



Pawling Fire Department Spring 2010 Update

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Proudly all volunteer since 1895
In an Emergency Dial 911

Our Mission: To, with the utmost due regard to public safety, provide to the best of our ability, the highest level of service to our community. This service shall include, but not be limited to, the protection of the life safety and property of the citizens and visitors of Pawling with regard to fires, accidents, natural disasters, acts of terrorism, and any and all other emergencies, and to provide the highest possible level of education in the form of fire prevention and safety to the citizens of Pawling.

This is the first of what will be Quarterly Updates from the Pawling Fire Department. We appreciate the support of the Pawling Chamber of Commerce by allowing us to piggyback on this issue of **Pawling Matters**. This insert can be easily removed and saved for future reference!

What we've been doing:

Jan/Feb 2010

Fires	2
False Calls	8
Hazardous Condition/Service	9
Medical Assists	26
Training Days	27
Department Drills	4

Sportsmen's Dinner a Success!

Our 13th Annual Sportsmen's Dinner was a success! Over 500 hungry people filled the apparatus bays at Station 1 on February 6th for one of our largest fund raisers to date. Thank you to all who attended and a special 'Thank You' to the many local businesses who made donations, including over 30 items for our raffles. Thanks go out also to all our members and friends who assisted with the cooking, set up, serving and clean up especially the members of our Fire Department Auxiliary. Thank you to Butch Anderson for his Emcee duties again this year and Sis Rozelle for her assistance soliciting the raffle items!

Winner of the UTV & trailer was Theresa Fradella of Carmel. Congratulations!

Planning a Party or a business meeting? Why not have it at our house?

Pawling FD Station 1 meeting room and kitchen and/or our outside pavilion are available for rental. Complete with dance floor, tables and chairs, loads of parking, even a bar. Everything you need for your next party or business meeting. For information please call 845-855-1144 and leave a message or send an email to pawlingfire@gmail.com.

The Maltese Cross is the symbol of the Fire Department. Each point stands for a quality of a fire fighter.



Fire Safety and Prevention

Can we find you?

If you have a fire or other emergency, can we find you? Is your address in reflective numbers at least 3" high at the road visible from all directions?

OPERATION EDITH:

EDITH = **Exit Drills in the Home**

The concept is simple. Emergencies can happen at any time. Your family needs to be prepared! Operation EDITH provides simple guidelines for planning what to do in case of a fire emergency in your home. This is not just for Kids. Everyone should have and practice a plan.

Here's how to do your own Operation EDITH Plan:

1. First you must have a **PLAN**. We want every member of the family involved in developing your own Operation EDITH Plan.
2. The family visits each bedroom and picks **TWO WAYS OUT**- the normal way out and the emergency route, through a different door or window.
3. Plan how each member of the family can reach the ground using the emergency route.
4. Decide on a meeting place outside the house such as near the mailbox or driveway.
5. Draw a picture of each floor in your home. Show where the rooms, doors, windows, and halls are. Then color the regular escape routes black and the emergency routes red. Copies should be placed where everyone can see them (including in each bedroom) and be reminded of what to do in a fire emergency.
6. Practice the plan at least four times per year!

For how to run a drill see:

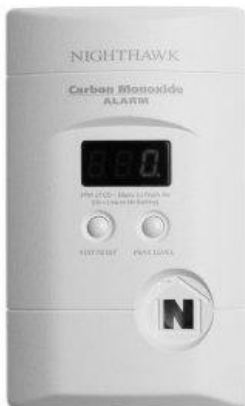
<http://www.dos.state.ny.us/kidsroom/firesafe/practice.html>

What is Carbon Monoxide?

Carbon Monoxide is a colorless, odorless gas that is a byproduct of combustion or burning. Exposure to Carbon Monoxide can be deadly! For more information see the Consumer Product Safety Council page:
<http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/pubs/466.html>

Do you have at least one Carbon Monoxide Detector in your house or apartment?

Is the detector less than 5 years old?



The department does not endorse or recommend a specific brand or model of Carbon Monoxide Detector or Alarm.

CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS REQUIRED UNDER NEW LAW

Amanda's Law, passed in the 2009 Session of the New York State Legislature, established a new requirement for installation of carbon monoxide detectors in homes. *Under the law, one-family homes, two-family homes, dwellings located in condominiums or cooperatives, and multiple dwellings must have a carbon monoxide detector installed regardless of the date of construction or sale.* The law was named after Amanda Hansen, a teenager whose life was tragically ended by a carbon monoxide leak from a defective boiler while she was sleeping at a friend's house in January 2009. *The new law requires that the carbon monoxide detector be a device meeting New York State standards, and that it be installed in an operable condition in dwellings where there are appliances or systems that may emit carbon monoxide or that have an attached garage.* Prior to Amanda's Law, carbon monoxide detectors were required in one-family dwellings, two-family dwellings, and dwellings located in condominiums or cooperatives only if they were constructed or offered for sale after July 30, 2002. For multiple dwellings (such as a tenement, hotel, and dormitories) carbon monoxide detectors were required if they were constructed or offered for sale after August 9, 2005.

As a result of Amanda's Law, a carbon monoxide detector will be found in nearly all residential structures in the state. This creates a safer living environment for New York residents and creates a greater awareness of home safety issues that are intensified by seasonal heating issues prevalent in the Northeast.

Source: Firemen's Association State of New York
Amanda's Law took effect on February 22, 2010.

Corporate Sponsors:

Our **Corporate Sponsors** are very important to us and our community. They provide donations either cash, or in-kind support (product or services at no or reduced cost) that allow us to carry out our important missions. When you need something, please contact one of our Sponsors (and let them know you appreciate their support of our Fire Department!). If you are a business, please consider being a sponsor.

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Diamond Sponsor: \$10,000 or more

Our Corporate Sponsor packets are being distributed.

Sponsors will be listed in our next Update and on our website www.pawlingfire.org!

See a Blue Light... Move to the Right

Blue lights are used by volunteer fireman when responding to an emergency in their personal vehicle. If you see a blue light flashing on a vehicle, please move to the right.... we might be heading to your house.

Senior Safety Initiative:

Partially funded by grants from The John T. Sloper Community Fund of the Community Foundation of Dutchess County this program is now underway.

Did you know:

- Fire and burns in the home cause over 3900 deaths each year in the US.
- Senior citizens are statistically more likely to die in home fires than the rest of the population.
- Many seniors may not have operable smoke detectors.
- Seniors are also less likely to have home Carbon Monoxide detectors.
- Burns and scalds from hot water are also very common. Adjusting water temperature down can help prevent burns and scalds from hot water.
- Americans over 65 have **twice** the rate of fire death than the national average. Over age 75, the rate jumps to **three times** the national average.
- According to the National Safety Council in 2003 over 13,000 seniors died from fall related injuries.
- One in three adults 65 and older falls each year.
- Of those who fall, 20% to 30% suffer moderate to severe injuries that make it hard for them to get around or live independently and increase their chances of early death.
- Older adults are hospitalized for fall-related injuries five times more often than they are for injuries from other causes.
- Unintentional falls are a threat to the lives, independence and health of adults ages 65 and older.
- Every 18 seconds, an older adult is treated in an emergency department for a fall, and every 35 minutes someone in this population dies as a result of their injuries.

Although one in three older adults falls each year in the United States, falls are not an inevitable part of aging. There are proven strategies that can reduce falls and help older adults live better and longer.

AND with our Senior Safety Initiative, The Pawling Fire Department is bringing those strategies to Pawling!

The specific areas that we will address are:


- Fall Prevention
- Availability of Medical Information ‘in the event of a medical emergency’
- Emergency Preparedness
- Fire Safety
- Burn and Scald Prevention

If you are or know a senior citizen (someone over the age of 65), please call us at 855-1144 and leave your name, phone # and that you would like to discuss the Senior Safety Program and we’ll call you back to answer questions and set up an appointment.

