



09/29/21 Hwy 251 & McCurry Rd.

09/19/21 Hononegah Rd. & Baneberry Dr.



10/01/21 Hononegah Rd.

09/29/21 McDonald Rd. & Rambouillet Ridge



FALL SEASON SAFETY TIPS BY DC JOHN BERGERON

As the air turns cooler and leaves drop from the trees, it's important to keep a few important fall safety tips in mind. With proper precautions and safety awareness, your family can enjoy that crisp autumn weather while avoiding some of the dangers that come with the season.

Fire Safety Tips for Fall

When the weather turns cold most people spend more time inside their homes using fireplaces, furnaces, and heaters to keep warm. There's nothing quite as cozy as a fire, but it presents some safety hazards. Keep these tips in mind.

Service Your Furnace

Before the cold autumn and winter weather sets in, be sure to call your heating and cooling company to service your furnace. A specialist should inspect the furnace to make sure everything is in working order and that there are no leaks.

Use Fireplaces Safely

Keep that fire in its proper place by using a fireplace screen to keep sparks from flying out of the fireplace. Never leave a burning fire unattended and make sure a fire in a fireplace is completely out before going to bed.

Use Caution with Space Heaters

A space heater can be an effective way to warm up a chilly room, but it's essential that you read the instructions on the unit before you use it. If your space heater requires venting, make sure you have vented it to the outdoors. Never use your stove or oven to heat your home; only use space heaters that are approved for this purpose. Always allow at least three feet of empty area around space heaters.

Reconsider Leaf Burning

According to information from the Environmental Protection Agency, burning leaves produces dangerous and cancer-causing chemicals. For this reason, homeowners should avoid disposing of leaves this way. If you decide to burn leaves, wear a protective mask. Burning leaves should only be attempted far away from a house or other structure on a homeowner's property. Always check the weather forecast before starting to burn leaves. This activity should not be attempted in windy conditions.

Exercise Candle Caution

Candles are a great way to give a room that warm glow, but they can also cause fires. According to the National Candle Association,

almost 10,000 home fires start with improper candle use. Never leave candles burning if you go out or go to sleep and keep your candles away from pets and kids.

Change Smoke Alarm Batteries

Change the batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors when you turn back your clocks for Daylight Saving Time. Make sure to check the alarms with the new batteries installed. Check and replace any home fire extinguishers that have expired.

Safety Tips for Fall Driving

There's nothing more beautiful than a fall drive, but this season brings some unique hazards for drivers. Being aware of these potential dangers can help keep you and your family safe and prevent accidents.

Be Aware of Poor Visibility

Falling leaves, while beautiful, can obscure your vision, as can rain and fog. Shorter days are part of the fall season, making it more difficult to see children playing or people walking and riding bicycles. Be aware of limitations in your visibility and slow down if you can't see well. Use your dimmed headlights in bad weather with decreased visibility. If possible, try not to be on the roads when it's hard to see.



Watch for Children

Children love to play in piles of leaves, so use extra caution where leaves are piled at curbside. In addition, the school bus will be making its rounds now that school is back in session.

Slow Down on Wet Pavement

In many areas of the country, rain is common during the autumn. If it's raining, keep a safe distance from the car in front of you. Wet roads make it more difficult to stop. When wet leaves are on roadways, they make the pavement slippery, and it can be difficult for drivers to get good traction.

Be Prepared for Bright Sunlight

When sunrise occurs later in the morning, it can also present challenges for drivers. Have a pair of sunglasses in the vehicle to wear when the sun is bright is a good strategy. If it becomes too difficult to see because of bright sunlight or glare, a good strategy is for the driver to pull over until he or she can see again.

Watch Out for Ice

As the temperatures drop further at night, drivers will need to spend some extra time in the morning scraping frost off his or her vehicle. Shady spots on the roadway may be home to black ice, which a driver may not be aware of until his or her car starts to skid on it.

Be Prepared for Changing Weather

Since fall weather can change quickly, you should always be prepared for possible cold, windy, and wet weather even if the sun is shining. Stay closer to shore, so you can turn back if the weather changes. Bring appropriate clothing, such as warm coats, rain gear, and gloves.

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Autumn Home Maintenance Safety Tips

Fall is the time for yard clean-ups and readying your house for the cold winter ahead. Keep these safety tips in mind as you work.

Look Up Before Pruning Trees

If you have decided that your yard needs to be spruced up by trimming your trees, be sure to look up and survey the area carefully before you start. Make careful note of where power lines are located before you set up your ladder so that it is positioned away from them.

Use Caution on Ladders

Wearing appropriate footwear is important when using a ladder; shoes or boots may be wet, causing you to slip as you climb the ladder. The ladder should be positioned on a flat surface before

use. Be sure that the tools you are using are specifically designed for this purpose and are in good condition before starting work.

