



# MONROE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF FIRE DEPARTMENT SAFETY OFFICERS

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**January 30th, Fairport FD Station #1 @ 1930 ~ just east of the 4 corners on Church St**

### December 2007 Meeting Minutes:

Meeting called to order 17:30 by President Austin.

Pledge to the flag/moment of silence.

Introductions by Dave Coon.

Minutes of last meeting were approved.

Guest speaker Dan McGuire from the Monroe county CISM Team. Mr. McGuire, gave a Background of the unit, its Protocols and Protocols on requesting assistance.

Meeting was called to Order at West Brighton Fire Dept. at 1930 A Pledge to the Flag & Moment of Silence. Minutes from the previous Meeting where approved.

Presentation of Bills and Communications.—None

Treasurers Report- The Association is solvent.

Sick Committee: Dave Cole out with Back Problems; Steve Grandusky's wife under-going stem cell replacement therapy.

Report from Presidents & Committees: President Austin, reported on the training Topic for January's Meeting. (Elevator Safety). Along with a brief review of the upcoming March Meeting, regarding Traffic safety.

A Incident Safety Officers seminar, will be forth Coming in the Spring of 2008.

Vice President Mike Mooney, reported on a possibility of Sweat shirts, at \$12.85 per shirt.

### Incident Safety Officer

Date: February 18, 20, 25, 27, March 4

Time: Nighttime 7:00pm – 10:00pm

Location: Public Safety Training Facility

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Representatives from outside the organization:

**Wayne County FDSO:** Meeting January 16th at Marion FD . The November was Propane Safety.

**Monroe County Fire Chiefs:** A Director from the 3rd battalion is needed, next meeting In December.

**Monroe County Fire Advisory Board:** All quiet, they are Proceeding with old Business.

Dave coon, Spoke on a Discussion on developing an Insurance group. Next Meeting January 30th.

**Monroe County Haz- Mat Team:** Lots of Level 0's

**Rochester's New Battalion Chief in charge of Safety was Introduced:**

**Ontario:** other than MVA's. they have been quiet. Mike spoke on Safety Issues while operating on Route 104, as well as shutting route 104 down when needed. Ginna Training— The on site Fire Brigade has been disbanded, and turned over to the Operations people. Ontario FD is responsible for all structures out side the fence.

**West Brighton:** EMS Calls—quiet. Jays Dinner Had an Incident, with a separate Ventilation Fan, that shorted out on the roof.

**Fairport FD:** Happy Ice, two workers a Forklift onto an Freight Elevator. The Folk Lift, had not been stripped of excess weight, as required.— 8000lbs. As a result the was a failure of the Elevator, trapping the two men under the Forklift. 6 FD's responded, as well as 2 to three EMS Squads, with up too 4 Ambulances. Safety officers were used on the 1st floor, the roof, the basement and one for Accountability.

**Rush:** Normal EMS Calls, Mutual Aid with Mendon, for a farmhouse fire. In October, a garage fire was started, by Ashes in a Paper bag. They also had trouble turning off the Electricity to the Structure.

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### Meeting Dates:

#### MCAFD SO

- **01/30/08—Fairport #1—Elevator Incident Safety**
- **03/26/08— Churchville FD MVA Incident Safety**
- **05/28/08—East Side TBD**
- **07/30/08—Westside TBD**
- **09/24/08—Eastside TBD**

#### Safety Links

- [www.fds oa.com](http://www.fds oa.com)
- [www.firefighterclosecalls.com](http://www.firefighterclosecalls.com)
- [www.vententerserch.com](http://www.vententerserch.com)
- [www.respondersafety.com](http://www.respondersafety.com)
- [www.firefightercancersupport.org](http://www.firefightercancersupport.org)

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**City of Rochester:** Double Fatal Fire on Upton Park. They had issues with Weather—Salt on the trucks, Budget constraints.

**RTS:** The Hybread Busses are on hold due to Height problems 11ft 7 in.

**West Walworth—Quiet**

**North Greece:** Completed Live Fire training A & B. Rehab—Pulse Ox and Co Monitoring, as well as BP. Greece Ambulance to set up Rehab Sector.

New First out Engines, now have Euorpien Style striping on the rear of the Apparatus.

