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President's Message

Kenneth Pienkowski – President

By the time you are reading this article, it will be mid-March and a lot will have happened since the last issue of *The Volunteer Firefighter*. There is a whole lot of planning taking place on a number of issues important to the volunteer fire service. The State Senate and Assembly are back in session and bills are being presented and acted on.

FASNY applauds the State Senate for passing the volunteer firefighter presumptive cancer legislation. Now we, yes “we,” have to work to get it out of the Assembly Local Governments Committee where it has been held up for the past two years.

This committee is chaired by Assemblyman William Magnarelli from the 129th Assembly District. The following Assembly representatives also serve on this committee and many of them are co-sponsors of the legislation (A-711): Karl Brabenec (98th District); Harry Bronson (138th District); David Buchwald (93rd District); Christopher Friend (124th District); David Ganh (137th District); Mark Giona (80th District); Kimberly Jean-Pierre (11th District); Addie Jenne (116th District); William McGee (121st District); Tom McKeivitt (17th District); Brian Miller (101st District); Steve Otis (91st District); Phil Ramos (16th District); Sean Ryan (149th District); Frank Skartado (104th District); James Skoufis (99th District); Dan Stec (114th District); Monica Wallace (143rd District); and Carrie Woerner (113th District). If any of these Assembly members are from your vicinity, please make the time to meet and talk with them. They appreciate it when one of their constituents stops in their home office to discuss issues with them. If you can't make a meeting please take the time to call or write and ask them why this important bill is stuck in their Committee.

When talking about the presumptive cancer legislation please use these talking points: (1) research shows there is a higher incidence of certain cancers among firefighters; (2) paid firefighters are afforded coverage for these cancers, volunteer firefighters are not; (3) the cost of coverage to volunteer firefighters is minimal compared to the \$3 billion they save New York taxpayers each year; (4) the legislation includes numerous elements to contain costs including a municipal “opt out” provision if the cost is prohibitive; and (5) volunteer firefighters did not volunteer to get cancer!

Your state associations have been working on this legislation very diligently and we will not be successful in getting the presumptive cancer legislation passed in the Assembly without ev-

eryone's help! This legislation is very important to every volunteer firefighter in New York State. If we all work together as a team, we will get this legislation passed.

Shifting gears, FASNY is offering two training courses across the state this spring. “Riding the Right Front Seat ... It Could Be You” will be offered in 10 locations and “Modern Firefighting: What Works for You” with Chief Eddie Buchanan and retired FDNY Battalion Chief John J. Salka, Jr. will be offered in five locations across the state (see p. 28). This entertaining seminar will also be presented at the FASNY Convention August 9-12 in Syracuse. Both courses are excellent and additional information is available on the FASNY website under training. Also, the online OSHA refresher course is back and is free to FASNY members!

It is now time for your fire department, ambulance corps, ladies auxiliary or youth group to start planning for the annual RecruitNY Weekend, April 29 and 30. Please make sure you go to www.recruitny.org to register your organization. There are also newly updated resources available on the website that you can reproduce with your name and the date of your open house. FASNY will be traveling across the state to promote RecruitNY Weekend as we have done in the past. Good luck! Remember: the more planning and promoting you do, the more successful your event will be. Make the most of it!

On May 20, the FASNY Firemen's Home in Hudson will be celebrating its 125th Anniversary (see p. 27). The Anniversary Committee has been busy planning for the past 18 months and it will be a weekend to remember for both the residents, employees, officers, past officers and attendees. In the January/February issue of *The Volunteer Firefighter*, there was an extensive article detailing all activities. The FASNY Museum of Firefighting is also working very closely with the Committee to organize a muster on Saturday, May 20, following a parade at 10:00 a.m. If you are interested in participating, please call Ashley at the Museum at (518) 822-1875, extension 10. The Hudson Fire Department is coordinating the parade for us in conjunction with their Annual Inspection Parade. Activities are planned throughout the entire day. The evening of May 20 will be the 125th Anniversary Dinner at Anthony's Banquet Hall in Leeds. This event is limited to 300 people, so if you plan on attending and haven't purchased your tickets, wait no longer – do it today!

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Membership Corner

By Harrison Breuer, FASNY Member Outreach Coordinator

As the weather begins to improve, New Yorkers begin planning for being outdoors in the warmer months.

For many volunteer firefighters, that means trips to one of the many campgrounds around our state. What you may not know is that as a FASNY member, you are entitled to discounts at many privately owned campgrounds.

Partnering with the Campground Owners of New York (CONY), FASNY membership enables you to save at many CONY campgrounds. The specific discounts are up to the campground owners themselves, and the list of participating campgrounds is always growing.

To view the most current listing of discounts, please visit www.fasny.com and click on the "Benefits" tab.

The coming of spring also means the 2017 FASNY Convention is now rapidly approaching. One of the ways you and your fire department can support FASNY is by purchasing an ad in the Convention Ad Book.

Every department will receive an invitation to participate in this, along with lots of other information concerning the educational lineup this August in Syracuse. So, please watch your department's mailbox!

As of February 28, FASNY's membership stands at 43,903, an increase of 1,037 since December 22.



Inside Training and Education

By Jay Wilson, FASNY Education, Training and Convention Administrator

While many members have already met me in my capacity as the FASNY Training and Education Committee Vice Chairman or while attending Convention, I wanted to kick off this new column with an introduction. FASNY recently appointed me as Education, Training and Convention Administrator.

I have an extensive background in the fire service as a nationally certified fire instructor, New York State-certified fire instructor with Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, and Level II fire investigator. My on-the-job experience includes working as the Conference and Education Coordinator with the New York State Association of Fire Chiefs. I'm also a 36-year active member of the Wynantskill Fire Department, serving 10 of those years as a chief officer. I served five years as a Fire Commissioner with the North Greenbush Fire District No. 1 and most recently worked as Equipment Sales Manager

with Garrison Fire & Rescue Corp.

I look forward to helping FASNY continue its mission to be the leading association providing education for the emergency services throughout the state of New York.

This is a very exciting time in my life as I've wanted to be more involved in this emergency service organization that promotes, educates and is committed to the members of the volunteer fire service. I'm very glad to have the opportunity to work side-by-side with our emergency services partners and the FASNY family as we face the many challenges ahead of us.

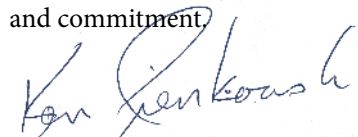
If you have any questions or ideas, the lines of communication are always open. Simply drop me a line at jwilson@fasny.com or call (800) 2FASNY2.



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In closing, since becoming your President in August, it has been an extreme honor and, more importantly, I could not do justice to the position without lots of assistance and support. I would like to express my sincere appreciation to Vice Presidents Steven E. Klein and John P. Farrell, Jr. as well as Immediate Past President Robert N. McConville, the members of the Board of Directors, Trustees of the FASNY Firemen's Home and the many committee members who are representing FASNY and sharing information in their areas.

I would also like to express the appreciation of all the FASNY officers to the employees at the FASNY office and the Firemen's Home. They are always assisting anyone who has a question or a problem. Thank you, FASNY employees, for your dedication and commitment.


Kenneth Pienkowski





Moving FASNY Forward

By Gina Salvato Shultis, FASNY Director of Development

With nearly 50,000 active members, FASNY remains committed to supporting the volunteer fire service by providing new education and training opportunities, advocating for state and national legislation, awarding college scholarships, and providing a haven for volunteer firefighters and their spouses at the FASNY Firemen's Home.

In not for profit organizations like FASNY, the Development Director's role is to lead efforts to build relationships that increase support for the mission. This includes bringing in revenue to support various events, projects and programs that benefit the fire service. At its December meeting, the FASNY Board of Directors approved an ambitious development plan to fund a new multi-purpose building and a special projects fund to benefit the Firemen's Home. The Board also set goals to increase sponsorships and help subsidize the cost of the numerous events and programs FASNY organizes for volunteer emergency responders.

As we look forward to welcoming spring, the staff and leadership are gearing up for four major events: the 125th Anniversary

of the FASNY Firemen's Home (May 19-20), FASNY's 145th Annual Convention (August 9-12), FASNY's Fourth Annual Fallen Firefighters Golf Tournament (August 11) and the 84th annual Legislative Conference (November 4-5). To encourage greater involvement, we have expanded FASNY's sponsorship opportunities to include a wide range of commitment levels. Organizations that partner with FASNY benefit from receiving positive exposure at these well-established events while helping to ensure the vitality and longevity of New York's volunteer fire service.

If you own or manage a business, please consider becoming a FASNY sponsor. Your support shows potential customers that you care about the volunteer fire service and the communities it serves. The chart below summarizes several sponsorship opportunities now available. If you have any questions concerning FASNY's fundraising activities, or if you would like to support a FASNY project or event, please contact the Development Office at (800) 232-7692, extension 722, or email gshultis@fasny.com



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YOUTH DAY OR SCHOLARSHIP SPONSOR - \$1,500

Prominent recognition as a **Youth Day Co-Sponsor** or **Gerard J. Buckenmeyer FASNY Volunteer Scholarship Sponsor** at the Convention.

SUPPORTER - \$75 up to \$500

Hospitality, food and refreshments sponsorship opportunities at Convention or the FASNY Fallen Firefighters Golf Tournament – Golf tournament: tee sign \$75, keepsake tee flag \$150, refreshments \$250 or lunch co-sponsor \$500 **OR** Michael D. Whelan Walk in the Park supporting the Firefighter Cancer Support Network: water station \$250, T-shirts \$500.



The Albany Update

By Paul Zuber, FASNY Legislative Representative

FASNY has worked diligently over the last several months to craft a legislative agenda designed to protect and support volunteer firefighters throughout New York State. The FASNY Legislative Agenda, or Scorecard, can be found online at www.fasny.com/legislation/scorecard

The Scorecard is updated regularly and provides information concerning FASNY's priority bills. In addition to the priority bills found on the Scorecard, Albany Strategic Advisors (ASA) also tracks bills that have an impact on the volunteer fire service. We do this to identify any additional legislation that may need to be elevated to our priority list.

The New York State legislative session can be a topsy-turvy roller coaster as bills move through the legislative process. Since the start of this session, FASNY and ASA have worked closely with Senator Joseph Griffo (Senate Bill 1411) and Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther (Assembly Bill 711) on legislation that would provide presumptive cancer coverage to volunteer firefighters.

Presently, career firefighters are provided presumptive cancer coverage, but volunteer firefighters are not afforded the same benefit.

So what does all this mean? This coverage would mean that a career firefighter does not have to go through the traditional fight that often occurs with insurance carriers over coverage. It is presumed that the career firefighter's cancer was the result of his or her work as a firefighter and this rebuttable presumption allows the career firefighter protections that volunteers currently are not afforded.

As studies continue to show that firefighters have a higher rate of cancer than the general population, it is clear that our firefighters, whether career or volunteer, need additional protections.

The volunteer fire service has done an excellent job of training members on proper procedures to clean and store equipment that helps to reduce the incidence of cancer. But, as we also know, our fires burn with many more carcinogens than in the past. Even in the most rural areas, every home has a computer, cell phone or furniture that is filled with various chemical components. So, even the best practices still leave a volunteer firefighter vulnerable by virtue of his or her community service.

Through the leadership of Senator Griffo and the Senate Majority Conference, Senate Bill 1411 was passed unanimously by the Senate on January 24, 2017. Our battle now falls squarely in the Assembly where our sponsor, Assemblywoman Gunther, along with Assemblyman Anthony Brindisi, has worked tirelessly to move this bill onto the Assembly floor for a vote. Unfortunately, even with the support of over 70 Assembly sponsors, the Assembly Local Governments Committee has not moved the bill out of committee.

As we continue to work on bills that are important to the fire service, we feel it is important to update members on their status. It is important for you to stay informed and active in our efforts to pass the presumptive cancer coverage bill. Therefore, as a volunteer firefighter and a voting constituent, we ask that you contact your Assembly representative and demand that Assembly Bill 711 be moved to the Assembly floor for a vote. Visit www.fasny.com/fightcancer to get involved!



Senator Akshar Invites Community Heroes to Support Protection Act

FASNY members are sadly aware that too many brave men and women in uniform have lost their lives, were injured or targeted simply because of their jobs as protectors of the community. It is society's duty to ensure the protection of our community heroes, just as they risk their lives every day to ensure ours.

Senator Fred Akshar, with Senators Martin Golden and Patrick Gallivan, invited uniformed first responders to Albany as part of the announcement of the Community Heroes Protection

Act (S1114) in January. The act would designate crimes that specifically target police, firefighters and other emergency service workers punishable as hate crimes.

FASNY CAO David A. Quinn addressed the gathering in support of the Community Heroes Protection Act as a stepping stone to deterring crimes that target police, fire and EMS responders.





The Rekindled Spirit

By Bill Michatek

First Responders: One Happy Family

We know that police, fire and EMS work together for a common cause: to protect lives and property. We are responding to a basic call to “love our neighbor as ourselves.”

We are a disciplined group having gone through basic training – boot camp, as the military calls it. We proudly work toward our goal of being qualified to stand among the finest. We need one another for our very safety. There are not supposed to be any lone rangers among us. It’s a group effort for all of us on the team. We have chief officers and can be called to task.

We chaplains try to keep alive the comfort of God’s presence and his commandment of love in firefighting. In wartime, the saying was “there are no atheists in the foxholes.” Our common prayer from the Psalms could be, “Be with us Lord when we are in trouble.”

There are tough calls out there. Our training disciplines us to understand our enemy fire and how to act in different situations. There are so many hazards out there that we can’t just go and put the wet stuff on the red stuff as in the past. Health and safety top out our priorities along with practice, aka drills.

As volunteers, we never really know who our crew will be until we hop in the vehicle. That’s why we strive to be a happy family and welcome all. You never know who will be protecting your backside.

I think it is important for first responders to get to know one another. There are traditional gatherings we have regularly. Try to attend. Exclusive groups or cliques can destroy our unity. We are all family. I think of the lad in “Boys Town” carrying his brother saying, “He ain’t heavy, he’s my brother.”

Enough for today’s preaching. I’ve enjoyed my avocation of chaplain and firefighting these many years and am happy to share these thoughts with you. Enjoy the holy days of Easter and Passover coming up. God be with you all.



Chaplain Bill Michatek is the retired pastor of Holy Trinity Church in Webster, Monroe County, and now lives in Wolcott, Wayne County, on Port Bay. He continues to help on weekends at area parishes and is still active in the Webster Fire Department as Chaplain. He celebrated 50 years as a priest in 2016 and will celebrate 50 years as a firefighter and Chaplain in 2017. In these years, he served actively in six fire departments and four ambulance corps, all of them in Monroe County with the exception of 12 happy years in the Penn Yan (Yates County) Fire Department and Ambulance Corps. He is a Past Chief Chaplain of the New York State Chaplains (1990-1992).

In Memoriam: Past Trustee Walter J. Monestere (1941 – 2016)

Walter J. “Spike” Monestere, 75, of Matthews, North Carolina, and formerly of Freeport, New York, passed away December 30, 2016.

Walter was a dedicated member of FASNY for more than a half century, joining in 1962.

He was a Past Trustee of the FASNY Firemen’s Home from 1992 to 2002 and served as President of the Board of Trustees from 1999 to 2001. Walter was the FASNY Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms from 1990 to 1992. He also served on the FASNY Home Capital Projects Committee from 1998 to 2004.

In addition to his lifetime of service to FASNY, Walter was very involved with other firefighting organizations, including statewide, southern New York sectional firefighting organizations and those at the county level in Nassau County on Long Island. He was also a member of the New York State Association of Fire Chiefs. Walter was the Treasurer for the



Southern New York Volunteer Firemen’s Association from 1991 to 1992 and he served as President of the Nassau County Fire Chiefs Council from 1989 to 1991. He was a Past President of the Nassau County Firemen’s Association.

Walter was an ex-Chief with the Village of Freeport Fire Department. He also served as an elected Warden on the Freeport Fire Department Fire Council.

Born in Queens and raised in Freeport, he was retired as an Electrical Supervisor for the Nassau County Police Department.

Walter is survived by his wife, Kathleen; brothers Andrew and Joseph Monestere (Merrill); children Jeanette Darr, Patricia Stortz (Ronald) and Thomas Monestere; grandsons Nicholas and Christopher Darr and Ryan and Eric Stortz; and his great-granddaughter, Ashlyn Marie Darr. He was predeceased by his parents, Florence (Clench) Tucciarone and Andrew P. Monestere, and his brother John Monestere.



THE 2017 FASNY LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

1. EXPANDED CANCER IMPAIRMENT – Provides a rebuttable presumption that several types of cancer are covered under the VFBL and VAWBL.

Corresponding legislation: S.1411 (Griffo) / A.711 (Gunther)

2. THE FAIR PLAY AMBULANCE COST RECOVERY FOR FIRE DEPARTMENTS – Allows fire departments to bill for ambulance services to even the playing field with all other ambulance providers across the state.

Corresponding legislation: S.363 (Little)

3. AMEND PENAL CODE TO ADD ENDANGERING THE WELFARE OF A FIRE AND EMERGENCY PERSONNEL – Make it a crime to illegally circumvent uniform code by making illegal conversions a charge of “Endangering the welfare of a fire and emergency personnel.” Landlords make conversions so they can make more money off the properties without obtaining proper permits. The conversions may not have proper egress and could create an extremely dangerous situation for firefighters.

Corresponding legislation: S.773 (Carlucci) / A.1691 (Zebrowski)

4. VFBL/VAWBL REFORM WITH COST OF LIVING – Increases VFBL/VAWBL temporary disability benefit levels based on cost of living, not to exceed \$800 per week.

Corresponding legislation: TBA

5. UPHOLSTERED FURNITURE FIRE SAFETY

STANDARDS – Enhances fire safety standards for upholstered furniture by conducting a study of methods that do not require the use of fire retardant chemicals.

Corresponding legislation: S.742 (Ritchie)

6. REQUIRES PROMPT PAYMENT OF VFBL DEATH BENEFIT – This proposal establishes that the payment of certain volunteer firefighter and volunteer ambulance worker death benefits shall be within 90 days of the filing of an application to receive such death benefit.

