

# The <sup>24th Anniversary</sup> Windom News

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## 2021 OFFICERS

### EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

**President** - Bob Baun

**Vice Pres.** - Dave Roessler

**Recording Sec.** Marylyn Weichmann

**Corresponding Sec.** Tom Held

**Treasurer** - Donna Breitwieser

**Sgt. At Arm** - Chet Covers

**Parade Marshall** - Rene Carrow

**Southwestern Del.** - Guy Carey  
- Shawn Wheaton

**Erie County Del.** - Bob Baun  
- Dave Roessler

**FASNY Del.** - Shari Hanrahan  
- Bill Hanrahan

**Trustee** - Karl Held

### LINE OFFICERS

**Chief** - Aaron Jarka

**9-1** - Nick Lobur

**9-2** - Mike Carey

**Fire Captain** - Jacob Leckel

**Asst Fire Captain** - Jacob Huff

**Rescue Captain** - Amy Jarka

**Lt #1** - Scott Courteau

**Lt. #2** - Shawn Wheaton

**Lt. #7** - Jay P. Knavel

**Lt. #8** - Kim Gretka

**District Chief** - Jay M. Knavel

**CONGRATS!**



**Jay W. Knavel  
is our new  
District Chief!**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**



## **FROM THE CHIEF ...**

- ) congratulations to the elected fire / ems officers and executive board members for 2021.
- ) congratulations to Jason Knavel on his election to district chief / OP-10
- ) I would like to extend a huge thank you to outgoing district chief Guy Carey, thank-you for your support, encouragement, random conversations and providing your knowledge throughout the 2020 year. greatly appreciated. Enjoy your time away from the office sir.
- ) if you have not heard commissioner Kenny McNamara is ending his 5+ year term at the end of the month. If you happen to see Mr. McNamara please wish him good luck and happy ventures.
- ) congratulations to newly elected fire commissioner R. Mrugalski
- ) please remember to top off the apparatus when the fuel hits the 3/4 mark
- ) please check your district gmail accounts for the updated versions of the district policies / procedures and soon bylaws. Each member should be receiving an emailed copy soon or if not already.
- ) january 2021 company drill schedule will be posted soon along with the 2021 district training schedule.
- ) as of december 18th, the hall remains open, please continue to follow the guidelines with mask wearing and social distancing etc.
- ) any member who might be in bad standing / delinquent for 2020, please forward a letter explaining your position to the chief by the January Company Meeting (01-04-2021). Please seal the letter in an envelope and place it in the call box, it will be forwarded to the commissioner board for review, if not comfortable in forwarding to the chief please drop it in the commissioner mailbox (by windom 7 / Karl's maintenance cave) and advise the chief you have done so. DELINQUENCIES ARE OUT OF MY HAND AND ARE BEING HANDLED BY THE COMMISSIONER BOARD AS STATED AT THE DECEMBER BOARD MEETING.
- ) as this unprecedented year comes to an end, i could only hope 2021 starts off slightly better but the way things are looking probably not. So I say thank-you to each and everyone one you for stepping up to the plate. You might sit and read this, begin thinking what did I do? Well you might think you didn't do much but trust me everyone has helped out or provided a little gesture or voice of reason to get things accomplished. Thank-you again.

***On behalf of the firematic and ems officers, please enjoy a safe and Merryfull Holiday Season,***

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY  
NEW YEAR EVERYONE!!!!**




***From the  
Rescue Captain***


-) please remember to complete your mandatory Blood Borne Pathogens, HIPPA and Sexual Harassment assignments via vfis which are due by January 31, 2021. If you are experiencing issues with logging on or don't remember passwords etc please contact the rescue capt. Or chief. If you have completed the assignments remember to print the certificates, make copies and forward a copy to the rescue capt.

-) Windom C.P.R. renewal class tentatively scheduled for Monday February 22nd, location / time will be announced at the beginning of february, as we know covid-19 is playing a large factor on scheduling. Please check your cards for when they expire so you can sign-up, if your not sure ask the rescue capt.

-) please remember to disinfect the ambulance after calls. apparently there has been some confrontation between the paid staff and volunteers, to settle the feud... remember to work as a team, communicate, assist one another and get the job done.

-) due to the obvious rise of covid-19 in the region again, tentatively the January 2021 EMS drill will be offered as a hand-out.

