



NORTH GREECE FIRE DISTRICT



"We're here when you need us."

FALL 2011



You're Invited

Come to North Greece Fire Department's **OPEN HOUSE**



**Station #1, 645 North Greece Road
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16th, 2011 • 1-4 P.M.**

Events: Balloons, Fire hats, Stickers, Dress up in FF gear, Safety House, Vehicle extrication demonstration, Fire trucks, NYS Police exhibit, and much more.

Who are the Volunteers of North Greece?

By Chairman of the Board of Directors North Greece Fire Department, Joe Camiolo Sr.



The North Greece Fire Department is comprised of volunteers who have dedicated more than 6,000 hours in the past 6 months volunteering to help the citizens of our district. Our volunteers have been serving the community since 1922, helping their neighbors during their worst days. They answer their neighbor's calls for help in fighting fires, providing emergency medical assistance, responding to motor vehicle accidents, pumping water out of basements and controlling traffic at the scene of emergencies. Our volunteers have spent over 1,000 man hours in training over the past 6 months.

You may have seen some of our volunteers assisting the community in other capacities such as fire prevention activities, in our churches, senior citizens groups and schools, or raising funds for Honor Flight of Rochester, etc. The satisfaction level of our members cannot be described in words but must be experienced.

Our members range in age from late teens to senior citizens. It you would like to join us please contact us via the website at www.northgreecefd.com or use our Recruiting Hotline at 585-581-5403. It would be our pleasure to answer your questions and share with you how you would be an asset to the North Greece Fire Department. Your life will never be the same.

Save The Date!

Fire District Budget Hearing

When: Tuesday, October 18th @ 7:00 p.m.

Where: NGFD Headquarters-Station #2 (1766 Latta Rd.)

Fire District Commissioner Election*

When: Tuesday, December 13th @ 2:00-9:00 p.m.

Where: NGFD Headquarters-Station #2 (1766 Latta Rd.)

*All registered voters residing in North Greece Fire District are eligible to vote.

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NGFD Open House 2011

By Peter A. Sidari, Fire Safety Educator



We would like to invite the public to the North Greece Fire District's annual Open House that will be held on Sunday October 16, 2011. The Open House will be from 1:00 PM until 4:00 PM at NGFD Station 1 (located at 645 North Greece Road). This event, which coincides with the national Fire Prevention Week, gives the district the chance to show our supporters what services we have to offer them. There will be many attractions and things to do and see. Among them are:

- Various fire apparatus
- Rescue tool / rescue air bag demonstration
- "Sparky the Firedog"
- NGFD radio dispatcher
- Poster display from annual contest
- Free giveaways of stickers, plastic helmets, pencils, and more
- Free refreshments
- The chance to spray water from a fire hose at a target
- NGFD Fire Safety House
- Much, much more!

Come out and see what our district has to offer you in the way of fire prevention and protection! It will be fun and informative for the whole family!

Smoke Detectors & Carbon Monoxide Detectors Lose Their Effectiveness Over Time

By FF Dave Falkner



Did you know that your smoke and CO detectors have a life expectancy of about 8 years? It is a fact that electric and battery operated units lose their sensitivity and become less efficient over time. Do you know where the best place is to place a smoke or CO detector? Could your detector be in a more suitable location to be able to do a better job within your home? Should you have more than one?

The North Greece Professional Firefighter's, IAFF Local 3827, supports a community service program that includes smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Our objective is to ensure each home within the North Greece Fire District is equipped with at least one of each of these detectors. Our goal is to educate our fire district residents about home and fire safety and to raise awareness related to the importance of having operational smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) detectors.

The North Greece Professional Firefighters continue to purchase additional smoke detectors and CO detectors through donations from our yearly fund drive mailer as our supplies get low. We replace missing, malfunctioning or inoperative detectors while on calls for assistance or when someone requests us to help them with their detector placement. We will continue to do that to the best of our ability with the supply of detectors we have available to us.

So don't wait for a fire on your street or a medical emergency to meet your friendly firefighters. We will gladly stop down and do a detector evaluation for your home. As needed and as supplies permit, we will install a battery operated smoke detector and/or a CO detector, depending on your household needs. We would like you to feel more secure about your home and family's well being. Having peace of mind is extremely important and we are here to help.

