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Merry Christmas

Happy Hanukkah

Joyous Kwanzaa

Yuletide Greetings

Happy Holidays

Feliz Navidad

Joy

Be Merry

Season's Greetings

Bah Humbug

Whichever greeting you prefer, I hope you all have a wonderful, happy, loving, and safe holiday season with your family and friends! This is a time to be thankful and grateful for all that we have.

From the Desk of the President

By now the Thanksgiving Holiday has come and gone. Hopefully everyone reading this had something to be thankful for, as the world we live in seems to be getting crazier by the minute! I, for one, am so thankful for all the people in my life who have become friends and mentors, a roof over my head and a wife who supports me.

As we roll into 2023, there are some events coming up that I would love to see everyone at. These are all opportunities for us to share, learn and pass on knowledge and information. Starting in January, we have our quarterly meeting on the 28th at 1 pm. The meeting will be at the Best Western in Kingston, NY. That evening, we will have the Past Presidents Dinner honoring Robert Outhouse. Bob continues to work hard for the Association.

This spring, we have the Annual Ken Merriman Hazmat and Homeland Security training seminar being presented at Athens Fire Department in Green County. Thank you, Athens, for once again supporting this great training event and the committee for always lining up a great program year after year. In March will be the Annual Fire Police Seminar, that will be held in Wallkill – Ulster County. Tom With and Doug Mann do a fantastic job setting up a training venue that keeps everyone engaged. Please stay tuned to the website and face book for more information.

Speaking of the website, by the time this newsletter goes to print our new website will be up and running. Same address, www.hvvfa.com, just a whole new look with more functionality. Please pass on any suggestions you have when we meet in January.

In closing, I want to wish everyone a safe and joyous Holiday Season, be safe and look out for each other.

Merry Christmas!

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If you'd like to submit an event, article, photo, etc., for publication, please feel free to send your information in! Our next deadline:

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You can send your information by e-mail to editorHVVFA@gmail.com

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**ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE
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Saratoga County Report

Submitted by: Bill Mehan, SCVP

50-year Certificates will be giving to Susan Rock and Chris Espey for their years of service to the C.S. Hawley Chemical Co. Halfmoon Fire Dept at their Annual Banquet on February 5, 2022. On January 3, 2022, at their monthly meeting, the Stillwater Fire Department honored Lucas VanArnum with an Honorary Membership. Lucas is an autistic 14-year-old who has difficulties with social interactions and communication skills. Slowly over the years, Lucas has been able to build on those skills with the care of his mother Amy, a few close family members, and the Stillwater Fire Department. When Lucas was younger, he started out slowly with just visiting the fire department on occasions for drill nights with his mom who is a member just looking at the fire trucks, to eventually sitting in them, to finally going for his weekly rides. Lucas seems to excel when he is around the fire department and members. The firefighters honored Lucas with his Honorary Membership Certificate and his own Class B uniform with name tag. Congratulations Lucas.



Orange County Report

Submitted by: Dorothy Brown, OCVF

Winter is here!

Fall went so fast with so many events in Orange County such as Halloween activities and dinners. On October 28, 2022, the OCVFA installation dinner for the 2023 President Gordon Healy from Washington Heights, Middletown held at Kuhl's Highland House. The evening consists of thank you for Past Ray Van Inwegen for an excellent job done the past year. Also, the new officers were sworn in that night by Vini Tankasali.

The officers' of OCVFA are as follows:

President	Gordon Healy
1 st Vice President	Helena Grunwald
2 nd Vice President	Vacant
3 rd Vice President	Thomas Lynn
4 th Vice President	Ryan Arcerio
5 th Vice President	Vacant
Secretary	Dorothy Brown
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Treasurer	Robin Reynolds
Chaplain	Danielle Glynn

Congratulations to all. We are still looking for 2nd and 5th Vice President. If your is interested, please contact one of the officer's.

The following companies will be hosting holiday parades Chester and Washingtonville and others will host pancake breakfast with Santa. Look around the county for Santa runs that will take place in your area.

The parade applications for next year OCVFA Convention and Parade will be going out in January 2023.

Happy holidays to all. Be safe out there.



