

Did You Know?

The GFD has an email list that you can subscribe to easily by going online to greenfieldfd.org. This list is used fairly often throughout the year as we notify all the registered members on the list when we post new approved meeting minutes, date changes to meetings and other important information.

Go to www.greenfieldfd.org and subscribe by clicking on the "Register" link on the top of the page.

Did You Know?

The GFD is the most active volunteer fire agency in Saratoga County! Here are the calls as of July 1st, 2010 for each sister fire company of the GFD:

Greenfield Center	186
Porter Corners	92
Middle Grove	181
Maple Avenue	421

That's a total of 880 calls as of July 1st, 2010 for the GFD!



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THE GREENFIELD FIRE DISTRICT

Volunteers Saving Lives for over 60 Years

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Introducing the Greenfield Fire District 2010 Newsletter

This newsletter is a year-end summary to remind our community about important fire district dates and news as we close out the year. This is by far not a complete list, so feel free to ask for more information! The newsletter initiative is aimed at keeping the Greenfield Fire District (GFD) community better informed about GFD news and events. This is the only newsletter of 2010.

We continuously get positive feedback regarding our newsletters. We are constantly looking for ways to improve the newsletter - send your feedback to Commissioner Spackmann via our website or by calling the district office at 893-0723.

Shout Outs!

- Thanks to Time Warner cable for their generous donation of a Chevy Van (the future GFD Fire Police vehicle).
- Thanks to EarthWorks for their generous donation to the Maple Avenue Fire Company
- Special thanks to Cornell's Auto Body for their support of the fire police van.
- Thanks to Michael Goodspeed for his donation of paint for the new Fire Police Van.
- Thanks to Dicks Sporting goods for their support of the Maple Avenue Fire Company
- Thanks to The Meat House for their support of the Maple Avenue Fire Company
- Special thanks to Aramark, Price Chopper, The Bread Basket, Humpty Dumpty's, Shirley's Restaurant and By George Foods for their generous support of the Fitzgerald family.



2010 GFD Firematic Officers

The Board of Fire Commissioners approved and welcomes this year's 2010 firematic officers

District Chief John Lant			
Company #1 Greenfield Center	Company #2 Porter Corners	Company #3 Middle Grove	Company #4 Maple Avenue
Gary Gibbins <i>Deputy Chief</i>	Jon Davis <i>Deputy Chief</i>	Jay Ellsworth <i>Deputy Chief</i>	John King <i>Deputy Chief</i>
Jason Gibbins <i>Assistant Chief</i>	David Middlebrook <i>Assistant Chief</i>	Edward Petkus <i>Assistant Chief</i>	Duane Bogardus <i>Assistant Chief</i>
William Coffey <i>1st Captain</i>	Michael Chandler <i>1st Captain</i>	Duane Hammond <i>1st Captain</i>	Gary Bullard <i>1st Captain</i>
Matthew Reynolds <i>1st Lieutenant</i>	Justin Burwell <i>2nd Captain</i>	Scott Murray <i>2nd Captain</i>	Dean Deuel <i>2nd Captain</i>
Edward Ackley <i>2nd Lieutenant</i>	Derrick Barss <i>1st Lieutenant</i>	Scott Older <i>1st Lieutenant</i>	Scott Dussault <i>1st Lieutenant</i>
	Shawn Willard <i>2nd Lieutenant</i>	Tim Kemp <i>2nd Lieutenant</i>	Mike Monroe <i>2nd Lieutenant</i>

The Board of Fire Commissioners

- Donald KuglerChairman
- Bryan ChouinardCommissioner
- Tom RobargeCommissioner
- Richard "Spack" SpackmannCommissioner
- Ken WaiteCommissioner

The next Fire Commissioner election will be held at each of the GFD firehouses on Tuesday, December 14th from 6pm to 9 pm

You can find out more about the Board of Fire Commissioners and much more on our new website, log on to www.greenfieldfd.org. Also don't forget to register online for updates!

New members of the GFD!

We would like to welcome the following firefighters into our brotherhood:

Greenfield Center Evan Gauthier Steven Harder Terry McGonigal Everson Van Nostrand	Porter Corners Glen Azon Kevin Charbonneau Philip Parenteau Christopher Stanton Nick Swift
Middle Grove Crissy Brooks Miranda Drumm Michael Potter Amanda MacWhinnie Nicole Thurman Christopher Thurman	Maple Avenue Deric Boccuto Logan Frederick Oliver Phinney William Petel

New Firefighter 1 Graduates



Deputy Chief Jay Ellsworth, Firefighter Potter and Chief Lant



Deputy Chief John King, Firefighter Petel and Chief Lant

The GFD welcomes into "Class A" active service Firefighters Bill Petel (Company #4), Michael Potter (Company #3) and Christopher Stanton (Company #2) who have completed the Firefighter 1 course.

The GFD has another firefighter currently taking Firefighter 1: Amanda MacWhinnie, from Company #3 and we congratulate her in advance for completing the course.

