

CAP Member Profile: Mike Fisher

By Dan Dodge, Middleport CAP Member

Mike and his wife Beth, who has also recently become a CAP member, have lived in the Town of Lockport for the past 26 years. They have enjoyed the time spent together raising their two daughters and one son.

Mike is currently the Director of Facilities and Operations for the Royalton-Hartland Central School district, and is responsible for the High School, Middle School and the Elementary School buildings.

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Mike Fisher is long-time Lockport resident. Mike is well known in the area as he has been Director of Facilities at Roy-Hart for 16 years.

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CAP Member Mike Fisher

Mike has held this position since he started with the district 1995. Mike went to school in Barker, and then furthered his education at Cedarville University in Ohio. Mike gained experience as a facilities director at Armstrong Pump before coming to Roy-Hart.

As the Middleport FMC facility and the Roy-Hart High School Middle School are such close neighbors, Mike feels communication is important and states he believes that communications have been good over the years.

Since joining the CAP, Mike says he enjoys seeing the inner workings of FMC and what goes into some of the decisions made.

Mike is an asset to CAP and his insight and experience add depth to our group.

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Our Mission: It is the express intent of the FMC Middleport Community Advisory Panel (CAP) to provide residents of Middleport credible information regarding community issues, environmental concerns, and FMC plant activities.



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Sheriff Voutour Discusses Emergency Communications

By Beth Fisher, Middleport CAP Member

The CAP invited Sheriff Jim Voutour to their November 2010 meeting to present the following information.

As a group, the Middleport CAP was fortunate to have Niagara County Sheriff Jim Voutour, Captain Scott Lombardo and Dispatcher Roger Yurek at our November 17, 2010 meeting at our request. The CAP was interested to know how local community members would be contacted by our local emergency responders in the event of an emergency.

Sheriff Voutour presented information about "Hyper-Reach" which is using technology to contact citizens in many different ways.

He also explained that the Sheriff's Department uses many types of media and emergency communications platforms for different emergency situations. They are Hyper-Reach, Citizen Observer, NY Alert, Facebook, Twitter, and A Child is Missing.



Hyper-Reach can reach thousands of homes using land line phones

in the event of an emergency. The goal is to reach as many people as possible in the shortest amount of time. A specific message



Sheriff Jim Voutour and Capt. Scott Lombardo demonstrated how an emergency message can be created and sent to a targeted area in a matter of minutes the CAP's Nov. 17 meeting at the FMC Middleport plant.

about the emergency can be recorded and sent out in a matter of minutes, and the Sheriff demonstrated this by placing a "test" call at our CAP meeting.

The Sheriff did *continues on next page...*

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Emergency Communications

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mention that the system isn't perfect because some people only have cell phones. But even if you reach 80% of the people it's better than none. The system uses databases provided by Verizon. VoIP services do not always have the current address

for the subscriber. It is up to the homeowner to update their address.

Citizen Observer is a free, secure website. It is linked between Facebook and Twitter.



The Sheriff's Department gets lots of drug tips on this website. It's completely anonymous and Sheriff Voutour encouraged people to learn more about and to sign up for Citizen Observer.

NY Alert is also a free service. It is used for traffic advisory, amber alerts, road closures and weather alerts. This is done through texts, fax and e-mail.

This was a very interesting presentation and we were thankful that Sheriff Voutour, Captain Lombardo and Dispatcher Yurek could attend our meeting to explain how Niagara County residents are informed when an emergency situation arises.

There are links to all these services on the Niagara County Sheriff's Office website at www.NiagaraSheriff.com.

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Tour of FMC Middleport Plant Held

By Rebecca Hinkson, Middleport CAP Member

The members of the Middleport Community Advisory Panel (CAP) and local residents had the opportunity to tour the FMC Middleport Plant on November 17 at 6:30 p.m. This was done at the end of the CAP's regular meeting. Community members had been invited to join the CAP for the tour in articles that appeared in the FMC Community Connection newsletter and in the local newspaper.

I have lived in the Village of Middleport all of my life and had never been on a tour of the FMC plant. Plant Manager Andy Twarowski led us through the whole process beginning with the arrival of the raw materials, the mixing and formulating of the different products to the large number of packaging operations performed at the Middleport plant.

Andy explained that during the past year, \$1.5 million was invested in Middleport to make the plant a safer and more energy efficient facility, which included demolishing two older buildings that had not been in use.

If you have not taken this informative tour, I encourage you to do so at the next opportunity.



Don't Let the Bed Bugs Bite!

By Janet Lyndaker, Middleport CAP Member

Jim Walter, Director of Project Management, from FMC Princeton, NJ visited FMC Middleport to give a presentation to the CAP on the new pesticide FMC has been developing to address the recent bed bug outbreak issue.

Jim explained that bed bugs all but disappeared after World War II. However, bed bugs discovered an alternative host and took refuge in chicken coups. Unfortunately, most of the effective pesticides used for eliminating bed bugs were removed from the market and bed bugs developed resistance to the remaining products.

Bed bugs are an extremely tough pest to remove, as they hide well and are dormant during the daytime. They are attracted to carbon dioxide, heat, and sweat making sleeping humans the perfect hosts.

FMC has been developing the technology for detect-

ing and controlling bed bugs. FMC currently has two separate products on the market, Transport and Mikron, that, when formulated into a new product, is effective in controlling bed bugs.

The product is a "micro emulsion" that does not stain, leaves no residue, and has no odor. The product is safe (it has undergone rigorous testing under USEPA guidance) for humans and pets, working for up to two months. It is also effective on other pests such as bees, termites, ants, fleas, ticks, cockroaches, and silverfish.

This newly developed product will be mixed and packaged here at the Middleport facility starting in January 2011.

At the end of his talk, Jim gave the group an excellent tip for travelers. Place the luggage rack in the bathtub and keep your luggage there (except when you shower). Bed bugs do not like slick surfaces and they do not fly.



Interested in the CAP?

The Middleport CAP meets quarterly at the FMC Middleport facility to learn about the plant, its products, activities and programs. The CAP also stays informed about environmental issues and produces the Viewpoints Newsletter bi-annually to share what they have learned with the community.

If you are interested in learning more about the CAP or becoming a member, please call us at
735-9769.