On behalf of the staff of the
HVVFA Firefighter Newsletter
I'd like to wish everyone a
very happy and healthy holiday
and an even better 2023!

Ulster County Report**Submitted by: Lance Booth, LICVP**

Hello again everyone! I hope y'all are doing well as always!

I'm officially in full swing of being president for Ulster County Volunteer Fireman's Association. It's nerve-racking running meetings and talking in front of everyone. I never really guessed it to be until I ran my first meeting hahah.

With that being said let's cover some things. I have received a paper from President Orr with all the fire companies on it asking for their email. If your department has an email whether it be a general email, the chiefs email, or the presidents email please send it to me via email @ LanceBooth37@yahoo.com include the company name and email please and thank you!

Firefighter of the year letters are being mailed out to all companies within the next couple weeks. If you have a deserving candidate for this award people, follow the instructions on the letter and get them turned in. The due date for the letter is February 28th, 2023.

As always make sure to support your local fire companies. It's that time of year were lots of departments are having breakfast with Santa, selling Christmas trees, and running regular fundraisers like bingo. Simply support by attending said fundraisers, sharing via social media, and tell your friends family and whoever else you may talk to!

Have a Great Holiday season everyone! Stay safe, stay warm, and stay positive!

Rensselaer County Report**Submitted by: Victoria Dichian, RCVP**

Rensselaer County Fire Companies and Departments are back!!

They have held many fund raisers and events during the Fall - from Chicken Bar-B-Ques to Chicken and Biscuit and Roast Beef Dinners; Car Shows to Memorial Walks; Trunk and Treats to Hayrides. North Hoosick Fire Department held their Annual Halloween Kids Dance on October 21, 2022, for children ages 9 to 14 or grades 4th through 9th. Costumes were optional but judging was done for those that chose to participate. Games were held besides dancing.

The Rensselaer County Fire Chiefs Association will be held on January 16, 2023, at the Poestenkill Fire Department, 182 Main Street, Poestenkill NY 12140 starting at 7:30pm.

They will have Guest Speakers to highlight available services, groups, and specialized training (The training will be a show & tell!). This is a "Can't Miss" opportunity for all Fire Department Chiefs, Officers, Commissioners and Firefighters. Additional information will be posted in the coming weeks.

The County is nearing completion of the new Rensselaer County Emergency Services Training Complex in North Greenbush. Jay Wilson, a member of HVVFA and Director of the Bureau of Public Safety recently guided the County's partners from NYS through the site. We are all looking forward to utilizing this facility.

As mentioned in a previous article, Maccoy McMahon, a firefighter with the Wynantskill Fire Department is working towards achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. His goal is to honor those individuals who have dedicated and made the ultimate sacrifice protecting the citizens they serve. His project is to create a First Responder Memorial at the new Rensselaer County Emergency Services Training Complex in North Greenbush, consisting of 3 flag poles, a piece of steel from the world Trade Center, a Memorial, and a bench for those that wish to sit and reflect. Please help him to complete his goal of \$7,500. Please contact me or the Wynantskill Fire Department c/o Maccoy McMahon's Eagle Scout Project PO Box 174 Wynantskill NY 12198.

Happy Holiday to All from the Firefighters in Rensselaer County.

With Heartfelt Thanks*Lucy Rose Bishop*

The family of Lucy; Jennifer, Calie, Lorraine & Harry, Kristin, Jessica and Ashley would like to thank our family, our community, our fire company family, Calvary Baptist Church and the Colonial Family of Funeral Homes for all the love and support during Lucy's journey with her cancer battle. We want you all to know what it meant to us.

Rest in Peace our Sweet Lucy

Greene County Report

Submitted by: Marilyn Schrader, GCVF

The G.C.V.F.A. Annual Drill Day was held on Saturday, September 24, 2022, at the Oak Hill-Durham Fire Company. Earlton, Greenville, Kiskatom, and Oak-Hill Durham Fire Companies competed this year. Overall Points were the following: Earlton with 21 points, Oak Hill-Durham with 20 points, Kiskatom with 13 points and Greenville with 13 points.

