



HAMILTON FIRE DEPARTMENT PENSIONERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



September 2025

CALENDAR

September 3rd	OHEP Screening Begins
September 9th	Quarterly Meeting
September 14th	Canadian Firefighters' National Memorial Day
September 25th	HPFFA Fall Golf Tournament
September 28th	Ontario Test Your Smoke Alarm Day
October 21st	Pensioner's Banquet – Carmens Banquet Centre
December 9th	Quarterly Meeting

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NOTICE OF MEETING

Next Quarterly Meeting

Tuesday, September 9, 2025 at 10:30 am

Macassa Bay Yacht Club

80 Harbourfront Dr (just off Bayfront Park)

Doors open at 10:00 am. Come and chat with colleagues and have a coffee, courtesy of Bob Mueller, our MBYC host.

Parking available in the MBYC Compound
NO STREET PARKING – APRIL TO OCTOBER
Overflow Parking at Bayfront Park

Do Not Enter the Marine Police Compound

2025 Election of Officers

Article 6 Larry Staples was nominated for President at the June meeting by Rick Fletcher.
Following the meeting an email was received by the Secretary, retracting his appointment.

Vacancy

Article 3.02	To revise the annual membership dues to \$6.00 per year from the current \$10.00 per year.	Rick Fletcher Proposal Withdrawn
New Article	That a "Medical Account Fund" be established and funded with \$10,000, to cover items for members not presently covered under any government plan.	Larry Staples defeated

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flag Football The Local 288 Flag Football team were again successful winning the 2025 World Police and Fire Games Gold Medal, a two-peat.

Pensioners Banquet The 2025 Pensioner's Banquet will now be held at Carmen's Banquet Centre on Tuesday, October 21st. More information to follow when advised by Local 288



Test Your Smoke Alarm Day

Test Your Smoke Alarm Day is an initiative, most prominent in Ontario, Canada, that occurs annually on September 28th to encourage residents to test their smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. The day was established by Ontario's [Fire Marshal, Jon Pegg](#), to address a significant rise in fire fatalities and promote home fire safety. On this day, people are encouraged to press the test button on their alarms, check their expiration dates, and practice their home fire escape plans to ensure safety.

OHEP

OHEP Screening Program September 3 to October 25th

Wednesday	September 3 rd	8 am to 12 pm
Friday	September 5 th	8 am to 12 pm
Saturday	September 6 th	8 am to 12 pm
Wednesday	September 10 th	8 am to 12 pm
Friday	September 12 th	8 am to 12 pm
Wednaesay	September 17 th	8 am to 12 pm
Friday	September 19 th	8 am to 12 pm
Wednesday	September 24 th	8 am to 12 pm
Friday	September 26 th	8 am to 12 pm
Saturday	October 25 th	8 am to 12 pm

If you wish to have your blood/urine collected at a lab closer to you, please let Alison know and she will send you a Life Labs requisition by email or regular mail.

Alison Moore, OHEP Coordinator
Email: amoore@ohclinic.ca
Phone/Text: 905-570-3971

Last Alarm



Gary Fitzpatrick
August 4



Good and Welfare

If you have information about any of our retirees that are hospitalized, moved to a Long Term Care (LTC) residence or a rehabilitation facility, please notify us by email at

info@hamiltonfirepensioners.ca



Paul Marchese
Paul is residing at The Village of Wentworth Heights LTC, room 1235



Walter Romachyk
Moved to Extendicare
90 Chedmac Dr; Rm. 1233
Visitors very welcome



Don Alford
Don has retired as the Good and Welfare Chair due to declining health issues.



Norm Bush
During a recent phone call Norm indicated that he is doing relatively well.



Lorna Rowell
Lorna is residing at home. Calls are always welcome.
Email:
info@hamiltonfirepensioners.ca for her number.



John Grimshaw
John is now residing at Isaac Brock Nursing and Senior Care, 353 Issac Brock Dr, Stoney Creek



Bob Konkle
Bob has been moved to St Peters Residence, 125 Redfern Ave
Visitors Welcome



Ernie Mills
The Meadows
Long Term Care
12 Tranquility Ave
Ancaster. Room 2227

Dave Johnstone

Attempting to locate Dave he has been moved from his last known address



Ed McGrane
Ed has been discharged from St Joseph Healthcare. Now located at Edgewater Gardens Long Term Care in Dunnville.
Ed welcomes visits or phone calls at 289-738-0444

Retiring Local 288 Members

Ron Nordoff	Melissa Summers	Scott Sadler-Harrison	Derek MacDonald
January 1 st	January 18 th	March 16th	March 28th
Samantha D'Angelo	Lloyd Brown	John Barry	Matthew Shaw
May 26th	May 31st	June 1st	July 19th
Mark Fingland	Carl Potvin	Jared Hutchinson	Ralph Kerekesh
August 1st	August 8th	September 2	September 30th
Rob D'Amico			
December 31 st			

Welland Fire Department Appointment



Matt Shaw

Matt Shaw, who recently retired from the Hamilton Fire Department has been appointed Deputy Chief at the Welland Fire Department for Operations and Training.

Congratulations Matt on your new endeavour

	HFDPA Window Stickers 3 inch Vehicle window stickers Outside version only	\$2.00 each
	HFDPA Fabric Stickers 3 inch For tee's, hats, jackets, sports bags, etc.	\$2.00 each
	HFDPA Fridge Style Magnets 3 inch ceramic magnets	\$2.00 each
	HFDPA Lapel Pins 1.25 inch includes an extra pin butterfly	\$2.00 each
	HFDPA Key Chain 1.25 inch with split ring	\$2.00 each
Note	Available at quarterly meetings and Pensioner's Banquet only Limited Supply Available from Chuck Wilson	