



Brockport Volunteer Fire Department

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April was an exciting month for us! Do you remember in June of last year, we reported to you that a plane had crashed on White Road in the Town of Sweden. Most of you probably do. The pilot of the plane was trapped in that crash creating a challenge of sorts for our personnel. He was airlifted to the hospital. And here we are some ten months later and we get to see him again; this time at our department meeting! Davy G. Merritt came to say thanks. This in itself is a somewhat unusual occurrence. We receive notes and donations and they are all certainly appreciated, but rarely does a story of ours follow the path his has.

Once freed from the wreckage, and with the assistance of the Airport Fire Department at the scene, Mr. Merritt was taken to Strong Memorial Hospital by a Mercy Flight helicopter. Through his recovery, he had the opportunity to ponder the chain of events and when he was back on his feet, and up to it, he contacted Fire Chief Scott Smith asking if he could come see us and thank his "personal heroes". On April 7, 2009, he did just that! Shortly after his visit, he contacted the Chief via email, and he had this to say: "I just wanted to thank you for allowing me some time from your meeting ... I did not know I would be so emotional ... I stood up and turned

around and started to cry ... I am not an emotional person ... my voice started to crack ... I hope I got my point across to your membership ... I am still walking this earth today because of the Brockport Fire Department. When I looked around, ... I saw a group of ordinary citizens doing extraordinary



deeds... Because of this experience, I am joining the Caledonia Fire Department. If I help just one person, like the service I received from your department, I will feel like I made a difference. Thanks again for saving my life.

In other department news, we responded to 58 fire calls and 149 ambulance calls during the month with basically routine calls for both. This brings our annual total to 265 fire reports and 629 ambulance requests for service. On April 21, we responded to a barn fire on the County Line Road. First arriving personnel were faced with a barn burning out of control in an area where no hydrants were readily available. We utilized mutual aid from Holley, Morton and Hamlin at the scene while Bergen and Spencerport offered assistance covering the district while we brought the fire under control. Our thanks to all our neighboring departments that help us each and every day.

• SAFETY TIP •

This month, we will ask you to step back, preferably to the roadway in front of your home and turn around looking at your house numbers. Can you easily read them from the road? If the answer is no, you may need to purchase new ones, before you find the need for our services. No one should have script numbers as they are difficult to read on the fly. And, everyone should have at least 5" high numbers to make you and your family easy to find in an emergency. Some municipalities have the size, shape and placement of these important identifiers in their local code. If you are unsure or need help in selecting the proper ones for your home, feel free to contact your town or village or call the Chief's Office at 637-1030 and we will help you find the information to help in keeping you safe in your home.

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