Cornell Hook & Ladder Fire Company of New Baltimore hosted a golf tournament with several Fire Company/Department Teams participating.

The Testimonial Dinner honoring FASNY Past President John P. Farrell, Jr. was held on Saturday, October 22, 2022, at Anthony's Banquet Hall in Leeds, New York with approximately 163 people in attendance.

Greene County Volunteer Firemen's Association First Quarterly Meeting was held on November 3, 2022, at Cocksackie Hose Company #3, Cocksackie, New York.

The Annual Past Presidents' Dinner for the Greene County Volunteer Firemen's Association, Greene County Ladies Auxiliary, Greene County Fire Chiefs' Association and Greene County Fire Police Association was held on November 13, 2022, at the Red's Restaurant in Cocksackie, New York with approximately 43 people in attendance. The following individuals were recognized; Past President Donald Winegard for the G.C.V.F.A., Cathy Spring for the Ladies Auxiliary of G.C.V.F.A., Tyrel Sherman for the G.C. Fire Chiefs' Association and Mark Dinkelacker for the G.C. Fire Police Association.

The Greene County Volunteer Firemen's Association, Fire Chiefs' Association, Fire Police Association and Ladies Auxiliary along with Fire Companies/ Departments and Ladies Auxiliaries throughout the County are saddened by the passing of Past President/Past Trustee Robert S. Darling and Past President Lewis O'Conner, both Members of the FASNY Firefighters' Home, and Past President James A. Minkalis. They will be greatly missed.

Following are Upcoming Associations' Meetings:

Ladies Auxiliary of G.C.V.F.A. meeting will be held on November 28, 2022, at West Athens-Lime Street Firehouse at 7:00pm.

Greene County Fire Chiefs' Association Meeting will be held on January 16, 2023, at Oak Hill-Durham Firehouse at 7:30pm.

Greene County Fire Police Association Meeting will be held on January 25, 2023, at the Greene County Emergency Services Building.

Greene County Volunteer Firemen's Association Meeting will be on February 2, 2023, at the Cornell Hook and Ladder Firehouse in New Baltimore at 7:30pm.

FASNY Legislative Conference

The HVVFA was well represented at the FASNY Legislative Conference held at the Hilton Garden Inn on November 4th-6th in Troy, NY. Our delegation was led by President Eric Orr who also performed his duties as Assistant Sergeant of Arms for FASNY. Twenty-eight officers and members attended and many actively participated in the debate and discussions of legislative recommendations submitted by the 7 other regional sectionals across the state.

Albany Strategic Associates and lobbyists for FASNY provided valuable background information on the recommended bills and insightful strategy ideas on how to proceed. The initial proposals for discussion totaled 19 items. This was whittled down during several meetings to 9 priority proposals for the 2023 FASNY legislative scorecard and ratified by the FASNY Board after the general membership meeting on 11/6.

The Scorecard Bills include: (7 of the 9 bills were Sponsored by HV and subsequently supported by the other sectionals)

- *Ensure VFBL Parity pay with Workers Compensation when injured in the line of duty. Current VFBL \$650 and Workers Comp over \$1,200.

- *Designate EMS as an Essential Emergency Service & Expand the Benefits Available to EMS Personnel and Set Standards for EMS Operations.

- *Amend the Penal Code to add "Endangering the Welfare of Occupants & 1st Responders" when landlords make illegal conversions and alter the means of access and exiting buildings where the way in is the same way out.

- *Revision of Permission for Fire Departments or Districts to Appoint and OFPC/Counties to Fund Municipal Training Officers (MTOs)

- *Amend the General Municipal Law (GML 204 dd) Qualifications of a Fire Chief.

- *Sale Tax Exemption for Home Safety Products purchased in NY

- *Amend the Mental Health Hygiene Law in relation to the "First Responder Peer Support Program Act." A 2017 study found that more firefighters and police officers died by suicide than in the line of duty and further found that these 1st responders including EMS are at an increased risk for mental illnesses such as depression and PTSD.

- *Amend the Tax Law to Provide Additional Funds for Counties to Implement Next Generation 911 Services.

- *Recovery of 54-G Funding to Support Code Enforcement Efforts.

