

All "About" the Boght

The Boght Community Fire District Newsletter

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During 2009 Boght responded to 259 fire and other emergency calls as well as responding to 152 EMS calls.

To recap 2009, the Annual Installation Banquet was delayed when fire ripped through a local farmhouse. Mutual aid was called from Latham, Verdoy and West Crescent. The firefighters not only had to battle the fire, but had to deal with 30 mile an hour winds bringing the wind chill to -4 degrees.

In March Boght's Boat 1 was called in to aid West Crescent, Vischer Ferry, Verdoy, and State and Local police for a call of a man in the water. Fortunately there was no one in the river. Sadly, though, Boght was called to aid in the recovery of a person in the water in May.

In April Boght made quick work of a brush fire on Nemith Avenue - earlier in the day the National Weather Service had issued a red flag warning for the area.

The former nightclub, Saratoga Winners, burned to the ground in April. Firefighters from Colonie and Southern Saratoga County aided Boght in battling the blaze, which burned for about three hours. Arson was suspected.

Also in April Boght aided Latham and other fire companies in fighting a smoky blaze at the Murphy Rubbish company. The blaze could be seen from as far away as Albany and East Greenbush.

Photo by Mike Carey

The firefighters have responded to numerous fire alarms, carbon monoxide alarms, and vehicle fires. They have pumped out basements and watched over arching wires until the power could be turned off. They've extinguished dryer fires and chimney fires. They've taken time from their jobs for fire prevention at Boght Hills and local day care centers. They hosted an Open House and were here to show the trucks and answer questions - and serve lunch. And then they attend drills and training classes to keep current with regulations.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Because we are only publishing twice a year, please watch the sign board for events and dates.

Sunday 4/18/10 **Take out Clam Steam - \$14.50 per ticket**

Pickup between 4:00 PM and 5:00 PM

Tickets are required so we can make sure we have enough for everyone. Please call Debbie at 235-5134 to reserve your ticket and steam.



Monday 5/3/10

Blood Drive

Thank you for donating during the year. Your generosity has helped over 300 patients.



Saturday 5/8/10 **Garage Sale**

If you'd like to reserve a spot to sell your items, please call the Fire District at 785-0339, Ext *810, leave a message and Melanie will get back to you.



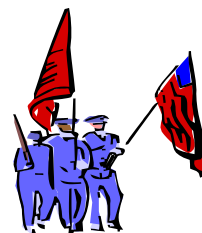
Rain or Shine

\$25.00 for a table/spot

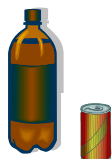
Monday 5/31/10

Memorial Day Service

Join us as we honor the men and women who have sacrificed so much for the freedom we enjoy. The ceremony will begin at 11:00 AM. With refreshments served in the hall afterwards.



Saturday 6/5/10



Boy Scout Bottle Drive

Thank you for your support during the bottle drives we held throughout the year. Your bottle donations help the Scouts pay for their dues. Watch for our next bottle drive in September.

Sunday 9/12/10

Chicken Barbeque



Tickets are required. That way we can be sure that no one is left out. Please call the Fire District at 785-0339, Ext *810 for more information and to reserve your tickets. You can eat in or take out.

The date of River Fest which is held at the Colonie Mohawk River Park in June will be announced closer to the event.



The calendar drive in September



The Budget Hearing, Open House at the Bight Fire Station in October and don't forget the Halloween Party on Saturday, October 30th.



Christmas tree sales beginning right after Thanksgiving and watch for Santa's visit in December.

In January of 2009 FASNY (Firefighter's Association of the State of NY) presented 50 Year Certificates to the following Boght recipients:

Alvin Alix	53 years	Donald Lee	57 years
Arthur DeGarmo	53 years	Jacob Oreshan, Sr	61 years
John Bennett	59 years	Edward Oreshan	50 years
Arthur Conkling	52 years		

Troop 277 News . . . Did you know? . .



...that the Scouts new website www.troop277.net lists upcoming events? Check it out!

...that 15 Scouts attended Camp Rotary last summer, earning 57 merit badges and special awards? ...that 5 Scouts attended camps in other states? ...that this year summer camp will be at Camp Wakpominee.

...that the Scouts, working as a group on the hiking merit badge, have hiked in New York City, Silver Bay, Saratoga and the Electric City?

...that Connor Ameres has achieved his Eagle rank? **Congratulations!**

...that at the **Blue** and **Gold** Banquet held in January, new members were added to the Troop during the cross-over ceremony?

