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Merry Christmas

Happy Hanukkah

Joyous Kwanzaa

Yuletide Greetings

Happy Holidays

Feliz Navidad

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 office of the Financial Secretary

The membership approved a by-law change at the June 2018 Convention which updated the Association's dues structure. Beginning with the 2019 dues billing the following changes will be made: Individual Member Dues will change from \$8.00 per year to \$10.00

Department/Company/Association Dues will change from \$10.00 per year to \$25.00

The dues for each member of a 100% Membership Department/Company will remain the same at \$6.00 per year and the organizations dues will still be complimentary.

For information on becoming a 100% Membership Department/Company contact me by e-mail at bc1.mellan@gmail.com.

It should be noted that this is the first increase to the Association's dues structure in twenty years and is necessary to keep up with the growing cost of doing business.

Joe Mellan

HVVFA Financial Secretary

LOTTO RAFFLE COMMITTEE

The Hudson Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association Board of Directors has changed the format of awarding the prize monies for the Lotto Raffle Committee. The new format will be an annual Lotto Raffle number. The annual Lotto Raffle number will be valid throughout the year starting in January. The cost for the annual Lotto raffle ticket will be \$20.00 for each ticket. The daily payout to the winners will be \$25.00. There are bonus payouts of \$100.00 or \$200.00 depending upon the holidays. The Board of Directors and the County Vice Presidents have the new raffle tickets to sell. Please contact them if you would like to purchase the new annual raffle ticket(s), or if you would like to request a special number(s), or please contact the Chairman.

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Past President William S. Buckmaster, Jr

2019 Award Nominations

**ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE
RECEIVED BY MARCH 1, 2019 FOR
THE PRIOR YEAR'S RECOGNITION**

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FASNY OSHA Annual Refresher Training
 from VFIS University



The online OSHA refresher course is back!

Free to FASNY members, this course is designed to assist you in meeting the requirements for annual safety-related training in New York State.

The instructions for the course found [here](#) should be printed by EVERY member who wants to take this course through VFIS University. The OSHA course is free to FASNY members only.

FASNY Annual Convention 147th Annual FASNY Convention August 9-11, 2019 – Syracuse, New York

The largest gathering of its kind in the State, Convention is for every member of the volunteer fire service and you won't want to miss FASNY's outstanding programming August 9-11 in Syracuse.

No one knows the challenges and rewards better than your fellow volunteer first responders. Convention is a great, if not the best, opportunity to network with and learn alongside them.

Educational sessions and hands-on training put an emphasis on the most critical issues facing the fire service today. Social events like the Annual Michael D. Whelan Walk promote wellness and the Annual FASNY Grub & Pub Crawl aim to foster camaraderie.



2018 Seminar Series Announced

www.nysfirechiefs.com

Register on line

“Tactical Tasks and Tips in Truck Work” with LT Mike Ciampo (FDNY)

Across the state, fire departments respond daily to fires and emergencies that require some kind of truck company function to be performed. Whether your department has a dedicated truck company or not, you can bet that one of the “LOVERS-U” functions (ladders, overhaul, ventilation, forcible entry, rescue, search, and utility control) is performed. Also, often due to limited manpower and resources, firefighters must adapt to the conditions faced and overcome the challenges to handle the situations that arise. In this program, students will be shown numerous street proven tactics and tips that will increase their overall skill level, improve their safety, help enhance tactical performance, and save time and energy while operating at emergencies and fires. Some of these skill sets include performing new and improved leg lock maneuvers, unusual ladder raises when faced with obstructions, hand and power tool usage strategies, ventilation cutting options, and apparatus set-up, positioning, and operation.

Dates and Locations (3-Hour Program):

January 9, 2019 – Rensselaer County
 January 17, 2019 – Broome County
 February 11, 2019 – Chautauqua County
 February 28, 2019 – Monroe County
 March 16, 2019 – Clinton County
 March 25, 2019 – Albany County
 April 2, 2019 – Oneida County
 May 14, 2019 – Fulton County
 September 16, 2019 – Onondaga County
 September 24, 2019 – Otsego County
 October 2, 2019 – Dutchess County
 October 11, 2019 – Warren County
 November 5, 2019 – Erie County
 November 13, 2019 – Chemung County

EAST GREENBUSH REPORT

SUBMITTED BY: PETER LEHMANN

The East Greenbush Fire Company was very busy this past fall! The month of September started with our participation at the 130th Annual Greene County Fireman's Association parade in Athens on September 8th. We are proud to be awarded the trophy for the Best Appearing Out of County unit. We thank the 213 year old Athens Volunteer Fire Department for their thoughtful invitation and congratulate the Department for being an outstanding host for this annual convention.