Corresponding legislation: S.1195(Avella) / A.1451 (Cahill)

7. REOCCURRING NYS BUDGET MONITORING –

- Monitor 2017-18 Budget negotiations to ensure adequate/consistent funding allocations are met for 911 coordination purposes, emergency services low-interest revolving loans, training funding under the OFPC and funding for training books.
- Increase in the tax credit from \$200 to \$300.
- Introduce sales tax exemption for life safety items.

ISSUES OF UNITED CONCERN

1. Expanded Cancer Coverage – Provides a rebuttable presumption that several types of cancer are covered under the VFBL and VAWBL.

2. Fair Play Ambulance Cost Recovery for Fire Departments – Allows fire departments to bill for

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ambulance services to even the playing field with all other ambulance providers across the state.

3. Illegal Building Conversions – The IUC supports the continuation of discussions and cooperation with the New York Department of State and the New York State Office of Fire Prevention Control to address the issue of illegal building conversions. These conversions endanger residents of the illegally converted buildings and firefighters. The IUC further supports any regulatory or legislative initiatives that result from these discussions.

4. VFBL/VAWBL Increase – Provides for an increase in VFBL/VAWBL temporary total disability benefit levels from \$400 to \$650 per week for those volunteer firefighters or ambulance workers injured after July 1, 2017.

5. Fire Apparatus Lemon Law – Provides that Fire and EMS vehicles and apparatus be included under the New York State Lemon Law.

6. Upholstered Furniture Fire Safety Standards – Enhances fire safety standards for upholstered furniture by methods that do not require the use of cancer-causing fire retardants.

7. Additional Funding for Firefighter 1 Training – The IUC supports inclusion of additional funding in the 2017-18 New York State Budget to support the Office of Fire Prevention Control's ability to provide more blended Firefighter 1 training using modern technologies. This funding will further enhance the ability of municipalities to recruit volunteer firefighters.



FASNY LEGISLATIVE OUTREACH PROGRAM 2017

FASNY will visit the following locations to help members better understand the 2017 legislative agenda. Watch future issues of *The Volunteer Firefighter* or visit www.fasny.com for more dates this spring.

Current schedule of meetings and locations:

9:00 a.m.	March 11	Southern	Albertson
8:30 a.m.	March 25	Onondaga County	Camillus
Noon	April 2	Western	Frontier
TBA	April	Southwestern	TBA
TBA	April	Hudson Mohawk	TBA
TBA	May	Hudson Valley	TBA

#SOCK AND THE COMEBACK

By Alex Ruckh, FASNY Health and Wellness Committee

There I was, several days before Christmas, loving life and all caught up in the season's festivities. It was early morning and I was getting dressed for the day. I grabbed my socks and I flung my foot up to put my one of them on ... boom, it happened.

My legs gave out and I was on all fours on my bedroom floor. I felt the most painful burning sensation in my lower back. I wanted to move, but I couldn't. The pain was too much.

I started to sweat and have a slight panic attack because I'd never felt like this before. After five minutes (it felt like forever), I crawled up to my bed. Eventually, I got back to my feet. The pain was horrible and I could not stand up straight. Unfortunately, it was the weekend and I could not get in to see my chiropractor or doctor.

Eventually, I saw them and, for this article's sake, I'll call it a lower back injury. So, this is what I was dealt: a lower back injury. All physical exercise needed to stop so I could heal, and I could kiss riding to fires goodbye for now.

The weeks came and went, Christmas passed, and all I could do is sit on the couch and wait and wait. To add more grief, I got sick with the bug that was going around.

With my workouts/cardio sessions sidelined and the medication I was on, I gained 13 pounds. I fell into depression. I've never been down this road before!

Many thoughts went through my head ... How am I going to do my job? ... Do I have to go on disability? ... Am I ever going to work out again? ... Are my fire duties over with?

However, as time went on, the pain did subside and I gained movement. But, I was left a shell of my old self. All the gains I made working out were demolished and I was 13 pounds overweight. I could see it was going to be a long road ahead ...

So, it was gut check time. What kind of man was I? What was on the line?

I had to look in the mirror and decide how bad I wanted this. The toughest opponent is the one in the mirror because transforming yourself is all mental. The military taught me the saying to choose "the hard right over the easy wrong" because life is about choices.

Unless you have a medical excuse, people choose to be fat. It's easy to be lazy, it's easy to eat junk, it's easy to make excuses about not going to the gym. However, it's hard to get up early to hit the gym, it's hard to meal prep and eat right, it's hard to say I'm not going to the bar because I have cardio I have to get in.

It's a very lonely road for a lot of people because the majority of the country is ok with being average. The hard right is a life of improvement. So, looking in that mirror I knew what I had to do. The hard right had to be to get back to the fitness level that I was at before the injury.

The next weeks sucked. They were long and painful. I had to make simple, reachable goals. Then, as I reached them, I made more. Step-by-step improvement happened. I heard a quote once that "it's the little steps that climb mountains." Your body is no different!

My pain lessened and my mental positivity improved. After several hard weeks, I lost the weight and gained all my strength back. Thanks to eating right, weights and cardio, I met my set goal.

But, I was not going to end there. I set more goals to continue progress. It's important, especially for first responders, to know there is no finish line in self-improvement!



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JOIN THE 5K FIREFIGHTER CHALLENGE

By Jeff French

All fire departments and companies across New York State are invited to participate in a public display of firefighters' pride and their commitment to physical fitness by entering a team in the Firefighter 5K Challenge. The event is sponsored by the Bank of Greene County and will take place on Sunday, April 30, in Chatham.

The Firefighter 5K Challenge is a race within a race. Conducted as part of the 16th annual Sean's Run 5K, which attracts runners and walkers of all levels from across the Hudson Valley. Teams of firefighters will distinguish themselves in a field of 1,400 runners and walkers by completing the 3.1-mile run while wearing bunker pants, fire company T-shirts and running shoes. In the pilot Firefighter 5K Challenge last year, some firefighters chose to run in turnout coats, helmets and proudly carry their company flag on the route.

Companies and departments challenge themselves and other firefighting units by seeing which company or department can get five members to finish the 5K with the lowest combined time. The team with the lowest combined time for their first five wins the title: Champions of the Firefighter 5K Challenge. Bragging rights and medals are awarded to the fastest teams.

Accepting the Challenge

Fire companies and departments can sign up as many members as they want, as individual participants, in the Sean's Run 5K by registering online at www.seansrun.com

On the day of the event, firefighters arrive at Chatham High School by 10:30 a.m. to check in and pick up their Sean's Run packet inside the high school gymnasium. After picking up bib numbers and their complimentary souvenir T-shirt, firefighters proceed to the Firefighter 5K Challenge tent near the starting line of the 5K. There, each department or company will identify their members before the start of the 5K at noon.

Following the 5K, all firefighters will be invited to enjoy a spread of nutritional refreshments and party-like finish line festivities and enjoy the camaraderie and pride of having completed the challenge.

Benefits of Organizing a Team

Fire department and company officers, following the pilot Firefighter 5K Challenge in 2016, reported that the event served as a great way to promote physical fitness and strengthened the bonds among their members. A fire company First Lieutenant, beaming proudly after completing the 5K in his turnout gear, talked about how the event put a wonderful light on volunteer firefighters and could be a recruitment opportunity. "We run into burning buildings, so a 3-mile jog in bunker pants is nothing to a firefighter," he said.

Email Jeff French, Past Secretary of Columbia County Volunteer Firefighters Association and life member of Mellenville Volunteer Fire Co. at JWFrench@verizon.net for more information.



NVFC NOW OFFERS CANCER AND CRITICAL ILLNESS COVERAGE OPTIONS FOR MEMBERS

The National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) has expanded its member benefits to include optional cancer and critical illness coverage. NVFC members can take advantage of special rates and plans to protect themselves and their family in the event of a serious illness or accident.

Cancer, accidents and critical illnesses are very real threats to members of the fire service. While health and safety precautions can help limit some of the risks, having an insurance plan in place provides protection and peace of mind to fire service families. The NVFC partnered with several insurance carriers to provide options to individual and department members regarding cancer, accident and critical illness coverage.

“The NVFC and its Cancer Subcommittee are committed to providing resources to assist volunteer firefighters in battling life-threatening illnesses such as cancer,” said NVFC New York Director, Cancer Subcommittee Co-Chair and FASNY Director Brian F. McQueen. “Through the efforts of this committee, and the entire NVFC Board, we are now able to provide our membership with an option to purchase a critical illness policy of their choice. With some states not having a presumptive cancer bill, this policy will assist firefighters in their time of need.”

Coverage carriers include AFLAC, ESIP, Provident and VFIS. Many of the plans have the option to add a spouse and family members. Find more information in the Members-Only section of the NVFC website, and contact the carrier directly for additional cost and coverage details.

“The NVFC is pleased to offer a one-stop resource for our members when they are looking for cancer and critical illness coverage for themselves, their department and their families,” said Heather Schafer, NVFC CEO.

The NVFC strives to provide a wide range of benefits to members of the fire and emergency services, including accidental death and dismemberment insurance, discounts on fire/EMS products and services, opportunities to apply for scholarships and giveaways, training discounts and more. The new cancer, accident and critical illness coverage options further expand the resources the NVFC can offer to volunteer fire, EMS and rescue personnel.

If you are not a member, join at www.nvfc.org/BeYourBest or contact Alyssa Dara, Membership Manager, with questions at adara@nvfc.org

From NVFC

USFA & NVFC RELEASE REPORT ON CRITICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES IN THE VOLUNTEER FIRE SERVICE

The United States Fire Administration (USFA) has released the results of a partnership with the National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) that studied firefighter occupational health and safety challenges that are occurring in the volunteer fire service in order to develop initiatives, programs and strategies to reduce on-duty injuries and fatalities among volunteer firefighters and EMS responders. This study also examined health and safety challenges among volunteer wildland firefighters.

The results of this study are contained in the new USFA report “Critical Health and Safety Issues in the Volunteer Fire Service,” which updated previous USFA research efforts with the NVFC in this area.

“This project is an important effort for improving the health and safety in the volunteer fire service,” said United States Fire Administrator Ernest Mitchell. “USFA was pleased to partner with the NVFC in conducting this important study.”

The volunteer fire service has distinct issues related to

health and safety, including funding, time constraints, rural operations, and the declining number and aging of volunteer firefighters.

“The NVFC is grateful for the support of the USFA in our initiatives to develop effective programs to enhance health and safety in the volunteer fire service,” said NVFC Chairman Kevin D. Quinn. “Health and safety are essential to the operational effectiveness of volunteer fire departments as well as valuable for retention and recruitment. We are committed to protecting our boots-on-the-ground firefighters and emergency personnel.”

This project supports USFA’s goal of reducing on-duty firefighter fatalities and injuries by developing effective safety and health support to the estimated 788,250 volunteer firefighters who represent 69 percent of all firefighters in the United States.

For supplemental resources to help address the volunteer fire service critical issues identified in this report, visit www.nvfc.org/criticalissues



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Dear FASNY Members,

On behalf of the officers and staff of FASNY, we would like to extend an invitation to attend the Association's 145th annual Convention. The theme of this year's Convention will be "Building A Healthier, Stronger and Safer Volunteer Fire Service!". The event will be held August 9-12 at the Liverpool (Syracuse) Holiday Inn. The FASNY Convention and Exhibit Committee, along with our staff and other committees, have been working diligently to provide a productive and enjoyable time.

In addition to the annual business meeting, attendees can enjoy our Memorial Ceremony, Training Series, Hands-On Training, annual Heroes Awards and much, much more! Be sure to register early to secure a seat and get the best pricing.

The Town of Liverpool, and the Syracuse area, provides many venues for other activities including shopping at several malls and recreation in the area's many parks. The Fourth annual FASNY Fallen Firefighters Golf Tournament benefitting the New York State Fallen Firefighters Memorial and the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, takes place on Convention Friday. In addition, the Third Annual Michael D. Whelan Walk in the Park will be held at the Onondaga Lake Park. Please help us support the Firefighter Cancer Support Network by participating in this great event.

I urge you to visit our website, www.fasny.com, and refer to *The Volunteer Firefighter* magazine for details on all of our Convention activities and planned events. We hope your travels this year will include attending our 145th FASNY Convention in Syracuse.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU. STAY SAFE AND BE HEALTHY!

Sincerely,

Kenneth Pienkowski
President

Robert N. McConville
Convention Chairman

David A. Quinn
CAO/Convention Vice Chairman



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FASNY Convention Schedule

Wednesday, August 9, 2017

Early Registration

Past Presidents Barbecue

Thursday, August 10, 2017

Opening Session

2% Tax Forum

Michael D. Whelan Walk in the Park

Onondaga Lake Park

Friday, August 11, 2017

Registration

Ninth Annual Youth Day

Syracuse Fire Department Training Center

Eighth Annual Training Series

Fourth Annual FASNY Fallen Firefighters Golf Tournament

Drumlins Country Club

Hands-On Training

LAFASNY Installation

Comfort Inn

FASNY Scholarship Fund Event

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Saturday, August 12, 2017

Registration

Closing Session

Heroes Award Ceremony



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EIGHTH ANNUAL TRAINING SERIES – FRIDAY, AUGUST 11, 2017

8:00 – 9:30 a.m.

Operational Excellence on Today's Evolving Fireground

By Chief Christopher J. Naum



There is an immediate need for today's emerging and operating command and company officers to increase their foundation of knowledge and insights related to modern fire dynamics, building occupancy, building construction and fire protection engineering. This presentation teaches how to adjust and modify traditional and conventional strategic operating profiles using modern research-based tactics to safeguard companies, personnel and team compositions. This is an interactive and thought-provoking presentation that challenges conventional fire service paradigms and explores leading theories and fire service discussion points from across the American fire service with direct application to today's career, volunteer and combination fire departments and personnel.

10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Volunteer Fire 2025

By Michael Dallessandro



This presentation reviews differences in society between today, when some volunteer fire departments struggle, and past years, when the volunteer fire service flourished in most communities. A fast-forward look to the future will discuss how a volunteer fire department may look in 2025 and beyond, barriers to our long-term success and outside-the-box options for survival such as combination, county-wide, live-in and paid on-call configurations.

1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Modern Firefighting ... What Works for You?

By Chief John Salka and Chief Ed Buchanan with
Moderator John S. D'Alessandro



Recent research from the Underwriters Laboratories Fire Safety Research Institute and National Institute of Standards and Technology shows modern fire behavior presents many new challenges. The presenters outline those challenges and lead discussion of many different viewpoints during this informative seminar. Topics discussed include using outside streams for fire attack; attacking fire from the unburned to the burned; how to handle ventilation of limited fires; keeping the wind at your back; considering flow paths; and controlling the door.

HANDS-ON TRAINING AT CONVENTION – FRIDAY, AUGUST 11, 2017

8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Modern House Fires: Critical Skills for the Engine Company

By Jerry Knapp of Rockland County Fire Training Center, Captain Chris Flatley of the FDNY, Past Chief Tim Pillsworth of Winona Lake Engine Co. No. 2, and Dave Walsh, Chair of the Fire Science Program at Dutchess Community College

This hands-on course teaches critical skills for effective fire attack in residential areas, including:

Target Flow – How to flow test a fire attack system (intake of engine to discharge of nozzle), things that impact flow, establishing target flow, the impact of quality and size of hose on flow, the effect of kinks on fire attack system flow, how to flow test all types of nozzles including automatic nozzles and demonstration of low flow nozzle streams

New Nozzle Techniques – New nozzle techniques based on UL research for exterior fires, basement fires, first-floor fires, second-floor fires and attic fires

Fire Attack Team – Hands-on review of critical skills for the following positions: engine officer, nozzleman, backup and door man

Nozzle Options – Solid bore, combination, automatic (low pressure and dial-able pressure), combination solid/combo and low-pressure combinations (50 and 75 psi) nozzle type advantages and disadvantages, demonstration of each and duties of the backup man and nozzle man will be reviewed and practiced to perfection

There is no live fire, so no SCBA is required on site. Full turnout gear and Chief's training authorization form are required. There is no available PPE on site. Training consists of four stations with about two hours spent at each. Each station will have simulated fire attacks as time allows.

Hosted at the Syracuse Fire Department Training Center

\$65 FASNY members, \$75 non-members. Fee includes eight-hour course, official T-shirt and lunch. Registration deadline: August 1.



Our Home in Hudson

By Wayne Butts, Vice President
Home Board of Trustees

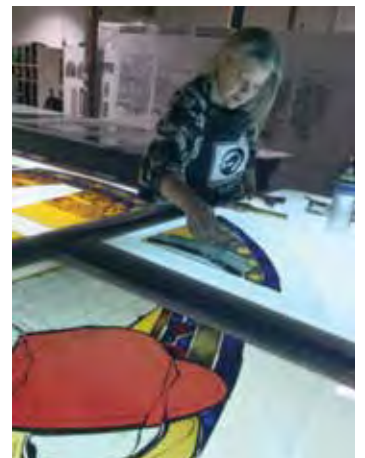
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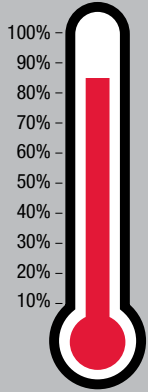
On January 7, the Blue Vests (Nut Busters) hosted a belated Christmas Party for the FASNY Firemen's Home members (re-scheduled from December due to weather). On January 25, the members gathered again, as they do each month, to enjoy a group birthday party. Among them was William A. Hills, who celebrated 100 years of life (see p. 22)! On behalf of the Trustees, I want to acknowledge the generous efforts of both the Blue Vests and LA-FASNY members who make these celebrations possible.

As of February 1, our census stands at 86 and we welcomed two new members. Steven A. Little was admitted to the Home on January 11. He is 62 years old and is from the Point Pleasant Fire Department. Michael Trizinsky was admitted on February 27. He is 50 years old from Senate H & L Co. No. 1, Ossining Fire Department. I am also happy to report that no members passed away this month.

