

RUSH FIRE DISTRICT – NEWSLETTER INFO FOR DECEMBER 2015 JANUARY 2016

COMMISSIONERS ELECTION: The annual Rush Fire District Commissioners election will be held on Tuesday, December 8, 2015 from 6 to 9 PM at the main Rush Fire Station. The election is for a five year term. Al Sweet's term is ending and he chose not to run. Al has served for 40 years as a Commissioner and for many years he served as the Chairman. Al has over 60 years of active service in the Rush Fire Department. Dale Sweet has filed a petition to run for Commissioner. This election is open to all registered voters in Rush.

FIRE DISTRICT ANNUAL ORGANIZATION MEETING: Check Rush FD.org and/or the Fire District web home page for time and date. It will be posted on the new LED sign in front of station one also.

ACCESS: The town and state codes require every home owner have emergency equipment (fire & EMS) access to their homes. Some residents in Rush have failed to provide this. When we are aware of this we are notifying the town code enforcement officer. Our fire apparatus are big, have long wheel bases and weigh over 40,000 pounds. They are very costly to repair and have to be taken out of service for extended amounts of time to be repaired. We take pride in the manner that the Rush firefighters keep our equipment parade ready. We don't need it all scratched and banged up.

LED SIGN: A brick foundation and wall has been installed around the sign at station one.

FIRE DISTRICT WEB SITE: It is up and running. Rushfiredistrict.org – The Fire Department's web site is rushfd.org

FIRE DISTRICT BUDGET HEARING: Our budget is \$341,141 for 2016. Your tax rate remains \$1.12 per thousand. We also were under the state mandated 2% cap on any tax increases. All taxpayers will receive a check from the state because of this.

ANNUAL INSPECTION DINNER: It was held at the Riverton golf facility. 30 members attended. This dinner is authorized by state law for the active firefighters of the fire district. Commissioner Mike (Pee wee) Terzo coordinated the affair.

DEER ACCIDENTS: So far this year we have had a higher number than normal of car vs. deer accidents. Look 20 seconds ahead and slow down so do not over drive your head lights. Do not look at the deer, look at your escape route.

HYDRANT MARKERS: It's time to put those plastic hydrant markers back. They could save your life and property!

BLACK ICE: It is the time of year for "Black Ice" and we have many bridges and areas in town where there are several crashes every year. On days where we could have this ice problem leave early, wear your seat belt and slow down.

RUSH FIRE DEPARTMENT AND AMBULANCE SERVICE:

ANNUAL FUND DRIVE: The annual fund drive second request went out in the first part of November. We sent out over 400 letters to people who our records show did not respond in May. We realize the some give through the United Way but we have not been notified of all their names yet. We also understand that the economy is still not good for many of our residents and they have to watch every penny.

NEW MEMBER: We welcome JASON DUNSON as a new firefighter in the Rush Fire Department. Jason has prior service in the volunteer fire operation.

CONGRATULATIONS: ANDREW SOCOLA has completed the NYS Certified Firefighter II Training at the MC Public Safety Training Center.

FACEBOOK: The Rush Volunteer Fire Department has a Facebook page. Fire prevention, safety and health hint will be posted along with other information about what is going on at the fire department. Become a friend on our Facebook page.

LADIES AUXILIARY: ANNUAL ELECTION DAY DINNER was a success. Thank you to all who supported the auxiliary. They are looking for new members go to RushFD.org and click on auxiliary for information.