Call us at (585) 865-2887 ext "0" and leave a brief message with our on duty dispatcher. Include your name, address and phone number to set up an appointment. We will call you back to set up a date and time that is convenient for you!



2011 Line Officers

Chief
Paul McManus

Deputy Chief
Patrick Meyers

District Assistant Chief
David Walker

District Captains
William Lawrence
Rob Phelps
Michael Mackenzie, MTO
Gregg Knapp

District Lieutenants
Kevin Battaglia
John Coppeta
Kris Helfer
John Short, EMS

Volunteer Captains
Nick Penna
Jay France

Volunteer Lieutenants
Jonah Larabee
Brad Knight

Fire Police
Captain Keith Meyer
Lieutenant Jim Dill
Sergeant Ray Barnard

Department Administrative Officers

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Sean Glenney

Vice President
Nick Ruffle

Sergeant at Arms
Brad Knight

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Joseph Camiolo, Chairman
Doug Bartell, Vice-Chairman
Mike Beaty
Greg Laskowski
Rick Douglas
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District Officers
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Al Camp
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FROM THE CHIEF...

State of the North Greece Fire Service



Paul McManus

2010 – 2011 Goals & Strategic Initiatives

Our ongoing goal is to inform our residents of the operational strategies of the Fire Agencies that provide support to the residents of the Town of Greece. The Fire Districts of Greece are always striving for continuous improvement and welcome constructive dialog to further improve both the service provided to our residents as well

as to lower cost. The following information is provided to keep the residents of the North Greece Fire District informed of our goals and progress in providing a required level of service at a reasonable cost.

The Town of Greece New York is provided Fire and Life Safety protection by four Fire Districts:

- Barnard Fire District
 - Lake Shore Fire District
 - North Greece Fire District
 - Ridge Road Fire District
- The Fire Districts of Greece, NY for years have established and continue to expand interagency agreements and protocols to share services, avoid duplication where possible, and to provide a service delivery model that establishes the best possible fire and life safety for our residents at the lowest possible tax burden.

To conserve operating costs the Districts cooperate and participate in:

- Joint purchasing programs to leverage volume discounts
- Development of bid and buy lists to ensure the lowest costs for required materials
- Joint Training programs so that Agencies are able to work as an extended team
- Established joint fuel purchasing programs with other Districts
- Through Mutual Service agreements, each district has expanded their dependency on the adjoining District – this has decreased the number of apparatus (Trucks) required as well as allowed response to more than one call at a time for each Agency.
- Shared Fire prevention education activities and school "props" such as Hazard House and the Fire Safety House

In addition, the Fire Districts provide the following service to the residents:

- Fire Prevention Training and education to the Greece Schools
- Infant and child Car Seat assistance, installations, and clinics

- Smoke and CO detector programs and assistance
- Blood Pressure screening
- Outreach programs
- Sponsor Explorer programs and other youth community activities
- Natural disaster relief when required
- Terrorist disaster mitigation if required

In total, the four Fire Districts provide emergency services to a population of approximately 100,000 residents and cover an area of 41.78 square miles. The four Agencies occupy 10 fire stations strategically distributed across the Town.

An average of 15,000 calls for service to the Fire Districts are made yearly in the Town of Greece - an average of 41 calls for service per day. In total, the four Fire Districts currently employ a career firefighting contingency of approx 110 firefighters and retain approximately 120 volunteer firefighters.

Our Agencies also participate in inter-agency agreements to provide Mutual assistance to each other, and neighboring Fire Districts in Monroe County including support to the City of Rochester Fire Department.

In conclusion, The North Greece fire district and the Fire Districts of the Town of Greece N.Y. will continue to find ways to consolidate services, reduce costs, and improve shared services to provide the best Service Delivery Model and standard of care to our residents.