The following Sunday found 60 Life Members gathering for the 18th Annual Life Member's Day. Of special note on this day, longtime Fire Company Chaplain Father Joseph O'Brien was honored as an Honorary Life Member in recognition for his years of dedicated service to Fire Company. Father O'Brien was recently reassigned by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany from East Greenbush's Holy Spirit Church and will be missed.

September's seminal event was the dedication of the Fire District's newest engine. On Tuesday September 18th, the entire membership of the Fire Company gathered to commemorate the dedication of the new Engine 11-8 in memory of Past Chief Theodore Michel. Ted was Chief of the East Greenbush Fire District from January 1, 1971 until December 31, 1977 and served as Commissioner for several years. Ted was the Chairman of the Board when the 1997 Pierce 11-8 was purchased and it is fitting that the truck that replaced the 1997 truck was dedicated in Ted's memory. In attendance were Ted's son, Past Assistant Chief and active Life Member Elwin Michel, Elwin's wife Helen, who is also an East Greenbush Fire Company Life Member and Ted's daughter Linda Mulheren, who is also a East Greenbush Fire Company Life Member. Elwin Michel had the honor to christened the truck in Champaign and is recognized for being behind the wheel of the last fire call for the 1997 Pierce and behind the wheel for the first fire call for the 2017 Pierce.

On a gloriously sunny Sunday September 23rd, the Fire Company's 24th Annual Golf Outing was conducted. Over 160 golfers hit the fairways at the Stadium Golf Course and then returned happy and hungry to the Fire Company's Chief Frank Becker pavilion to enjoy a delicious steak bake and a plethora of prizes. Many can't wait for the 25th Annual event next September!

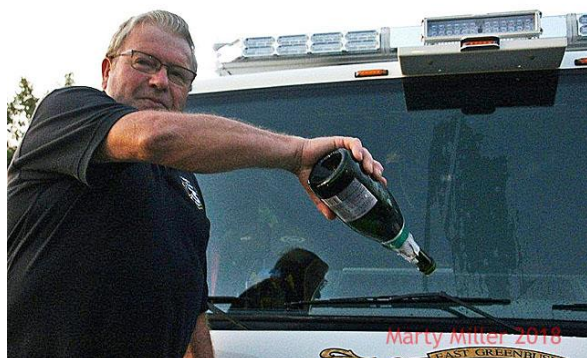
Greene County Parade And Trophy



Thomas Marra



EGFD Life Members and Elwin Michel dedicates the Engine



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**HVVFA LADIES AUXILIARY
SUBMITTED BY: DIANA BALLING**

The Hudson Valley VFA Ladies Auxiliary held their meeting quarterly meeting on November 4 at West Albany Fire House. A huge Thank You to the West Albany Ladies Auxiliary for hosting our meeting.

A very successful Christmas Boutique sale was held which benefited the Ways and Means. This is thanks to the membership!

The auxiliary has three members slated to be dropped at the June Convention for non-payment of dues. These names were listed in the last issue of the Hudson Valley Firefighter. Dues notices will be sent out in January to all members that are one year in arrears. If you currently owe 2019 dues only, you will not receive a dues notice. Please check your dues card!

Chaplain Vickie Dichian reported that member Ann VanAlstyne passed away since our last meeting.

This meeting was very informative! Some items to note:

*HVVFA Past President's Dinner slated for January 26. If officers and past presidents are planning on attending the dinner, you are encouraged to wear your red jacket! Photos will be taken before dinner.

*2019 Convention location for the ladies will be Boght Fire Department in Latham. Regular Convention meeting will be on Thursday, September 20th. Executive Board meeting along with Registration will take place at S W Pitts Fire House also in Latham on Wednesday, June 19th.

*Items can be purchased with the HVVFA LA logo. This is not limited to shirts or sweatshirts. Please contact Sue Mehan.

*A donation was received from People's United Bank along with "goodie bags" given to each member present. This donation was received thru the efforts of Director Gina-Marie Ianucilli.

*A new form of communication to the membership will be a Facebook page. This will be open to the HVVFA LA membership only and be run by 2nd Vice President Alison Rivenburgh. Those of you who use Facebook, watch for this new page and asked to join. Alison will be using the current membership list for guidelines.