What we’ll be doing:

- Offer a **free**, basic “home safety inspection” and provide a comprehensive home inspection guide and safety literature to each participant.
- Offer and install as requested: free smoke detector, CO detector and long-life lithium batteries to those who are income qualified. Standard batteries require replacement at least once per year. Long-life lithium batteries have a 4-6 year minimum life in a smoke detector or carbon monoxide detector thereby increasing the likelihood that the detector will be working.

Regardless of income qualification, distribute ‘File of Life™’, 911 phone stickers, and other educational and preparedness materials. The ‘File of Life™’ is a simple form to be filled in by the senior citizen with important personal and medical/medication information as well as emergency contacts. We will provide two formats: a personal version to carry with them and a home version which stores in a magnetic holder on their refrigerator door. We will also provide and install a door sticker for their front door alerting emergency responders to the ‘File of Life™’. The educational and preparedness information will include information on fall and burn safety, as well as information on what to do to prepare for an emergency and what to do in case of an emergency.

FILE OF LIFE	
	Name: _____
	Address: _____
Doctor: _____	Phone#: _____
EMERGENCY CONTACTS	
Name: _____	Phone#: _____
Address: _____	
Name: _____	Phone#: _____
Address: _____	

We can use your help!

We are looking for a few community volunteers willing to work with us on this program:

- Callers to discuss the program with seniors and to arrange home visit appointments.
- Home inspection and detector installers
- Training will be provided and for home inspections you’ll work with one of our department volunteers.

On-Going and Upcoming Activities: 2010 Carnival & Community Day

We asked the Town if we could move our Carnival to Lakeside Park this year and they said YES!

Save the Dates: August 6 & 7, 2010

Where: Lakeside Park

Friday, August 6: 6-10PM we'll have food, games of chance and mechanical rides.

Saturday: August 7:

We'll start with the **County Fireman's Parade** in the Village at 3PM. Looks like it may be our largest parade ever! Dozens of Fire Apparatus, bands, and hundreds of marchers!



2010 Carnival & Community Day will open at Lakeside Park starting at 4PM. Mechanical Rides are back! We are expanding our usual carnival this year by inviting local businesses and nonprofits to join us by exhibiting as well as hosting the food booths. We've invited several emergency response groups to highlight their expertise including the State Police, Sheriff's Dept and the county Hazardous Materials Team.

This is a major fund raiser for us, so we'll have our games of chance, mechanical rides, Bingo, and lots to do for kids of all ages. We'll end the evening with what we hope will be a new tradition: **Fireworks over Green Mountain Lake.**

This will be a major undertaking for the Department as well as the Town. There are many ways **YOU** can assist:

- Volunteer and help with the planning or on August 6th or August 7th
- If you are part of a non profit organization or youth sports group, consider having a booth to tell the community about what you do, or have a food booth to raise funds (for your group or for us)!

- If you are a business owner; please consider exhibiting on Saturday. We are projecting several thousand attendees. Send an email to pfdcarnival@gmail.com.
- Mark your calendar and plan to attend.
- Invite your friends and family to join you!

Please consider Joining!

The Pawling Fire Department has been all VOLUNTEER since its founding in 1895! Neighbors helping Neighbors. **We need Volunteers.** We are looking for individuals over the age of 18 who are of sound mind and body as firefighters, drivers and Fire Police. We also are looking for volunteers to assist with our Carnival & Community Day as well as our Senior Safety Initiative. The Auxiliary is looking for volunteers as well.

Volunteer Opportunities:

1. Join the Fire Department!
 - a. Firefighters: interior and exterior
 - b. Drivers and apparatus operators
 - c. Fire Police
 - d. Rescue Squad
 - e. Behind the scene assistance
2. 2010 Pawling Fire Department Carnival & Community Day Planning & Day of Event Volunteers.
3. Senior Safety Initiative Assistants
 - a. Calling seniors to explain program and set appointments
 - b. Join our home inspection teamTraining Provided!

**To volunteer call 845-855-1144
or stop in any Monday night at Station 1.**



Thank you for all your support!