Plans are well underway for the Firemen's Home 125th Anniversary Celebration. On May 19, there will be a special dedication ceremony to unveil the Caring Window. This will occur following the

Home's 32nd Memorial Service for our deceased members in the Chapel at 7:00 p.m. Below are pictures illustrating the progress of the window design from our builder, Willet Hauser Architectural Glass Inc.





Fundraising for the window continues and we have reached 85 percent of our goal. Please consider contributing to the Caring Window that will be unveiled during the 125th Anniversary Celebration for the Home. Send checks for the “Chapel Window Fund” to: FASNY, 107 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 12210.

On May 20, following the parade and FASNY Museum’s Muster (see p. 27), the members of the Firemen’s Home will be served a special semi-formal dinner in the Home’s main dining room. The menu that our residents will enjoy (prime rib, chicken francaise or stuffed sole) will mirror that of the dinner for the Home’s supporters at Anthony’s Banquet Hall in Leeds.

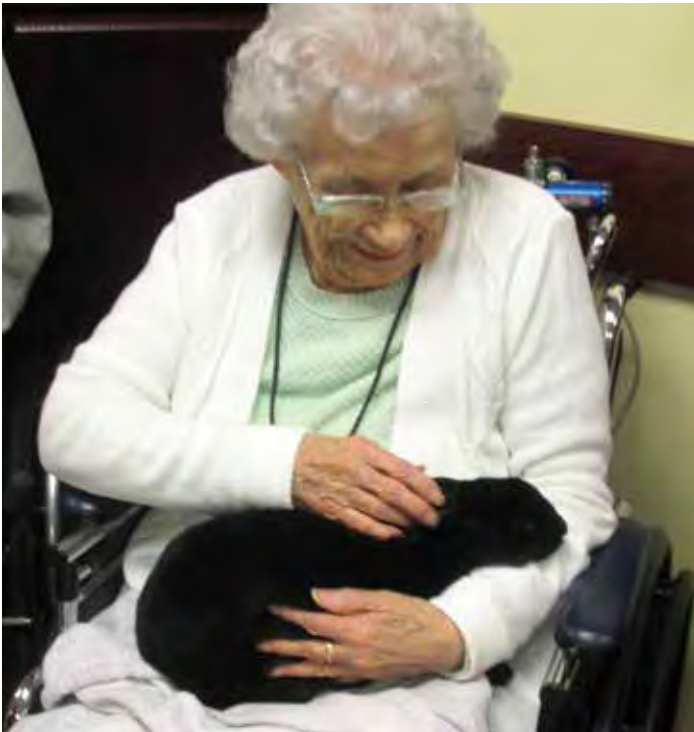
Tickets for the banquet dinner are \$55 per person and are limited to 300 seats. They are booking up fast, so please reserve soon if you are interested in attending. Registration forms are available at www.firemenshome.com/anniversary



Home Highlights



Students from the Questar CNA Program stopped in for crafts and refreshments with our members.



The Rabbit Club came by for a visit with residents, including Betty Grefe.



Home resident Ed Burgueire pets Cedric the therapy dog.



The Christmas Morning Music Program included a “touring” band that went room to room welcoming the holiday before a concert in the multi-purpose room.



At Home with ... William A. Hills

By Gina Salvato Shultis, Director of Development

With a gleam in his eye and his memory sharp as a tack, William A. (Bill) Hills greeted more than 100 of his family and friends who came to the FASNY Firemen's Home to celebrate his momentous 100th birthday. Among the guests were his fire service brothers and sisters from Long Island, who came by bus to pay tribute to him as the last living founding member of the North Amityville Fire Co.

When asked what it felt like to be turning 100 years old, Bill responded with a smile, "No different than being 99!"

Bill's father-in-law, Oscar Egelund (Badge No. 1) donated the property for the original firehouse on Rosewood Avenue in North Amityville. Bill joined the department in 1940 and helped construct its first fire station. He is still Badge No. 24 and can tell you vivid stories about pounding in the nails to build a firm structure and a strong department.

Ex-Chief Jimmie McGruder, Chairman of the North Amityville Board, said he looks forward to his visits to the Firemen's Home to see Bill. "We could always go to him and ask about the history to help us make decisions as to where we are and where we want to go in the future," he said.

North Amityville's current Chief Aaron Collins presented Bill with Citations of Honor from Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and Congressman Peter T. King, along with gifts from the fire company. Ex-Chief Walter Singer congratulated Bill on behalf of the Town of Babylon Chiefs Association.

FASNY Immediate Past President Robert N. McConville and Trustees Gerard Owenburg and Frederick J. Griffiths presented Bill with a Centenarian Certificate from the Home as well as a framed birthday card. He also received a birthday certificate from the White House signed by former President Barack Obama.

Although the awards and accolades of the day reflected fondly on Bill's 77 years of service (both to the fire service and in World War II), his legacy includes a rich piece of history that began on the Hudson River, not far from the Firemen's Home where he now resides.

Born on the barge "Westfield" on January 19, 1917, Bill spent his first 20 years of life on boats traveling the East River, New York Harbor, Hudson River and the Barge Canal. He recalls this as a very happy time in his life and even remembers the



Photo courtesy of Lance Wheeler



Great Depression years fondly. For, although a barge cabin is tiny, it is efficient – always warm in the winter and cool in the summer (they hauled coal and ice), as Bill still recalls.

At age 19, Bill took charge of his own barge, the “Rifton.” At the time, he kept a meticulous log, but he had no way of knowing he would ultimately record the events of the historic barge canal freeze during the winter of 1936-37. This would be his last year on the boats, but in 1994, he would recall these details again during an interview with Craig Williams, former Senior Historian for the New York Museum, who also attended Bill’s 100th birthday party.

In 1940, Bill married Genevieve Egelund and they had four children, who were all present at his party.

There are far more interesting things to write about Bill’s life than space in this article will permit, so I will close with these few. After being honorably discharged from the U.S. Army in 1946, Bill started his own business applying gold lettering scroll designs and pictorials to fire apparatus. He played guitar up until a few years ago, has visited all 50 states, and his driver’s license is still valid until 2018.

William A. Hills: a true fireman, craftsman, patriot, family man and celebrated resident of the Firemen’s Home!



FASNY FIREMEN’S HOME RESIDENTS’ BIRTHDAYS

The following residents of the Firemen’s Home celebrate their birthdays in the months of March and April. Please feel free to send cards or happy birthday wishes. These brighten their day and always put a smile on their faces.

March	1	Brian F. Navom, Columbia, S.W. Smith Hook & Ladder
	9	Hugo Gardina, Columbia, Ghent Volunteer Fire Co. No. 1
	23	Bernard L. Turek, Columbia, H.W. Rogers Hose Co., Hudson
	25	Deanna J. Vanschaack, Greene, D.M. Hamilton Steamer Co. No. 2 Ladies Auxiliary
	26	Robert H. Hicks, Nassau, Manhasset Lakeville Co. No. 3
April	5	Josephine N. Farrell, Greene, West Athens Lime Street Fire Co. No. 1 Ladies Auxiliary
	7	Joseph A. Ploeger, Suffolk, Phoenix Hook & Ladder No. 1, Sag Harbor Fire Department
		Raymond J. Smith, Greene, Haines Falls Volunteer Fire Co.
		Donald G. Tkacy, Columbia, C. H. Evans Hook & Ladder No. 3, Hudson
	9	Rose Meiswinkel, Ulster, Saugerties Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary
	17	Matthew E. Grefe, Jr., Nassau, Sea Cliff Fire Department
	18	Brian G. Whiteman, Sr., Greene, Athens Fire Department
	26	Steven A. Little, Oneida, Point Pleasant Fire Department
	27	Edward J. Schindler, Columbia, Tri-Village Fire Co.
	28	Donald S. Hamm, Columbia, Greenport Pumper Co. No. 1
	30	Dudley R. Philhower, Suffolk, Stony Brook Volunteer Fire Department

FASNY MUSEUM OF FIREFIGHTING: MEET A MUSTER TRUCK:

By Thomas L. Herman and Jamie Smith Quinn, Executive Director of the FASNY Museum of Firefighting



This rare 1929 White Co. salvage engine will be participating in the muster at the Museum.

The celebration of the 125th Anniversary of the FASNY Firemen's Home is fast approaching. This event, which includes a parade and muster, will occur on May 20. We thought it might be interesting for the readers to become more acquainted with a very rare and wonderful apparatus that will be attending the muster: the 1929 White Salvage Truck (Model 61, serial number 162154). But first, a brief background on the history of the salvage companies of New York City ...

Fire patrols, such as the Hand-in-Hand Fire Co., existed in New York pre-Revolutionary War. Their main purpose was protecting property and conducting salvage operations in Manhattan. Other salvage companies were also formed in New York City.

The professional salvage company dates to 1835, when a group of New York insurance companies formed an association for the purpose of employing a paid brigade of men, known as the fire police, to patrol the streets at night and watch for fires. This force was also charged with "preserving property exposed to fire and damage thereto by water" in the City of New York.

This group was the origin of the New York Fire Patrol (NYFP). This was the first insurance company-supported salvage company

in the United States – an innovative idea that would soon expand to other cities across America. While the salvage company units worked in conjunction with the city fire departments, they were not part of the fire departments. The salvage company's expenses were paid by the insurance industry. Their function at fires was solely to protect merchandise from fire or water damage while the fire department fought the fire. They would remove valuable merchandise from the structure, throw salvage covers (tarps) over the merchandise, etc. Over the years, the NYFP eventually numbered 10 companies with 400 patrol members. The NYFP was finally disbanded in 2006.

Now onto some interesting information about the maker of the rig we are featuring in this article ... the White Company.

The White Sewing Machine Co. was founded in 1858 by Thomas White and seems an unlikely enterprise to evolve into manufacturing fire trucks. But, the three White brothers (the sons of Thomas) were bona fide automotive pioneers.

Walter White was President of the White Sewing Machine Co. Rollin White was the inventor and charged with the manufacturing side of the business. Windsor White took charge of the marketing department.

1929 WHITE CO. SALVAGE TRUCK

It was Rollin's innovative flash boiler system that really differentiated White from its competitors. This system allowed the use of the steamer in about five to eight minutes versus the usually 20 to 30 minutes for the competition. The White brothers built their first two steam-powered trucks in 1900 for the Denver Dry Goods Co. for use as city delivery vans. The first White bus was fabricated in 1904. In 1906, the White Co. for the manufacturing of cars and trucks was incorporated as a separate entity from the sewing machine company. Eventually, as steam-powered equipment fell out of favor, White began to build gasoline-powered automobiles and trucks as well.

However, White's sales began to fall off in the 1960s, and the company fell on hard times in the mid-1970s. By 1980, the White Company was insolvent and in 1981, their U.S. assets were purchased by Volvo AB.

Although Stanley steamer cars are probably the most recognized steam car, it is not because of the lack of White cars manufactured. White cars were in high demand during their heyday. However, White cars were made of premium metals, and it is thought that these types of metals were highly sought after for the war effort. As a result, many White cars and trucks were melted down by patriotic Americans.

Here are some interesting fun facts about the White Company:

The White steam car was the first official White House car. President William Howard Taft personally requested the White steam car because it was known to be reliable and because the White Company hailed from his home state of Ohio. Taft was a major automobile enthusiast at a time when people were not sure if the automobile was just a passing fad. Taft's selection of a White steam car for the White House ushered in the beginning of the automobile era. Soon other politicians wanted an automobile and Americans in general had an explosion of interest as well. Jay Leno is also a big White steam car fan and owns two White

steam cars. These cars have been featured on his program "Jay's Garage." You can view segments of his show about his White steam cars on YouTube.

And now for some information on the White Model 61 fire apparatus that is scheduled to participate in the muster ...

The White Model 60 one-ton chassis and the Model 61 one-and-a-half-ton chassis were introduced to the market in late 1928 and were regarded as revolutionary. The Vintage White Association states that this model truck was the first with four-wheel hydraulic brakes, was fully electrified and had a new, modern-design flathead six motor.



President Taft helped usher in the era of the automobile by purchasing a White Co. steam car for the White House fleet.

The chassis was manufactured in April of 1929. It is believed that the Baltimore Corps shops built their own bodies and mounted them on the chassis. This wagon was the replacement for the 1917 White of Corps No. 3 and was placed in active service on March 31, 1931. The wagons were built to carry manpower, as evidenced by the seating in the rear of the body. It was also built to carry the equipment needed to work salvage operations. Large quantities of various sizes and types of salvage covers (tarps) were primary to the operation. This was the first heavy rig of the Baltimore Corps to be equipped with pneumatic tires!

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A classic White Co. advertisement, circa 1945.

One of the interesting points about the Baltimore Insurance Salvage Corps is the amount of vehicle building, painting and rebuilding performed in the Corps' shops. Bodies from older rigs being retired were taken off and remounted on new chassis. After years of service, the vehicles would be rehabbed and placed back in service.

This vehicle differs in appearance from the original featured in service photographs, as it has had a windshield added and the rear body is somewhat reconfigured. It is presented as it might have looked when it was closer to retirement. There are no known photos of this rig in its later service life.

On June 1, 1943, this 1929 wagon was replaced with a new White wagon. Typically, replaced rigs would go into reserve status and serve another 10 years or so. According to the Vintage White Truck Association registry, this is the only White Model 61 fire apparatus known to exist, and one of only about a half-dozen White Model 61 trucks of any kind in existence in the world today.

We hope you enjoyed reading about this wonderful truck. It was the end result of a 15-year restoration project and a rare piece of American fire service history.

But, the best way to really appreciate this apparatus is to see it in person. So, plan on joining us in Hudson on May 20 for the parade and Muster as part of the 125th Anniversary of the Home Celebration! For more information on this event, please visit www.firemenshome.com/anniversary



Senator Marchione, FASNY CAO Quinn Recognized for Service



State Senator Kathy Marchione was recognized for her outstanding commitment to the volunteer fire and EMS services in providing \$750,000 in funding for pagers within Rensselaer County. For this unprecedented support, the South Schodack Fire District honored the Senator as the latest recipient of the District's Commissioners Achievement Award for 2016.

Pictured with the Senator are FASNY CAO and Past Chief of the South Schodack Fire Department David A. Quinn; Gary Roberts, Vice President of the Rensselaer County Chiefs Association; Jim Dorward, current Chief of the South Schodack Fire Department; and FASNY Secretary John S. D'Alessandro, who presented the Senator with a certificate for her tireless contributions to the volunteers of the county and the state of New York at large.

Chief Quinn was also recognized by the Town of Schodack Chiefs Association with the Firefighter of the Year Award for his above-and-beyond contributions and exemplary service to his department and the town.



125th Anniversary Celebration



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, May 19, 2017

Memorial Service and Caring Window Dedication	Firemen's Home Chapel	7:00 p.m.
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Saturday, May 20, 2017

Parade	City of Hudson (ends at the Firemen's Home)	10:00 a.m.
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NOTE: Antique apparatus are tentatively scheduled to step off at 9:30 a.m. and the muster grounds open at 10:00 a.m.

Muster	Firemen's Home	
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Brick Memorial Rededication	Firemen's Home	2:00 p.m.
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125th Anniversary Dinner	Anthony's Banquet Hall, Leeds	6:00 p.m.
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Start making your plans for May 19 and 20, 2017, and book housing reservations now. There will be a limited number of campsites available on the grounds of the Home – first come, first served. For more information about the event, memorabilia order forms and links to housing/camping information, visit www.firemenshome.com/anniversary

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FASNY TRAINING AND EDUCATION CALENDAR

By Jay Wilson, Training, Education and Convention Administrator

New 2017 Course!

Modern Firefighting: What Works for You

Past President of the International Society of Fire Service Instructors Chief Eddie Buchanan and retired FDNY Battalion Chief, author and veteran presenter John J. Salka, Jr. present this informative seminar.

This program will be moderated by FASNY Secretary John S. D'Alessandro with discussion of some of the issues that have been raised by NIST/UL fire research.

Topics include:

- ▶ Using outside streams for fire attack
- ▶ Attacking fire from the unburned to the burned
- ▶ How to handle ventilation of limited fires
- ▶ Keeping the wind at your back
- ▶ Considering flow paths
- ▶ Controlling the door

Chiefs Salka and Buchanan will discuss and explain their perspectives on these emerging issues and lead a discussion on the many viewpoints.

Date	Location
March 9, 2017	Putnam County Putnam TOPS Auditorium, Carmel
March 28	Erie County West Seneca East Middle School
April 5	Rensselaer County Maple Hill High School, Castleton
May 16	Orange County, Walden Fire Station No. 1
May 31	Oneida County Whitesboro High School Auditorium, Marcy
August 11	Onondaga County FASNY Convention, Liverpool

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- ▶ Defensive driving

Registration opens at 6:30 p.m. Course begins at 7:00 p.m.
Seating is limited.

Date	Location
March 9, 2017	Otsego County Office of Emergency Services, Cooperstown
March 14	Ulster County, Wallkill Fire Station
March 15	Sullivan County Loch Sheldrake Fire Department
March 27	Chautauqua County, Gerry Rodeo Grounds
March 28	Allegany County, Cuba Central High School
March 29	Wyoming County, North Java Fire Station
March 30	Franklin County, Malone Callfiremen

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April 11	Lewis County, Copenhagen Fire Hall
April 12	Ontario County Emergency Management, Canandaigua

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FASNY 2017 WINTER GAMES RESULTS

Tubing Sponsored by Fire Service Safety Testing

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Stokes Basket Carry Sponsored by Priority Fire Apparatus & Service LLC

1st	Chenango Fire Co. – 0:44.72
2nd	Ridge FD Team No. 2 – 0:44.97
3rd	Killawog Fire Co. – 0:46.03

Hose Race Sponsored by Fire-End (Fire Service Products)

1st	Ridge FD Team No. 2 – 0:45.06
2nd	Chenango Fire Co. – 0:46.41
3rd	Selden Fire Department Team No. 1 – 0:47.06

Tug-O-War Sponsored by United Radio

1st	Killawog Fire Co.
2nd	Manlius Fire Co.
3rd	Ridge FD Team No.2

Broom Ball Event Sponsored by ESIP & Jerome Fire Equipment/Amkus

1st	Farmingville Fire Department
2nd	Cortlandville FD Team No. 2
3rd	Walton Fire Department

Best Tailgate Setup

1st	Baldwinsville Volunteer Fire Co. Inc.
2nd	Killawog Fire Co.
3rd	Fairville Explorer Post 751

Overall Tournament Champions

Killawog Fire Co.

