



# FIRE BUGLE

FALL 2010

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## SAVE THESE DATES

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|------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| October 10 | Open House 10:00 a.m.                                 |
| October 27 | Board Meeting and Recognition 6:00 p.m.               |
| November 6 | Fire Truck Dedication and Memorial Ceremony 2:00 p.m. |
| November 7 | Daylight Savings Time Fall Back One Hour 2:00 a.m.    |

## FROM THE CHIEF BOND RESTRUCTURING SAVES DISTRICT \$359,000



In 2002 the District constructed Station #1 at 1020 West Algonquin Road in Lake in the Hills and Station #2 at 2440 Harnish Drive in Algonquin. These new facilities replaced outdated buildings that were located at 302 North Harrison in Algonquin (building no longer there) and 2 East Oak Street in Lake in the Hills. The new buildings were constructed and equipped by issuing 7.5 million dollars in bonds.

Moody's Investors Service, New York, recently rated debt of the Algonquin Lake in the Hills Fire Protection District at Aa3 which means the District is of "high quality with very low credit risk". The rating affects all of the District's outstanding debt, including a note restructuring that will save over \$359,000 in future debt service.

Moody's cited several factors for the rating, including the sizable tax base, sound financial position and a manageable debt profile.

## RESIDENTIAL LOCK BOX PROGRAM

The Algonquin Lake in the Hills Fire Protection District has implemented a new program for residents who are homebound due to illness or injury, and may require Fire Department assistance. The District has purchased special key boxes, referred to as a Lock Box, which can be temporarily or permanently mounted near a door. Only firefighters can access these lock boxes with a special key. Residents can place door keys inside this lock box. If a medical emergency occurs and the occupant of a home cannot unlock the

doors, firefighters will be able to quickly access the home without causing damage. The lock box may also be of interest for households that have medical alert devices or residential fire alarms. These types of lock boxes are already in use by hundreds of businesses within our Fire District.

Our website ([alfpd.org](http://alfpd.org)) contains more detailed information, or you may call the Fire Prevention Bureau at 847-658-8233. There is a small fee associated with this program.

**FIRE PREVENTION WEEK**  
**FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE**  
**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10TH • 10 A.M. – 2 P.M.**



## FIRE TRUCK DEDICATION AND MEMORIAL CEREMONY

On November 6, 2010 the Algonquin – Lake in the Hills Fire Protection District will conduct a Dedication and Memorial Program, placing the two new fire trucks in service and commemorating the service of Roy Benson and Mac McIntyre. The ceremony will take place at Station #1 located at 1020 W. Algonquin Road, Lake in the Hills and will begin at 2:00 p.m.

*The public is encouraged to attend and honor the memory of FF Benson and Captain McIntyre.*

## FIRE DISTRICT TAKES DELIVERY OF NEW APPARATUS

In early September the Fire District took delivery of two new fire apparatus. Engine 141 is a new pumper, and will operate from Station #1. The engine includes a pump, hose, equipment and a 750 gallon water tank that allows it to function as a firefighting vehicle at structure fires. The engine also is equipped with rescue and extrication equipment used at motor vehicle accidents. Like all District engines, it is also equipped with medical equipment and staffed with paramedics. Tower 181 is a new aerial ladder that will also operate from Station #1. As well as a full compliment of firefighting equipment and ground ladders, it also has a 100' aerial ladder that can reach most elevated locations within the District. It's important to note we don't have buildings that are 100' in height, but many street setbacks necessitate a longer ladder to reach even the rooftops of many single family homes.

The replacement process actually began in early 2008 when the District approved plans to replace two older vehicles. At that time, the District's aerial ladder truck, originally purchased in 1993 for \$344,409, was experiencing numerous mechanical problems. The 75' reach of the ladder may have been adequate when purchased, but no



longer met the needs of the larger structures within the District. In fact, the truck was taken out of service in January 2010 and the District has been relying on help from our neighboring departments since that time. One of the District's pumpers purchased in 1995 for \$156,028 was also experiencing mechanical problems and was increasingly unreliable.

District staff developed and sent out a Request for Proposal to fire apparatus manufacturers, with more than 70 pages of specifications for each vehicle. The contract was awarded to Ferrara Fire Apparatus of Holden, Louisiana. Each apparatus is expected to remain in service for approximately 15 years. Total purchase price of the new apparatus was \$1,532,098.

## FIRE TRUCK DEDICATION AND MEMORIAL CEREMONY



FF Edwin LeRoy "Roy" Benson

Our Fire Department was first established in 1895. Many firefighters have faithfully served our communities since, and tragically, two lost their lives doing so.

FF Edwin LeRoy "Roy" Benson died on April 5, 1967 while advancing a hose line into a burning building. Captain G.D. "Mac" McIntyre died on May 23, 1976 while returning to quarters after an alarm. Both men died of sudden cardiac arrest.



Captain G.D. "Mac" McIntyre

The fire department of the 60's and 70's was quite different than today. Both men were basically "volunteers", receiving little if anything for their service to the community. Roy owned a gasoline service station in downtown Algonquin and Mac worked for the railroad. They left home or work when an emergency call was received, reported to the "fire

barn" and responded to the call on one of the fire trucks. They were involved because they wanted to help their neighbors and community. Many hours were spent training on equipment and techniques, mostly at night or on weekends.

Both FF Benson and Capt. McIntyre are remembered for their community involvement and good nature. It wasn't unusual for Roy Benson to help those in need by doing auto repairs for free when they could not afford to pay. FF Rick Kempe, a member of the department since 1976, fondly remembers Capt. McIntyre making breakfast on Sunday mornings for all the members who came in to train and maintain the fire trucks that day. On November 6, the Algonquin – Lake in the Hills Fire Protection District will conduct a program commemorating Roy Benson and Mac McIntyre at 2:00 p.m.