New Volunteer Members of the North Greece Fire Department

We continue to recruit qualified volunteers and have expanded our extended boundaries to afford more residents the opportunity to volunteer. The following Greece residents have joined the department as volunteers:

- Tim Pierce
- Jeff Simmons
- Toni Cavicchioli
- Joshua Henneman
- Robert Roberts

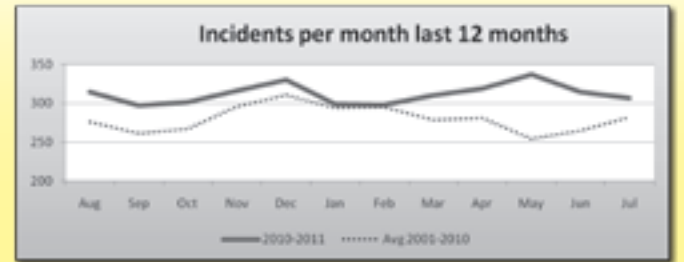
The North Greece Fire Department continues to seek new volunteer members to train as Interior or Exterior Firefighters or Fire Police. All training and equipment is provided.

You will find that participation as a volunteer member of our organization will bring personal rewards and satisfaction, raise self-esteem, and provide you with a tremendous sense of accomplishment and pride for a job well done. It will also provide your community with a valuable service that has the potential to touch us all.

North Greece Fire Explorer Post #702

The North Greece Explorer Post #702 is a group of youths ranging in age from 14 to 18. They are taught firematic and life skills through a program based on the Boy Scouts of America. The Fire Department allows them to explore the vocation of a volunteer firefighter.

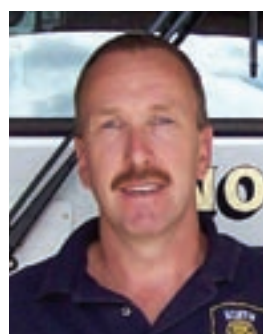
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Firefighters Raise Money for MDA

By FF David Falkner



On June 9, 2011, you may have passed by the intersection of Latta and Long Pond Roads in Greece to see several firefighters holding boots at a voluntary toll. This was our yearly event to raise money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association and "Jerry's Kids." The career Firefighters from the North Greece Professional Firefighters Local 3827 and Lake Shore Professional Firefighters Local 3981 staff worked together with the volunteer members from just before the morning rush-hour to the mid afternoon hours. The firefighter's donated their time to accept the donations of passing motorists so that the funds raised at this event could be presented during the

Labor Day weekend Jerry Lewis Telethon for MDA

The firefighters wish to extend their sincere appreciation for the patience and generosity of all that passed through and helped us to raise over \$9,538 for this year's "Fill the Boot" campaign. Without these donations, MDA would not be the world's largest non-governmental sponsor of research seeking the causes of and effective treatments for neuromuscular diseases.

We would like to extend our thanks to the area Businesses that helped us out with donations of food, drinks and/or use of their property for this annual event: **Ricci's Family Restaurant, Bruegger's Bagels, Dunkin Donuts, McDonalds, Ricci's Imports and Mobil Service Station.**

The North Greece and Lake Shore Professional Firefighters have assisted in raising over \$107, 574 since 2001. Thank you for your continued support!





Gene Preston Completes 50 years of Volunteer Service at North Greece!

By Past Chief and Commissioner Thomas Piazza

Gene Preston, North Greece Fire Fighter #79 has recently completed 50 years of active volunteer firefighting service at North Greece. Gene, a lifelong resident of Greece and a family man, joined the Organization to be part of a select group of men and women that served their neighbors and friends in their time of need. Gene, a career professional Fire Fighter and Officer for the Kodak Park Fire Department, joined because of the pride and tradition of being a North Greece Volunteer. Gene joined the Department in May of 1961. He worked on various committees and held various assignments throughout his career. In addition to responding to countless emergencies and fires Gene helped with fund raisers, raffles, family picnics, you name it, whenever the Fire Department was doing something Gene can be found helping out.

Gene was President of the Fire Department from 1978 to 1984. Gene also served on the Board of Fire Commissioners where he developed many volunteer recruitment and retention programs.



When it comes to responding to emergencies and attending training Gene is just as active today as when he first joined the Department. Gene, along with John Stageman authored the book "Milestones along the Way" which is a history of the North Greece Fire Department spanning 1922 to 1982, and Gene continues in the role of Department Historian.