Longest Journey

Ridge FD

Junior/Explorer Team

Fairville Explorer Post 751

Geo Cache – Scavenger Hunt

Branchport/Keuka Park Fire Department

Photos submitted by Eugene J. Perry, Jr., Jay Wilson and Joe Nemier



The tubing hill at Greek Peak Mountain Resort was in perfect condition for racing.



Tube race winners from Ridge FD pose with Steve Speer of event sponsor Fire Service Safety Testing.



From left, Immediate Past President Robert N. McConville, President Kenneth Pienkowski, and First Vice President Steven E. Klein enjoy the games.



Competitors get into the spirit of the games.

2017 FASNY WINTER GAMES HIGHLIGHTS



Competitors line up for a Winter Games favorite.



Most teams complete the Stokes Basket Carry event in less than a minute.



Ridge FD Team No. 2 finished first in the hose races.



Teams also battled for "Best Tailgate Setup."



About 30 teams competed in the Tug-O-War tournament.

Broomball closed out the games on Sunday, February 5.



THE GARAGE BURNER

By Charles Angione

Conservative estimates tell us that approximately half of all fires are deliberately set. And approximately half of these are lit by juveniles. Most kids go through the firebug stage at about age 4. They play with matches, maybe even start a small fire, but soon outgrow the fascination.

If a kid is still preoccupied with fire by the age of 9, he is well on his way to becoming a pyromaniac. Usually he will begin by setting relatively minor fires, perhaps in piles of leaves or in garbage dumpsters. Then he may progress to autos. Garage fires are often the next step, the prelude to major structure fires.

That is why more fire departments are taking their juvenile fire setters seriously and devoting greater resources to finding and psychologically rehabilitating them: the younger, the better.

One night, we got a call around 10:00 p.m. for a fire in a detached residential garage. We responded with a full first alarm assignment to 1114 Woodland Ave., on the fringes of the city's affluent "nest" area.

The garage was a large old two-story job with a loft containing heavy storage. The fire had been set in the far corner of the first floor and had spread to the loft. Engine 4, the first arriving company, knocked the flames down while Truck 1 vented the loft and overhauled the roof.

A discussion with the owner revealed that he had seen a lanky teenager moving around in the garage before the fire broke out. The youth was wearing white pants and a dark buttoned shirt with white flowers. His hair was arranged in dreadlocks.

The troops were still engaged when another alarm came in for smoke in the area across town in the West End. Engine 3 responded to investigate. It was another detached garage fire, this one at 1226 West Third St. Another full assignment. B.J. (my driver) and I responded also.

As a precaution, I called for mutual aid to be put on standby and recalled some of our own off-duty people to man reserve rigs.

The second garage fire was going good. This one, a decrepit two-car garage, required a couple of attack lines and an exposure line to protect the house. The dried-out structure was in deplorable condition, already rotted out and leaning

precariouly. The fire and subsequent overhaul took it down the rest of the way. It was obvious that this second garage fire was also an arson job. I was thinking about calling it under control when another alarm came in.

"Respond to a garage fire at 540 East Fifth Street." This one was near our downtown business district. The pattern of fires was zigzagging from southeast to northwest and back to the center of town.

"FA-1 to Command," the Volunteer Fanwood mutual aid engine radioed. "We receive that alarm and will respond. The address is close by."

"Ten-four, FA-1. You'll be responding." I had been notified that enough off-duty men had reported in to place our reserve rigs in service. "Command to Central, dispatch Engine 5 and Truck 3 to East Fifth Street, and have North and South Plainfield relocate to our headquarters. Car 2 will also be responding, Central. Engine 3 will remain as West Third Street Command."

B.J. and I hustled over to Car 2. Central was still repeating my orders as B.J. was knifing the big Suburban through the darkness.

When we arrived on the scene, we saw that this one was a fully involved attached garage. The Fanwood mutual aid engine was pulling a one-and-three-quarter-inch attack line to the garage entrance to hit the flames from outside. Sometimes, of course, an exterior attack is necessary and effective. But, such an attack through the garage doors would, in this case, virtually guarantee pushing the fire inside.

I caught up with the Fanwood Captain as he was helping to drag in the line, and I placed a hand on his shoulder.

"Just give it a quick shot from outside, Cap, to keep it from lapping up to the roof," I said. "Then take your line around through the front door to the kitchen and hit the fire from the inside doorway to the garage."

"You got it, Chief," the Captain said. "You heard the man, guys, just a quick shot and then we go inside."

"Car 2 to Central, we'll be establishing East Fifth Street Command. Notify County mutual aid to place another task force on standby."

'It was obvious that this second garage fire was also an arson job. I was thinking about calling it under control when another alarm came in.'

The Fanwood engine was soon backed up by Engine 5, Truck 3 and Rescue 1. We had a second line in and the rescue company had removed the sleeping occupants while the truck company had vented the windows and was checking for vertical extension. It looked as if Fanwood's initial knock-down and interior attack limited the fire to the kitchen wall assembly and the garage roof.

I gave yet another progress report, finishing with: "... and notify the arson squad to add this one to their list."

I was watching the truck company rip up smoldering shingles, when Jimmy Grundy, a recalled firefighter, came over.

"Excuse me, sir," he said, "Some kid just passed by the fire without even glancing at it. Chief, I've been on the job almost five years, and I don't remember anyone ever passing a fire scene without even taking a peek at it."

Jimmy was right, of course. The only logical reason for doing such a thing was to appear innocent while perhaps feeling compelled to be at the scene of his arson.

"There he goes now," Jimmy said pointing.

I looked and saw a tall slim kid in dreadlocks wearing white pants and a black and white floral shirt. He was carrying a small plastic shopping bag. The kid was a half block away.

There was a parked patrol car on the corner with a police officer sitting inside. I notified the officer via our police frequency to stop the kid. He flipped a cigarette out the open window and climbed out. He then took the bag the kid was carrying and examined it. The youngster went quietly as the cop ushered him into the back seat of his patrol car.

When I got there, I took a closer look at the kid.

"What's your name, son? I asked.

"Nigel," both he and the cop answered. The kid's cold eyes met mine.

"I know this young man," the cop, a husky six-footer, said. He seemed somewhat depressed. "He lives in my neighborhood, and I know his folks. They're good people from the Virgin Islands."

"What's in the bag, Nigel?" I asked.

"My property," Nigel replied matter-of-factly.

I looked up at the cop, who handed the bag over. Inside was a jar of gasoline, some cotton batting and matches.

I radioed the arson squad, telling the team leader to call me by cell phone. When Union County Detective Sergeant Joe Brady got back to me, I told him we had the arsonist and filled him in on the details.

A normally upbeat guy who loved his job, Joe sounded more cheerful than usual.

"Man, you saved me a lot of work, Chief. We'll pick up the evidence and let the witness on that first fire see if he can identify the kid."

"Okay, Joe, thanks. By the way, the youngster covered a lot of ground pretty quickly. He doesn't look old enough to drive. Maybe we'd better look for a bike."

"Oh, I didn't get a chance to tell you. Turns out that a bicycle from the first garage was missing. I'll bet if we look around the area of your last fire, we'll locate it."

We did.

We were able to initiate some psychological counseling for Nigel. About the biggest break we could give the young man at this point – and any potential victim of his – was to get him some mental help. At least we kept him off the streets for a time. But, turning over a new leaf is rare in real life. About six months later, he was arrested for the arson of an apartment house. A couple of rescues were made in that one, and Nigel came closer than he'll ever know to facing a murder rap. He got off with probation instead, and soon after disappeared from the area. Firefighters had been injured in that apartment house fire, but of course, as some of our customers like to remind us, that's what we are here for.



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Consider This ... Think ...

By Jerry Knapp, Rockland County Fire Training Center

Think. That one word was my first lesson in firefighting.

Mr. Bill Herman, then-Rockland County Fire Coordinator and my essentials of firemanship instructor, wrote “think” on the blackboard and underlined it twice. He did not even introduce himself to the class. He just came into the classroom at our then-new training center and said, “The most valuable lesson in firefighting is this one word: think. You have to be able to think in this business.”

We will get back to “think” in just a minute.

Each member of the fire attack team has responsibilities. The officer has specific duties, as does the nozzle man, the backup man, the door man and the kink man. If you use that SOP, the attack team will come together to stretch the line. Then, each additional incoming firefighter can look, determine what positions are filled and which are not filled, fill the empty positions, and execute the responsibilities of that position, thereby increasing the effectiveness of the fire attack team. It is a description of our most basic play.

Yeah, yeah, I know, some of us are volunteers and don’t work together as assigned crews all the time. This is all the more reason to train your members to execute specific responsibilities on the fireground so they can unite as an effective fire attack team.

The purpose of this article is to make you think about your department’s first fire attack line. I’ve said it before, it is our most basic and most critical play. Let’s look at what it takes to make your first line a success.

Think. Think for a minute about what you want to accomplish with your first interior attack line. Simple, you say: Go to the seat of the fire, through the front door, and extinguish the fire. Let’s look at some important details.

The most important factor: It must be “firefighter proof.” “Firefighter proof” is not a negative comment. It must be so simple that it works all the time. It must be a simple, clear system that everyone understands and can make work. Consider where and when you will use this line. It will be dark, smoke will obscure your vision, you will be wearing thick gloves, you may have limited manpower, the pump operator cannot see if the line is actually flowing water, and the people that will make it work will – let’s be realistic here – probably be a bit excited. They should not be excited you say – then you have never been to a fire where lives were in jeopardy.

How much water do you want your first line to flow? This decision will influence hose and nozzle selection. Is 125-gpm flow your goal? Is a flow of 150 gpm what you want? Do

you want to increase to 200 gpm? What you decide here will determine other critical factors. This is the first step in the balancing act.

Nozzle reaction increases for every gallon of water you discharge. This is an interior line, so remember, it will need to be fast and maneuverable. Obviously, 200 gpm is better than 150 gpm, but will the people be able to handle it inside? For discussion, let’s say we want a flow of 150 gpm.

The choice of nozzle is the next important choice. Your nozzle choice may be the limiting factor on how much water your system flows. The target flow for our line is 150 gpm. So why add a nozzle that has one of those little flow selector rings? Why would you want to reduce the flow to 65 gpm? In the dark and confusion of a fire attack, you can’t see it to determine what now it is set to and you may not even know that you inadvertently reduced the flow because of your thick gloves.

How important is that flow selector ring? I have developed and taught engine company operations at the Rockland County Fire Training Center for the past 12 years. After a few half-speed training stretches, we always “go live.” For us, that means firefighters go around the block and pull up to the fire building as if it were a real fire. The line gets stretched full speed and the fire attack is not concluded until the fire is knocked down on the first floor of our burn building and the line is pushed upstairs to the most distant room where firefighters meet a second fire (simulating an extension of the first). In 50 percent of cases where a flow selector is on the nozzle, it is set at a lower gpm setting than the line was designed to flow. It may have come off the rig at a low flow setting or may have gotten bumped or twisted inadvertently. If we don’t check this detail in training, do you think at “zero dark 30,” when you have the nozzle, you will check to see if it is set at the proper setting? Do you think you are going to see those little numbers during an interior fire attack? I don’t think so either.

You should not even have to think about selling the flow. That should be designed into your system. Keep it simple, make it work.

Now for the real tough decision: Do you use a straight stream or fog nozzle? For interior firefighting, the goal is to not disturb the thermal balance in the room. What is thermal balance? Simply put: Hot air rises, cooler air sinks. The National Bureau of Standards did several full-scale burn tests of residential fires. In each test, a typical living room was furnished and ignited and temperatures were taken at various points. In each burn, ceiling temperature peaked at over 2,000 degrees Fahrenheit.

Your First Attack Line

Our goal as nozzle man is to put water on the fire, but also to leave the super-heated air high above our heads. The best way to do this is to use a straight stream. Bounce the water off the ceiling and it will break up into large drops and fall to the lower levels as large drops and extinguish the fire. Some may argue that this needs to be a smooth bore nozzle. I believe that there are so many variables during the fire attack that if you put your nozzle to straight stream, the effect is indistinguishable from a smooth bore.

The alternative to the straight stream is the fog or spray pattern. There are a couple of interesting facts you may want to consider before using fog inside.

First, a fog pattern contains several thousand cubic feet per minute of air. That nice air moving by you is being pushed into the fire area. What you really have in your hands is a large fan that sprays water. The combination of the steam the line will produce, the fanning action of the air being introduced by the fog pattern, and the 2,000-degree temperature during the fire attack makes "Firefighter Soup." In case you have not guessed, you are the main ingredient. This is a recipe for steam burns.

That was the way I was taught to put out fires 25 years ago. Get inside, put the nozzle on fog, whip it around, and the fire will go out. This "spray and pray" technique works for one-room fires. Then again, a booster line will work for a one-room fire. Almost anything will work for one-room fires in a residence. However, you will have a much different outcome if you have several rooms going or an industrial or mercantile occupancy. If you need to move through the fire area you just extinguished, you need to maintain the room's thermal balance as best you can to extinguish more fire. That means a straight stream, not fog. Keep it simple: Leave the bad air up and the good (cool air) down. No need to stir the pot here. Remember: We are in it!

Where did "spray and pray" techniques come from? They came from a misunderstanding of Lloyd Layman's theories published in his book, *Attacking and Extinguishing Interior Fires*, published by NFPA in 1955. Chief Layman believed that if proper amounts of fog patterns were injected into a burning structure, the fires would be extinguished. This technique works well for shipboard firefighting and under the correct conditions, it can work for building fires. The problem is that these very, very specific conditions are not often available or possible at real fires. They also mean certain death to anyone still inside.

So, where is the misunderstanding? Chief Layman never advocated putting firefighters inside with fog streams! On page 45 of his book, he writes, "An indirect attack should always be

made from positions that will enable personnel to avoid injuries from super-heated smoke and live steam." He continues, "If possible and practical, an indirect attack should be made from positions outside the involved building."

Another point to consider about fog streams – they have very limited reach. If you are in a one-room residential fire, hey, no problem. But what if you are in a large room in, say, a warehouse? You have your fog stream open to say 30 degrees, water is flowing like mad, and the nob is making that constant sound of water moving. But how far is it really going? Is it reaching the seat of the fire? If there is heavy fire, is the water (it is in very small drops) being vaporized before it hits the burning fuel and puts the fire out?

Recall that our goal is to put water on the burning fuel to extinguish it (directly), not to turn water from our line into steam to absorb heat.

Many departments use the fog nozzle because it is versatile. You can get both straight stream and fog from the same nozzle. The fog pattern can be used to vent the building. The nozzle is a tool to discharge water, not ventilate the building. Did you buy a positive pressure fan that can shoot water? Does your ventilation saw have a water tank on it to extinguish fire that comes from a vent hole the saw cuts? The tool we call the nozzle is designed to produce a fire stream. It should produce the most effective fire stream you have selected for your handline system, period.

Be aggressive. But, above all, follow Bill Herman's advice. "Think" and be safe in all you do.



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DRIVE TO SURVIVE, PART 2: ENERGY

By Chris Daly

It is extremely important that a driver understands the energy associated with a moving vehicle. Any vehicle that is moving down the road has “kinetic energy.” Don’t be intimidated by the big words, kinetic energy is simply a function of how fast the vehicle is traveling and how large it is.

Take a 30,000-pound fire truck traveling at 50 mph and you can imagine the amount of energy that is associated with the vehicle as it is weaving through rush-hour traffic. It is this energy that causes tires to skid, metal to crush and, at times, injury and death.

Stopping

As a vehicle travels down the road, it gathers kinetic energy. How much energy depends on how fast the vehicle is going and how large it is. In order for a driver to bring a vehicle to a stop, he must first find a way to dissipate this kinetic energy.

Imagine that your fire truck is a bucket full of water. The water inside the bucket is the energy that the fire truck has created as it is driving down the street. In order to slow the vehicle down, the driver must get rid of some of the kinetic energy, or dump some of the water out of the bucket. If the driver wants to bring the vehicle to a stop, he must get rid of all of his kinetic energy or dump all of the water out of the bucket.

The problem is that we can’t just make kinetic energy disappear; it has to be converted into a different type of energy. Almost all of the time, a vehicle’s kinetic energy is safely converted into heat energy when the driver applies the brakes. As the brake pads rub against the disc or the drum, it creates tremendous amounts of heat energy. The heat created by the brakes is actually the kinetic energy of the vehicle being “burned off.” As this energy is burned off, the vehicle slows down and eventually comes to a stop.

Skidding

Normally, the friction of the brake pads rubbing on the discs or drums will “burn off” a vehicle’s kinetic energy and bring it to a stop. But what happens when a car pulls out in front of you and you have to slam on your brakes, causing your wheels to lock?

In this case, the wheels stop turning and your brake pads are no longer rubbing on the discs or drums. As a result, the vehicle must find another way to burn off the energy so that it can come to stop. How does this occur? As the locked tires slide across the roadway, the friction between the tire and the road surface creates the heat which burns off the kinetic energy.

The problem with this scenario is that as the tire slides across the road surface, it creates tremendous amounts of heat. While there is a lot of discussion in the crash reconstruction world

as to what a skid mark is, one of the more commonly held beliefs is that the heat from a skidding tire liquefies the oils in an asphalt roadway and causes them to float to the surface. As these oils float to the surface, the vehicle begins to slide on a thin sheen of oil with no steering control.

This scenario results in what we commonly refer to as a “skidmark.” A skidmark is a mark left by the residual oils that have been brought to the surface of the road by heat energy. Some of the skidmark is also created by the rubber from the tire.

The take-home message is that once your vehicle begins to skid along the road surface (if not equipped with anti-lock brakes), you will lose all steering control of your vehicle.

In this scenario, if you are lucky, your vehicle will skid in a straight line and eventually come to a stop once it burns off all of the kinetic energy. But if you aren’t lucky, your vehicle may slide into a fixed object or another vehicle on the road.