**Lake Shorer—** Singler family hose fire, with Multiple garages, Declared a working fire , North Greece used.

**Morton:** - Corn dryer fire was venting out the top.

**Spencerport:** Several MVA's a Working House fire, and Mutual Aid to Churchville.

**Brighton:** Working Fire. Response to MVA's on the Expressways, one Engine and the quint.

Meeting Closed at 2045

**EDITORS NOTE:**

Lately I keep reading of Firefighters across the Country Dying in the Line of Duty in a variety of Incidents. One of the Main types of LODD's is in Motor vehicle Accidents, both POV and Apparatus. We need to keep in mind that we are NO GOOD to any one if we are Injured or the worst, as a result of our actions responding to a call.

***We need to get there Safely!***

Dave Fairley

**Humor**

A father and son went hunting together for the first time. The father said: "Stay here and be very QUIET. I'll be across the field."

A few minutes later the father heard a blood curdling scream and ran back to his son. "What's wrong?" the father asked. "I told you to be quiet.

The boy, bless his heart, answered; "Look, I was quiet when the snake slithered across my feet. I was quiet when the bear breathed down my neck. I didn't move a muscle when the skunk climbed over my shoulder. I closed my eyes and held my breath when the wasp stung me. I didn't cough when I swallowed the gnat. I didn't cuss or scratch when the poison oak started itching.

But when the two chipmunks crawled up my pants legs and said, 'Should we eat them here or take them with us?'.....

Well, I guess I just panicked."

**Who's the Best?**

After having dug to a depth of 10 meters last year, Italian scientists found traces of copper wire dating back 100 years and came to the conclusion that their ancestors already had a telephone network more than 100 years ago.

Not to be outdone by the Italians, in the weeks that followed, Irish scientists dug to a depth of 20 meters, and shortly after, headlines in the Irish newspapers read: "Irish archaeologists have found traces of 200 year old copper wire and have concluded that their ancestors already had an advanced high-tech communications network a hundred years earlier than the Italians. "

One week later, "The Daily Zgoda", a Hamtramck , Michigan newspaper reported the following: "After digging as deep as 30 meters in corn fields near Detroit , Stanley Skrzepcynski, a self taught archeologist, reported that he found absolutely nothing. Stash (Polish for Stan) has therefore concluded that 300 years ago Poles were already using wireless.





## MCAFDSO Jan. 2008 President's Corner:

### *2008 – 15 years of Dedication & Tradition:*

As we look back over the last 15 years, a number of our charter members are still within our ranks and supporting their respective departments. Being a "Safety Officer" is not one of the "Glory Jobs" in the fire service. To be a "Good" Safety Officer, it takes a special breed of person. If you had to define the Top of the List "Critical Attributes of an ISO" they would include:

Placing the safety of the firefighters under their care as the #1 priority at all times.

Have a working knowledge of incident operations, safety concepts, and "Uncommon Sense". The ability to ask oneself: "What is the worst thing that could happen and what is the probability it will?" (David Dodson)

Posses the interpersonal skills that permits one to approach a firefighter or Officer and "Professionally" bring a safety shortfall to their attention.

The list can go on, but the bottom line is ISO's have a compassion for others safety and their returning home the same way they left.

We've been around for 15 years and look to be here another 15 years and beyond. It has been a pleasure and honor working with each and everyone of you. "Thank you for your dedication and maintaining such a strong tradition."

### *Incident Safety Officer – Course Announcement*

Back by popular request, the Monroe County Fire Bureau will be presenting an "ISO Training program on February 18, 20, 25, 27 & March 4<sup>th</sup>. This is a 16 hr course and will be held from 1900 – 2200 hrs at the Public Safety training facility on Scottville Rd.

Information and registration forms were sent out to every department in Monroe County and we will have extra packages at our January meeting.

Register early – class enrollment is a maximum of 30

students.

### *CISM Presentation Very Timely*

Dan McGuire from CISM (Critical Incident Stress Management Team) of Rochester and a few of the members from his team, gave an excellent presentation on the services and support functions they offer to Fire and EMS organizations within Monroe County.

I've attended their presentations in past years, but this year, their timing was more personal.

A week or so before their presentation at our December meeting, Fairport FD and five other agencies were called to "Happy Ice" of Fairport for an extrication of two trapped victims from an elevator collapse. Most of the details of this incident have been covered sufficiently by the news media. What was not generally known to the public is the mental aftermath that can take place due to the mentally stressful conditions that can exist during this type of incident.

We all develop some level of "Thickened Skin" to the audible and visuals of a traumatic incident, but our "Extended" incident was like no other for a number of the personnel on scene.

The evening of the incident, CISM conducted a "Defusing" session in which I had the privilege to attend. I was very impressed by the results I observed and the compassion the CISM team showed to all in attendance.