## CPR CLASS INFORMATION

The Algonquin-Lake in the Hills Fire Protection District is pleased to offer CPR/AED classes to the public twice a month. This class is certified through the American Heart Association. Students will be issued the appropriate CPR card upon successful completion of the course.

The Healthcare Provider CPR/AED course is offered on the first Saturday of each month from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. "Healthcare" classes are designed for providers in the healthcare industry. The Heartsaver CPR/AED course is offered on the third Saturday of each month from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. "Heartsaver" classes are for the general public.

Effective Sept. 1, 2010 the cost for Healthcare classes will be \$58.00, and \$55.00 for Heartsaver classes. Payment is required in advance by check or cash. Please contact Michele Bauer at 847-658-6191 or 847-658-8233 to register.

### 2010 CPR/AED CLASSES

#### HEALTHCARE

October 2  
November 6  
December 4

#### HEARTSAVER

October 16  
November 20  
December 18

## END OF AN ERA

The Algonquin – Lake in the Hills Fire District can trace its beginning back to 1895 when the Algonquin Fire Department was founded. Throughout the years the role of the Fire District has changed, including assuming paramedic ambulance services in 1997.

However, from 1972 until 1997 the residents of the Fire District were served by the Algonquin – Lake in the Hills Emergency Ambulance Service, a volunteer organization that relied on donations and fund raising events to operate. Through the years, dozens of dedicated volunteers completed training to become Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics knowing they would receive little if any monetary compensation. As calls for service and training demands increased, it became difficult to recruit and retain the number of volunteers needed to meet the demands of the community.

Earlier this summer, three long time paramedics retired from the District. Gail Kloepper (18 years), Phil Maksymonko (23 years) and Ralph Peterson (26 years) were originally volunteers with the Ambulance Service and continued to serve the District until this year. FF Kym Griffiths (15 years), who first began his public service as a paramedic with the Ambulance Service, also recently retired from the District.

There are still several employees working for the District that can trace their roots back to the Ambulance Service. Assistant Chief Tim Littlefield, Lt. Julie Didier and FF Kristy Seymour cross-trained as firefighters and were eventually hired full-time with the District. FF Tim Ross also trained to become a part-time firefighter. Data Processing Manager Mary Christiansen, Fire Commissioner Jay Atherton and Fire District President Virgil "Corky" Corless were also long time members.

The Board of Trustees extends their gratitude to Gail, Phil, Ralph and Kym for their years of service to the District. A special recognition is planned for the October 27th Board Meeting.

A special reception will begin at 6:00 p.m. at Fire Station #1 located at 1020 West Algonquin Road in Lake in the Hills.

All are welcome to attend, with a special invitation to all past Ambulance Service members!



Kym Griffiths  
FF/Paramedic – 15 years



Gail Kloepper  
Paramedic – 18 years



Phil Maksymonko  
Paramedic – 23 years



Ralph Peterson –  
Paramedic – 26 years



Fire Prevention Week • October 2010

**Smoke Alarms:**  
A sound you can live with



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## SMOKE ALARMS

- Smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in a reported fire in half.
- Most homes (96%) have at least one smoke alarm (according to a 2008 telephone survey.)
- Overall, three-quarters of all U.S. homes have at least one working smoke alarm.
- Each year, nearly 3,000 people die in U.S. home fires.
- In 2003-2006, roughly two-thirds of home fire deaths resulted from home fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.
  - No smoke alarms were present in 40% of the home fire deaths.
  - In 23% of the home fire deaths, smoke alarms were present but did not sound.
- In more than half of the reported home fires in which the smoke alarms were present but did not operate even though the fire was large enough, batteries were missing or disconnected. Nuisance alarms were the leading reason for disconnected alarms.



- In a 2008 telephone survey, only 12% knew that smoke alarms should be replaced every 10 years.
- Interconnected smoke alarms on all floors increase safety.
  - In a U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) survey of households with any fires, interconnected smoke alarms were more likely to operate and alert occupants to a fire. (This includes fires in which the fire department was not called.)

## IN 2008

- U.S. fire departments responded to 386,500 home fires.
- Home fires killed 2,755 people and injured 13,160.
- Someone was injured in a reported home fire every 40 minutes.
- Roughly eight people died in home fires every day.
- A fire department responded to a home fire every 82 seconds.
- 83% of all fire deaths and 79% of fire injuries resulted from home fires.

*The Algonquin-Lake in the Hills Fire Protection District is committed to ensuring every residence within our fire district has at least one working smoke detector in it. Please feel free to contact Lt. Julie Didier at our headquarters station at 847-658-8233 ext 134 if you do not have one or need assistance in installing or testing your current smoke detectors.*

THE ALGONQUIN  
LAKE IN THE HILLS  
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
PROUDLY INVITES YOU  
TO OUR  
FIRE TRUCK DEDICATION AND  
MEMORIAL CEREMONY

NOVEMBER 6, 2010  
AT 2 P.M.

THE CEREMONY WILL BE HELD  
AT STATION 1

1020 W. ALGONQUIN RD.  
LAKE IN THE HILLS

# FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10TH  
10 A.M. – 2 P.M.**

*Join in the FAMILY FUN as we celebrate*  
**FIRE PREVENTION WEEK**

- \* Fire extinguisher demonstrations
  - \* Flame knock-down house
  - \* Child safety seat inspections
    - \* Fire Safety House
    - \* Touch-a-Truck
  - \* Kids firefighter obstacle course
    - \* Lowe's builder station
- ...and much more!!!
- At our Headquarters Station  
(corner of Algonquin & Pyott Rd.)  
in Lake in the Hills

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