

Charlton Fire District News

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Department Officers 2006:

Fire Chief: Dean DeCapria
Asst. Chief: Kevin Riehl
1st Captain: Ed Cronin III
2nd Captain: Jim Crawford
1st Lieutenant: Kevin O'Connor
2nd Lieutenant: Eric Muscanell
3rd Lieutenant: Chris Laramie
4th Lieutenant: Pete O'Brien
Rescue Capt.: Aaron Dyer
Fire Police Capt.: Jerry Belisle

District Officers 2006:

Board Members:
Dave Milne – Chairman
Bill Heilman
Doug Sargent
Kevin O'Connor
John Morgan

Secretary & Treasurer:
Ginny DeCapria

Calls for August 2006

EMS	8
Mutual Aid	1
Electrical	2
Vehicle Fire	1
Auto Accident	1
Rubbish Fire	1

Calls for September 2006

EMS	8
Electrical	3
Mutual Aid	2
Structure Fire	1
Brush Fire	1

Total Calls to Date

2006	172
2005	176

The Charlton Fire Department

The pay is poor, but the benefits are GREAT!
Come and join us & help your community at the same time. Stop by any Monday night for an application or call Dean DeCapria at 384-0963.

From The Chief: How ISO ratings affect you.....

ISO stands for Insurance Services Office and the ISO ratings of you fire department affect your insurance rates. The fire department ISO ratings are based on equipment, type of trucks, water supply, response time, and the training of the firemen. Each piece of equipment is given a certain number of points and when the points are totaled, the fire departments ISO rating is determined. The insurance industry uses the ISO rating of the Fire Department in order to set homeowner and business insurance rates in the community. The insurance industry uses the ISO rating of the Fire Department in order to set homeowner and business insurance rates in the community.

Each year ISO agents review our status on water supply, apparatus, and training. As homes are built in non-hydrant areas we are required to have more water on hand or transport water in a given time frame. We train numerous times each year to keep our ISO rating at a level that reduces insurance rates for residents. Each year our training upgrades due to changes in building codes, federal and state requirements. With over 3000 man-hours in training and endless paperwork we have been able to maintain an excellent ISO rating for the residents. This also helps keep our standards high so we may protect residents and their property to the best of our ability. Any questions regarding ISO ratings, please feel free to email me at ddecapria@charltonvfd.org.

District News: From the COMMISSIONERS

With the price of everything we use increasing every day, there is one precious commodity that has remained the same year after year - Your Charlton Volunteer Firefighter. These men and women provide their highly trained services absolutely free! Your volunteer fire fighters receive no pay, gain no retirement benefit, paid vacation time, health insurance, or of the other benefits that their paid brethren do. In addition, all their training is done on their own time and they must complete the same state courses that career firefighters receive.

How much do these highly motivated people save you the tax payer? The Daily Gazette newspaper recently reported that the City of Saratoga Springs wished to build a new fire station and hire 20 to 28 firefighters to work there. Their estimated annual cost for each new hire was fifty thousand dollars. That's \$1,000,000 a year in salaries and benefits alone for a 20 person station. The Charlton Fire District provides complete services to you through the dedicated volunteer work of our 40 plus members. And we do it with an annual District budget of approximately \$200,000.



The Charlton Fire Department
Founded in 1922

This amount is carefully distributed for training, equipment, vehicles and station management. We are truly cost effective.

You may ask "Why do these special men and women volunteer so much of their time and energy? Why do they willingly spend precious time away from their families at all hours of the day or night and in any type of weather"? It is not just to save you money. It is because they take pride in their community and enjoy the satisfaction that comes from helping a neighbor / friend in time of need. It's because they care about you!

David Milne

(Commissioner of the Fire District and Proud Member of the Fire Department)

Serving the Charlton Community for over 80 Years!!!!