*Firemen's Home Trustee Marilyn Schrader spoke to the members. She informed us of all the new things going on at the Firemen's Home. She apologized for taking so long addressing the membership but no one cared! She was so informative!

*Next meeting date will be April 7 at the Firemen's Home. Directors meet at 10:30 am and the Executive Board meet at 11:00 am. Lunch is served at noon followed by our meeting at 1:00 pm. Mark your calendar now and encourage your auxiliary members to attend as well.

Hope you had a Happy Thanksgiving! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Hope to see most of you at the HVVFA Past President's Dinner on January 26 at the Best Western in Kingston. Further information on reservations should be found in the Hudson Valley Firefighter.

Wishing everyone a very happy
holiday season!



COLUMBIA COUNTY REPORT

SUBMITTED BY: LAURA FOSTER, CCVP

As the year comes to an end the Columbia County Firefighters are wrapping up on their Fire Prevention Programs, fund raising breakfast, BBQ's and golf tournaments until next year, as well as attending trainings and emergency calls. We reflect on the members we have lost this year and hope that we can welcome new volunteers in 2019 to keep our brotherhood and sisterhood strong! The Firefighter of the Year and Life Achievement Applications are available as well as the Columbia County Scholarship program, as these will be awarded in 2019.

The Columbia County Volunteer Firefighters Association recently had their Annual Past President's Dinner on October 26th honoring Laura Foster as Past President of CCVFA. Thank you to all who attended this wonderful event. The Association is looking forward to The Annual Christmas Party on December 24th at 1:00 PM at the Firemen's Home. This is wonderful opportunity to spend the afternoon with members and staff. Santa always stops by to visit us too! We hope you can join us as well. The next CCVFA Quarterly Meeting will be January 9th at 7:30 PM at the Chatham Firehouse. Thank you to the Chatham Fire Department for hosting the 2019 Convention next year! I would like to wish everyone a Safe a Happy Holiday Season!!



Past President's Dinner – Laura Foster receiving awards with fellow CCVFA Officers

Pawling Fire Department News

September comes and also back to school for the children. In the beginning of the school year most local fire departments have fire prevention week. This is the time of year when many fire departments send their local firefighters to the schools to teach fire safety. The firefighters put on their turnout gear and air packs to show the children never be afraid of what they are wearing. They also inform the children not to play with matches, not to touch a hot stove and to practice escape routes out of the house. The children always have a great time and a few want to be firefighters when they get older.



Pawling FD Members Lt Brian Berlandi and Firefighter Vincent Galvin at Christ Church Nursery school.

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I cover all areas in Westchester and Putnam Valley.

Thank you for your volunteer service to the Hudson Valley!

ROYAL ORDER OF THE BLUE VESTS SUBMITTED BY: MIKE CESARE

The Royal Order of the Blue Vests Annual Installation & Banquet was held on September 22, 2018, at the Firemen's Home in Hudson honoring President Mr. Edward V. Butler Jr. of Putnam County.

The master of ceremonies for the evening was Immediate Past President Mr. Edward V. Butler Jr. Mr. Butler introduced our invited guests for the evening. The invited guests included many of the large group of Residents that were in attendance. Special note: There were just over 50+ Residents and Blue Vests members in attendance tonight.

The dinner was served after the introductions were completed. The dinner selections were Steak (onions and mushrooms optional), Stuffed (surprise) Breast of Chicken, and a fish with claim stuffing. The dinners were served with mashed potatoes and green beans. The dinners and desserts (cheese cake) were terrific. A special Thank You to the staff from the Firemen's Home and the kitchen staff for the delicious meal and for the excellent service they provided. Special note: The hors d'oeuvres included Manhattan clam chowder, shrimp (two bite size), raw clams, cheese, pepperoni, crackers, salad, beer, wine, coffee, and soda.