Spending an hour with Gene gives you the understanding of what it means to be a volunteer firefighter for the North Greece Fire Department – excited about what they do and instilling that pride in our newer members. Talking with Gene you can sense the pride, enthusiasm, dedication, commitment and fulfillment of being a volunteer; and it's catching; as many now serving have caught the spark from Gene.

We are very fortunate to continue to have Gene as an active member of the North Greece Fire Department and wish him well for the next 50 years!

NGFD Hot Dog Fund Raiser to Support Honor Flight Nets Over \$2,000

The volunteer fire fighters of the North Greece Fire Department and the North Greece Volunteer Fire Police held three hot dog fund raisers at Sam's Club this summer to support Honor Flight Rochester. Over \$2,000 was raised due to the generosity of our town residents and visitors to our town.

Honor Flight is a non-profit organization created solely to honor America's veterans for all their sacrifices. Honor Flight transports our heroes to Washington, D.C. to visit and reflect at their memorials. Top priority is given to the senior veterans – World War II survivors, along with those other veterans who may be terminally ill.

Of all of the wars in recent memory, it was World War II that truly threatened our very existence as a nation—and as a culturally diverse free society. Now, with over one thousand World War II veterans dying each day, the time to express our thanks to these brave men and women is running out. The flights and tours that Honor Flight provides World War II and terminally ill veterans are absolutely FREE to the veterans. The monies raised by the Fire Department will be presented in October at the "welcome home" for the veterans attending the October event in Washington D.C.



Congratulations to the following North Greece Personnel:

PROMOTIONS/ INSTALLATIONS

Commissioner Kenneth Preston
elected for a 5 year term
Joseph Camiolo, Board of Directors
Rick Douglas, Board of Directors
Sean Glenney, President
Nick Ruffle, Vice President
Patrick Meyers, Deputy Chief

Brad Knight, Sergeant at Arms
Jay France, Captain
Scott Willis, Lieutenant
Mark Knowles, Public Safety
Dispatcher

NEW PERSONNEL

VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS
Tim Pierce
Jeff Simmons

Toni Cavicchioli
Joshua Henneman
Robert Roberts

FIRE POLICE

Stephen Zajac
Al Heffernan

CAREER FIREFIGHTERS

John Norman

PART TIME DISPATCHERS

James Gallagher
Danielle Cammilleri

PART TIME EMT'S

Michael Saporito
Andrew Young
Brad Knight





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Sharing knowledge, information, and resources is critical to the success of the Fire Service in the knowledge of the thousands of fire service personnel across the State. The benefits of shared communication, increasing standardization, and managing cost for our taxpayers. For 90 years this concept to continuously improve the level of service.

Our Level of Service:

The Fire Service has been tasked with additional responsibilities post 9 /11 requiring Anti-Terrorist and Weapons of Mass destruction training. We are now responsible and required to mitigate issues that previously were not required by the Fire Service.

North Greece responds to almost 4000 emergency calls per year. These calls include Medical emergencies, Injury trauma, Motor vehicle accidents, HAZMAT calls, Fire, Natural disasters (wind, flooding, etc), and others. Our call rate has increased significantly over the last 10 years.

North Greece utilizes a complement of highly trained Volunteer Firefighters and volunteer CFR's and EMT's, Career Firefighters / Emergency medical technicians. We have positioned Stations to ensure a quick and timely response to emergencies 24/7. Seconds saved saves lives and property.

Our ability to dispatch calls from our Central Dispatch Center for North Greece FD, Barnard FD, Lakeshore FD, and Greece Volunteer Ambulance saves valuable time where seconds count. Our Central Dispatch area is also the Town Command Center in the event of a Town wide emergency.

Fire engines are dispatched to Medical and Trauma emergencies to ensure a quick response as well as to be able to address any obstacle limiting the rendering of medical aid (forced entry, hazardous conditions, fire, etc). Because of this ability the Fire Department is in the best position to provide pre-hospital emergency care for medical and trauma issues.