The reason for my recapping CISM's presentation and my observations, is to highly recommend their services for any incident you feel your personnel are in jeopardy of negative impacts from a traumatic event or critical incident.

We will have literature for distribution at the Jan. meeting and you can also reach Dan McGuire at Office: 585-739-9011 Fax: 585-529-3817  
Website: [www.cismperspectives.com](http://www.cismperspectives.com)

Also, the training topic for Jan. will be on "Elevator Incident Safety" with presentations from Otis Elevator and Fairport FD.

Look forward to seeing you at Fairport #1,



## CHEST PAINS OR DISCOMFORT?

Chest pain is relatively likely to represent a dangerous cardiac disorder - and should be treated as an emergency if any of the following are true:

- You are 40 years old or older, and have one or more risk factors for coronary artery disease (family history, smoking, obesity, sedentary lifestyle, elevated cholesterol, diabetes).
- You are any age and have a very strong family history of early heart disease.
- The pain can best be described by the terms tightness, squeezing, heaviness, or crushing.
- The pain is accompanied by weakness, nausea, shortness of breath, sweating, dizziness or fainting.
- The pain “radiates” to the shoulders, arms, or jaw.
- The pain is more severe than any you have had before.
- The pain is accompanied by the uncontrollable feeling that something is horribly wrong (this is often called by doctors, “a sense of impending doom”).
- The pain gets continually worse over the first 15 or 20 minutes.

The pain is new – you have never experienced anything like it before.

When in doubt....***DON'T BLOW IT OFF...***

**GET CHECKED ASAP**



**2008 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL**

**FEE — \$30.00** per year per **ORGANIZATION** payable to the **MCAFDSO** - *please PRINT*

**FIRE DEPT NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**CHIEF'S NAME & ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**SAFETY OFFICER(S) NAMES, ADDRESS(S), PHONE NUMBERS**

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**RETURN DUES & SHIRT ORDERS TO:**

**Dave Fairley, 37 Village Trail, Spencerport, NY 14552**

**MCAFDSO SHIRT ORDER FORM** *all SHIRT orders MUST include prepayment to MCAFDSO*

**CHOICES:**

- Tee Shirts come in BLUE with GREEN print or GRAY with BLACK Print
- Tee Shirts printed either FRONT only or FRONT & BACK **Tee Shirt Cost is \$9.00 each**
- Golf Shirts come in WHITE with embroidered front only **Golf Shirt cost is \$22.00 each**

*~ Shirt will be available at he following meeting after placing an order ~*

**Name / Fire Dept** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City/State/Zip** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Tee Shirt** # Shirts \_\_\_\_\_ Size \_\_\_\_\_ Color: **BLUE/GREEN** \_\_\_\_\_ **GRAY/BLACK** \_\_\_\_\_

Printing: **Front Only** \_\_\_\_\_ **Front & Back** \_\_\_\_\_

**Golf Shirt** # Shirts \_\_\_\_\_ Size \_\_\_\_\_ **TOTAL** \$ \_\_\_\_\_



# Monroe County Fire Bureau

## Course Announcement

### Incident Safety Officer

Date: February 18, 20, 25, 27, March 4

Time: Nighttime 7:00pm – 10:00pm

Location: Public Safety Training Facility  
1190 Scottsville Road

Prerequisites: Firefighter 1 or Equivalent

Course

Information: Examines the Safety Officers role at emergency response situations. It focuses specifically on operations as a safety officer within the incident command system.

**Student enrollment is limited to 30.**

Pre-registration is required and no one will be admitted without pre-registration. Pre-registration can be accomplished by completing the enclosed form (Fire Bureau Student Registration Form) and returning it to the Fire Bureau (hand deliver, mail or FAX to 753-3867). The deadline for registration is February 15, 2008.

Questions regarding this class should be directed to:

Jay France @ 753-3752

# Monroe County Fire Bureau



## Student Training Registration Form

Please register \_\_\_\_\_  
(Students Name)

from the \_\_\_\_\_  
(Students Fire Department)

for the course \_\_\_\_\_  
(Course Name)

To be held/starting on: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Course Date)

Additional Student Information:

**Mailing address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Student's Home) (Street)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City, Zip Code)

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**3. E-mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Last 4 digits of Social Security #** \_\_\_\_\_

(To be filled in by Chief or Training Officer)

**I acknowledge that the above named firefighter is an Active member of the department and is eligible to participate in this training program.**

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Rank and Name)

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_



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