The formal part of the ceremony was about to start. Mr. Butler assembled the officers in front of the dining hall. FASNY Trustee Mr. Michael J. DeVittorio administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected Presidents. Past President and FASNY Trustee, Mr. Walter W. Eck Jr., administered the Oath of Office to the Line Officers. FASNY Trustee Mr. Michael J. DeVittorio administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected Directors. The Officers were installed and everyone was congratulated. Newly elected President Mr. William S. Buckmaster Jr. presented immediate Past President Butler with his Past Presidents badge. Ms. LuAnn Edele pinned Mr. Butler without spilling any of his blood. The Officers for the Year 2018 – 2019 are as follows:

President	Mr. William S. Buckmaster Jr.	Sullivan County
1 st Vice Pres.	Mr. Mark Dinkelacker,	Greene County
2 nd Vice Pres.	Ms. LuAnn Edele	Putnam County
3 rd Vice Pres.	Vacant	
Fin. Sec. & Treas.	Mr. George H. Hill	Dutchess County
Rec. Secretary	Mrs. Phyllis Dinkelacker	Greene County
Chaplain	Mr. Frederick A. Van Loan	Greene County
Chaplain	Ms. Victoria Dichian	Rensselaer County
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 were used to dispense the many door prizes provided by the Officers 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 a Blue Vest member and received over \$100.00

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 2019 Annual Installation & Banquet. A special Thank You to Master of Ceremonies, Mr. Edward V. Butler Jr., the staff that assisted the Residents & who served the dinners, Mr. George W. Harp, Mr. James A. Coons, Mr. George F. Stacey, Mr. William C. Rosenhagen, and everyone else that 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.

Washington County Vol Fire Police Association

The Washington County Volunteer Fire Police Association had their installation & dinner meeting hosted by the Fort Ann Volunteer Fire Company on October 24, 2018. The installation & dinner meeting is a very festive occasion because of the many spouses and guests attending and the delicious food. Each member brings toys. The toys are presented to the Marine Corps League Memorial Detachment No. 2. Three years ago, they started a new toys program for the boys and girls in the tri-county area (upper Saratoga, Warren, & Washington Counties). The new program's name is the "Tri-County Marines Toys for Girls and Boys". Attending tonight on behalf of the marines were Sr. Vice Commandant Mr. Lynn Stanton and Mr. Jerry Steves. Three huge bags of toys were donated tonight. There was a special presentation tonight. Mr. Anthony J. Ferro received certificates for his 54 years of service. Mr. Ferro served the North Patchogue Fire Department (Suffolk County) for 24 years and the Corinth Fire Department (Saratoga County) for 30 years. The certificates were from the Washington County Volunteer Fire Police Association, the Volunteer Fire police Association of the State of New York (VFPASNY), the Office of Fire Prevention and Control (OFPC), the Firemen's Association of the State of New York (FASNY), the Hudson Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association (HVVFA), and the Hudson Mohawk Volunteer Firefighters Association (HMOVFA).

ROCKLAND COUNTY REPORT

SUBMITTED BY: JOHN COYLE, RCVF

RCVFA 106TH CONVENTION

The Annual convention was held on Fri., Sept. 7 at the View on the Hudson, the hosts this year was the Empire Hose Co.1, Piermont. Pres. Nick Gatti called to order the meeting, Father Tom gave the Invocation and Katie Anderson sang the National Anthem. Chief Don Hardy, Piermont FD, welcomed all attendees. Peter Byrne, “acting 44-1” gave the Fire Coordinator’s report and thanked Gordon W. Wren Jr. for his many years of service as “44-1”.

The annual Memorial Service was conducted by Chaplains Stuart Gates, Frank Bifulco, Doug Volpicella and Glenn Zahlmann. Katie Anderson sang Amazing Grace.

Kurt Mulligan gave out the Life Memberships and 50-year certificates (listed in the Sept. Issue). Frank Jewett, Pres. RC Fire Instructors Assoc., gave out the Lt. Andrew A Fredericks Memorial Scholarship of \$1,500 to two students; Scott Orser (FD 3) and Robert Condon (FD 7). The Allen Lynch Award (attendance) was given Wayne Hose Co., Stony Point. The William J. Herman Memorial Award (Training) was awarded to Thiells Fire Dept. The John C. Lynch President’s Award was given to Mike Kramar. The Cordes Lucus/Emmett Sweeney Firefighter of the Year Award was given to Deputy Chief Kenneth Conjura of the Spring Valley Fire Dept.

There were several special awards given out: to Charlie Sharon, in memorial, for his many years of service to the RCVFA; to Gordon W. Wren Jr. for his many years of service to the Rockland Fire Service as “44-1”. Also the Fire Prevention Committee thanked Doug Lerner of BCI for his many years of service as an Arson Investigator. VP Chris Nau gave Diane Werner flowers for her years as LAFASNY State Pres.

It was announced that the 2019 convention will be jointly hosted by Tallman (20) and Suffern (19) Fire Depts. The 2020 convention will be hosted by West Nyack Fire Dept. Still need hosts for 2021 and 2022.