The Fire Service is the only government agency that can produce a large multi-trained manpower force in a matter of minutes every hour of the day, every day of the week, every week of the year.

North Greece provides and staffs a State recognized Fire Prevention program directed to and promoting the safety of our school age children.

North Greece provides car seat safety training and seat installation for our residents.



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North Greece utilizes both a career fire fighting s
firefighter and Fire Police force. A viable volunteer
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SERVICES

New York State and our Counties, Cities, Towns, and Villages. Collaboration is key to sharing knowledge and resources include reducing duplication, sharing best practices, opening doors North Greece, along with our neighboring agencies, have utilized the shared resource provided while managing cost for our residents.

Spirit of INTEGRATION DEPARTMENT:

Staff and a well-trained and motivated volunteer force provides hundreds of thousands of dollars career force ensures quick response 24/7.

Value for your Tax dollar:

The time donated by the Board of Commissioners saves our taxpayers tens of thousands of dollars, as the position is volunteer. Their role includes management of key District resources such as: Facilities management, Labor management, Training management, Financial and Communications management, and Apparatus and Supplies management to name a few. If these were paid positions, the tax burden to District residents would be greatly increased.

North Greece actively pursues Local and Federal grants to offset our out of pocket costs for training, apparatus, and fire related equipment. In 2011 these grants allowed for programs that may otherwise could not be possible.

The use of Mutual Aid agreements with our neighboring Districts ensures that the closest emergency agency in our Town will respond regardless of District boundaries.

A bid and buy list is developed every year to ensure that our purchases represent the best value for tax dollars spent.

- Medical supplies are purchased through a joint purchasing contract with GVA and LSF
- Diesel fuel is purchased through a Greece Transportation Department contract
- Gasoline is purchased through a Greece Central School District contract





Focus on Fire Safety: Children

By Peter A. Sidari, Fire Safety Educator

Prepare. Practice. Prevent the Unthinkable.

Did you know that 50 percent of child fire deaths affect those under the age of 5? Escaping from a fire can be difficult for very young children because they generally lack the motor skills and mental capabilities needed to quickly escape a burning building. The U.S. Fire Administration provides fire prevention information to teach children and their caregivers about the dangers of fire. Protect your kids: install and maintain smoke alarms and residential sprinklers and practice home fire escape plans to ensure your children will be safe if a fire were to start in your home.

Children and Fire: Life Saving Tips

Young children are not able to sense danger in the same way as adults. They have a very limited ability to react quickly and properly in an emergency situation as well as little control over their environment. This increases their risk of death and injury in a fire.

- Keep matches, lighters and other items used for ignition in a secured drawer or cabinet out of the reach of children.
- Teach your children to tell you when they find matches and lighters.
- Always dress children in pajamas that meet Federal flammability standards. Avoid dressing children for sleep in loose-fitting, 100% cotton garments, such as oversized t-shirts.
- Teach children not to hide from firefighters, but to get out quickly and call for help from another location.
- Show children how to crawl low on the floor, below the smoke, to get out of the house and stay out.
- Demonstrate how to stop, drop to the ground, and roll if clothes catch fire.
- Develop and practice a home fire escape plan and designate a meeting place outside. Get out and stay out.

- Familiarize children with the sound of your smoke alarm.
- Replace mattresses made prior to the 2007 Federal Mattress Flammability Standard.
- Check under beds and in closets for burnt matches, evidence your child may be playing with fire.

What Can You Do?

- Install a smoke alarm on every level of your home, including the basement, and both inside and outside of sleeping areas.
- Install both ionization AND photoelectric smoke alarms, OR dual sensor smoke alarms, which contain both ionization and photoelectric smoke sensors.
- Test smoke alarm batteries every month and change them at least once a year.
- Replace smoke alarms that are more than 10 years old.
- Consider installing a 10-year lithium battery-powered smoke alarm, which is sealed so it cannot be tampered with or opened.



Prevention Starts with You!