**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS:**  
 SCOTT COURTEAU 05  
 CHRIS GUENTHER 08  
 JACOB LECKEL 14

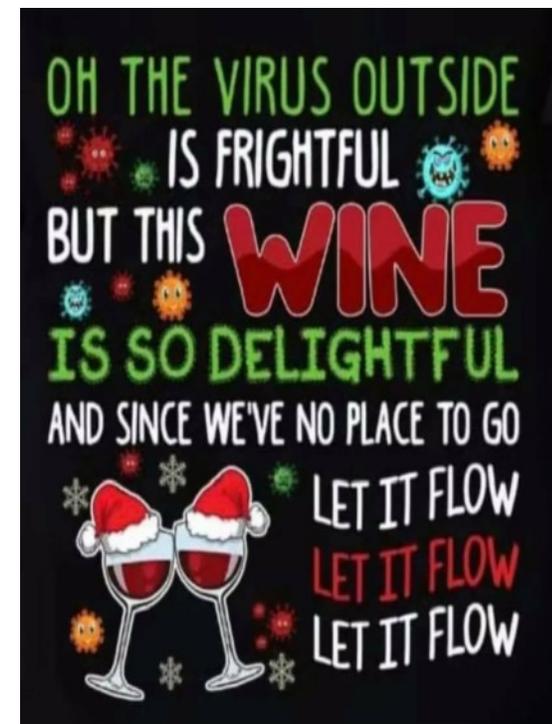
**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS:**  
 KALEB LECKEL 14  
 AARON JARKA 20

**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS:**  
 HARVEY GRACE 10  
 JOHN LOCKWOOD 16  
 JERRY KNAVEL 29

**From the  
President**

Somebody left empty snack rappers all over the table in the game room so the president asks that you please clean up anywhere in the hall or on trucks, etc. Continue to be safe, wear masks, social distance so we can all be there when it's safe to get together again in bigger groups!

*Have a safe Holiday Season.*



# Children's Christmas Party





The kids Christmas party has definitely not the same this year. Due to the most popular word of 2020, the traditional events couldn't be held. So we decided to have a drive thru Christmas. Santa showed up, face shield and all, but he was so excited to see all the kids. There was 17 gifts for the 17 kids. They were so excited to see Santa and get a picture with him. The families were thankful we could do something for the kids and put a smile on their faces even behind a mask. Thank you to all that helped. Committee member or not.

Nick Lobur





# INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS

The Ohio Association of Professional Fire Fighters has done a good job of asking residents in their state to help fire fighters in cold and snowy conditions. You can do the same by sharing these tips with your community in this article. Fire Fighters should be careful to not neglect themselves when responding to emergencies in freezing temperatures. So, the next time you find yourself working in frigid weather remember the acronym COLD.

**Keep it Clean**—The dirtier clothing is, the less it will protect against cold weather.

**Avoid Overheating**—Firefighters who overheat and sweat excessively ultimately will be more susceptible to hypothermia.

**Wear it Loose and in Layers**—Air insulation between the layers of clothing is the most effective insulation. It also allows for adjusting the amount of clothing if conditions warrant it.

**Keep it Dry**—Water causes cooling 25 times faster than dry air. Replace wet clothing when extended operations are required in cold weather.

During the winter months, fire fighters should protect themselves by having all the protective gear they need. Pack extra socks and gloves and have them available at fire scenes. Boots should be taken off after each incident — wiped out and allowed to dry.

## **To protect yourself from frostbite you can do the following:**

Learn to recognize the warnings signs of frostbite and check on each other regularly. People are usually unaware they have frostbite until someone else points it out because the frozen tissues are numb. Look out for the following signs:

Skin that is white or grayish-yellow

Skin that feels unusually firm or waxy

Numbness

Wear appropriate clothing and wind protection

Cover exposed flesh, particularly those areas that are most susceptible to frostbite which are the nose, ears, cheeks, chin, fingers and toes

Avoid sweating and overexertion

Work in groups of two

Have a warm shelter for rehab available

If you have to work for an extended period in snowy conditions, please be mindful of snow blindness and sun burn. Fire fighters should wear protective eyewear or goggles and use a sunscreen with a sun protection factor (SPF) of at least 15. Rehabilitation remains an essential element on the incident scene to prevent more serious conditions such as hypothermia from occurring. Accordingly, the IAFF has produced the Emergency Scene Rehabilitation Manual and curriculum materials to better educate and protect our members.



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# CHRISTMAS WORD SEARCH



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| CARDS      | SLEIGH   | GIVING    | NOEL       |
| CELEBRATE  | STOCKING | GREETINGS | NORTH POLE |
| CHIMNEY    | TREE     | HOLIDAY   | REINDEER   |
| CHRISTMAS  | WREATH   | JOLLY     |            |