Linda Heath swore in the new Officers:

Pres. Chris Nau

1st Vice-Pres. Michael Rivera

2nd Vice-Pres. Kurt Mulligan

Corres. Sec. John Kryger

Rec. Sec. Bruce McClintock

Fin. Sec. Donald Schreeck

Treas. Mike Kramar

The Benediction was given by Frank Bifulco, thus ending the nights festivities.

RC FIRE POLICE NEW OFFICERS

On Wed, Sept. 12, 2018 at the Rockland County Volunteer Fire Police Association, RCVFA President. Chris Nau administered the oath of office to the new incoming officers of the RCVFPA as follows: President Mike Leitner, Vice President Scott Hankinson, Treasurer Mike Kramar, Financial Secretary Tom Brown, Recording Secretary Jim O'Dell and Sgt-at-Arms John Stuercke. Lisa Castaldo was given an ovation for her past year as president.

FIREFIGHTER GRADUATION

On Thur, Oct. 4, 2018 a Firefighter Graduation was held in the auditorium at the Fire Training Center to honor the new Rockland firefighters for their over- 128 hours of training and dedication. There were 64 graduates who attended, along with their Chiefs and family members. It was standing room only! A great turnout! We also want to thank the Rockland County Pipe Band for leading the graduates into the auditorium and playing for us.

NEW FIRE ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER

Ken Borden, an ex-Chief of the Hillcrest FD, has joined the Rockland County Fire Advisory Board. Borden is replacing Robert Murdock as a representative of the Rockland County Fire Chief's Association, after Murdock submitted his resignation. Borden will serve on the Mutual and Radio Committees. He is a Chief's Association Radio Committee member and has been on the County Radio Committee for many years. Welcome Aboard!

John Kryger, Chairman FAB

WE SADLY REPORT THAT

Richie Bird has died. Richie had over 40 years in the Columbians company, Spring Valley Fire Department, many of them working tirelessly as the Columbians' recording secretary. Richie was known all over the county as someone that was always easy to crack a joke, a witty comment or smile. He was also known for his dedication to the Red Knights, as well as being an avid bowler. Richie was an integral part the company and he will truly be missed. He was also a RCVFA Life member since 1980 Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers

FASNY LEGISLATE CONFERENCE

The FASNY Legislative Conference was held this past weekend (Nov. 3-4) in Troy NY at the Garden Hilton. The Sectional Fire Associations formulated and presented proposals to FASNY for consideration and approval at the Sunday morning conference.

Highlight of the conference was the presentation of the Golden Trumpet Award to NYS Senator Kathleen Marchione District 43 for her years of service to her community, constituents and the fire service. Some photos Saturday and Sunday sessions. Also the 2019 tentative legislative agenda attached.

Guest speakers Fred Hinrichsen spoke on the First Net Built with AT&T. Tim Boel VFIS spoke on the new computer base OSHA/PESH online training segments coming out in 2019 for individual or company webinar training. The RCVFA was represented by James Hartwick and Thomas Bierds.

HV LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE SUBMITTED BY: JAMES HARTWICK

FASNY Legislative Conference

The annual FASNY Legislative Conference was held on November 3rd and 4th at the Hilton Garden Hotel in Troy, NY. James Hartwick, Chairman of the Hudson Valley VFA Legislative Committee led the delegation that included President Pettingell, Vice Presidents Delaney & Karashay, Treasurer Barrett, Financial Secretary Mellan, Director Butler, Past Presidents Totten, O'Brien, D. Farrell, J. Farrell, Galvin, McKinney, Rivera, M. Schrader and members Bierds, Cesare, Dichian, M. Dinkelacher, P. Dinkelacher, Edele, Frank, R. Schrader, Steneck and With.

The meetings with FASNY and the 8 sectional organizations from throughout the State and the caucuses with the area associations to iron out the legislative agenda for 2019 were very productive. We began reviewing 24 proposals and whittled the final submission down to 7 bills and our priorities for the State Budget. The following will be included on the FASNY Legislative Scorecard. Five of the seven bills are sponsored by Hudson Valley which shows the depth and proactive commitment of our members to legislation. .

1. UPHOLSTERED FURNITURE FIRE SAFETY STANDARDS: Establishes a prohibition on the sale and distribution of new upholstered furniture containing certain flame-retardant chemicals that are cancer causing carcinogens.