Ninety-six percent of homes in the United States have at least one smoke alarm. However, only three-quarters of all homes have at least one working smoke alarm.* Almost two-thirds of reported home fire deaths in 2003-2006 resulted from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.*

* Source: National Fire Protection Association

From the Chief *cont'd from page 2*



If you have a son or daughter who may be interested in joining the North Greece Explorer Post #702, or if you are interesting in becoming a Volunteer Firefighter or member of the Fire Police Squad please reach us by the following avenues:

Telephone 581-5403 – the North Greece Fire Department recruitment hotline, and leave your name and number and the fact that you are interested in either volunteering or Explorer Post #702.

Internet at northgreecefd.com/contact/, emailing explorers@northgreecefd.com and leave a message with your name, number, address and age of person interested, or fill out an application online at the District's website.

Improving Service to our Community

North Greece Fire has implemented a program to ensure every household in the district has a functioning smoke and carbon monoxide detector. We have aggressively been replacing missing or malfunctioning detectors while on calls for service. If you need a smoke detector or carbon monoxide detector evaluation I would encourage you to call and setup an appointment. This service is free to North Greece district residents as supplies permit. During 2010 there were 99 Smoke Detector and 113 Carbon Monoxide Detectors installed in residences of the North Greece Fire District.

Please Help Us Help You

House Numbering – The single most important piece of information on an emergency call is the location of the person(s) requiring help. Making your home address easily seen could save your life and your premises.

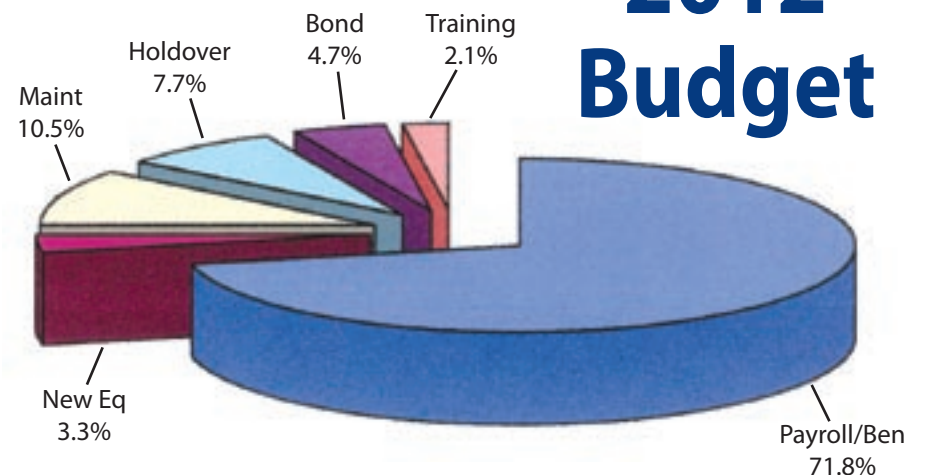
Locating the correct address of a call during hours of darkness can be very challenging, especially when the house numbers are not visible from the road. Please ensure your house or business displays street numbers that are easily visible from the road.

It is recommended that all homes should be visibly and legibly marked with numbers at least 3 inches in height. Businesses should have at least 4-inch numbers. If your home or business is set back from the street or road, post your address at the entrance of your driveway. In situations where more than one home is accessed off a single driveway, all addresses should be posted at the street and each appropriate intersection along the driveway.

- Fire Hydrants - If a fire were to occur in your neighborhood, would firefighters be able to find the fire hydrant near your home?
- During the summer please ensure the fire hydrants are not obstructed by parked vehicles, shrubs, or other objects.
- During the winter, snow should be cleared between the street and the fire hydrant. Clear a path approximately 3 feet around the fire hydrant. This will allow firefighters enough room to attach hoses to the fire hydrant if the need should arise.
- Remember water is the main tool firefighters use to extinguish fires. Delays in locating and hooking up to the fire hydrant could hamper fire suppression and possibly raise the risk of injury and property damage.

Proposed North Greece Fire District

2012 Budget



Did you know?

North Greece, through cost control and governance, has held the same tax rate for the past three years.



FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

October 9-15, 2011

Protect Your Family From Fire!

By Peter A. Sidari, Fire Safety Educator



Once again, the North Greece Fire District will participate in Fire Prevention Week which is October 9th-15th this year. This is the time of year when fire departments throughout the country stress the many important safety tips that go along with fire prevention. Here is a quick history on Fire Prevention Week and how it started.