Priorities for Consideration:

- *Lithium-Ion Battery Safety Standards

- *Cancer Coverage Cost Relief

- *Continue to Improve the Income Tax Credits for Volunteer 1st Responders.

HVVFA Ladies Auxiliary

Submitted by: Diana Balling

Where did the year go? Better yet, did anyone see Fall Season? Think we skipped it. As I write this article, Thanksgiving is next week and then it will be the Holiday Season. Christmas will be over in a blink of an eye. Please remember to Stop and Smell the Roses as the saying goes. We live life in the fast lane and forget to take time to actually enjoy each and every moment.

LAHVFA held their November meeting at the Lake Carmel Fire House. A delicious meal was enjoyed. Lake Carmel Ladies Auxiliary and Putnam County VFA Ladies Auxiliary were the perfect hosts. Thank you for hosting this meeting.

Normal business of the day was handled. One item of interest to many was the status of the auxiliary doing a DBA to include the word "firefighters". This item was indefinitely tabled as many felt it wasn't necessary to address at this time. Our corporate name is what we will continue to be known as: Ladies Auxiliary of the Hudson Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association.

Membership: Are you interested in becoming a member of LAHVFA? If so, please contact our Financial Secretary Tammy Nosek (tammy.nosek@crowncastle.com or 518-860-7063). We'd love to have you be a part of our auxiliary. Our next meeting is April 23, 2023 at the Firefighters Home in Hudson. If you're unsure about joining, please feel free to attend this meeting to see what we are about. It's a great way to network among auxiliaries up and down the Valley. You get fundraising ideas when chatting with those attending. Lunch is at noon and the meeting follows at 1 pm. Around the Valley:

*Auxiliary of Saxton Fire Company is doing a Scratch Off Lottery Drawing. Price is \$10 per ticket and only 200 tickets are being sold. Drawing is on December 14 at their Christmas Party. (Contact Diana Balling if interested in supporting this fundraiser: dlb@megacity.org or call/text at 845-389-7115)

*Greene County VFA Ladies Auxiliary is having a Daily Drawing Fundraiser – month of January 2023. This would make a great stocking stuffer! Cost of a ticket is \$5 and you have 3 chances to win each day in January. (Contact Diana Balling if interested in supporting this fundraiser: dlb@megacity.org or call/text at 845-389-7115)

*The Lake George Fire Department Auxiliary recently held their 15th annual Basket Raffle Day. They were able to host 175 guests at the Holiday Inn Resort thanks to the generosity of the Resorts owners. All the proceeds of the raffle will be used to help local families and senior citizens this coming Holiday Season and families in need throughout the year ahead. They also will award two Lake George High Seniors with scholarships in June thanks to the community's generosity!

*On November 26th the Lake George Fire Department Auxiliary will help welcome Santa to Lake George as the LGFD host the Annual Light up the Village Parade. All Fire Departments and EMS are invited to join in the light up your apparatus contest for prizes awarded at the end of the Parade! See information on the Lake George Fire Dept FB

Page or contact President Doni Smith at dsmith@lgfd.org if you would like to join them. Santa will be greeting children and their families at the Fire House after the parade.

*On Saturday, December 10 will arrive in the Saxton! As in the past, Saxton fire trucks will escort Santa around the northern part of the fire district. Those in the area, listen for the sirens announcing that he is really close to you. When Santa's day is done, he and his helpers will enjoy a delicious lunch along with dessert back at the firehouse supplied by the Auxiliary of the Saxton Fire Company. We thank Santa for making this one of the many stops he does up and down the Valley.

*Congratulations to the 2022-2023 Putnam County VFA Ladies Auxiliary Officers: President Marie Delawder, Vice President Tina Healy-Leather, Recording Secretary Alicia Canfield, Treasurer Tory Scarfone, Financial Secretary Gina-Marie Pacicca and Corresponding Secretary Sheri King. Installing officer was PCVFALA Past President Luann Edele which was done in a candlelight ceremony. Congratulation to all! May you have a successful year.

HAVE A GRADUATING SENIOR: Read below!