Crush

Ideally, you will burn off your kinetic energy by applying the brakes and coming to a stop. If you aren’t careful, you may slam on your brakes and lock your tires, causing you to skid to a stop. But what happens if you aren’t able to burn off all of your energy before another car pulls out in front of you?

In this case, you strike the other vehicle while your vehicle still has kinetic energy. The remaining energy present when the vehicles collide is dissipated by crushing the metal of the vehicles. What you see in the aftermath of a motor vehicle crash, i.e. the crushed cars, is actually evidence of how much kinetic energy was left in the vehicles at the time of the crash. The bigger the vehicle and the faster it is traveling, the more crush damage the vehicles will sustain during a crash.

Vehicle drivers must understand how the size and weight of their vehicle, in conjunction with the speed that they are traveling, directly affects the amount of energy that they must dissipate in order to bring a vehicle to a safe stop.

In an ideal situation, this energy will be safely dissipated by applying the brakes. In less than ideal situations, the energy may be dissipated by skidding the tires or crushing the metal of the vehicle. Hopefully, we can all stick to using the brakes.



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Proclamation for Building Safety Month – May 2017

Whereas, the Firemen's Association of the State of New York (FASNY) is committed to recognizing our growth and strength depends on the safety and economic value of the homes, buildings and infrastructure that serve our citizens, both in everyday life and in times of natural disaster, and;

Whereas, our confidence in the structural integrity of these buildings that make up our community is achieved through the devotion of vigilant guardians – building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, tradespeople, design professionals, laborers and others in the construction industry – who work year round to ensure the safe construction of buildings, and;

Whereas, these guardians are dedicated members of the International Code Council, a U.S.-based organization that brings together local, state and federal officials who are experts in the built environment to create and implement the highest-quality codes to protect us in the buildings where we live, learn, work, worship, play, and;

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Whereas, Building Safety Month is sponsored by the International Code Council to remind the public about the critical role of our communities' largely unknown guardians of public safety – our local code officials – who assure us of safe, efficient and livable buildings that are essential to keep America great, and;

Whereas, "Code Officials – Partners in Community Safety and Economic Growth," the theme for Building Safety Month 2017, encourages all Americans to raise awareness of the importance of building safe and resilient construction, fire prevention, disaster mitigation and new technologies in the construction industry. Building Safety Month 2017 encourages appropriate steps everyone can take to ensure that the places where we live, learn, work, worship and play are safe, and recognizes that countless lives have been saved due to the implementation of safety codes by local and state agencies, and,

Whereas, each year, in observance of Building Safety Month, Americans are asked to consider the commitment to improve building safety and economic investment at home and in the community, and to acknowledge the essential service provided to all of us by local and state building departments, fire prevention bureaus and federal agencies in protecting lives and property.

NOW, THEREFORE FASNY supports the designation of the Month of May 2017 as Building Safety Month. Accordingly, we encourage the citizens of New York to join with their communities in participation in Building Safety Month activities.





Does Brotherhood Really Exist?

By John S. D'Alessandro, FASNY Secretary

Photo courtesy of Zach Lewis/Waterville Times

I love being a firefighter. Let's get that straight from the beginning. Aside from my marriage and the birth of my children, it is my greatest accomplishment. Yet, despite the personal satisfaction it has given me, I have often been frustrated with the lack of brotherhood and respect we sometimes show towards each other.

I don't mean the "support your brother or sister firefighter without question: right, wrong or indifferent" kind of false brotherhood. What I'm talking about is the true "we have a special connection and are part of something bigger than ourselves" brotherhood that the fire service is built upon.

Admittedly, I'm kind of old-fashioned. I believe that being a firefighter is a noble calling. I believe that it is not simply something you do, but it is a part of who you are as a person. And I also believe that it is the responsibility of experienced firefighters to impart the importance of respecting each other to every young firefighter.

That does not mean we are better people than anyone else. That does not mean that we are part of an elite group. It just

means that we are ordinary men and women who have made a solemn commitment to respond when called upon because all lives matter.

Almost five years ago, members of my department were deployed to the other end of our state to assist in the recovery efforts after a natural disaster. I remember when we arrived at our assignment and walked into the firehouse as if it was yesterday. Our hosts were sitting in their ready room exhausted. When they looked up and saw us they immediately had that "you must have taken a very wrong turn off the highway" look on their faces.

You see, the two groups of firefighters could not have been more culturally different than if it was planned. After a few minutes of introductions and strained small talk, the tones dropped and we were off to our first joint call. Little did we realize that stepping into our rigs was the first moment of a lifetime friendship.

For the next five days, we ate, slept, laughed and worked side by side. The people of this community were not our friends,

family or neighbors, but they had become just as important to us. And even though we probably didn't realize it at the time, as firefighters we had become connected on some deeper level. The common purpose of helping people in need made us brothers forever.

Now, don't get me wrong. Over the years, we do not exchange holiday cards or call each other twice a month to catch up. Occasionally, we connect on social media to say hello and see what's going on. But, for the most part, the two groups continue to protect their communities and live their lives. Until that one day when we needed to be brothers again.

You see, recently one of the members of this other department lost their spouse in a tragic way. In the midst of the chaos and extreme emotions they were going through, we received a call to tell us that they "needed their brothers" to be with them. Needless to say, several of us made the trip because that's what you do for your brothers. That's what you do for family. Even if it causes a temporary disruption in your own life.

When one analyzes why there might be diminished brotherhood and respect in the fire service, it's easy to blame the other guy. Of course it's the older, disgruntled member

or the new recruits who think they know it all, or even the leadership who don't really care about leading.

While that may be somewhat true, the real blame lies within each of us: the firefighters who feel that we are privileged to be part of an honorable profession. If we allow our frustration to render us silent, then we have conceded defeat. And that is something that dedicated firefighters just do not do. We regroup, reassess and hit the problem from another direction. It is our responsibility to set the example of respecting those that did the job before us and to teach those that will do it after we are gone.

If you are a firefighter who feels that it's just something you do, then I'm happy that it works for you. But, I can't help believe that you are missing out on an invaluable personal benefit that comes from being a firefighter.

I will, undoubtedly, continue to be frustrated by the way we sometimes treat each other. Yet, I refuse to abandon the belief that honor, loyalty and respect for each other are the foundation that enables us to serve our communities. And when I do get frustrated, I will fight that feeling by remembering that phone call asking their brothers to be with them in their hour of need.





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THE SPOILS SYSTEM: LOYALTY AND DECISION MAKING

By Michael Capozziello

Sounds like a lot of stuff to cover, but trust me it's not because it all fits together. Let's take a look at the definition of each.

First of all, who remembers the term "spoils system" from their history/political science classes? Don't worry, I had to go to my trusty dictionary for the official meaning, although I did know it had something to do with being a brown-noser.

The spoils system "is a practice where a political party, after winning an election, gives government jobs and favors to its supporters, friends and relatives as a reward for working toward victory."

Sound familiar? I'm sure everyone in the fire service, especially volunteer departments, can relate to this as well as give examples of this behavior happening in our departments.

Next is loyalty: "A feeling of strong support for someone or something."

We all have our loyalties. The fire service in general is a loyal service. We are loyal to the people we serve and to each other. Loyal to our companies, departments and battalions. Loyal to the guys you learned the ropes with. Loyal to the make of the rigs we drive and even loyal to our leather helmets.

And finally decision making, defined as "the process of identifying problems and opportunities and resolving them."

As you put the years in, you become loyal to the guys who "had your back" or helped you achieve certain goals. You experience the good times and bad times, and on occasion even the real bad times. These incidents and experiences help to build bonds, strong relationships and ultimately form the foundation of where your individual loyalties will lie.

As an officer or chief, there are times when our loyalties can get in the way of sound decision making. Being fair and doing the right thing all the time is one of the most important traits you can strive for as a leader.

Unfortunately for some, it may be the hardest thing to do. You realize early on, if it was not already told to you, that you will not please everyone. If you become blinded by your loyalties while making decisions, you are going to open yourself up to much criticism and subsequently make bad decisions.

Over time, situations can occur where your buddies get "jammed up." In some cases, your first reaction may be to "help out" the guy from your own company; look the other way. Maybe let him "slide" with something. He just clipped the rearview mirror of a car and knocked it off. No one saw it ... just keep going.

Or maybe it's time to replace some equipment and you recommend purchasing something as a favor to someone, even though you know it's not what's best for the organization as a whole.

We all know doing stuff like this is wrong, besides on many occasions these things come back to bite us in the behind.

When making decisions and choices you have to think of four things:

- What is the problem at hand?
- What is it that I want accomplished?
- How do I get there? (Finding the solutions to the problem)
- Is the end decision/choice the very best?

You can apply this thought process to every decision you have to make. Trace your decision to its end result. In the end, is this where you want to be? Did you do the "right thing?" Along the decision/outcome line was there a factor or factors blocking you from getting to the needed accomplished outcome? Did you choose the lesser of the choices due to some sort of loyalty getting in the way of your thought process?

A good piece of advice given to me years back. When making decisions, look at the choice you made from the other person's perspective. See if you can poke holes in the decision you just made.

There are hundreds of books and articles published on management and decision making, but in the end I believe most people know what the right thing is. I would bet most people who have made some bad choices knew they were making the wrong decision, but did it anyway. If it does not feel right in your gut, then it's probably not right. Re-evaluate your choice.

Unfortunately, there are many individuals out there who fear making the unpopular decision and look toward their loyalties as a way to make the safer, easier decision. This is a very poor way to manage and lead.

Remember your true friends will always be your friends no matter what decisions you make.



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Starting a Fire Prevention and Life Safety Program

By Lillian Wood, FASNY Fire Prevention and Life Safety Committee

When discussing Fire Prevention and Life Safety programs, I frequently hear, "Our school would never let us in every month." The first question is: "Did you try?" The second question: "Is there someone in the school (teacher, aide or office personnel) who can help as a contact to get your foot in the door?"

When we expanded our program from Fire Prevention Week with a one-day field trip to the firehouse to all school year, we were very lucky to have some wonderful teachers helping. In 2005, a team of four from our fire company decided to attend the Montour Falls Pub-Ed Conference to get new ideas for our program. Even we didn't know how far we would be able to expand.

The conference was great! We made a lot of contacts willing to help and brought back more information than could fit into one day. A few phone calls later, with the help of two teachers in the "Morning Program," we taught a safety lesson once a week during the morning program of the 2005-06 school year to kindergarten through third grade (approximately 110 students).

The first year was as much a learning experience for us as the students, but it was a hit and we were asked to come back the next school year. For the 2006-07 school year, we expanded the program and enlisted the help of guest speakers. The entire school, kindergarten through fifth grade, attended the classes (approximately 150 students). The program was able to expand again for the 2007-08 school year and we brought in even more guest speakers.

We got our start with the help of the teachers who organized the morning program. However, the school, like many others, was facing budget problems and changes were being discussed.

The 2012-13 school year saw a lot of changes. The school district was going with the Princeton Plan to try and keep both of the district elementary buildings open. We went from approximately 155 kindergarten through fifth-grade students to approximately 280 kindergarten through second-grade students in the Durham Elementary building. Our third through fifth-grade students from

the Cairo Elementary building brought in approximately 290 students. We did NOT want to lose any of "our" students, as we had come to think of them, but we also didn't want to step on any toes.

We contacted the Chief of the Cairo Fire Department and explained what we had been doing with classes in Durham since 2005 and asked if we could continue the program. The Chief liked the program. We also reached out to teachers and wrote to the principals to invite them to see our current program in hopes of keeping it going.

It worked! With the help of the gym teacher, Chris Freeberg, we were able to be in both schools, which required a lot more time. The program went from 20 minutes one morning a month to four afternoons each month and six classes each day, reaching all of the students in both buildings. It was well worth it. The groups were smaller and we were able to do several hands-on lessons. The students loved participating and I feel they learned even more from doing instead of just listening.

Unfortunately, the Princeton Plan was used for only the one school year and during the 2013-14 school year, all students were sent to the elementary school in the Cairo district. Our school sat empty, so again changes had to be made.

We went back to the Cairo Chief and asked to work completely in their district to keep the program going. The Chief said he would support our current program, and we now jointly provide a full day of learning stations in October. Our team, with financial assistance, provides the monthly classes the rest of the school year.

A good contact is a must to start a program. However, without flexibility and persistence, our program would have ended several times.

Get your foot in the door; build on any successes; reach out to others to further gain contacts and help within the school; and, most importantly, be willing to adjust and adapt to what is best for the students and the program.



Applications Now Being Accepted for Phoenix Firecamp, July 16-21 at the Utica Fire Training Academy



The 11th annual Phoenix Firecamp, a weeklong overnight camp for girls ages 14-19, will be held July 16-21 at the Utica Fire Training Academy. The program, conducted by Fire Service Women of NYS, Inc. (FSWNYS), in partnership with the Westmoreland Volunteer and the Utica fire departments, is designed to acquaint young women with their opportunities in fire and emergency services.

The curriculum utilizes fireground and classroom training to develop confidence, enhance leadership skills, foster friendly competition, nurture community spirit, broaden problem-solving abilities, encourage team building and promote inclusiveness. Among the hands-on exercises are aerial ladder climb, basic engine and ladder operations, forcible entry, search and rescue, auto extrication and disentanglement, SCBA usage, water rescue, and a propane drill.

Classroom learning includes nutrition, fitness, engine and ladder basics, and fire safety. At the conclusion of the week, the campers are CPR certified. The curriculum is based on International Fire Service Training Association (IFSTA) guidelines.

Although the schedule is rigorous, there is a lot of time built in to socialize, relax, have fun and make new friends from New York and other states. Camper housing is at the Academy, a former firehouse, so the girls have a real "firehouse living" experience. The Phoenix instructors and team leaders are primarily volunteer and career members of FSWNYS, who volunteer their time and pay their own expenses for the week.

Westmoreland VFD, a principal partner in Phoenix Firecamp, donates transportation, hosts team building exercises and an evening social event, secures donations from area businesses, and coordinates the participation of other volunteer fire departments and their auxiliaries.

"The recruitment of young volunteers into the fire service has never been more critical," said James Kimball, former Westmoreland VFD Chief and a Phoenix staff member. "Phoenix has proven to be a powerful tool. The majority of the 183 graduates are now involved in the volunteer fire service in their hometowns.

"Since Phoenix began in 2007, the program has been supported in various ways by many Mohawk Valley volunteer fire departments," he said. "They include Clinton, Cedarville, Clark Mills, Deansboro, Deerfield, Lake Delta, Lee Center, Leonardsville, New Hartford, New York Mills, Oriskany, Stanwix Heights, Frankfort Center Ladies Auxiliary, West Winfield and Yorkville."

The applicants must be in good physical condition, have medical insurance, come with a positive attitude and be willing to abide by the rules of the camp while participating in all the activities. Those accepted are expected to submit medical clearance from their doctor, arrange for their own transportation to and from Utica, and come equipped with a pair of steel-toed shoes to substitute for boots. Other protective gear is provided by the camp.

The fee to attend Phoenix Firecamp is \$300.00 (U.S. Dollars only). Scholarships are available for those who demonstrate financial need. Full details are included in the camper application. Up to 24 campers are accepted annually from a national field of candidates.

Applications are currently being accepted and must be postmarked by May 1 to be considered. Applications and additional information about camp can be found at www.fswnys.org



WHY AM I A VOLUNTEER?



It was September 11, 1939, when I decided to be a volunteer firefighter for the Beekman Fire Department located in southeastern Dutchess County. I joined the department because volunteering was the thing to do back then. America was full of volunteers wanting to give others the chance at a better life. I wanted to do so.

At the time, I was 18 years old and going to high school in Pawling. We had fewer than 20 members. I missed being a charter member by one year.



I remember vividly when the department got its first truck, a 1938 Sealand Chevrolet. It was a pretty big deal back when it arrived. Prior, we relied on neighboring fire departments from Hopewell Junction and Pawling for emergencies.

The first night we had the truck, we immediately put her to use to put out a fire at the Dutchess Inn in West Pawling. She was sold to Roundout and we eventually brought her back. I had her restored and she's parked on display in our firehouse. She only comes out for special events these days.

During my 78 years of being a firefighter, I was assigned many duties. My first job was to take care of the Sealand to make sure she didn't freeze during cold nights. I had to keep a kerosene heater going since we didn't have a heated building like we do today. I remember responding to many chimney and wood stove fires with the truck.

Fires were not complicated like they are today with the many different fabrics and floor coverings in the buildings. We didn't have the extensive equipment and training that firefighters have today.

We would walk in with our hoses, boots and coats and then just put the fires out. We've certainly come a long way with technology and education.



I worked my way through the organization and served as Chief from 1948 to 1972. I put in 26 years of answering all calls. After my tenure as Chief, I became a Fire Commissioner, a position I still hold today. Even with my advanced age, I still attend our weekly commissioner meetings and every morning, I check on the firehouse and the

trucks. I'm proud to have seen the department grow from no truck, to one truck, to multiple tankers and engines.

I believe it is everybody's responsibility to step up and give back to your community and take care of your fellow man – at least that's what my generation was taught. For all my years of volunteering, I don't regret the time and effort I put forth and I would certainly do it again, maybe as a career firefighter next time.

People ask me why I am still a volunteer and why I just don't completely retire. It gives me a sense of purpose. I'm a fireman to the core. My shift isn't over yet.

– Ken Mallen, Beekman Fire Department



Can you recall a time that you were touched because you were a part of the volunteer fire service? If you or someone you know has a positive story to share, such as the one written here, we want to hear from you. Please submit your story of how being in the volunteer fire service has impacted your life in a positive way and you might see your article published in *The Volunteer Firefighter*. Please submit your article to fire@abcideabased.com. Don't forget to tell us who you are and what volunteer fire department you belong to. Please keep your story to approximately 650 words.

LAFASNY

Jean Christensen, First Vice President
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As I sit here writing this, I am thankful that so far this winter has been very kind to us down here on Long Island. I hope that all of you across the state were also lucky enough to have a kind winter.

As most of you know, my job as First Vice President is membership and getting new members. I have taken this challenge head-on and have come up with some new ideas that I hope will help us to get new members. I had mentioned at the November meeting, I am working on a tool that hopefully will help us to get the word about LAFASNY out across the state.