Fire Prevention Week started in 1922 to recall the "Great Chicago Fire" of October 8-9, 1871. This terrible fire burned in Chicago for several days. More than 17,400 buildings were destroyed or damaged, and over 250 people lost their lives. In 1922, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) decided to commemorate this event by naming the week that contains the October 9th date to be known as "Fire Prevention Week." Since 1957, the NFPA has added a particular theme to go along with this special week. Themes over the past years have included: "Test Your Smoke Alarms", "When Fire Strikes, Get Out! Stay Out!", and "Fire Won't Wait...Plan Your Escape." This year's theme is "Protect Your Family From Fire!"

According to NFPA, there are three main points that involves protecting your family from fire.

1. Stamp out fire hazards.

This can be done by making sure of the following:

- Inspect the stovetop to be sure it is clear of anything that can burn.
- When someone is cooking, they should stay in the kitchen.
- Have any home heating systems checked (this includes fireplaces and wood-burning stoves).
- Make sure all cords (especially extension cords) are all in proper working order and that plugs aren't overloaded. Also make sure that combustible materials are not lying on top of cords or plugs.
- Make sure any flammable liquids are stored in proper places away from any flame in a sealed, labeled container.

2. Have working smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms.

The following should be done:

- Make sure that there is at least one working smoke alarm on every level of your home and inside every bedroom.

- Smoke alarms should be tested at least once a month and batteries changed twice a year when we change our clocks.
- Any smoke alarm over 10 years old should be replaced.
- Carbon monoxide alarms are mandatory in all homes. Alarms can be placed anywhere as long as it's away from a heat source. Read the manufacturer's information. You should have one on every floor.



3. Plan ahead for a safe escape (home fire escape plan).

The following should be done:

- You should have two ways out of every room in your home, especially the bedrooms.
- Bedroom doors should be closed at night to prevent any smoke from coming in the room if there is a fire somewhere in the house.
- If a smoke alarm starts beeping, you should get low to the ground and start to crawl (if possible).
- Feel any closed doors with the back of your hand. If it's not hot, open it slowly to look out.
- If you can't go your first way out, try your second.
- Fire rescue ladders are recommended for bedrooms that are on the second or third floors (check online for the choice that will suit your needs the best).
- You should have a meeting place out front of your house.
- Make sure everyone knows how to call 911. Call from outside of the house.
- Practice your escape plan twice a year.

Protecting your family from fire should be of the utmost importance to everyone. With these things in mind, we can reduce the number of fires, injuries, and deaths both in our community, and throughout the country.

Please join us as we host our main event to commemorate Fire Prevention Week 2011. We invite all of you to our annual Open House on Sunday October 16th from 1:00 PM until 4:00 PM, which will be held at our Station 1 at 645 North Greece Road (the southwest corner of N.Greece Rd. and Latta Rd.). If you have any questions regarding fire safety, please contact our office of Fire and Life Safety at 581-5430.

Two Statewide Winners For Annual Fire Safety Poster Contest

By Peter A. Sidari, Fire Safety Educator

In what proved to be a banner year for the annual fire prevention poster contest sponsored by the Fireman's Association of the State of New York (FASNY) and the North Greece Fire District, six students from two area schools were honored with winning posters. Adriana Kuhn and Katie Laruez both of Pine Brook Elementary School were both 1st place winners. Their respective posters will grace the annual calendar, coloring book, or placemat put out by FASNY, which is distributed throughout the state. Morgan Gallagher (Pine Brook) was a runner up and Sadie Lombardo (Pine Brook), Nicholas Merante (Pine Brook), and Cassy Cerone (Northwood Elementary School) all received "Honorable Mention" awards. Congratulations to all of them.

Each year, students from around the state design posters with a fire and life safety

theme. The local winning students entered the contest sponsored by the North Greece Fire District in the fall of 2010. Their posters were picked from several hundred posters, all from different grade levels here in Greece. From there, the posters were sent to the statewide competition, and the winners were chosen out of thousands of participants.