We all know that college is expensive and if a scholarship can be obtained the time to apply is well worth it. Check out: **NSDAR (National Society Daughters of the American Revolution) Scholarships**

Each year the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) awards multiple scholarships to students showing dedication to the pursuit of higher education in diverse areas of study including history, economics, law, political science, medicine, nursing, occupational and physical therapy, elementary and secondary education, chemistry, math, science and English.

The scholarship application portal is now open. The portal is open for the coming academic year, 2023, from **November 1, 2022 through January 31, 2023** at 11:59 pm (Hawaii Time). To access the DAR Scholarship Committee's online application portal, <https://dar.academicworks.com>.

Questions? Contact: scholarships@nsdar.org

The Officers and Members of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Hudson Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association wish you a very happy holiday season! Stay Healthy and stay safe! See everyone in the new year. Mark those calendars: April 23, 2023 at the Firemen's Home for the next meeting.

On Saturday November 19, 2022, the Lewis Tompkins Hose Company held their 136th Annual banquet at the St Rocco's in Beacon N.Y. The attendance was great with members, mutual aid companies and guests. What made the night great is when they honored Steve "Rip" Van Buren of his service to Slater Chemical and Lewis Tompkins Hose Company for a combined service of 53 years. Steve was honored with a proclamations from the Dutchess County Volunteer Firemen's Association by 2nd VP John O'Brien, HVVFA by Director James Hartwick, Dutchess County Firefighters Museum, Firemen's Association of the State of New York, Dutchess County Sheriff's Office and State Senator Sue Serino by Vincent Galvin. A well-deserved award to a great Firefighter.

Rockland County Report

Submitted by: Ken Gordon, RCVF

2022 RCVFA CONVENTION



This year's convention was held on Friday, Sept. 9 at Kruckers.

The following Awards were given:

- Allen Lynch Award for most Attendance – Stony Point Fire Dept
- William J Herman Memorial Award for most Training – New City FD \$100 gift certificate
- John C Lynch President's Award – Bruce McClintock, first year that John's wife, the late JoJo Lynch, didn't give out.
- Joseph K Wright Unit Citation Awards–
Fire:: Valley Cottage FD
Non-Fire:: Piermont FD Dive Team
- Cordes Lucus/Emmett Sweeney Firefighter of the Year –
Fire: 2nd Asst Ch Kyle Garrabrant & FF John Ryan Nagle (Valley Cottage FD)
Honorable: Lt Patrick Krummack (FD 13)
- Lt Andrew A. Fredericks Scholarships – Jack Kolwaski and Matthew Ryan

New Officers 2022-23

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1 st VP	Evan Humphrey
2 nd VP	George Cich
Fin. Sec.	Don Schreeck
Rec. Sec.	Bruce McClintock
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There were two Memorializing Resolutions:
Richard Brooks, West Hav. FD
Vincent Sheridan, Thiells FD

Amiel D'Aura from Chelsa H&L, Nyack was honored for his 80 years Also noted that his 100th birthday is in November this year.

FUTURE RCVFA CONVENTIONS

2023	SW Johnson SFE
2024	OPEN
2025	Nanuet FD
2026	Thiells FD

SO. NY FIREFIGHTER AWARD



Southern New York Firefighter of the Year award was given posthumously to Jared Lloyd of Spring Valley Fire Department. The award was accepted by his father Calvin Lloyd and Jared's son Logan Schultz. The meeting was held at the Hillcrest firehouse on Friday, Oct. 26.2022.

NEW RCVFA CHAPLAIN

President Mulligan and the Board of Directors announce the appointment of John Kapral, Spring Valley FD, as a chaplain of the RCVFA. He is the president of the RC Fire Chaplains and has assisted the RCVFA at its annual memorial service during the convention. He is a member of the Columbian Fire Engine Co, and a RCVFA Life Member

100 YR OLD FIREFIGHTER HONORED



On Sunday, Nov. 6th, Chelsea H&L in Nyack. had a department drive by to honor Amiel D'Auria, an 80-year member who turned 100 yrs old. He is currently an honorary Battalion Chief. He is also believed to be the longest serving firefighter in New York State. He was recently recognized and honored at the 2022 RCVFA convention.



