



# RED PUMPER

October 2013

## Fire Chief Report Jonathan Mulock

Once again, another year has nearly passed, and LaHave and District Fire Department has had a fairly busy year. Fortunately we have not had many major incidents this year, but we know every time our pagers go off it is a serious situation that someone needs our help. Our problem is we are few in numbers and seriously need more people to volunteer their time to help us help our communities. Yes, I realize people have busy lives, so do every member of the fire department, auxiliary and executive, but how can you say you can't do it or it isn't for you if you don't come out and see what we really do. Come out to a practice on the first or third Tuesday of every month, or an equipment checks night on the second Wednesday, and see first hand what we really do. Both men and women are welcome members, and we allow members to join at sixteen with their parent's consent. Any member would be glad to answer any questions you might have.

Fall is in the air once again and the cold evenings have found us. Which means we start heating our homes again. I know I drone on about it every time the Red Pumper comes out, but it is important to keep your chimney cleaned. Yes, I have said it before time and time again, but it is that important. That includes pellet stoves, as you can still get a build up that can lead to a fire. If you have electric heat, it is a good idea to clean out your baseboard heaters of the dust and other little objects that build up in them.

Daylight savings time is about to end, and with that it is a good time to change the batteries in your smoke detectors, and check the expiry date on them. yes, smoke detectors are only good for ten years and then need to be replaced. Most detectors will let you know if the battery is weak by

beeping or chirping, but it is a good idea not to rely on this and replace the batteries every six months. A monthly test is a good idea too, just to be safe. Make sure you don't neglect your fire extinguishers either. You should check them monthly to make sure they will work if you need them. Check the gauge to ensure the needle inside in the green area, if it is below that, the pressure has leaked down and it will not work properly and needs to be serviced. Also make sure the pin is securely in place, if it is not, the extinguisher could accidentally go off. Another good thing to do to them is when you check them, turn the extinguisher upside down and give it a couple firm pats with your palm. Inside the extinguisher there is powder that can settle and compact over time which will prevent it from working in an emergency, so by doing this it keeps the powder free and effective should you need it.

Do you have your civic number posted? Did you know it is now required by the municipality and you can be fined if you do not have it posted? These signs are used in an emergency to make sure we have the right address. When you call 911 in an emergency, the 911 operator will ask for your civic address so they can pass it on to the fire department. With your home phone, the dispatcher already receives your location and they are verifying your information, but if you are calling from a cell phone, or using a satellite or voice over internet system (such as OnStar or Magic Jack), you have to make certain you give the operator clear directions how to find you.

Never hesitate if you think you need help. Call **911** right away. We would rather come out to help and not be needed because you were cautious, than have you wait until a situation becomes serious. And please, come out and join, we need members.

**Chief Jon Mulock**

**LaHave & District Fire Department**



**LaHave & District Fire Dept. Executive**

On behalf of the Executive here is an introduction of the members of the 2013 Fire Department Executive Members.

Fred Daugherty **(Community Representative Chairperson)**

Jonathan Mulock **(Fire Chief )**

Nathan Ott **(Deputy Chief)**

Sylvie Larocque **(Treasurer / Secretary)**

Clyde Nauss **(Station Maintenance )**

Joey Baxter **(Hall Maintenance )**

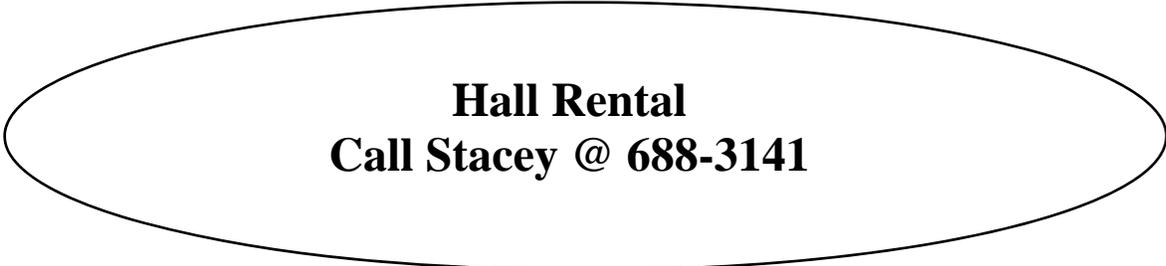
Donald Himmelman **(Community Representative 0**

Dick Joyce **(Community Representative )**

Dwight Robar **(Community Representative )**

Dan Godin **(Community Representative )**

Ginny Mulock **(Auxiliary Representative)**



**Hall Rental  
Call Stacey @ 688-3141**

## *Auxiliary President Message Ginny Mulock*

Hi , It's time to get in touch again to let you know throughout June, July & August we have been working away. We did take a break from the July & August meetings. We have tried to have something going on every month.