Our thanks to the Leaders and parents who make Scouting a fun learning experience for the young men who are involved in the Scouting Experience.

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The oldest truck in the fleet – Engine 401 - a 1987 American Eagle pumper with an open back cab has been replaced. The truck is being replaced due to its age and failure to meet current NFPA requirements.

The American Eagle will be replaced with a 2010 Sutphen Pumper. The new engine was ordered on March 3, 2010 and is expected to be delivered August 27, 2010. This new pumper will be the initial attack pumper for fire calls in our District.

The American Eagle was sold to the Village of Stillwater. Their 29-year-old engine was damaged beyond repair during a mill fire.



**Please volunteer.
You **CAN** make a difference!**

Throughout the year we've posted recruitment signs and notices. To that end we would like to welcome to the Boght Community Fire Department some of the people who have joined during the past year:

Ameer AbdulRida
Matthew Desautels

Young Choi
Brandon Gallager

We rely on volunteer firefighters to protect our community.

We are looking for new members, 16 years of age and older. As well as the many benefits we offer (see our website www.boghtfire.org), there is the feeling of satisfaction in knowing you've helped someone in need.

Currently about half our firefighters are community minded residents from the City of Cohoes. If we had to hire career firefighters the cost would create a substantial increase in fire taxes. We would have to have three crews of four firefighters each. The total median compensation, including benefits, for the nearest paid department is \$59,556.00 per firefighter (according to Salary Wizard powered by Salary.com). Another \$714, 672.00 per year for twelve firefighters would need to be added to our current budget.

**We are neighbors helping neighbors.
Please join now!**

AMANDA'S LAW

Effective February 22, 2010, all residences in New York State, new and existing, are required by law to have a carbon monoxide detector installed. Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless gas that can kill in a matter of minutes.

Buildings built before 1/1/08 require a detector be installed within each dwelling unit or sleeping unit on the lowest floor having a sleeping area.

Buildings built after 1/1/08 require a detector be installed in each of the following locations:

Within each dwelling unit or sleeping unit on each story having a sleeping area.

Within each dwelling unit or sleeping unit, on each story where a carbon monoxide source is located.

If your carbon monoxide alarm should activate, evacuate the dwelling and



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law can be obtained by visiting our website at te.ny.us/code/COAlarm.htm.

BOGHT COMMUNITY FIRE DEPARTMENT SEEKS COMMUNITY HELP

Since September 11th, fire and emergency service departments all across the nation are struggling with increasing demands for service coupled with reduced funding. In order to respond to these increasing demands and provide more services to the community, the Boght Community Fire District has established a Fire Corps program and is seeking volunteers to help.

Fire Corps creates opportunities for ordinary citizens to give back to their community by providing non-emergency assistance to their local fire/EMS department. From creating websites to maintaining vehicles, promoting life safety education or offering administrative assistance, you can help your community become safer and better prepared for natural disasters, terrorist threats and other emergencies.

Fire Corps, a component of the Department of Homeland Security's Citizen Corps program, is a national grassroots effort to increase the capacity of volunteer, career and combination fire and EMS departments through the use of community volunteers. Fire Corps provides resources for departments to utilize volunteers in non-emergency roles so they can develop, implement and sustain programs and services that will help their department meet the needs of their community.

For more information or to become a Fire Corps volunteer, contact Commissioner Jake Oreshan, III at 782-0076 or via email at joreshan3@msn.com

STRUCTURE - 2010

Line Officers:

Eric Clough, Chief
Scott St. Denis, 1st Assist. Chief
Brian LaPlante, 2nd Assist. Chief
Ken Urquhart, Captain
Jim Schrimsher, Jr., 1st Lieutenant
Bryan Carr, 2nd Lieutenant
Alan Levitus, 2nd Lieutenant
Sean Organ, 2nd Lieutenant

Executive Officers:

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Rich Turcotte, Secretary
Brian Reepmeyer, Treasurer

Ladies Auxiliary:

Debbie Reepmeyer, President
Penny Oreshan, Vice President
Melanie Henault, Secretary
Jan Turcotte, Treasurer

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Jim Schrimsher, Sr.

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Alan Hodges, Lieutenant

Trustees:

Paula Patrician
Pat St. Denis
Sandy Urquhart

Staff:

Jan Turcotte, Administrator
Larry Isabelle, Deputy Sec/Treas'r
Jason Hubbard, Station Keeper
Patrick Knapek, Station Keeper