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Annual Installation & Banquet

The Royal Order of the Blue Vests Annual Installation & Banquet was held on September 24, 2022, at the Firemen's Home in Hudson. The Royal Order of the Blue Vests and honored guests started arriving at 5:15 PM. The invited and honored guests included FASNY President Board of Trustees Ms. Marilyn L. Schrader, FASNY Trustee Mr. Michael J. De Vittorio, HVVFA First Vice President Mr. Michael G. Karashay, and Firemen's Home Activities Director Mr. Corey Simmons. Special note: Due to the Covid protocol, the Residents were unable to attend the banquet tonight. Mr. Patrick Scrum (IT Supervisor) set up a video camera so that the Residents could watch the festivities.

The hors d'oeuvres were served at 6:00 PM. The hors d'oeuvres included Manhattan Clam chowder with crackers, shrimp (one bite size), raw clams, steamed clams, cheese and crackers, pepperoni, beer, wine, soda, water, and coffee. The dinner was served at 7:00 PM. The dinner selections were Steak with horseradish sauce, Breast of Chicken stuffed with an apple dressing, and a fillet of Sole with cranberry stuffing. The dinners were served with mashed potatoes and green beans. The dinners and dessert (cheesecake <with whipped cream & chocolate syrup optional>) were terrific. A special Thank You to the staff from the Firemen's Home and the kitchen staff for the delicious meals and for the excellent service they provided.

The formal part of the ceremony was about to start. First Vice President Mr. Santo 'Chan' Rivera invited the Chair Officers to say a few words of wisdom to the assembled, and a few did. The Blue Vests and the guests were thankful that the other Chair Officers declined to share their words of wisdom. First Vice President Mr. Santo 'Chan' Rivera requested that the newly elected Chair Officers assemble in front of the dining hall. HVVFA First Vice President Mr. Michael Karashay administered the Oath of Office to the elected Presidents and to the Chair Officers who were present. Those Officers who were not able to attend, including President Edele who was excused due to illness, will be installed at the next Blue Vests meeting. The Officers were installed and everyone was congratulated. The Officers for the Year 2022 – 2023 are as follows:

President	Ms. LuAnn Edele, Putnam County
First VP	Mr. Santo 'Chan' Rivera, Ulster County
Second VP	Mr. Jack Delaney, Dutchess County
Fin. Sec. & Treas.	Mr. George H. Hill, Dutchess County
Recording Sec.	Ms. Marie Delawder, Putnam County
Chaplain	Mrs. Victoria Dichian, Rensselaer County
	Mr. Edgar J. Brennen III,

Firemen's Home

Sergeant at Arms Mr. George F. Stacey, Greene County

The fun part of the evening was about to start. The raffle tickets were sold to all in attendance. The raffle tickets are used to dispense the many door prizes provided by the Officers & guests, and to select the 50/50 winner. The 50/50 raffle ticket was selected first to a shout of YES and many grunts and groans. The lucky winner was Mrs. Victoria Dichian who received over \$75.00.

Everyone had a good time. If you missed this Annual Installation & Banquet, don't worry, we are already starting to form plans for the Year 2023 Annual Installation & Banquet. A special Thank You to the staff who served the dinners, to Mr. Michael G. Karashay for administrating the Oath of Office, and to everyone who lent a helping hand. A very special Thank You goes to the FASNY Board of Directors for allowing the Royal Order of the Blue Vests to use the Firemen's Home for this gala occasion.

HVVFA Day at the Firemen's Home

On Sunday September 25, 2022, The Hudson Valley Volunteer Firefighters Association held their annual Day at the Firemen's Home in Hudson N.Y. This is a day where a legislative workshop is done, and the association go over various and propose new items for legislative consideration. When that is completed then its time to eat. The HVVFA prepares meals for the members of the home and lunch for all the members who came by that day. After the meal is completed its time to put on a parade for all those in the home. Ghent Band leads the parade like they have for many years. Then following the band were the officers of the HVVFA led by President Eric Orr, then Hudson Valley Ladies, Athens Ladder Truck, East Fishkill Engine and City of Hudson ladder truck. When the parade ended, various groups gave donations to the home for its members.



