



# BELLS AND WHISTLES

Algonquin Lake in the Hills Fire Rescue Newsletter

June 2008

## School Is Out So Kids Are Out !

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### Chief's Corner

By Chief Steve Guetschow

#### Updates

Our yearly budget presentation was made to the board on May 21st. It will be officially approved at the June meeting but I would like to highlight some of the items included in this year's budget.

- 5% Increase in salaries for all employees.
- 141 will be brought to ALS status
- Replacement of District phone system
- Create a Capital Budget - This will address apparatus and large scale equipment purchases
- Refurbish 142 and 154
- Upgrades to TRT equipment
- Begin a Fire Prevention Inspector Rotation

Once final approval is given information on equipment purchases and time lines will be presented to all employees.

#### Swearing In

I offer my congratulations to our new officers, sworn in on May 21, Battalion Chief Mike Kern, Battalion Chief John Greene, Captain John Knebl, Captain Tim Littlefield and Lieutenant Julie

### Happy Father's Day!

**Bells and Whistles**  
 Algonquin Lake in the Hills Fire  
 Department

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 1020 W. Algonquin Rd  
 Lake in the Hills, IL 60156  
 (847) 658-8233  
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 2440 Harnish Dr  
 Algonquin, IL 60102  
 (847) 658-8224

Station 3  
 1691 Cumberland Pkwy  
 Algonquin, IL 60102  
 (847) 658-0930

Didier. Thanks to those of you that came out for that ceremony.

I would like to thank those of you that attended the recognition dinner on May 17, 2008. Along with that, I would like to announce that the following members will be sitting on the awards and recognition committee, Mike Kern, Matt Berg, Eric Busby, J.P. Kilanski, Jim Piersol, Nate Nielan and Scott Burkemper. If you feel one of our members or crews deserve recognition please present that information to the committee in a timely fashion.

## New Businesses

General Product International  
9245 S Route 31, Lake in the Hills

Crystal Clear Aquatics  
1510 Industrial Dr, Ste A, Lake in the Hills

Solstice Technology Solutions  
1301 Pyott Rd, Ste 103, Lake in the Hills

Dunkin Donuts  
280 N Randall Rd, Ste A, Lake in the Hills

## Birthdays

June 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Dave Glodowski
June 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Greg Jones
June 9 <sup>th</sup>	Jon Escamilla
June 10 <sup>th</sup>	Phil Maksymonko
June 10 <sup>th</sup>	Ralph Peterson
June 16 <sup>th</sup>	Bill Hough

**Happy Birthday!**

## Personnel Status-May

### Promoted

Mike Kern to Battalion Chief  
John Greene to Battalion Chief  
Tim Littlefield to Training Captain  
John Knebl to Captain  
Joe Teson to Captain  
Charlie Teson to Captain  
Julie Didier to Lieutenant

### Released

Tom Hite

### Light Duty

Kim Matz

### Returned to Active Duty

Julie Didier  
Kevin Raether

**EMPLOYEE TOTAL 81**

Officials	6
<b>Full time</b>	<b>50</b>
Firefighter/paramedics	- 30
Firefighter/EMT	- 11
Firefighter	- 3
Salary	- 4
Civilian	- 2
<b>Part time</b>	<b>25</b>
Firefighter/Paramedic	- 6
Firefighter/EMT	- 13
Paramedic	- 3
Civilian	- 3

## Anniversaries

In June, the following people are celebrating an anniversary on the Algonquin/Lake in the Hills Fire Department.

Ron Houghton	29 years
Tim Ross	16 years
Dominick Vassos	16 years total
Brian Kimpel	14 years total
Bill Neuner	8 years FT
Dave Kimpel	7 years FT
Bill Pelinski	5 years as LT
Bill Todd	5 years FT
Lenny Murray	3 years

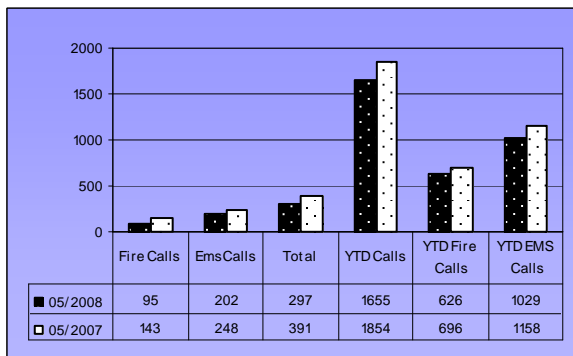
## Statistics

Thru May 2008

130	63
Station One	
0181	24
0141	98
0151	95
0150	03
Station Two	
0152	87
0142	66
0162	3
Station Three	
0153	54
0143	39
<b>Fire Calls</b>	<b>95</b>
<b>EMS Calls</b>	<b>202</b>

**Grand Total**

**297**



## It is the Veteran

*It is the VETERAN, not the preacher, who has given us freedom of religion.*

*It is the VETERAN, not the reporter, who has given us freedom of the press.*

*It is the VETERAN, not the poet, who has given us freedom of speech.*

*It is the VETERAN, not the campus organizer, who has given us freedom to assemble.*

*It is the VETERAN, not the lawyer, who has given us the right to a fair trial.*

*It is the VETERAN, not the politician, who has given us the right to vote.*

*It is the VETERAN who salutes the Flag,*

*It is the VETERAN who serves under the Flag.*

## Reflections

### You Can Share My Daddy

By Linda L. Kerby,

From Chicken Soup for the Soul

As I sat in the garden weeding, my four-year-old neighbor came over to the fence and settled down to supervise my activities. Since her mother had just had a baby the previous week, she was allowed more freedom to entertain herself and explore her world. She asked endless questions about what this was and why that was, and she finally asked about a metal object that had been fastened on the fence. I told her that I didn't know exactly what it was, but I thought it was something that my father had put there for some reason or another.

She looked around the yard carefully and said, "Where is your daddy? Is he at work?"

I explained to her that he had died several years ago, and that was how I came to live in the house.

She thought about this for a minute and then asked, "Well, then did you get a new daddy?"

I was not sure how to answer her, so I just went with the simple truth and said, "No, I didn't."

She thought about that for a moment, as if the prospect of not having a daddy was just too complex to embrace, and then she suddenly offered a solution that made sense to her. "You can share my daddy, if you want to. He is a very good daddy, and I don't think he would mind."