2. AMEND the PENAL CODE TO ADD ENDANGERING THE WELFARE of FIRE AND EMERGENCY PERSONNEL: Make it a crime to illegally circumvent the uniform building code by making illegal conversions a felony. The conversions may not have proper egress and could create an extremely dangerous situation for the tenants and 1st Responders

3. VFBL INCREASE: Increases the partial permanent disability benefit level from \$400 to \$650 per week.

4. 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.

5. SCHOOL FIRE INSPECTIONS: Proposes modernization of the process of conducting fire inspection reports for parochial, private and public schools and mandates requirements.

6. Amend the Cancer Insurance Law: Amend the sections of the law to clarify the requirements regarding those who are to be insured and the required medical testing guidelines. There are other sections that also must be reviewed which as written are as clear as mud

7. Promote Legislation for the Creation of Career & Technical Education Pathways by NYS Education Department in the Area of Fire Protection & EMS: This would provide access for interested students to obtain training while meeting high school graduation requirements and possibly draw individuals toward the Fire/EMS service

8. REOCCURRING NYS BUDGET MONITORING:

Monitor the 2019-2020 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 personal Income Tax Credit from \$200 to \$400 per year and exempt the Sales Tax on smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors and fire extinguishers as an incentive for homeowners and tenants to purchase these items.

At the General Assembly meeting on Sunday with the FASNY Officers, the highlight was the presentation of the Golden Trumpet Award to State Senator Kathy Marchione for her outstanding service to her community and legislative commitment to the volunteer fire service of New York.



The **Fort Montgomery Fire Department**, Orange County, is doing a limited edition shirt fundraiser to bring Pet Safety awareness to our community.

A portion of the proceeds from these shirts are going to purchase Pet oxygen mask kits for our FMFD vehicles. In the event of a fire pets tend to run and hide and can suffer from smoke inhalation. Having these pet oxygen masks available will ensure we are doing everything we can to protect and save your loving pet. Each pet oxygen kit has 3 different size masks that will fit the smallest pet like a ferret to the largest K9.

Every shirt purchased you will also receive a pet alert door sticker to advise first responders of how many pets need to be saved in your home.

We have limited quantities of shirts!!!

Short sleeve sizes M-XL \$20

Long sleeve sizes S-XL \$25

Contact FMFD via their FB page.

October Blue Vests Meeting

The Hortonville Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. in Sullivan County hosted the Royal Order of the Blue Vests meeting on October 21, 2018. The registration started at 11:00 AM with some members arriving earlier. President William S. Buckmaster Jr. stated that there will not be a Board of Director's meeting today. President Buckmaster opened the business meeting promptly at noontime. The Invocation was given by Mr. Michael A. Cesare and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. George F. Stacey. The welcome from the Hortonville Volunteer Fire Company was from the Hudson Valley VFA Past President, Mr. William S. Buckmaster Jr. Secretary Mrs. Phyllis Dinkelacker read the minutes from the May meeting. The Committee reports included the Royal Order of the Blue Vests Annual Installation & Banquet (Sept. 22, 2018), the Annual Christmas Home Day Program (December 15, 2018), the Winter meeting in Napanoch (Jan. 27, 2019), the Annual Picnic and Elections (May 2019), the Annual Steak Roast outing (June 20, 2019), and the Firemen's Home Day Program (June 29, 2019). The Fund Raising Chairman, Past President Mr. Michael A. Cesare, discussed the current status of the raffle tickets and announced that the year 2019 will be his last year as the Chairman of the Fund Raising Committee. The raffle tickets are the primary source of income for the Royal Order of the Blue Vests. Please contact a Board member if you wish to be considered for this position. FASNY Director, Mr. Chan Rivera announced a new FASNY award, stated that all the awards are due by March 15, and that there is another 2% problem. FASNY Trustee Mr. William W. Eck Jr. stated that there are currently 72 Residents in the Firemen's Home, discussed the status of the new donated juke box, the employee recognition day (Oct. 18), and expressed thanks for the many things that the Blue Vests does for the Residents. FASNY Director Rivera announced that he visited Past Chief Mr. Steve Krump from Ellenville in a nursing home. Mr. Krump is now the newest Resident in the Firemen's Home. The Firemen's Home Supervisor, Mr. William C. Rosenhagen reported that the new juke box is great and that the Residents are enjoying their new toy. Hudson Valley VFA President Mr. Fred P. Pettingell discussed the meeting scheduled on Jan. 26, 2019 and the Past Presidents Dinner honoring Mr. Thomas M. Totten. Fin.Sec. /Treas. Mr. George H. Hill reminded everyone that he Annual Dues are now \$10.00 and that he has started collecting the 2019 Annual Dues.