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HV Legislative Committee

Submitted by: James Hartwick

Firefighters Honor Zebrowski for Building Code Enforcement Legislation

On November 4th, the Firefighters Association State of NY (FASNY) honored state Assemblyman Kenneth Zebrowski for his work protecting the volunteer firefighters, EMS personnel and residents of New York State.

Mike Karashay our HVVFA 1st Vice President and Chairman of the FASNY legislative committee presented Assemblyman Zebrowski's personal back- background and why he was deserving of the award.

Assemblyman Zebrowski, who represents Rockland County within the Hudson Valley, was unanimously chosen to receive the 2022 Golden Trumpet Award, given by FASNY. He was nominated for the award by the HVVFA legislative committee.

In his acceptance remarks, he said, "these are the folks that I should be giving an award to" Zebrowski said of the volunteers. The honor, he said, "signifies the steps we've taken to make New York a bit safer." He said during his tenure in Albany he has 'prioritized code enforcement, increasing fines, developing criminal penalties, and focused on trying to ferret out what makes illegal housing and dangerous buildings so prevalent here in New York State." Gov. Kathy Hochul last year signed a Zebrowski bill into law that mandates penalties for building owners who rack up building code violations and fail to fix them. Zebrowski has

called out building owners and developers for a culture of "build now, ask for forgiveness later." Over the years, he also pushed for regulations that ensure safety codes are enforced for school buildings. His work, alongside the Rockland County Illegal Housing Task Force, helped secure State monitors in Spring Valley and Ramapo after years of non-compliance and lax building code enforcement.

As chair of the Assembly's Committee on Governmental Operations, Zebrowski held a hearing this month focusing on how localities enforce the state's Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code. Part of the testimony focused on a 2021 fatal fire at a Spring Valley adult home where volunteer firefighters reported low water pressure impeded their response. A state agency continues to investigate the issue. A volunteer firefighter, Lieutenant Jared Lloyd of the Spring Valley FD and a resident were killed in the blaze that destroyed Evergreen Court.

Zebrowski passed legislation for firefighters and EMS for personal property tax discounts (pending with the Governor) and continues to support an increase in the income tax credits for volunteers.

Zebrowski also acknowledged his 97-year-old grandfather, Al Magnatta, an ex-chief and 70-year member of Alert Hook, Ladder & Engine Co. of the Congers, NY Fire Department who also served as a Rockland County Fire & Emergency Services Deputy Fire Coordinator for over 50 years.

The Assemblyman is a prime sponsor of two of the priority bills on the FASNY Scorecard for 2023.

If any Company or Department is interested in 100% Membership in the HVVFA

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Columbia County Report

Submitted by: Barbara Fischer, CCVP

The Columbia County Firefighters' Association held their last quarterly meeting of the year on October 12th at the Ghent VFW. President Orr and Past President Delby Spath attended along with our FASNY Second Vice President Chan Rivera. President Orr was asked to do the honors of swearing in the new Director for 2028, Christine Grossman, from C. H. Evans Hook and Ladder Company No. 3 of the Hudson Fire Department. Congratulations Christine! Congratulations also go out to Donald Dingman from the Mellenville Fire Company in receiving a Lifetime Achievement Award that evening as well!

The next Directors meeting will be held on December 14 at 7:30 pm at the Ghent Fire house. The Association will hopefully meet at the Firemen's Home on December 24th for a Christmas Party at 1:00 pm. This will be determined by the Firemen's Home regulations due to COVID-19.

The next Quarterly meeting of CCVFFA will be held on January 11, 2023, at 7:30 pm in Ghent. Refreshments will be served before the meeting starting at 6:30 pm.

The Columbia County Fire Chief's Association Director's Meeting will be held on December 20, 2022, at the Columbia County Training Facility in West Ghent starting at 7:00 pm.

The next meeting of the Columbia County Fire Advisory Board will be held on January 18, 2023, at the Columbia County Training Facility on Grandinetti Drive in West Ghent at 7:00 pm.