Working cooperatively with the Greece Central School District and its teachers, the North Greece Fire District has seen 14 statewide winners in the past 10 years! This is quite an achievement! Congratulations to all those involved in this very successful campaign to bring the fire and life safety message to everyone in New York State.

The National 9/11 Flag



An American flag destroyed in the aftermath of the World Trade Center attacks in New York City on Sept. 11, 2001, was presented at the opening ceremony at a Rochester Red Wings baseball game August 20th 2011. The flag was carried onto the field by several members of local fire departments, law enforcement, and emergency medical services agencies.

Our own Fire Fighter Gene Preston, a 50 year active volunteer member of the North Greece Fire Department and a past career Kodak firefighter was one of the First Responders chosen for this honor.

The flag is currently on a journey across the country, through the 10th anniversary year of the Sept. 11 tragedies, in an effort to bolster the spirit of volunteerism year-round.

During the national tour, the flag is being stitched back to its original, 13-stripe format. When complete, the National 9/11 Flag, as it is known, will become a part of the permanent collection of the National September 11 Memorial Museum being built on the site of the World Trade Center.

This event was made possible by firefighter Jimmy Sands from Engine 331 in New York. He has ties to the Rochester area and was a past volunteer firefighter with the Fairport Fire Department.

Sands volunteers his time with the National 9/11 Flag as well as with the "NY Says Thank You" organization.

We at North Greece were very proud to have been a part of this historic event.



Join Our Family

Become a North Greece Fire Department Volunteer!



Dear Prospective Volunteer:

As Chief of the North Greece Fire Department, I am committed to providing the most effective and efficient fire, rescue and emergency medical service delivery system to our community.

You will find that participation as a volunteer member of our organization will bring personal rewards and satisfaction, raise self-esteem, and provide you with a tremendous sense of accomplishment and pride for a job well done. It will also provide your community with a valuable service that has the potential to touch us all.

However, service as a member of our fire company requires a serious commitment. Your decision to join our organization should not be made hastily.

Once you understand what's involved in being a North Greece volunteer, we hope that you are able to make the commitment we need. The service provided by our volunteers is truly valuable to the citizens, businesses and visitors of our community. We hope that you are able to contribute to our community's public safety.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or require further information.

Sincerely,

Chief Paul McManus
North Greece Fire Department
585-581-4071

Looking for an idea for your next community, classroom, or employee meeting? Why not host a Fire Prevention training session. Call the North Greece Fire Department at 581-5430 for information.

Can you fill these boots

It takes a special person to fill the boots of a volunteer firefighter.



It takes someone with a desire to do something important for the community; someone with courage and dedication, who isn't afraid of hard work, and is willing to accept the challenge of a difficult job.

If you're this kind of person, you're needed as a volunteer firefighter. We might be able to fit you with a pair of boots.

Contact your local fire department or call 1-800-FIRE-LINE

Brought to you by Your local fire department and the National Volunteer Fire Council, www.nvfc.org

Did you know you can register your mobile phone with 911 ?

The 911 Center can notify residents of Monroe County by home phone or now by mobile phone in case of emergency. Your home phone is automatically registered with 911, but now you may register your mobile phone as well.

If Police or Fire Officials need to notify you in case of an emergency in your area we will call your home phone and if you have registered your mobile phone we can either call or text your mobile phone with information about the incident as well.

Want to sign up to receive alerts?

- Go to www.cityofrochester.org
- Click on Hyper Reach at 911
- Click on Sign up to receive alerts - fill out the on line form and submit

If you have any questions please contact the 911 Center at (585) 528-2200, Monday - Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. They can answer questions regarding the form.

NGFD Directory

EMERGENCY:	911
Non-Emergency:	865-2887
Volunteer Recruitment:	581-5403 or www.NorthGreeceFD.com
Fire Safety Programs:	581-5430
Car Seat Installations:	581-5428
Fireman's Field Pavilion:	392-7083 or www.NorthGreeceFD.com

File of Life Program:	585-234-0699
Smoke Detector Program:	865-2887 ext 0
CO Detector Program:	www.IAFF3827.com

Check out our website for much more information:

www.NorthGreeceFD.com