New NYS DEC Open Burn Ordinance



We have received a variety of questions regarding the recently enacted New York State Department of Conservation (NYS DEC) open burn ordinance (Environmental Conservation Law, §§ 19-0301, 19-0303).

The new law prohibits the burning of leaves and clippings, and completely prohibits any burning between March 16th and May 14th due to increased risk of wild-fires. This is a NYS DEC law and not a Greenfield Fire District, Town of Greenfield or Town of Wilton law. Complaints about open burning should be directed to the NYS DEC 1-800-TIPP DEC (1-800-847-7332).

You can download the law from the NYS DEC website, or for your convenience we have posted both the law and a question and answer document on our webste in miscellaneous documents section.

Middle Grove Hosts Benefit Dinner

The members of Greenfield Fire District Company #3 hosted a spaghetti dinner on August 15th to benefit the family of one of their members. The dinner wouldn't have been possible without the help of so many who donated time, money and products to the dinner. Special thanks to Aramark, Price Chopper, The Bread Basket, Humpty Dumpty's, Shirley's Restaurant and By George Foods for their donations. Over 150 dinners were served and over two-thousand dollars was raised to help the family of Fredrick "Ted" Fitzgerald pay expenses related to Ted's wife's medical condition. "The fire service truly is a family," said Brian Bishop, Benefit Coordinator. "Whether it is one of our own or a member of our community, when someone needs help, we help, that's what we do."

Greenfield Fire District Appoints New Fire Chaplain Reverend Carole Miller

The GFD appointed a new Fire Chaplain Reverend Carole Miller in July. Carole, as she prefers to be called, comes from a long family engrained in firefighting. We welcome Carole into the GFD family!

An Introduction from Reverend Miller



I wanted to introduce myself and tell you a little bit about me and why I gladly accepted the call to be the GFD Fire Chaplain. I've had a personal connection with the brotherhood of firefighters since childhood. In 1998 I was ordained into the American Baptist Churches USA and I'm the only pastor of The First Baptist Church of Schenectady.

I've lived in the town of Greenfield with my husband Jim since 1972. I am a licensed Dental Hygienist. My professional title is "The Reverend Carole Miller," but I am often asked, "What should I call you?" Some people call me Reverend Miller or Pastor Carole. Others call me Mrs. Miller. I prefer being called Carole. God has given me the gift of relationships, and I pray I serve and represent God in a way that honors and respects each and every person with whom I have contact.

I have a very long personal connection to the firefighting family. I am a daughter of a firefighter, and I know first hand the trials and tribulations that firefighters must shoulder. I am also a firefighter's wife. I've seen how technology has changed the

scope of firefighting, and the expanding duties of emergency medical services. I know first hand how your children and your spouses are affected by your absence. And I know the fear and worry every time an alarm is sounded. It's this family connection that makes me understand the comraderie and brotherhood of the firefighting profession.

My goal is to meet with each company so you can get to know me and I can become acquainted with you. I can be reached via e-mail cmiller@nycap.rr.com. In God's name, I come to serve you.

Fallen Sisters and Brothers

The GFD mourns the loss of the following brothers and sisters of our family: Francis Richmond, Janet Traver, Ed Harran, Laura Roeckle, Tom Foy and Jack Freeburn. You will be missed by all who knew you and may you rest in peace.



R.I.P. PFC David Taylor Miller

The GFD mourns the loss of another of our country's heroes David Taylor Miller. PFC Miller gave his life protecting our freedom and serving all of us. We are honored by his service and we will never forget his ultimate sacrifice and selflessness that defined his life. Our sincerest condolences go out to the Miller family.

GFD Future Plan Committee Meetings

The Future Plan Committee will be meeting once a month throughout the months of September, October and November on the following dates: Thursday, September 16th 7pm at the Greenfield Center firehouse, Monday October 18th 7pm at the Middle Grove firehouse and Thursday, November 18th at the Maple Avenue firehouse. The agendas for each meeting will be determined throughout the drafting process and will be posted on our website: www.greenfieldfd.org.

Date	Time	Event	Location
Sept 8th	7pm	Monthly Board of Fire Commissioner Meeting	Porter Corners Firehouse
Sept 9th	7 pm	Porter Corners Construction Meeting	Porter Corners Firehouse
Sept 16th	7 pm	Future Plan Committee Meeting	Greenfield Center Firehouse
Sept 28th	7 pm	Monthly Board of Fire Commissioner Workshop	Greenfield Center firehouse
Oct 13th	7 pm	Monthly Board of Fire Commissioner Meeting	Middle Grove firehouse
Oct 14th	7 pm	Porter Corners Construction Meeting	Porter Corners Firehouse
Oct 18th	7 pm	Future Plan Committee Meeting	Middle Grove Firehouse
Oct 19th	7 pm	Public 2011 Budget Hearin	Greenfield Center Firehouse
Oct 26th	7 pm	Monthly Board of Fire Commissioner Workshop	Greenfield Center firehouse
Nov 10th	7 pm	Monthly Board of Fire Commissioner Meeting	Maple Avenue firehouse
Nov 11th	7 pm	Porter Corners Construction Meeting	Porter Corners firehouse
Nov 18th	7 pm	Future Plan Committee Meeting	Maple Avenue firehouse
Nov 23rd	7 pm	Monthly Board of Fire Commissioner Workshop	Greenfield Center firehouse
Dec 8th	7 pm	Monthly Board of Fire Commissioner Meeting	Greenfield Center firehouse
Dec 14th	6pm-9pm	Annual Fire Commissioner Election	All Greenfield Firehouses
Dec 29th	7 pm	Yearend "Close of the Books" Meeting	Greenfield Center firehouse

