



# ROTTERDAM FIRE DISTRICT No. 7

Town of Rotterdam

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## October 2010

Third quarter 2010 Commissioners Newsletter.

We received six replies to our request for feedback on the district newsletter. All of the replies received felt the newsletter was a positive way of providing information to the residents. Some residents wished to receive the newsletter by email or on the district website. Going forward if you do not receive a newsletter there will be a copy on the district website at [www.schonowe.com](http://www.schonowe.com). If you receive both an email and delivered copy of the newsletter please accept our apology as it will be difficult to insure duplication does not occur, to the few requests received, during our hand delivery to over 300 households.

Plans to replace the volunteer protective clothing called "turnout gear" was completed in the third quarter. This gear replaces the 12 year old gear that has reached it useful life in protecting the district firefighters. All of the gear was in need of replacements from the normal wear and tear over the years of training and fire fighting. The fire Chief applied for a grant to help defray the costs of the turn out gear and was successful in obtaining a grant for \$1000.

The board has worked with the district treasurer in preparing the 2011 fire district budget. A budget hearing was held at 7 PM on October 19, 2010 at the fire house as required by town law TL§181[3][a].

Town law TL§175 requires the election of fire district commissioners to be held on December 14, 2010 between the hours of 6 pm to 9 pm. Petition for candidates of office can be obtained from the district secretary by calling 377-7444. Petitions must be submitted to the district secretary by November 24, 2010.

Hall rental by residents of the district has increased in 2010. There has been an additional four (4) rentals scheduled for the third quarter with bringing our total to 10 rentals since January 2010.

The fire company will again be participating in the annual Christmas parade held by the city of Schenectady. Look for us on November 20, 2010.

On October 2, 2010 the fire company held an open house for the residents to meet and greet the firemen and officers of the department, visit with neighbors, have free refreshments, and obtain information on their fire service. Available were many fire safety brochures providing information on fire extinguishers, smoke detectors, CO detectors, how to plan a home safety program should a fire occur, and much more. A demonstration trailer was also available that provide realistic situations that could happen in your kitchen, and bed room. A demonstration was given on what you should do during a sever storm such as a hurricane or tornado. A bouncy bounce was available for the children of the district. There were free hot dogs, hamburgers, popcorn and soda for attendees. A free raffle for three fire extinguisher, three smoke detectors, and three CO detectors was held. This was our second year for the open house, the attendance was higher than last year. We were happy to see new faces. Many expressed the experience was a positive one and the knowledge gained would be used in the home.

Sincerely the Board of Fire Commissioners.  
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