

# In the Bunkers

## Xerox Fire Department

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## The Year in Review

The Xerox Fire Department (XFD) handles many types of emergencies from service calls to major incidents. In 2008, the department responded to eight significant emergencies. These responses started on 27 March with a vehicle fire that ended up being on a public road. The fire department responded to a U-Haul truck fire on Phillips Road at San Jose Drive/Orchard Street. While XFD was first on scene, the Webster Fire Department eventually handled the incident.

On 30 May, the Haz Mat team responded to an ethylene glycol leak on the roof of building 103. The electricians assisted with their bucket truck to lower several buckets of roof stone and absorbent pads from the roof. On 10 July, the fire department responded to a fork truck fire on the building 208 dock 2. The Haz Mat team went into action on 08 August at a large oil spill on San Jose Drive. The Haz Mat team again pressed into action just five days later on 13 August when a suspected glycol spill occurred outside of building 208 dock 2. Further investigation determined that the fluid was actually weed killer.

Three more incidents occurred in the fall of 2008. These were arguably the most significant events to which the department responded. On 09 October, a head-on motor vehicle crash occurred on San Jose Drive in front of the building 111

dock 1. A compact car struck a SUV and sustained damage that destroyed the front of the car. The ambulance transported the driver to the hospital. The SUV had front-end damage. Pictures are in the article "Year in Pictures."

The Webster Fire Department responded to an apartment building fire on Daniel Drive on the morning of 23 October. Xerox's Engine 713 responded to assist and act as the Rapid Intervention Team for a portion of the time. The team went into action when they received a report of an injured firefighter, but they stood down shortly afterwards when it was determined to be a non-emergency.

Finally, early on 20 November a sprinkler riser alarm sounded in building 139 and the fire department responded. A light fixture in a second floor lavatory had erupted in fire triggering the sprinkler system. While the sprinklers contained the fire, the department checked for extension, and then began the task of overhauling and cleaning up the water damage. The building remained closed for the day while the cleaning staff finished the cleanup.

Overall, it was an exciting and productive year for the Xerox Fire Department as its members proved they are a valuable resource for the company and the community.

## Upcoming Training

The Confined Space Rescue Team is tentatively scheduled to receive CPR and First Aid training during the February and

March drills. The scheduled dates for those drills are Wednesday, 11 February and Wednesday, 11 March 2009. Fire/

Rescue training for January 2009 will be announced in the January newsletter.

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## Recognition

All of the members of the Xerox Fire Department are important contributors to protection and safety of the Webster site. Some members make the extra effort to attend as many drills and incidents as possible. Captain Matt Kowalski earned the highest ranking in attendance and

received a gift certificate and a Certificate of Achievement for his outstanding support of the fire department. The next four members in attendance ranking were, in order, Capt. Harry Burch, FF Chicki Wilkinson, FF Mike Simeone, and FF Cathy Byers. These members also received gift

certificates and Certificates of Achievement. These personnel have set an example for all of the department staff. With diligent effort, any member can achieve this standing and receive the department's thanks in 2009.

## Year in Pictures

The following are pictures from some of the incidents to which Xerox Fire Department members responded in 2008 as well

as some of the training that members attended to learn new skills and techniques or simply hone their skills.



Ethylene glycol spill, Bldg. 103,



Hauling cleanup waste from the roof of Bldg. 103



Motor vehicle crash, Bldg. 111, Dock 1, 09 October 2008



Daniel Drive fire, Webster, 23 October 2008 (Monroe County Fire Wire)



Restroom light fixture fire, Bldg. 139, 20 November 2008



Salvaging office property at the Bldg. 139 fire

Members attended many training sessions throughout the year. Of particular note were the confined space rescue training and the vehicle extrication training. The confined space rescue training was conducted by Tech Rescue Corporation with instructors Peter Rizzo, retired captain of Rochester's Rescue 11, and Tom May, Battalion Chief of Rochester Fire Department's Training Division.