Please note that all agendas for meetings will be posted on our website the Friday before the given meeting for download. Also note that these meeting times and locations are subject to change. All changes will be posted on our website: www.greenfieldfd.org

2011 Budget Preparation Meetings

The GFD Board of Fire Commissioners is preparing the 2011 budget. The first budget workshop is scheduled for August 11th – subsequent meetings will be posted on our website. The tentative budget is due to be completed by September 30th and the public hearing to go over the proposed budget is Tuesday October 19th at 7 pm at the Greenfield Center firehouse. Preliminary discussions have focused on maintaining a 0% tax levy for the 2011 calendar year.

Website FOIL Link Update

The GFD website (www.greenfieldfd.org) has been updated to include a link on the main page to bring taxpayers and residents directly to the FOIL documents page. We listened to feedback from residents and made this information easier to find - keep bringing us your thoughts and comments! Questions regarding the website can be directed to Commissioner Richard Spackmann.



Firefighter Michael Potter shows students how to use a fire hose



Dorothy Nolan students sit attentively as Assistant Chief Bogardus instructs them on fire safety



Captain Dean Deuel inspects Firefighter Deuel (his son) as he gets dressed for the students

October is Fire Prevention Month!

Look for GFD firefighters at our local Greenfield Center Elementary and Dorothy Nolan Elementary Schools. The GFD invites students into our firehouses and visits our schools to teach important safety and fire prevention lessons. Questions about our fire prevention program can be forwarded to Commissioner Bryan Chouinard via our website.



Commissioner Spackmann instructs students about smoke detectors



Firefighter Matthew Herbert and Commissioner Spackmann help a Dorothy Nolan teacher get dressed for her students



Students get dressed in "fire gear" to learn how firefighters get dressed



Firefighter Karen Gibbins instructs the students about the gear that firefighters wear



The fire prevention crew waits for the students' arrival from Greenfield Elementary

Firefighters who participated

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| Firefighter Jason Abraham | Chief John Lant |
| Firefighter Jackie Atwell | Firefighter Bill Lloyd Sr. |
| Deputy Chief Duane Bogardus | Firefighter Joe Luse |
| Firefighter Stephanie Burwell | Firefighter John McEachron Jr. |
| Firefighter Tom Clark | Deputy Chief David Middlebrook |
| Firefighter Aaron Deuel | Captain Scott Murray |
| Captain Dean Deuel Jr. | Lieutenant Scott Older |
| Firefighter Alison Ernst | Firefighter William Petel |
| Firefighter Tahlyn Fisher | Firefighter Joe Post |
| Assistant Chief Gary Gibbins | Firefighter Michael Potter |
| Deputy Chief Jason Gibbins | Lieutenant Matt Reynolds |
| Firefighter Karen Gibbins | Commissioner Richard Spackmann |
| Firefighter Harold Hall Sr. | Commissioner Ken Waite |
| Firefighter Matt Herbert | Firefighter Nancy Waite |
| Firefighter Jason Jennings | Lieutenant Shawn Willard |
| Firefighter Toby Jones | Firefighter Keith Wood |
| Lieutenant Tim Kemp | |
| Firefighter Dave Kenyon | |
| Commissioner Donald Kugler | |

Porter Corners Renovation Project

The GFD is currently in the middle of a large renovation at the Porter Corners firehouse. There were a variety of fixes that were required due to construction flaws 20 years ago, which required reframing of the basement. In addition, there were basement leaks which have been addressed during this renovation. The next phase is to add a roof extension to help shed water and snow away from the foundation to protect from any future basement leaks. Additional renovations will be happening at the same time to better protect the facility and ensure a longer lifespan of the building.

Hydrant Installation

The GFD has started an initiative to install hydrants throughout the fire district. These hydrants will better serve our community by increasing the ability for our firefighters to acquire water in the need of an emergency. These hydrants also have a benefit of decreasing home owner's insurance, so stay informed about the progress of this initiative - hydrant locations will be posted on our website. Questions about this initiative can be forwarded to Chief Lant via our website. Special thanks to Highway Superintendent Walter Barss and the Greenfield Highway Department for helping make these new hydrants a reality.



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