My goal is to have this done for the April sectional meeting, where I will present it to the members there. I also got permission to go to the Fire Expo on Long Island in February, standing with FASNY and handing out flyers to those in attendance to hopefully get the word out about LAFASNY and hopefully get some new members from this. I will also have these flyers at our meetings, so anyone who would like to can take them back to their area and hand them out to auxiliaries that are not involved in LAFASNY.

I know that it is early, but we need to plan our meeting schedules way in advance. I am starting to think about where our sectional meetings can be held starting in November 2018 through spring 2019. I am reaching out to our auxiliary members through our column, as I would love to have a meeting in different areas and I know that there are many who do not attend our meetings because the meetings are too far.

If your auxiliary would be interested in hosting a meeting in the future, please reach out to me, even if it is just to chat about it. I am in need of a meeting place in the Albany area for November 2018 and 2019. I know back when I first joined, I attended meetings in the Albany area and would love to revisit that idea.

If your auxiliary is interested, please contact me either by email at fdaux@aol.com or my cell is (631) 806-3918.

Be sure to mark your calendars for our sectional meetings and Convention – they are as follows: April 22 at the Brighton Firehouse, Town of Tonawanda, Erie County; May 13 at the Firemen's Home in Hudson, Columbia County; and at Convention in Syracuse.

Wednesday, August 9 – 1:00-5:00 p.m. Registration

Thursday, August 10 – Early registration and opening meeting

Friday, August 11 – Memorial Service followed by the continuance of our meeting; installation at 7:00 p.m. Friday.

We are very excited to be moving to Syracuse for Convention. The pricing we have gotten for rooms and the luncheon are phenomenal. Don't forget to mail in your room reservations and luncheon form before the deadline. Please remember to use the LAFASNY form when booking your rooms.

We hope to see many of you at the April sectional meeting.

– Jean Christensen, First Vice President

Only a few more months of “iffy” weather and then it will be clear sailing into my favorite season: spring! It's the season of renewal and new beginnings.

I do have exciting news to share with the membership! As you know, LAFASNY holds the convention raffle with numerous prizes awarded at Convention. The first prize winner of the raffle will receive a Kindle Fire tablet. Adirondack Trailways donated the Kindle Fire. Please pass this information along to your auxiliaries!

Response to ad letters is slow, but they are coming in. New submissions were also obtained. This is the biggest portion of the Second Vice President's position. Without your help promoting the ads in the convention journal, it cannot be a success!

Don't forget to submit your boosters as well! Remember: It can be your name, husband, children or in memory of a loved one! Each name is only \$1. Any county or sectional that reaches 100 boosters will receive their own page in the journal showing support of LAFASNY!

Hope to see everyone in Brighton on April 22.

– Diana Balling, Second Vice President

Happy new year and may 2017 be even better than 2016. By this time, you should have received the forms for both our luncheon and room reservations for the upcoming convention. I feel our room rates are very competitive.

The convention begins Wednesday, August 9, with registration. We'll conduct our business meetings and present our Member Recognition Award Thursday and Friday. Friday evening, our installation will be held at 7:00 p.m.

The rates are \$95 for a room and king or double suites are \$115. These suites are limited, so get your reservations in early. On that subject, as I've stressed every year – please use our form. This helps to cover the cost of our meeting rooms. To obtain tax-free rooms, your check must be sent in with a tax exempt form that matches the check.

The luncheon is a choice of roast top sirloin or chicken cordon bleu for \$18 and Boston baked haddock for \$21. Reservations are to be sent to the hotel and all luncheon ticket requests sent to me at: Jo Ann P. Dunn, 8160 Capricorn Drive, Liverpool, NY 13090.

I'm also happy to convey the news that the 2017, 2018 and 2019 conventions will all be held at the Comfort Inn in Liverpool, Onondaga County. The hotel has been generous enough to keep our rates the same for all three years.

I'm looking forward to seeing many of you at our April 22 meeting with the Brighton Ladies Auxiliary in Erie County. Our May meeting will hold special meaning as we should be dedicating the LAFASNY Chapel Window at the May 13 meeting at the FASNY Firemen's Home. Both meetings will have a \$7 luncheon at noon with the business meeting commencing at 1:00 p.m. The window dedication will be held after the luncheon and prior to the meeting in May. President Dianne

Werner, along with me and my committee of Past Presidents, Marilyn Farrell and Elaine Montrose, will be hosting this event.

– Jo Ann P. Dunn, Junior Past President

Hopefully spring is on its way as you read this article and everyone has had a healthy, happy new year so far and that will continue!

As I continue my first year learning all the duties as Financial Secretary, I want to again thank you all for your support and patience. I am enjoying the position and I could not do it without all of you.

As Financial Secretary of LAFASNY, it is my job to maintain a list of auxiliary delegates attending convention, update addresses of members and auxiliaries, maintain a list of deceased members (both LAFASNY and non-LAFASNY) to be remembered at the 2017 LAFASNY Convention Memorial Service and collect dues.

Delegate forms for the 2017 convention were mailed out in January from Recording/Corresponding Secretary Beth Smith. Please remember to return these to me before convention as it will save time in line if I can have the delegate badges made up beforehand.

In regard to address changes for members and auxiliaries, please be sure to get me any changes so that everyone gets accurate information in our mailings.

If there is a member you know who passed away since the 2016 convention, please send me the member's name and any auxiliary affiliations she may have (both LAFASNY and non-LAFASNY). We do not want to forget to recognize anyone in our convention Memorial Service.

Last, but certainly not least, and very important: dues notices were sent out in January. As I write this article, I have been getting back mailboxes full of your payments and I thank you so much. Dues lines at Convention can be long and getting your dues to me now saves you time when you arrive. Again, I say thank you!

My address for any information or answers to questions you may have is: 500 West Genesee St., Apt. 164, Chittenango, NY 13037. If you need to reach me urgently, my cell phone number is (315) 727-8962. You can always leave me a message and I will get back to you.

Remember to be careful with spring cleanup, especially if there is any burning. Also, I have a passion for the caring for the elderly, so please remember to check on them and be there for them for anything they may need. Sometimes they just need someone to give a visit and show they care.

I hope to see everyone at the sectional meetings April 22 in Erie County, May 13 at the Firemen's Home and at the 2017 Convention, August 9-11, which is in my neighboring Onondaga County.

Everyone stay well and thank you all for your friendship!

– Jeri Rowlingson, Financial Secretary

As you're reading this, I'm hoping that spring is fast approaching and the blowing white stuff that is currently making it impossible to see across my street is making its way out the door. We've got a very exciting year ahead of us for LAFASNY and we hope to see you at an

upcoming sectional meeting or at the annual Convention. We are all excited for the new location in Onondaga County (August 9-11).

With our annual Conventions being hosted by LAFASNY, we are again asking sectional auxiliaries and all those local and county auxiliaries within the area to donate theme baskets and dark secrets to help offset our costs.

This will be our fifth year asking sectional auxiliaries to donate and I have to say that, yet again, what a huge success our theme basket raffles have been. All of the beautiful and generous donations have helped us to raise funds to not only offset costs, but also to continue to help provide for the residents of the Firemen's Home.

The letters requesting donations were mailed out in January to the Southwestern and Southern sectional Ladies Auxiliaries, as well as local and county auxiliaries within those sectionals. Please keep in mind that at the 2015 Convention, it was voted on and agreed that we would ask the eight sectionals again for donations.

If you or your auxiliary are willing to donate theme baskets or dark secrets, I'm asking you to please contact the member in your area that has volunteered to be the contact person. For the Southwestern area, the contact members are Karen Wasmund at (716) 549-5265 or Toni Casey at (716) 868-2756. The Southern area contact member is Jean Christensen at (631) 589-0594 or fdiaux@aol.com

If your auxiliary is willing to donate and for some reason will not be able to get the items to Convention or to your contact person, please contact me and we can make arrangements for you to send a monetary donation to LAFASNY and we'll do the shopping for you. I can be reached at (315) 633-2776 or bhs7900@gmail.com

Don't forget to get a carpool together and come join us for the day at an upcoming meeting. Your board members are continuing to work on getting informative speakers and working very hard to make Convention a huge success.

Happy spring and see you all soon! God bless each and every one of you.

– Beth Smith, Recording/Corresponding Secretary

The LAFASNY Birthday Committee is a group of ladies that go to the Firemen's Home on the last Wednesday of the month to celebrate the residents who had a birthday that month. Each birthday celebrant gets a card with money. Many of the residents come downstairs to celebrate with us.

After cake and ice cream that we supply, we have a theme and either do an activity, have races or have music. Also, those attending usually go back with money.

These funds are raised with the birthday can collection at meetings and donations from auxiliaries throughout the state. The residents really look forward to this event. If you want to sponsor a party, you can request the month and send a check to Carolyn Day, 31 Herber Ave., Delmar, NY 12054. Please make checks payable to "LAFASNY Birthday Fund". The Committee is Carolyn Day, Liz Chapman, Karen McDonald and Sue Rock and usually Marilyn Farrell, Dianne Werner, JoAnn Jantz, Cathy Johnson and Diana Balling also attend. Everyone

is welcome. Our next date is March 29 at 2:00 p.m. Join us if you can!

– Liz Chapman, Birthday Committee



The LAFASNY Birthday Committee lost one of our members, Norrine Cooke, on December 22. We send our sympathy to her family.

Norrine was a very active member for over 30 years. She was always thinking of different themes for our parties. Some required our outfits to match our themes. She enjoyed being with the Home members. She did not miss often, even when she became very ill. Norrine always sent the thank you notes.

We miss her, as she was such an asset. She was very active in all the auxiliaries she belonged to and held many offices in them, including charter member, President and Secretary. Her home Auxiliary was Delmar and she was a member for over 60 years. At one time, she was a LAFASNY Five-Year Director.

– Carolyn Day

As far back as they can remember, Christina and Jennifer considered the Holtsville Fire Department as a second home. With fathers who served as active volunteer firefighters and mothers who were active ladies auxiliary members, you could say it's just "in their blood." Nancy and Melissa both held several offices over their many years of service, including President, and are still very active life members.

Nancy and Melissa are enjoying watching their daughters continue in their footsteps as Christina is currently serving as President and Jennifer is currently serving as Vice President. Christina Hogan tells us, "It has been such an honor to be part of this organization and Jennifer and I are extremely privileged to have such incredible role models, both inside and outside of the auxiliary. We have a fantastic Executive Board and look forward to a successful 2017, as well as serving the ladies auxiliary of the Holtsville FD for many more years to come."



Pictured, from left, are: Vice President Jennifer Corcoran, Ex-President and life member Nancy LoPiccolo, President Christina Hogan and Ex-President and life member Melissa Petry.

– Chrissy Hogan, Holtsville Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary President



The Westhampton Beach Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary hosted a dinner for Maureen's Haven at Immaculate Conception Church. Thirty guests were served on this cold night. Pictured are Pat Gonce, Cody Hoyle, Carl Del Vecchio, and Joy and John Makarewicz.

– Cody Hoyle, Westhampton Beach Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary

On December 4 at The Riviera of Massapequa, Joan Gunther of the Bellmore Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary was sworn in as the 82nd President of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Nassau County Volunteer Firemen's Association.



Presenting the newly installed officers with citations was Town of Hempstead Supervisor Anthony J. Santino. Pictured, from left, are: Financial Secretary Beverly Palmese (Bellmore FD), One-Year Trustee Pat Callow (Massapequa Fire Department), Two-Year Trustee Maureen Brooks (North Bellmore FD), Corresponding Secretary Nancy Pugliese (North Merrick Fire Department), Treasurer Katherine McCabe (Bethpage Fire Department), Supervisor Santino, President Joan Gunther (Bellmore FD), Recording Secretary Terry Occhipinti (Hempstead Fire Department), Conductress Valerie Massaro (Bellmore FD), Second Vice President BJ Gilmor (Wantagh Fire Department).

ment), First Vice President Barbara Stone (Wantagh FD), Three-Year Trustee Jane-Marie Fahey-McGee (East Meadow Fire Department), and Outgoing Trustee and Past President Mary Messina (East Meadow FD).

President Gunther presented Katherine McCabe of the Bethpage FD Ladies Auxiliary with the 2016 Lifetime Achievement Award and thanked her for her many years of service to this organization.

President Gunther also thanked Past President Mary Messina for her many years of service to the Ladies Auxiliary of Nassau County.

– Nancy Pugliese, Ladies Auxiliary of the Nassau County Volunteer Firemen's Association Corresponding Secretary

Western New York

Stanley MacWilliams
Caledonia • NY



As winter has proceeded to give us a variety of rain, snow, temperature changes and an ever-changing idea of what the weatherman is predicting day to day, we have learned to expect any weather change. As March turns into April, we know that winter days are in the past.

We look for flowers blooming, grass growing and asking ourselves "Will my lawn mower run one more year?"

At the January meeting at Frontier Fire Co., Niagara County, seven Trustees were present.

At the November meeting, it was discussed to change bylaws regarding quorum for meetings to decrease from 50 to 35 members. A constitution change was also discussed. Trustees from counties that no longer have a firefighter association could use another county association to elect and provide a Trustee to the Western New York Volunteer Firemen's Association.

These two bylaw changes were read and approved at the January meeting. Two Trustee candidates were presented and approved: Cattaraugus County Trustee Dorothy Button, West Valley, was reinstated and Steuben County Trustee Chris Curry, Hammondsport, was elected. Both were installed by President Bruce Mack.



Convention Committee Mike Kislack spoke about the 2017 convention, which will again be held at the Town of Wheatfield Town Hall property. The convention meeting will be at the St. Johnsbury Fire Hall.

Fireman of the Year Committee awards will be given out Saturday morning at the convention, per Dave Evans.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to set aside a page in the November minutes in memory of FASNY Past President Carl A. Veltri.

Fire Officers Committee Chairman Tony DeMarco reported that the convention Fire Officers Seminar will be put on by National Grid.

FASNY Director Edward Tase, Jr. gave a report on the Convention in Syracuse and the 125th Anniversary of the FASNY Firemen's Home in May.



Trustee Wayne Butts gave a report on the Home Trustees' activities, events and plans for future outings.

The Thomas F. With Fire Police Training and Education Seminar will be held March 18 at the New York State Fire Academy of Fire Sciences in Montour Falls.

Although the seminar may be over by the time you read this, the speakers and topics are never out of date and may be available for a meeting or seminar in your area. Each speaker and topic is important to all members in the fire service for your health, well-being, training and service together day to day.

Presenters included:

- Ex-Chief Jack Blum, Suffolk County Fire Academy Instructor and Assistant Fire Coordinator – fire police operations and size-up.
- Ex-Chief Rudy Sunderman, Jr., Suffolk County Fire Academy Instructor and Assistant Fire Coordinator – laws and regulations pertaining to fire police officers.
- Antonio J. Cruz, Director of New York State Firefighter Cancer Support Network – what we think we know about cancer on our job and what can we really do about it!
- Thomas With, Past President VFPASNY Albany Care 4 – update to laws and procedures from the state capital and fire service.
- Alan C. Way, VFPASNY Past President and Trustee for the Firemen's Home – update and new program for what we can find at the Home.
- FASNY President Kenneth Pienkowski – update attendees about what FASNY is working on for you.

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At home, while recuperating from a medical problem, my wife Donna and I attended a wedding and reception held at J.W. Jones Hall, Caledonia Fire Department, on October 15.

LeRoy Fire Chief Tim Hogle, Genesee County, and Caledonia FD Fire Police Captain Heather Snyder, Livingston County, were married on the large front yard with an arch of balloons under two extended fire department ladder trucks. They rode on Larry Bishop's retired Pumper No. 18 to the wedding. The reception went very well. At the head table, Caledonia Fire Chief Mike Churchill (Best Man) and Maid of Honor Michelle Wilkin gave their respective speeches. The bride and groom are happily married.



Southwestern

Peter Casey
Buffalo • NY

As we sit trying to endure the winter snow, let's look ahead to August and nice weather for our convention in Westfield. President Marsha S. Holland has the troops working hard to put together a great Convention for us August 2-5.

Our host, the Westfield Fire Department, has adopted a theme for this Convention: "Firefighters of the Future."

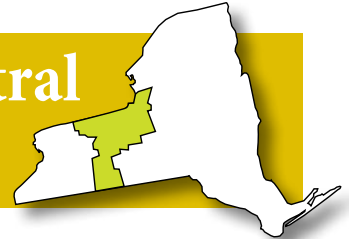
This column is being prepared in early February. We have a meeting planned later in the month to set more of the details for the conven-

tion. We will have a complete rundown of all the details scheduled for the Convention in the next issue of this publication.

In the meantime, anyone looking for Dugouts should contact Ed Kneer at (716) 753-0494 or Dave Walker at (716) 269-4418. As always, it is first come, first served, so get on the horn and set yourself up with a good location.

Northern Central

Diana G. Pfersick
Rush • NY



Bradford Volunteer Fire Department gives back to their community at Christmas time. Bradford is located in Steuben County and is one of the smallest departments in the state. For the past five or six years, the department has chosen to give back to kids and elderly people in Bradford who are identified as "in need." It is a yearlong effort of doing breakfasts, functions and raffles to raise funds for this initiative to give back during the holidays.

The Northern Central New York Volunteer Firemen's Association met on January 8 at the Fairville Volunteer Fire Department. Directories were distributed to committee chairpersons. Plans are well underway for the NCNYVFA Convention, which will be held at the Himrod Fire Department on June 2 and 3. Himrod FD is located at 3530 Himrod Road, Himrod, Yates County.

The Himrod Fire Department presented a number of awards on January 16 at its Annual Dinner, where a number of members were recognized. Awardees include Fireman of the Year Eugene Nolt; Lucy Covert Award recipient Ben Vedder; Himrod FD Achievement Award recipients Lynnette Christiannsen and Leon Ray Hoover; and Special Recognition of Jen Collins, Secretary, and Chris Warriner, Yates County EMS Coordinator. Matthew Westfall was recognized for having the top training hours. The Chief's Award went to Lynnford Hoover and Waylon Fritz. Larry Collins received the First Responder Award. The Presidential Award went to Deb Webster. Nate Reihl was recognized for 20 years of service; Maxine Masia was recognized for 15 years; and Clarence Hoover was recognized for 10 years.