The vehicle extrication training highlighted some techniques that were new to our members. Todd Bane, Chief of the Greater Rochester International Airport Fire Department, conducted the training and instructed members on techniques used in extrication competitions. These techniques are useful for many of today's vehicles as they present new challenges to extrication.



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Ladder operations training: Transitioning to the roof. May 2008



Joint training in rappelling with the Xerox Ambulance, 12 August 2008



Hose practices training with instructor Logan Muster, August 2008



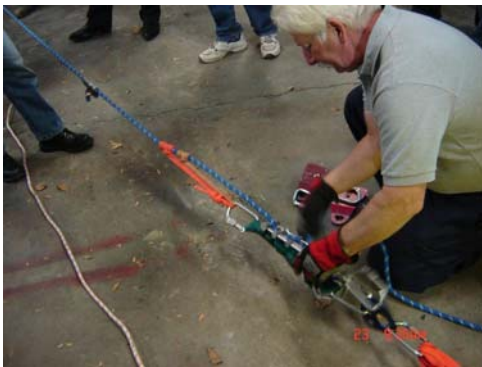
Extrication training: Opening a side, October 2008



Extrication training: Making a third door, at Wilbert's Auto Parts



Confined space rescue training class, October 2008



Confined space rescue rigging



Confined space rescue rappelling

# New Members



FM Steve Niles



Confined space rescue



Steve Grandusky, Retired XFD Captain Firefighter Safety instructor



FF Gerald Daloia

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## New Members (continued)



FF Rick Flickner



FF Frank Krieger



FF Josh Loewenguth

## Other Notes

The January Officers meeting will be Tuesday, 06 January 2009. Officers will plan the January, February and March 2009 training. The officers will also review

the training requirements for the balance of 2009.

Contact Chicky Wilkinson (Xerox e-mail or ext. 29571) for XFD apparel.

## Drill Schedule

### Officers

Cpt. M. Kowalski (HM, CS)

### Officers

Cpt. P. Turner (HM, CS)  
Lt. I. Sonnevile (HM, CS)

### Officers

Cpt. D. Williams (HM, CS)

### Officers

Cpt. H. Burch (HM)  
Lt. M. Parrone (HM, CS)

### Firefighters

E. Brown (HM, CS)  
K. Gary (HM, CS)  
M. Mongeon  
S. Fess  
M. Simeone (HM, CS)  
R. Flickner  
J. Loewenguth

### Firefighters

D. Boise (HM, CS)  
M. Thom  
R. Faro (HM, CS, SO)  
P. Agostinelli  
B. Wilson  
G. Daloia  
J. Ashby  
J. McMurray (HM, CS)

### Firefighters

W. Allocco (HM, CS)  
J. Swartwood  
M. Bartlett  
C. Wilkinson (HM, CS)  
B. Sherberger  
C. Byers (HM, CS, SO)  
F. Krieger

### Firefighters

B. Ansuini  
C. Gilchrist  
R. Wilkinson (HM, CS)  
T. Brown  
R. Sedore (HM)  
T. Milne  
T. Ellis

HM = Haz Mat Team

CS = Confined Space Rescue Team

SO = Safety Officer

## Useful Links

Xerox Fire Department

<http://cms.firehouse.com/dept/Webster2NY>

Xerox EH&S Workplace Standards and Best Practices (eDocuShare)

<http://xww.docushare.world.xerox.com/dsweb/View/Collection-135278>

National Safety Council "Safety Talks" (eDocuShare)

<http://xww.docushare.world.xerox.com/dsweb/View/Collection-605185>

NYS Office of Fire Prevention and Control Training

<http://www.dos.state.ny.us/fire/training.htm>

National Incident Management System (NIMS) Training

[http://www.fema.gov/emergency/nims/nims\\_training.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/emergency/nims/nims_training.shtm)

US Fire Administration

<http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/index.shtm>

### **New members are welcome.**

Contact the on-duty Fire Marshall for information about the department.  
585.422.5845 (8\*222.5845) or [Firemarshalls.Webster@xerox.com](mailto:Firemarshalls.Webster@xerox.com)

**For emergencies, dial 1-2-3.**

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