Clean Up Fallen Leaves

Keep your driveway and walkway clear of falling leaves. Wet leaves can create a hazard for pedestrians in the fall by making sidewalks slippery. Later in the season, snow may mix with leaves to increase the risk of falling. Homeowners should mulch or rake up fallen leaves and dispose of them according to local bylaws.

Safely Enjoy the Beauty of the Season

By keeping these important fall safety tips in mind, you can be sure you are doing everything you can to protect yourself and your family from seasonal dangers. This will leave your mind free to enjoy the beauty of this glorious season.

2021 Group Photo



Photo by HRFD Photographer Sheryl Drost.

L-r Admin Asst. Colleen Bloyer, BC John Donovan, DC John Bergeron, Div. Chief Jay Alms, Fire Chief Don Shoevlin, BC Patrick Trollop, BC Kevin Briggs, Div. Chief Tom Aaker, Capt. Mike Huffman, Capt. Tim Bergeron, Lt. Nate Sarver, Lt. Kyle Swanson, Lt. Jordan Stark, Lt. Sam McNames, Lt. Ryan Sarver, CERT Karl Eisenbeitz, Engineer Shannon Burbach, FF Gus Larson, Chaplain Larry Sarver, CERT Kelly Huddleston, FF Adam Eich, CERT Kevin Harvey, FF Jared Christiansen, FF Matt Bush, Cadet Zander VanderHeyden, FF Brandon Sherbon, FF Joe Quast, CERT ED Gioja, Cadet Lucas Burbach, Chaplain Harold Danger, FF Rob Lukowski, Chaplain Tom Vojtech, FF Rico VanderHeyden, Chaplain Sue Null, FF Chris Witcik, Chaplain Paul Meyers, FF Greg Wernick, Fire Prev. Jim Purpura, FF Aaron Miller, FF Zeb Wolfe, FF John Hawkins, FF Justin Harwood, CERT John Huddleston, FF Taylor Larson, FF Andy Wiechman, FF Joe Koeninger, Paramedic Alissa Neubauer, FF Dylan Lackey, FF Cecilia Young, Chaplain Everett Peterson, Fire Prev. Tracie McCormick, Fire Prev. Jen Anderson, FF Ryan Schelin, Engineer Marty Green, FF Mike Pluta, FF Mike Craglow, FF Hanna Benard. Recruit Angel Indoal, Fire Prev. Ken Kelley, CERT Kathy Marinelli, FF Hannah Carlson, Fire Prev. Teresa Kinney, FF Aaron Morley, and FF Ambriana Corrado.

Not pictured: Firefighters Tyler Ebany, Tim Schrader, Sam Scott, Mike Sherbon, Jason Street, and Tyler Young. EMS Ryan Donner, John Morgan, Kevin Raymer, and Brett Whiting. and CERT members, Kyle Alexander, Michelle Kamholz, JeanniAnn Parma, Cindy Stevens, and Jeff Tietz.



BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH LT SAM MCNAMES

As many know, October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. October has always been special to me as my mom is a breast cancer survivor. She was diagnosed with Stage III Triple Negative breast cancer in 2003. After several years of complications resulting from her treatment, she was deemed in remission, and has been in remission since. I truly believe her vigilance and awareness allowed her to catch her cancer early and have a successful outcome. Because of this, I promote breast cancer awareness, not only during October, but year round.

Breast cancer is a type of cancer that starts in the breast when cells begin to grow out of control. Breast cancer cells usually form a tumor that can often be seen on an x-ray or felt as a lump. While most breast lumps are non cancerous, it is important to take every abnormality seriously and see your doctor.

Breast cancer can spread when the cancer cells get into the blood or lymphatic system where they can be carried to other parts of the both. Cancer cells can enter the lymph vessels and grow in the lymph nodes. If cancer cells have spread to one's lymph nodes, there is a high chance that the cells have spread to other parts of the body (metastasized).

Breast cancer starts when mutations occur within the DNA of breast cells. This can happen naturally within the body or have predisposition by inherited genes passed down from a person's parents.

There are several different types of breast cancers. These are typically broken into two types:

In situ breast cancer is a cancer that starts in a milk duct and has not grown into the rest of the breast tissue. Ductal carcinoma in situ (DCIS; also known as intraductal carcinoma), is a non- invasive or pre-invasive breast cancer

Invasive (or infiltrating) breast cancer refers to those that have spread into surrounding breast tissue. The most common types are invasive ductal carcinoma (70-80% of all breast cancers) and invasive lobular carcinoma. Triple-negative breast cancer is an aggressive type of invasive breast cancer that accounts for about 15% of all breast cancer and is difficult to treat. Inflammatory breast cancer is an uncommon type of invasive breast cancer which accounts for approximately 1% - 5% of all breast cancers.