The Columbia County Fire Police Association held their quarterly meeting at Greenport Station #1 on November 10th. A new slate of officers were elected and they will be sworn in at the January meeting to be held at the Columbia County Training Facility on Grandinetti Drive at 7:00 pm. A delicious dinner of pot roast and mashed potatoes was served for refreshments thanks to the Germantown Fire Department.

The Philmont Fire Company is holding their "Vernon Higgins Scholarship Sub Night" the first Friday of every month thru April 7th. Come out and support your volunteers for a good cause and get some delicious food! The cost is only \$9.00 and must be pre-ordered at 518-610-1766.

The Stuyvesant Fire Company No. 1 will hold their next Pizza, Wings and Sub night on December 16th from 4:30-7:00 pm. at the fire station located on Route 26A in Stuyvesant. This is always a great fund raiser with your

choice of pizzas with different toppings and mouth-watering wings which are prepared by the Stuyvesant Chief! Call 518-758-6713 to place your order. You won't be disappointed!

Now that winter is fast approaching, please remember to practice exit drills in your home and to check those smoke detectors/carbon monoxide detectors too!

With all the information in the news out there now regarding Lithium-ion batteries for the new e-bikes, please check out the following link for important information: <https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Fire-causes-and-risks/ebikes>

Have a great rest of the fall and beginning of the winter season and remember to check out www.columbiapage.com for any events going on in Columbia County. Be safe everyone!

On October 5, 2022, Bob Darling Past President of HVVFA was laid to rest at the Firemen's Home in Hudson New York. Bob was HVVFA most senior Past President in 1979.



A look back.....

This is a Delegate Ribbon from the 1930 FASNY Convention for the Nyack Fire Department

Putnam County Report**Submitted by: LuAnn Edale, DCVD**

Are you scratching your head as I am that the year 2022 has just flown by? My mom always said the older I get the faster time will fly – boy was she right!!

As life became so much easier in Putnam this year, thankfully looking at the pandemic through the rearview mirror, many of our departments hosted their Open House/Fire Prevention events, which always includes classroom training at the elementary school level. Though we do have at least one Department that has its Open House in April for FASNY's Recruit NY Program (Kent VFD, for instance), those Departments still received our County Association's donation of 2023 Calendar Coloring Kits, which most distributed at the classroom level. From what has trickled down informationally, this repeated giveaway seems to go over very well with our local grade-school teachers!

As mentioned previously, we did have fundraisers these last few months and I'm happy to report that they were quite successful, including our County Ladies' jewelry fundraiser. Speaking of our Ladies Auxiliary, its installation of Officers took place on Monday, November 14th at the Mahopac Falls FD. Though I am a Past President of the Auxiliary, as the sitting President of our County Association I had the honor of installing the following officers: President Marie Delawder, Vice-President Tina Healy-Leather, Recording Secretary Alicia Canfield, Treasurer Tory Scarfone, Financial Secretary Gina Marie Pacicca and

Corresponding Secretary Sheri King.

This Saturday, December 3rd, the Putnam Lake FD will have its annual Holiday Parade & Tree Lighting where not only Fire Departments, but local businesses dress up their trucks and vans for the holiday while vying for a winning trophy! Donations of canned foods will be collected for distribution to the food pantries. And, speaking of decorated trucks, it's once again that "sweet" time of year - Candy Cane Run season has begun and Santa will be out and about on the shiniest firetrucks we must entertain all the children of the neighborhoods visited and share a few, well, candy canes of course!

As a reminder, our County Association meetings for 2023 will soon be posted – albeit tentatively until confirmed! – on its website (pcvfa.org). Next meeting isn't until March 27th (my last as its President). Speaking of which, nominations were held at the November meeting and Past President Ed Butler (HVVFA Director) was nominated without opposition to fulfill a third time in that prized chair! Congratulations to him and the rest of the nominated Officers who will be officially "put into the books" at the March meeting and then be recognized at our annual Installation Dinner on April 14th. I am pleased to say, too, that I was nominated for the position of HVVFA County VP once again.

With that said, I wish you peace, joy and much love throughout this very holy – and festive! – season. Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and a very happy & healthy New Year to you all!

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