Under New Business President Buckmaster discussed the need to revise the By-Laws to remove the Third Vice Presidents office. President Buckmaster will work with Secretary Dinkelacker to draft the required By-Laws and they will be presented at the January meeting in Napanoch. President Buckmaster discussed the possibility of a joint Annual Steak Roast outing with the Royal Order of the Red Vests. A motion was made and passed to purchase a full page ad in the Past Presidents Journal honoring Past President Mr. Thomas M. Totten. A motion was made and passed to purchase one dinner ticket for Director Mr. William C. Rosenhagen to attend the Hudson Valley VFA Past Presidents Dinner in January.

Good & Welfare Ms. LuAnn Edele made a motion to allow a blank page in the minutes for Mr. John Weisgarber. Mr. Weisgarber is a long time Blue Vests member and a past Chief from the Katonah Fire Department. Mr. Joseph Mellan mentioned that Hudson Valley Past President Mr. Nelson Durland is doing much better, is currently in rehab and would appreciate Get Well cards.

President Buckmaster called for the drawing of the winning 50/50 ticket. Ms. Marie Delawder was selected to draw the winning 50/50 ticket. The winning member for this meeting was Past President Mr. Wilson McKay. The Benediction was given by Mr. Michael A. Cesare. The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 PM.

Refreshments were available before and after the meeting. Everyone was welcome and the refreshments were delicious. A special Thank You goes to the Hortonville Volunteer Fire Company for hosting the Fall meeting, for their wonderful hospitality, and for the great refreshments.

On the evening of 10/26/2018 the Warren County Office of Emergency Services held a Graduation for the latest Firefighter 1 Class. The ceremony was hosted by the Luzerne-Hadley Fire Department. Twelve firefighters representing six fire departments were in the class. Master of Ceremony was Deputy Fire Coordinator Scott Combs. Instructors were Joe DuPrey, Scott Richards and Ralph Bartlett. Special remarks were made by State Instructor Joe DuPrey and Fire Coordinator Brian LaFlure. A wonderful meal was provided by members of the Luzerne-Hadley auxiliary at the conclusion of the graduation. Join us in congratulating the following Warren County Firefighters:

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| 1) Jonathan Baker Bolton Landing Fire Department | 7) Nikklas Milligan Corinth Fire Department |
| 2) Carter Blasko West Glens Falls Fire Department | 8) Theodore Moffitt Chestertown Fire Department |
| 3) Chad Burnham Corinth Fire Department | 9) Glenn Redmon III Chestertown Fire Department |
| 4) Joseph Connery Bolton Landing Fire Department | 10) Gary Spotswood Luzerne-Hadley Fire Department |
| 5) Sarah Hayes Pottersville Fire Department | 11) Michael Sutliff Luzerne-Hadley Fire Department |
| 6) Scotty Jones West Glens Falls Fire Department | 12) William Winslow Jr. Luzerne-Hadley Fire Department |

Scotty Jones of West Glens Falls is the Fifth Generation to be a firefighter. This year on May 7 the Jones, Porlier, and Brunelle families celebrated 100 years in the fire service. We have been able to document 28 family members who have served or currently serving in the Hudson Valley Fire Service.

GREENE COUNTY REPORT

SUBMITTED BY: YALE FRANK, GCVP

Greene County News

2nd Quarterly Meeting February 7th 2019
Catskill Fire Station 7.30 Pm

2019 Greene County Convention
Hosted By Cossackie Hose Co. #3 September 3-7

2018 Greene County Convention Winners

1st Place Fire Magic Color Guard-Palenville
1st Non Fire Magic Color Guard NY State Police
Best Drum Line- Cornell Hook & Ladder
Best Mucial- US Marine Corp
Best Appearing Ladies Auxiliary
5-7 In Line Cossackie Hose#3
8-10 In Line Kiskatom
11 And Over Palenville
Best Appearing Men's Unit
9-15 In Line Oak Hill Durham
16-24 West Athens Lime Street
25 And Over Palenville
Best Appearing Appartus
1-5 Cornell Hook & Ladder
6-12 Palenville
13-20 Earlton
21 and Over Kiskatom

Hudson Valley 2019 Red Vests Officers

President-Yale Frank Jr.
1st VP.-Brad Gallotta
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Recording Secretary-George F. Stacey
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Jim Vanhouton and Stu Gates



Next Red Vests Meeting is April 28 2019
East Greenbush



These are the HVVFA County Vice Presidents for the 2018-2019 year.