There have been a few bumps in the road along the way .Hopefully we have discussed them , worked through them & can learn from any mishaps or misunderstandings. Over all it has been a productive summer for the Auxiliary. We try to keep moving forward.

As some of you may have noticed we have tried more manageable events in line with numbers. It seems to have worked out very well for us. I am not going to list them all as I am sure most of you have seen our advertisement whether it was on the side of the road , on a poster or in the papers. Hopefully you were able to attend one or more of the events. I would like to thank all those who joined us, as you help make these events a success. If you personally can not attend an event you can help by passing the information on to someone you think may be interested . This would help out a lot.

Now that it is fall we are back to our meetings with a very good turnout on Sept 30th. It was a very busy meeting we chatted about all the summer events & about the things we wanted to get ready for this October , November & December. Look for them in the List of Events. Some we have not had for a while & have brought them back. Maybe you could join us . Looking forward to seeing you at a meeting and/or an event.

Fall is just upon us & we are looking to make plans for our Spring events . If you have any ideas let us know we would be glad to look into them...Over this last year several events have happened because of such ideas. Enjoy the Fall Season & before we know it we will be thinking of Christmas. All the best for you & yours ,

**Ginny Mulock [Auxiliary President]**

Hi fellow community members,

My name is Stacey Dorey & live in Dublin Shore. I have lived there for the last 11 years. I joined the Auxiliary about 3 years ago because I wanted to get to know my community and the surrounding ones, along with the folks living in them as well. I have stepped up to the plate of Secretary for the Auxiliary and I also do the bookings & hall rental for the functions we hold at the hall. If you wish to know more about the Auxiliary, rent the hall, or take part in any function, please don't hesitate to call. (688-3141)

We have been doing very well with our fundraising over the summer months and we are looking forward to the new ones we have on the go for fall & winter!

There will be a Halloween Dance on October 26, 2013 @ the hall from 9 pm-1 am. DJ is Blair Lipsett. \$15.00/couple in costume or \$10.00/ person without costume. Anyone interested in purchasing tickets, please give me a call @ 688-3141.

Our Fall Craft Show is scheduled for November 06, 2013 from 10 am-2 pm. Come on out to the hall and see all the crafters and their fine work, there will also be a canteen.

We are selling tickets on "Christmas Dinner for 6" in a basket, this includes everything needed for that special day. Turkey, potatoes, carrots, turnip, homemade dessert, homemade rolls, cranberry sauce, tablecloth, plus much more. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 3 for \$2.00. Contact any of our members to get your tickets!

Watch for our Cookbook coming very soon...

Thank you to everyone who has supported us, it is greatly appreciated.

Stacey

### **Auxiliary and Fire Department Meetings**

Auxiliary meetings are the last Monday of the month at 7 pm , 50 School Rd, LaHave. Our auxiliary welcome 14 & up men and women as members.

Fire Practice is the first and the third Tuesday every month at 7 pm. at the fire station. Men and women age 16 & up are welcome to join our department

If you are interested please feel free to drop in , no special invitation needed.  
Everyone Welcome !

# Community Schedule of Events

DATE / TIME	EVENT	OTHER INFORMATION
<i>October 26, 2013</i>	<i>Halloween Dance 19 &amp; over 9 pm-1 am DJ " Blair Lipsett"</i>	<i>LaHave Fire Hall 50 School Rd.</i>
<i>November 06, 2013</i>	<i>Fall Craft Show 10 am-2 pm (tables \$10 contact 688-2713)</i>	<i>LaHave Fire Hall 50 School Rd.</i>
<i>November 25, 2013</i>	<i>In Meeting Auction (starting @ 7:30 pm) everyone welcome</i>	<i>LaHave Fire Hall 50 School Rd.</i>
<i>December 7, 2013</i>	<i>Christmas Card Party</i>	<i>LaHave Fire Hall 50 School Rd.</i>

## Volunteers Needed

**If you own a copy of this Red Pumper  
and you'd like to become a Member of  
LaHave & District Fire Department/ Auxiliary  
then please  
contact us for more details !**

# Have Safe Halloween

## Safety Ideas for Special Occasions



There are additional fire risks with Christmas trees, pumpkin candles and birthday cakes throughout the year. Keep these occasions safe and fun for everyone.



Use a flashlight  
instead of a candle  
in your pumpkin

Unplug lights  
when not in use

Water your Christmas tree  
to keep it moist