On January 21, Rochester Protectives held their annual Awards Banquet where Nicholas Sassano was honored for his 50 years of service. He was presented with a 50-year certificate from FASNY by FASNY Director Diana G. Pfersick. FASNY Home Trustee Alan C. Way presented him with a proclamation from Homeland Security and the Monroe County First Vice President presented him with a 50-year certificate from Monroe County Volunteer Firemen's Association.

Radio Personality Bob Lonsberry of News Radio WHAM 1180 was emcee of the event, where other awardees included William Garcia; Sam White, Sr.; Joseph Steger; and Daniel Caufield for reaching their life membership.



At Mino's banquet on January 28, David VanMarter was presented the Onondaga County Red Jacket Award by FASNY Director and Onondaga County Volunteer Firemen's Association President Michael R. Caron. David was also recognized for his 50 years of service.



Along with a number of other sectionals, NCNYVFA hosts a Legislative Outreach Program. Their program was held March 4 at the Ontario County Public Safety Training Facility in Canandaigua. Tony Cruz of the Firefighter Cancer Support Network was the program speaker. A number of area legislators were also on hand.

The next meeting of the NCNYVFA will be 2:00 p.m. April 23 at Moyers Corners Fire Department in Clay.



The Penfield Fire Co. honored retiring Chief Michael DeBree and President John Papponetti at its Annual Banquet. Also, Past FASNY Director David J. Sweet (far right) presented Ronald Welkley a 50-year certificate from FASNY.

– Submitted by David J. Sweet, FASNY Past Director

Central New York

Gordy Kotars
Syracuse • NY



OK readers, if you're anything like the typical Central New Yorker such as myself, you would have been in front of a television this past weekend watching the Syracuse Orange overcome a 13-point deficit against another ranked opponent in the Dome. Or perhaps you ended your weekend doing an afternoon and evening of pro football's extravaganza, the Super Bowl, where the Atlanta Falcons completely collapsed and gave a sure win for them back to the New England Patriots.

We'll talk more about that in a bit, but first, I think some of you may have spent your weekend in Cortland, watching or participating in the FASNY Winter Games at Greek Peak Resort. It was the first year in a long time that I didn't make the games that I love to go to and enjoy the spirit, laughter and comraderie that is exhibited by the firefighters. Congratulations to the firefighters from the Killawog Fire Department for once again repeating as overall champions of the winter games and congratulations to all of the teams from departments within the Central region. Wish I was there to cheer you on!

So, back to the Super Bowl collapse of the Atlanta Falcons. The following day, many stories were out on social media about the game, but one really stuck out and it was the answer from a couple of players who flat out said that they "just ran out of gas – no energy." I related that to something I had been reading on FASNY's website under the Health and Wellness section. It said: "The most valuable asset any firefighter has is their body. More valuable than any fire truck, hose or tool, the firefighter's body is the most important asset when it comes to their job – saving lives. It is the firefighter who makes the life-or-death decisions that save lives and property. It is the implementation of their decisions through their physical actions that determine who and what survives. They are placed in harm's way every day, under extreme duress, and asked to perform strenuous feats of physical agility and power, all while operating with lightning reflexes and on-point mental capacity."

"A Healthy Firefighter Is Everyone's Fight," so FASNY has put together a definitive and growing collection of articles and resources to educate every volunteer first responder about mental health issues, traumatic brain injuries, PTSD, diet, stress, common injury prevention and much more. Find it all on the FASNY website at www.fasny.com/wellness

Patrick Gavin from Owego would like to share the following information with the members of the Central New York Firemen's Association. The Owego Hose Teams Inc., a new charitable not for profit, is hosting its first memorial golf tournament on June 3 at the Tioga Country Club in Nichols in partnership with the Marine League. The money raised from the tournament this year will support both organizations' operating funds and the restoration of the Baker Fireman's Fountain in the Courthouse Square.

The fountain was last restored in 2000 and has again fallen into disrepair. The fountain restoration project is of special impor-

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tance to Pat Gavin as Frank Baker was his great-great-grandfather and George Baker his great-great-uncle. We hope that you will be able to be a sponsor or donate prizes to the tournament. Your support for our tournament is greatly appreciated. John Loftus, Lou Striley, Ryan Kline and Jim Morris are Co-Chairs. Visit us online at www.owegohoseteams.com



If you didn't get enough golf in Owego, take a ride up to Onondaga County on Sunday, June 4, for the Fourth Annual Rich Webster Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament, which will take place in Onondaga County at Pompey Hill. It is a great honor to the entire Webster family as well as the Solvay Fire Department to see this tournament growing and offering scholarships to the children of firefighters in Onondaga County. Please go to www.ocvfa.org for more

details and thank you in advance for your support!

Hey, big time honors for a firefighter who's been among us for quite some time now. If you see Paul Lang, a longtime member of the Cortland Fire Department, give him a hug and congratulate him. Recently, the American Legion Post 489, Cortland, honored him as Firefighter of the Year. Paul was a member prior to joining the Army during World War II. Wow!



Senator Joseph A. Griffo had a wonderful story authored by Robin Schott, FASNY Legislative Committee Chair, in the last issue of *The Volunteer Firefighter*, but he appears again in a unique photo taken in the courtyard at the Desmond Hotel at last summer's FASNY Convention after receiving the prestigious Golden Trumpet Award.

What's unique is the fact that everyone who appears in the photo with the Senator are constituent firefighters and FASNY family mem-

bers within Senate District 47, which includes parts of Oneida, Lewis and St. Lawrence counties. Thank you and congratulations again Senator Griffo!

Change the date! The Onondaga County Fire Coalition advises that the previously announced Ninth Annual Onondaga County Fire and Emergency Services Education & Legislative Breakfast, which was advertised for Saturday, February 18, has been rescheduled due to circumstances beyond our control to Saturday, March 25. We are sorry for any inconvenience and hope to present a super program. The keynote speaker is Chief Dave Denniston from Cortland County.

The CNYFA is hosting its own 124th Convention on July 15 at the White Eagle Conference Center in Hamilton. We have chosen to do a one-day convention. The information about the Convention is provided to ensure that your department or organization can make adequate plans to prepare for our annual gathering and take advantage of special arrangements that have been secured to improve your participation. Please take the time to review the schedule and pass it along to your membership. Your prompt attention to these matters is vital to a successful convention. Please note specific deadlines and return the reservation form within those deadlines:

Accommodations – Friday, July 14, there are 38 rooms available at the White Eagle Conference Center and 20 rooms at the Wendt University Inn. Saturday, July 15, there are 24 rooms available at the White Eagle Conference Center and 20 rooms at the Wendt University Inn. Check-in is 4:00 p.m. daily and check-out is 11:00 a.m. daily. The cost is \$122. Call directly to either venue for reservations. Call the White Eagle at (315) 824-2002 or (800) 295-9322 or Wendt University Inn at (315) 824-4400 or (800) 218-5449. Mention you are with Central New York Firemen's Association. You must present an NYS ST-129 to be tax exempt upon check-in.

Annual Dues Reminder – Annual dues invoices were previously sent out. Corporate dues for fire departments and associations are \$10 yearly. Individual dues are \$5 yearly. Please contact Secretary Maryann Ouimette with any questions. Dues must be paid before June 30 for eligibility to vote at the Convention.

Convention Program Book Advertisement – Please show your department's support at the Convention by placing an advertisement in this year's convention program book.

Meals – The White Eagle will be providing breakfast and lunch. The Past Presidents Banquet and Installation are planned at Hotel Solsville. Listings are provided with menu and costs on the reservation form.

Tournament/Hose Games – The CNYFA has chosen not to have tournament or hose games in conjunction with this year's Convention.

Finally, we ask that you do not put this information aside, but give it your earliest possible attention. The Convention will be here before you know it and the Committee wants to make sure it is a most enjoyable experience for everyone. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance. See you at the grove!

Your CNYFA 2017 Convention Committee is Tom Rothdiener Chairman; Ken Holmes, Sr.; Mary Hitchcock; Ken Czupryna; Larry Rieben; and Jeffrey Martin.

On January 12, the South Central Fire Police Association (formerly known as the Broome County Fire Police Association) held its bi-monthly meeting at Vestal Station No. 1. At this meeting, our guest speaker was Broome County District Attorney Stephen Cornwel, Jr. What a guest speaker he was!

It was a very interesting presentation. He also swore in the officers of the South Central Fire Police Association. We also had a short memorial service for a deceased member of 25 years and a member of Vestal Fire for 42 years, Harold Weaver.

Our host fire company put on a very good lasagna dinner for all attendees. Our next meeting will be March 9 at the Campville Fire Station on Route 17C. There will be a light meal at 5:30 p.m. and a meeting to follow at 7:00 p.m.



– Submitted by Norm Davis, South Central Fire Police Association President

Northern New York

Jerry Flanders
Copenhagen • NY



We begin this month on a sad note as in January, the Northern New York Volunteer Firemen's Association said goodbye to a firefighter who impacted officials, drill teams and our association. Lance Willix of Theresa answered his last alarm. He was still active in all three organizations until the time of his death.

You will find a report on our NNYVFA meeting held in January from our Secretary later in this column, but we would like to remind you that April 30 will be the pre-convention meeting of our Association at the Lake Placid fire hall. The meeting is at 2:00 p.m. Many committees concerning the Convention meet on that day as well, so check with your committee Chairperson if your committee is meeting.

As many throughout the state read this for Northern drills during the summer, here is a list as of this writing: June 10, Lake Placid at 1:00 p.m.; July 8, Lake Placid at noon; June 24, Louisville at 1:00 p.m.; July 29, Copenhagen at noon; and Norfolk on the Saturday before Labor Day at noon. Elmsmere may hold theirs on the first Saturday of August.

Each department received a series of blanks and information in a packet. This also included a report on the window project at the FASNY Firemen's Home.

Please remember the ceremony and activities at the Home for the 125th Anniversary and plan to attend this event in May. If you have never been to the Home or Museum, this will give you a chance to visit.

FASNY will be presenting classes in our area during the spring cycle. One will be held on April 11 at the Copenhagen Fire Hall. Others will be posted. Please make sure you register for these classes as there is a minimum number that is needed to hold the class. FASNY is currently scheduling the classes.

With a nine-county area for our membership, we oftentimes share departments with other sectional organizations. One of those is Deerfield in Oneida County, which hosts the legislative forum for another sectional organization. Deerfield will also host the New York State Parade and Drill in 2018. One of their members, Gary Destefanis, Sr., was honored by his department for years of service. He was often Chairman of Conventions of NNYVFA when held there.

State Senator Joseph Griffo, who represents part of our Northern area, was honored by FASNY at the recent Legislative Conference in Albany. Senator Griffo has been a strong supporter of the volunteer fire service even though he came from a community with a paid department. He is currently a strong voice for various FASNY issues and he has appeared at many departments in our area as well as at legislative forums.

The Jefferson County Firefighters Association met and re-elected officers in January at its Annual Meeting in Chaumont.

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The Lewis County Fire Police Association had its annual dinner in Copenhagen in January. Officers remained the same. The Rev. Canon Samuel P. Lundy, FASNY Chaplain, gave an inspiring message. Representatives from the state association were also present.

Robert Kerr of Norfolk is the St. Lawrence County Firefighter of the Year, as selected by the St. Lawrence County Fire Chiefs Association.

The St. Lawrence County Fire Chiefs Association will have an interesting program on the third Thursday of March. Vice President Dale Barker has arranged the program. The St. Lawrence County Fire Chiefs Association topic will be the importance of developing young leaders by the Dimarco Group.

Two fire departments are in the process of improvements to a fire hall and building a new fire hall. Wellesey Island lost their fire hall due to a fire. They are in the process of getting a new one and hopefully it will be completed in October. Madrid firefighters will make improvements and an addition to their facility.

Finally, once again we ask that if you have something to contribute to this column, even pictures, please get them to me. Our next column will be due April 5. This is your column and is for all in the State to see.

Here is an update from the NNYVFA President Lawrence Hall, Jr.:

The mid-winter meeting of the Association was held January 8 at the Malone Callfiremen Station on Finney Boulevard in Malone. During this meeting, our members were presented with the annual legislative review from Albany Strategic Advisors, which was represented by Andrew Marocco.

In attendance and introduced by the NNYVFA Legislative Chair Tony Clark and FASNY Legislative Committee Member Tom Arsenault were: newly elected Assemblyman Billy Jones, Mr. Frank Martin from Assemblywoman Addie Jenne's office and Mr. Dick Ashlaw, representing Senator Joseph Griffo. Also in attendance was Mr. Frank Difiore from the *Malone Evening Telegram*, who was very interested in the program and took pictures and many notes.

Mr. Marocco reviewed and explained in detail all of the issues, both FASNY's and the Issues of United Concern, by using a very good Powerpoint presentation that outlined FASNY's objectives and how the IUC Scorecard is derived. The Scorecard and LEAP Program are two very important programs used to track bills and their statuses.

The most crucial item on the FASNY Agenda is a bill to expand cancer coverage to volunteer firefighters under the VFBL and the VAWBL. Senator Griffo sponsored the bill last year and it passed the Senate, but not the Assembly. He stated he would sponsor it again and work to get it passed in both houses and signed by the Governor. In regards to this, the NNYVFA is working with a newly formed organization in our area called "Believe NNY," which was founded about a year ago through the hard work of Dale Barker of Edwards. Currently, Believe NNY has sponsorship from 20 volunteer fire departments in Franklin, Hamilton, Essex, Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence counties. Working to achieve the goal of reaching 50 departments in 2017 might sound a little far-fetched, but with the officers and supporters behind the effort, the possibility is not out

of reach. Believe NNY has already started helping out personnel in need by assisting them with travel expenses in the form of gas cards. If your department is a member of the NNYVFA and would like information on how you can help out Believe NNY, contact any officer of the association and they will help you get started. Believe NNY will come to your meeting and explain their purpose and goals.

Believe NNY also met at the Malone station that day and during their meeting the following raffle prizes were awarded: first prize went to Michael Russell of Tupper Lake, second prize went to Michelle Bomyear of Rensselaer Falls and third prize went to Robert Miles of Malone. Believe NNY would like to thank all who participated in this drawing to support the efforts of the group.

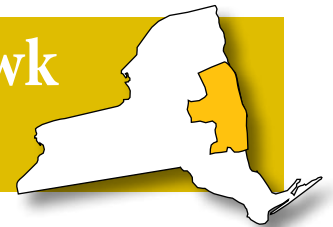
As I enter the final six months of my term as President, I look back to the day that I started this in Copenhagen almost six years ago.

It has been a fun and very enlightening time and I have met a lot of new people through the years at the various meetings, sessions, conventions and other types of gatherings. I would not give it up for anything.

I would urge anyone who thinks they can help to work with your own Association to make them stronger and get the word out about the volunteer fire service here in New York State. Without the volunteers, the state would be in turmoil and deeper in debt as the volunteers have saved some \$3 billion for the taxpayers of the state. Please step up and work with your organization and even consider running for an office. I did, and I do not regret doing it. My only regret is that I should have done it earlier!

Hudson-Mohawk

Walter W. Eck and Kathie Wood
Albany • NY



As Past Presidents, we are presenting the origin of the Hudson-Mohawk Volunteer Firefighter's Association.

In 1924, the annual convention of the Hudson Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association was held in the City of Hudson. Mr. Raymond V. Sutherland was elected as a county Vice President to represent Albany County. The county Vice Presidents were tasked with organizing county groups or associations within their respective counties to speak about fire prevention, to create new fire companies and to bring in new members to join the Hudson Valley Firemen's Association.

Outside of the City of Watervliet, there were few volunteer fire companies in Albany County. On April 25, 1927, a fire occurred on part of the Old Shaker Colony near what is now the Albany County Airport. Apparatus and manpower from the City of Albany Fire Department, the Latham Fire Department and the Menands Fire Department responded.

Fifteen buildings were lost at an approximate value of \$100,000. This fire was used to bring the need for fire prevention and fire pro-

tection into the public view. As a result of newspaper write-ups, interest was generated and meetings were held in various communities. On October 10, 1927, a meeting was held at Albany Fire Department Hook & Ladder No. 4 located on Delaware Avenue. As a result of this meeting, the Albany County Volunteer Firemen's Association was formed. Raymond V. Sutherland was elected as the first President of the association. On October 24, 1927, the second meeting was held at the Ravena Fire Department. A slate of permanent officers was elected at this meeting. A third meeting was held at the Menands Fire Department.

The association was comprised of 10 companies and 30 individual members. Meeting procedures were laid out and regular meetings, conventions, and bylaws were discussed. Monthly meetings were to be held on the third Tuesday of each month.

The first Annual Convention of the Albany County Volunteer Firemen's Association was held at Menands in August 1928. The second Annual Convention of the Albany County Volunteer Firemen's Association was also held at Menands in August 1929. There was much discussion regarding Rensselaer and Schenectady counties joining the association. These counties were voted in and the association's name was changed to the Hudson-Mohawk Valleys Volunteer Firemen's Association. The third Annual Convention of the Hudson-Mohawk Valleys Volunteer Firemen's Association was held in Schenectady at Company No. 10 headquarters in July 1930. The word "Valleys" was dropped from the association's title.

The 10th annual convention of the Hudson-Mohawk Volunteer Firemen's Association was held at the Delmar Fire Department in July 1937. Permission was requested by Raymond V. Sutherland on behalf of his daughter Dolores S. Meyers to form a ladies auxiliary to the Hudson-Mohawk Volunteer Firemen's Association. In October 1937 at the Fuller Road Fire Department, the ladies auxiliary was organized and Dolores S. Meyers was elected as the first President.

Our goal was to have 100 member companies and 1,000 individual members. The *Resume* paper was approved for publication. This paper outlined what had transpired at meetings and where the next meeting was to be held. In November 1948, the *Boosterline* replaced the *Resume* and is still published by the Association today. The paper features articles, upcoming events and news from member companies and associations located throughout the Hudson-Mohawk Volunteer Firefighter's Association and Ladies Auxiliary region.

Currently the HMFVA serves Albany, Columbia, Fulton, Greene, Montgomery, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Warren and Washington counties and is proud to be the host of the 89th annual convention of the HMFVA to be held at the Shaker Road Loudonville Fire Department July 13 and 14.