Breast cancer is the most common cancer in American women, outside of skin cancer. The average risk of a woman in the US developing breast cancer is 1 in 8. According to the American Cancer Society an estimated 281,550 new cases of invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed in 2021, resulting in approximately 43,600 deaths. At this time there are more than 3.8 million breast cancer survivors in the United States.

Risk Factors

Drinking alcohol, being overweight or obese, not being physically active, not having children, not breastfeeding, birth control, hormone therapy after menopause, breast implants

Early Detection and Diagnosis

Knowing how your breasts normally look and feel is an important part of breast health. Although having regular screening tests is important, mammograms do not find everything. This means it is also important for

you to be aware of changes in your breasts and know the signs and symptoms of breast cancer. The most common symptom of breast cancer is a new lump or mass. A painless, hard mass with irregular edges is more likely to be cancer, but breast cancers can be tender, soft, or round. For this reason, it is important to have any new breast mass, lump, or changes checked by an experienced healthcare professional.



Breast cancer is diagnosed every **29 seconds** around the world, and in the U.S. it's every **2 minutes.**



About **292,130 women** and about **2,350 men** will be diagnosed with breast cancer in the U.S. **this year.**

About **1 in 8 women** in the U.S.



will get breast cancer in her lifetime.

It is estimated that **86.4%** of people will survive **5** or more years after being diagnosed with breast cancer.

There is estimated to be more than **2.8 million** breast cancer survivors in the U.S.



Breast cancer

is the leading cause of cancer death in women, after lung cancer. The chance of a woman dying from early stage breast cancer is estimated to be **1 in 36** (about 3%).

INCIDENCE OF BREAST CANCER PER 100,000 CASES BY RACE

127.9
White (Caucasian)

124.4
African American

96.3
Asian/Pacific Islander

92.1
Hispanic

82.0
American Indian/
Alaska Native

Facts You Should Know About Breast Cancer

In the US, **1 in 8 women** will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime.



The most significant risk factors for breast cancer are being **female and aging**. About 95% of all breast cancers in the US occur in women 40 and older.

Breast cancer deaths have been **declining** since 1990 thanks to early detection, better screening, increased awareness and new treatment options.

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Breast cancer is the **second leading cause of death among women**.

In the US today, there are more than 2.9 million breast cancer survivors -- **the largest group of all cancer survivors**.

Let's continue the fight against breast cancer together. Donate Today at:

[Fundraise.nbcf.org/AdvancedDDS](https://www.fundraise.nbcf.org/AdvancedDDS)



Out in the Community



Roscoe Fall Festival Parade



Roscoe Fall Festival



Lowes 'Safety Days'



Roscoe State Farm Agents, Mike Frank & Erik Abrahamsen dropped off 200 Fire Prevention Week kits on Sept. 21st. State Farm "partnered" with NFPA this year providing FREE Public Education materials to local Fire Departments across the United States in time for Fire Prevention Week.

Thank You!!



It's Great to Be Alive! !

By Chaplain Paul Meyers

Every once in a while, I get into a little “negative place,” where all I see is the darkness and sadness and grumpiness in life. That negative place, I have found, is contagious. If I gripe, my family starts griping, people around me gripe, and the cycle continues.

We are in a place in our community right now where, as leaders, we have an amazing opportunity to express the positive and the healthy and encourage those who are struggling. I am challenging myself to take every opportunity to build someone up and make them feel better about their lives. This in turn is helping me with my own battle with the Negative Beast!

Take a minute and look around. The colors of the leaves remind us that even nature changes, and looks forward to a time when new life can happen again.

Take a look at the blue skies. Feel the wind and the sunshine on your face, and realize that it is great to be alive! Life is a good and precious gift!

Smile. Take deep breaths. Focus on the goodness of life and the good people in life. It is indeed good to be alive! Go away Negative Beast!

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hAPPY BIRTHDAY

OCTOBER 2021

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

NOVEMBER 2021

1st Don Shoefflin
3rd Joe Quast
6th Andrew Wiechman
10th Nate Noble
14th Ken Kelley
29th Tim Schrader '60th'

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

OPEN HOUSE

- * **Sat. Oct. 9th, 2021**
- * **11am - 2pm**
- * **Fire Station No. 1**
- * **10544 Main St.**



Turnout gear for the kids to "try on"



Drawings for Combination package of Extinguishers & CO/Smoke Detectors

HRFD Smoke House for the kids

Kids Spray Board (spraying water)



American Red Cross Bouncy House

Winnebago County Sheriff Dept K-9 Unit



HRFD Safety Material handouts

Coloring table for kids



Burgers & Hot Dogs served (cooked on the grill built by the Harlem H.S. Welding class for HRFD)