The County VP has many responsibilities, one of those is to submit information, articles, pictures for the Firefighter Newsletter. If you county doesn't have a VP listed, reach out to your association and make sure they are aware of the vacancy. Also if you are aware of new County VP (or you are one) send me an email with contact information so you will receive the newsletter reminders.

Albany County	Walter Eck Jr.
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Greene County	Yale Frank Jr.
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Saratoga County	Vacant
Schenectady County	Vacant
Sullivan County	Ralph LaVecchia
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Washington County	Alvon Macauley Jr.
Westchester County	Robert Fritsche

THE HUDSON VALLEY VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION



The Annual Past Presidents' Dinner Honoring Tom Totten will be held at the

Best Western Plus Hotel in Kingston on Saturday, January 26, 2019.

In order to raise money for the Dinner there will be a journal.

Full Page ad - \$60.00

Half Page ad - \$30.00

The deadline for the ad is December 15, 2018

Send all ads to:

Jack Halchak P.O. Box 24, Hurleyville, New York 12747

Camera ready ads are preferred and e-mailed to: jampond@hvc.rr.com

Make checks out to HVVFA

Thank you for supporting Tom's Dinner

Joseph Mellan

Dinner Chairman

HUDSON VALLEY VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Annual Past President's Dinner

Honoring Jr. Past President

Tom Totten



Saturday, January 26, 2019

At the Best Western Plus

503 Washington Avenue

Kingston, New York 12401 phone (845) 338-0400

Hudson Valley rooms are \$129.00 per night and includes breakfast

DINNER TICKETS ARE: \$70.00 per person

Dinner will be a buffet

Cocktail hour – 5:30 – 6:30 with open bar

Dinner is at 7:00PM sharp

For tickets - **MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO HVVFA**

MAIL TO: Bill Buckmaster Jr. 62 Hess Road, Callicoon, New York 12723-5524

*** CUT OFF DATE FOR TICKETS IS JANUARY 12, 2019 ***



Application for Membership
Hudson Valley
Volunteer Firemen's Association, Inc.

To the Financial Secretary:

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

Last Name _____ First Name _____ MI _____

Fire Dept. or Co. _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ - _____

County of _____ E-Mail Address _____

Hereby makes an application for membership in the Hudson Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association.
Organization dues are \$25.00 and individual dues are \$10.00 per year.

Date _____

Proposed By _____

(Signature of Presiding Officer or Secretary of Organization
or signature of an Individual Member and HVVFA Member)

Make checks payable to Hudson Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association, Inc.

ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP

Any volunteer fire company, volunteer fire department, association of volunteer or exempt volunteer firemen and any active or exempt volunteer fireman who is serving or who may have served in any such company or department in the territory in which the operations of the Hudson Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association, Inc., are authorized to be conducted.

Each member organization annually chooses one delegate to represent it at the convention of the Association. Delegates so chosen may continue as individual members by payment of annual dues of \$ 10.00.

Send this application with remittance, to the Financial Secretary of the Association, at the address shown below.

Joseph Mellan
Financial Secretary
Hudson Valley Volunteer Firemen's Assn.
1635 Forestburgh Road
Glen Spey, NY 12737-5254

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

Please contact the Financial Secretary

Joseph Mellan, HVVFA Fin.Sec.

1635 Forestburg Rd, Glen Spey, NY 12737

Home (845) 856-2631 Cell (845) 741-5505

Email BC1.mellan@gmail.com

From the Desk of the Financial Secretary

100% MEMBERSHIP 2018

Brewster Fire Department, Centennial Hose Co. # 4 (Peekskill), Highland Falls Fire Department, Highland Lake Fire Department, Hortonville Volunteer Fire Company, Kerhonkson Fire Company, Lake George Fire Department, Lake Placid Fire Department, Loch Sheldrake Fire Co. No. 1, Mahopac Fire Department, Napanoch Fire Company, Queensbury Central Fire Company, R.A. Snyder Hose Co. No. 1, South Glens Falls Fire Company, Wallkill Hook, Ladder & Hose Company, West Glens Falls Fire Co. No. 1

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