Note: Information for this history was taken from the writings of Raymond V. Sutherland, our first President, who is recognized as the founder and organizer of our Association.

The HMFVA is proud to present Walter W. (Bill) Eck, Jr. for nomination to the position of FASNY Firemen's Home Trustee. Bill has 40 years of service with the Slingerlands Fire Department located in Albany County. He is a Past Chief and currently serves as the Chairman of the Board of Fire Commissioners.

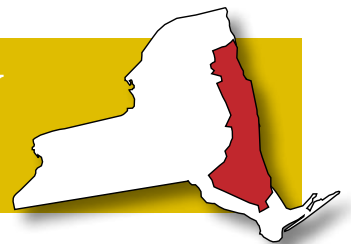
Bill served as a career industrial firefighter for 20 years and is currently employed as an industrial fire protection specialist. Bill is a Past President and life member of the HMFVA, the Albany County Volunteer Firefighter's Association, the Town of Bethlehem Volunteer Fire Officers Association, the Royal Order of the Nighthawks, FASNY and several other organizations.

Bill spent a good deal of time at the Home as he grew up. Over those years, he watched many great people do great things for others. He truly believes in the concept of serving those who have served. We know that if given the opportunity to serve as a Trustee, he will do his very best to proudly represent FASNY and the Firemen's Home and, most importantly, he will serve the residents with the attention and respect that they have earned and deserve. HMFVA officers and members are asking for your support of our candidate for the office of Trustee.

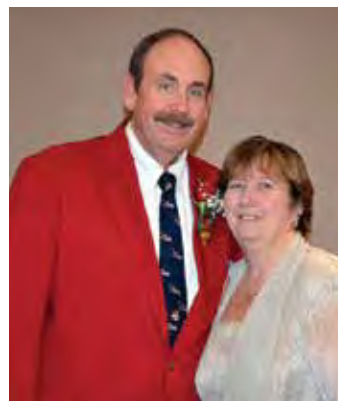
The next quarterly meeting is April 20 at the Fuller Road Department located at 1342 Central Ave., Albany. Registration begins at 7:00 p.m. Feel free to attend and bring a friend.

Hudson Valley

Fran Galu
Highland Falls • NY



The Hudson Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association held its Annual Past Presidents' Dinner January 14 in Kingston. The dinner honored Past President Paul O'Brien and all past presidents of the Association. The day started with the quarterly meeting, then great fellowship filled the afternoon and the evening culminated with the dinner. Past President O'Brien was presented with a ceremonial trumpet and many gifts to show everyone's appreciation for the work he did during his years in office.



Many of the Hudson Valley departments held their elections recently. A few of the new leaders are Coxsackie Hose President Robert Frank; Greene Volunteer Fire Co. President Amanda Grosman and Chief Clifton Powell; Catskill Fire Co. President Paul Overbaugh and Chief Ed Dolan; Greenbush Fire Co. President Michael Lansing and Captain Mark Becker; Carmel Fire Department President Bob Geoghan and Chief

Dave DeRienzo; Highland Falls Fire Department President Fran Galu and Chief Erik Smith. Congratulations to all of the new officers. May you have a successful and safe year.

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The Westchester County Volunteer Firemen's Association has scheduled their annual Legislative Day for March 4 at the Cortlandt Engine Co., Montrose. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. with a light breakfast. The meeting in conjunction with HVVFA and FASNY will begin at 9:00 a.m.

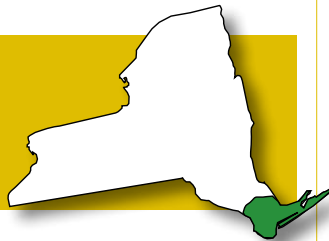
The Royal Order of the Blue Vests hosted their annual Christmas Party at the FASNY Firemen's Home. The party was delayed due to Mother Nature not cooperating, but this allowed Santa Claus to fully enjoy the event as he had already enjoyed a full Christmas season! The party was held on January 7 with nice weather and a full house. Bingo games were conducted with HVVFA Vice President Fred Pettingell acting as announcer.

HVVFA Past President Nelson Durland was recently honored at the Army home football game on October 15 for his 20 years of volunteer service with cadets, as well as 50 years of Army football. Since his retirement in 1995, Nelson has hosted several cadets for a meal, as well as having several of them up to the Hurleyville Fire Department's Annual Fishing Contest.

"I was extremely honored. It was quite an honor to get my name and picture on the screen. It happened to be homecoming, so a lot of cadets from the classes of 2001 and 2005 were back for their reunions," Nelson said. He interacted with several cadets from both classes through his volunteer work. "When they saw my picture, after the game, they came down to where I was parked in the lot and congratulated me," Nelson said.

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It is with deep regret that we announce the untimely passing of Chief George Leonard of the Uniondale Fire Department. George was President of the Chiefs Council in 2009 and a very active member of

the Educational Committee and Board of Directors. The Educational Committee has decided to postpone our seminar "Flashpoint" so that all our members could honor George at his funeral service. Our seminar will take place on Tuesday, March 28, at the Van Ness Fire Station in Uniondale. Our sincere thanks to the members of the Uniondale FD for their outstanding assistance during this difficult time.

The FASNY sectional legislative meeting hosted by the Southern New York Volunteer Firemen's Association is being held on Saturday, March 11, at the Albertson Firehouse beginning at 9:00 a.m. This has always been a progressive meeting with our legislators where we can express our concerns with legislation that affects the volunteer fire service. Our thanks to the officers and members of the Albertson Fire Department for being our host for the past several years!

The members of SNYVFA express our sympathy to the family of Chief Walter "Spike" Monestere of the Freeport Fire Department, who passed away in North Carolina in January. Spike was a past Trustee of the Firemen's Home who also served as President (see p. 9). Our prayers go out to Cathy and his family.

The Nassau County Fire Service Academy has held a very successful course that addresses the role fire departments play in an "active shooter situation" over the past few months. Unfortunately, in today's world, this is something that fire service and EMS members need training on. This class was put together with the complete cooperation of the Nassau County Police Department and has been well attended throughout the county. Our thanks to the Academy staff for their efforts in holding this class for us.

Are you from the Southern area and would you like to have an event, news item, anniversary or anything added to this page of *The Volunteer Firefighter*? Please send anything you have to my attention at kmce-lynn@aol.com. Feel free to include pictures and we would be happy to include it on our page. I would like to have the entire Southern area represented on our page. I will work with you to get your story posted. Thanks for reading!



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DRILL TEAM

The Future Volunteer Firefighters of America

By Richard Chudy

Junior firefighter and Explorer programs are proving to be one of the volunteer fire service's greatest assets to create, grow and mold the future volunteer firefighters of America.

The New York State Parade and Drill Team Captains Association (NYSPDTA) is a strong supporter of junior firefighter and Explorer programs throughout New York State. Our organization has witnessed the great impact that a junior firefighter or Explorer program can have on an organization. Many of our organization's officers moved through the ranks of junior firefighter before joining their respective fire departments.

The NYSPDTCA encourages any and all youth organizations to get involved in different facets of training that can help expand both the youth's knowledge and camaraderie for their organizations. We currently have a sister junior directors organization, which holds a drill and competition for our youth every summer.

This event consists of juniors competing in numerous activities such as individual ladder, efficiency, cart hose and numerous other events. These events were created to provide the youth with a competitive way to learn how to be confident with basic firefighting tools such as ladders, hoses and couplings.

We encourage youth organizations to look into the New York State Junior Competition held in July. If you are unable to participate, we encourage your organization to look into creating some sort of competitive training locally that will help to further training.

If you need any help modeling a program, the NYSPDTCA (along with the Nassau-Suffolk Junior Directors) can help you create a model that works in your area.

Drill teams are a vital component of the departments they serve, with the specific purpose of providing the opportunity to hone basic firefighting proficiencies, develop and foster teamwork, build character, teach commitment and discipline, promote physical fitness and conditioning and attract and retain individuals in the volunteer fire service. These purposes are achieved through fire-matic competition, which complements fire departments' primary function of emergency response to fires, medical emergencies and other calamities. Drill teams consequently instill their members with a lifelong commitment to serving their community as highly skilled volunteer firefighters.

If you're interested in learning more, or creating a team, contact us at nysdrillteams.com/join

We are committed to growing the fire service and providing a necessary support tool to your local fire department.



NINTH ANNUAL YOUTH DAY AT THE 2017 FASNY CONVENTION FOR EXPLORERS, JUNIORS AND RAMS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11, 2017
SYRACUSE FIRE DEPARTMENT TRAINING CENTER

Join fellow youth for a day of fire service activities and evolutions. Registration forms will be available soon at www.fasny.com/youth

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Tracy May Havlik
Bonnie Sue Hockenberry

W. B. Strong Fire Company

Tracy Bruner
Tyler Hallock
Mike Parker

Ulster County

Cragmoor Volunteer Fire Company, Inc.

Harold Brown
Dominick Raimondo

Kerhonkson Fire Company

Anthony Meoli
Milton O'Bryon
Vinny VanLeuvan

Marlboro Hose Company No. 1

Krystal Alonge
Anthony Biviano
Peter Carafano
Marc Caserto
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Donald Cosman
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Tony D'Alessandro
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Jerome DeCarlo
Raymond Decker, Jr.
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Alan Ferguson, Jr.
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David Greenwood
Brian Johnston
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Timothy Kraiza
Germaine Lapointe
Anthony Libonati
Thomas Mahusky
Chris Mankes
Dominick Mannese
Mia Mannese
Erick Masten
Jason Monti
Kerri Monti
Vincent Monti
Cory Rhynehart
David Scaturro
Michael Scaturro
Frederick Schmelz
Paul Schmelz
Daniel Spangler
Gilbert Tremain
Michael Troncillito
Jeanna Upshaw
Frank Williams
Timothy Wohlrab
Steve Wojehowski
Randy Wolfe
Vito Zito

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Dawn Sutton

Warren County

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Jack Bartlett
Jason Nichols

Shamus Ordway
Carol Pereau

Hague Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

Michael Nyisalosky

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Robert Cook
Brittney Lewis

Wayne County

Lincoln Volunteer Fire Department

Daniel Lozipone

Walworth Fire Department, Inc.

Ty Hernandez
Richard Manca
Darwin Prinsen
Zachary Rink

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Charlie Burlee
Ali Corl
Jamie Dunning
Brandon Lucieer
Cindy Storrs
Joshua Veley

Westchester County

Bedford Hills Fire Department, Inc.

Donald Hilton Clemmenson

Chappaqua Fire Department

Kaylie Eiden

Croton-on-Hudson Chemical Engine Company No. 1

Kody Cooper

Joseph H. Spacek

Harry Howard Hook and Ladder Company #1

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Ronald Georgio
Brandon Gonzalez
Max Gonzalez
Martin Hernandez
Dean Holowach
David Pena
Estella Perrone
Gersom Reyes
Martin Vargas

Lake Mohegan Fire District

Matthew Francis Sillcocks

Larchmont Fire Department

John Christopher Ruggiero

Millwood Fire Company No. 1, Inc.

Paul Levi
Stephen Make
Robert Silipigni

Montrose Fire District

Joseph Ritornato

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Angel Lopez, Jr.

Ossining Holla Hose Company No. 5

Joshua Vallo
Michael Zhinin

Ossining Steamer Company No. 1, Inc.

Brian Cordeiro

Pelham Manor Volunteer Fire Company

Andreas Kapfhammer

Somers Volunteer Fire Department

Alexa Barlow
Chris Honey
Joseph Panzarino

Vista Fire Department, Inc.

Jacob Agona
John Aniello
Daniel Castellano
Adam Ferman
Isabel Fry
Patrick Healy

Sean Kaplan
Joseph Silvestro
Tyler Silvestro

Yorktown Heights Engine Company 1, Inc.

Derek Grisanti
Tim Mentrasti

Yates County

Dundee Fire Department
Nathan W. Martin

YOUTH AND EXPLORERS

Albany County

New Salem Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

Victoria L. Carl

Columbia County

Germantown Explorer Post #70

Tyler Cullen Mortenson

Erie County

Lancaster Volunteer Ambulance Corps

Justin Joseph Rayner

Monroe County

Gates-Chili Explorer Post 272

Samantha Dykes

Nassau County

Syosset Fire Department Juniors

Jessica Camarda
Jack Conklin
Robert Dowd
James Galante
Zach Hammer
Neil Isacoff
Matthew Korn
Lance Lustig
Jake Marmor
Lindsay Marmor
Ashwin Mathai
Roshan Mathai
Christian Mekalainas
Rahul Mepani

David Moyett
Daniel Predmore
Preet Rajpal
Emilie Siering
Anthony Sinnagaglia
Brandon Sung
Ryan Sung

Niagara County

Rapids Volunteer Fire Junior Firemen

Samantha Reynolds
Andrea Spink
Alexandria Ward
Tyler Wick

Orange County

Storm King Engine Company No. 2

Andrew Michael Cucci

Putnam County

Lake Carmel Explorer Post 2041

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Vladimiro Cardona
Joshua Fernandez
Morgan Shannon

Suffolk County

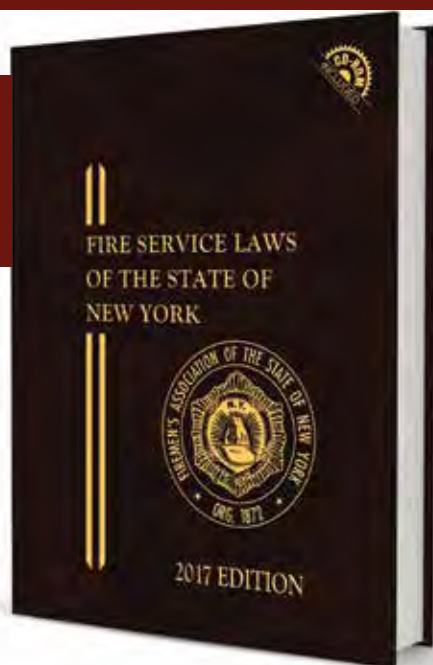
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Christian Calfa
Gabe Cruz
Skylar Edwards
Christopher Flaherty
Nicholas Jackson
Ryan Jackson
Grace Jaronczyk
Mike Malone
Joshua Morganstand
Quincy Morgenstand
John Napadano
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Presented during the month of December, 2016

Columbia County

Mellenville Volunteer Fire Company

Donald Dingman 65 years
Almon Miller 65 years
Lloyd Tipple 57 years

Erie County

Newstead Fire Company, Inc.

Russell Rosenberg 50 years

Livingston County

Mount Morris Living Stream Hose Company, Inc.

Lowell Dennison 50 years

Rockland County

New City Fire Engine Company No. 1

Arthur F. Kunz 50 years
Stanley Polhemus 50 years

Westchester County

Valhalla Independent Fire Company

Anthony Guiffreda 50 years

Yates County

Dresden Fire Department

Burge Morris 51 years

Presented during the month of January, 2017

Albany County

Boght Community Fire Company

Norm Reepmeyer 51 years

Erie County

Clarence Fire Company, Inc.

Jerry A. Lash 50 years
Paul R. Meyer, Sr. 50 years

Eggertsville Hose Company

John M. Kwiatkowski 50 years

North Bailey Fire Company, Inc.

David Humbert 50 years

Sloan Active Hose Company No. 1

William A. Schroeder 70 years

Spring Brook Fire Company, Inc.

Danny R. Thompson 50 years

Woodlawn Volunteer Fire Company, Inc.

Vince Pupo, Jr. 50 years

Hamilton County

Indian Lake Volunteer Fire Department

Walter Cuniff 50 years

Monroe County

Penfield Fire Company, Inc.

James Trau 50 years
Ronald Welkley 50 years

Rochester Fire Department Protectives

Nicholas Sassano 50 years

Nassau County

Bayville Fire Company 1

Jerry Flower, Sr. 50 years

Glenwood Hook & Ladder, Engine & Hose Company

Richard Roper, Sr. 55 years

Great Neck Vigilant Engine & Hook & Ladder Company

Edward F. Canfield 50 years

Oceanside Fire Department

Robert G. Moyer 68 years
Robert W. Bedell, Sr. 59 years

John Bacon, Sr. 56 years

Theodore G. Freudenberg, Jr. 56 years

Henry D. Emilio 54 years

Robert Valentine 53 years

James Garvey 52 years

James D. McKay 51 years

Richard L. Bedell 50 years

Paul E. Grim 50 years

Thomas H. Ivarson 50 years

Valley Stream Fire Department Engine & Hose Company No. 3

Mort Jacobs 50 years

Charles Parker 50 years

Niagara County

Miller Hose Company, Inc.

William Krause 55 years

Martin Horanburg 50 years

Sanborn Fire Company, Inc.

Andrew Dyrda 50 years

Bruce T. Geschwender 50 years

Robert E. Hoover 50 years

Gary Platt 50 years

Oneida County

Deerfield Volunteer Fire Company, Inc.

Brian DeStefanis, Sr. 50 years

Gary DeStefanis, Sr. 50 years

New Hartford Fire Department

Thomas V. Randall 60 years

Westmoreland Fire Department, Company No. 1

Leon VanBenschoten, III 50 years

Onondaga County

Minoa Fire Department

David T. Van Marter 50 years

Orleans County

Shelby Volunteer Fire Company, Inc.

Ronald Brigham 50 years

Gary Williams 50 years

Schenectady County

Rotterdam Fire District #2

Dennis Daviero 50 years

Suffolk County

East Farmingdale Volunteer Fire Company

Louis Iuzzini 57 years

Eugene Hiscock 52 years

John W. Welter 51 years

Mastic Beach Fire Department, Inc.

Michael Leonardi 53 years

FIRE DEPARTMENT 100-YEAR CERTIFICATES

Presented during the month of January, 2017

Erie County

Clarence Fire Company, Inc.

100 years

FASNY awards certificates to volunteer firefighters who have achieved 50 years in the volunteer fire service and also commemorates volunteer fire departments with 100 or more years of service to their communities. The certificates are issued by the FASNY office and can be presented by a FASNY official upon request. There is no cost of any kind to the department or to the recipient.

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