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FROM THE DESK OF 1st VICE PRESIDENT ROBERT OUTHOUSE

Greetings HVVFA Members,

I hope that you all are staying safe and healthy. The Presidents and the Board of Directors have been working very hard to get our association back to some type of normalcy. We continue to monitor NYS DHS and CDC recommendations regarding holding events such as our Quarterly Meeting and Past Presidents Dinner, Fire Police Seminar and most importantly our Convention in Saugerties. As of this article, it looks very promising and we continue to move forward with these events. Please stay tuned for updates from the association regarding these events.

The WCVFA Legislative Committee in conjunction with the HVVFA and FASNY Legislative Outreach Program conducted the Chris Becker Memorial Legislative Conference via Zoom. While keeping everyone safe at home, many items were discussed. The conference was well attended by our State Lawmakers. HVVFA Legislative Chairman James Hartwick and FASNY Lobbyist Paul Zuber did an outstanding job. You can check the FASNY Legislative Scorecard on the FASNY website

Due to the pandemic, the annual John J. Mulligan Training Seminar is currently on hold because of instructor limitations. As soon as these limitations are lifted, we hope to conduct the seminar sometime this year.

On April 17, 2021 the Saugerties FD will host the Annual Ken Merriam Fire Police Seminar. Registration will be at 8 a.m. We will have some terrific speakers this year.

On April 24th our Quarterly Meeting will be held at the Best Western in Kingston in conjunction with the Annual Past Presidents Dinner Honoring Past President Jack Delaney. Tickets are still available. The cut-off date for the journal ads is April 9th. There is still time to get your dinner tickets and journal ads in.

HVVFA Convention is to be held in Saugerties and scheduled from June 17 - 19th. Invitations for the Dress Parade have been sent out. If you plan on attending, please return your invites by the due date. Saugerties is also hosting a Mardi Gras parade on the 18th. The theme is the commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the attack on our nation September 11th 2001. This parade will be similar to the 10th anniversary commemoration held in Lake George in 2011.

Our convention (Red Book) journal ad request forms will be out next week. Please keep an eye out and take your ad early.

I'm asking all members to update their contact information with the financial secretary. Email addresses are extremely important to help us keep you informed of what is happening in the Valley.

We hope to see you all soon. Stay safe and healthy.

Published six times a year with news and updates to benefit the HVVFA volunteer!

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

May 15, 2021 for the June edition!

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

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PLEASE NOTE:

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 1, 2022 FOR THE PRIOR YEAR'S RECOGNITION

Rockland County Report

Submitted by: Nick Gatti, rcvp

WE MOURN THEIR PASSING

Edward Hewitt, died Jan 15, 2021, age 81. Ex-Chief of New City FD was also a Past President, and a member of the New City Board of Fire Commissioners. Was a RCVFA Life Member, joining in 1980.

James A Miele Sr, died Jan 18, 2021, age 88. He was a 69-year Life Member, of Nanuet Fire Dept. James joined the department in 1951, last serving as the Captain of the Fire Police. James was also a veteran serving in the US Army. He was an RCVFA Member joining in 1997. He was also a Past Fire Advisory Board Chairman,

Lawrence "Tex" Goswick, died Jan 24, 2021, age 91. He was a 75 year life member and Ex-Chief of the Piermont Fire Dept. "Tex" played an intricate role in the Empire Hose Company and was the lead handyman on the 2nd floor addition of the firehouse. He also was the chairman of the Ex-Chiefs Association for the Piermont Fire department as well as the company skating pond on Valentine Avenue. He was a father, grandfather, uncle, brother, leader and a true gentleman. Ex-Chief Lawrence "Tex" Goswick paved the path for the 23 members of the Goswick Family who would become members of the Empire Hose Company over the years. His Nephews: Ex. Chief Daniel Goswick Sr, Chief Daniel Goswick Jr. His Grandson 2nd Asst. Chief Lawrence Cabrera Goswick. His Nieces Lt. Hope Goswick, EMT Samantha Scully, EMT/FF Candace Goswick. He was a Life Member of the RCVFA, joining in 1959.

Howard Schweitzer Jr, died Feb 15, 2021, age 86. He was an RCVFA Life Member joining in 1959 and a Past Pres. and active Board of Director member from Haverstraw. He was also a 62-year member of SW Johnson, West Haverstraw Fire Dept (Past Pres, Past Vice-Pres and Past Fire Warden).

AL MAGNATTA 96TH BIRTHDAY

Congers FD wants us to join in wishing their very own Al Magnatta a happy 96th Birthday (Jan 27). This year Al is starting his 75th year in our department. Al joined our department in 1946 after returning home from World War II and rose through the ranks to become Chief in 1960 and served until 1962. That same year Al became a Rockland County Deputy Fire Coordinator and held that position until 2020. Al has shown incredible dedication to our department and the Rockland County fire service. We thank him for his service and hope he has a great birthday!

EMS COORDINATOR RETIRES

Kim Lippes, the Rockland County EMS Coordinator, retired her last day was Friday Jan 29th. Kim has been the Rockland Count EMS Coordinator for a very long time and is finally sailing off into the sunset.

FEW FIRE FACTS

Congratulations to Barry Furey, Ex 22-1 and Ex 44-10 (Chief of Communications) on his two articles in the February issue of Firehouse magazine. On, on Emergency Communications: Both Sides of the Mic, and the other on Apparatus Innovations: Not Sitting Idle.

Also, to Kenny Flynn who, is in the same Firehouse issue has a great Hot Shots photo of the Dec. 21 New City FD Signal 12.

Monday, March 1st, 2021, marked 50 years of active service for Ex-Chief Bruce McClintock. Bruce joined the Suffern Fire Department in March of 1968. Bruce served as President of the Hose Company from 1973-1975, Captain of the Hose Company from 1978-1981, and ultimately Chief of the Suffern Fire Department 2002-2004. Over the years Bruce has served both the company and department on various committees and in different positions, and currently uses his decades of experience to serve as one of the Department Safety Officers. Bruce is a U.S. Army Veteran, having served in the Vietnam War. In 2018 Mayor Markunas presented Bruce with the Andrew Haggerty Award for a lifetime of outstanding community service. Bruce is truly a role model and an inspiration to all members of the Suffern Hose Company, both new and old. Bruce was a long term RCVFA Recording Secretary finishing up his tenure in 2010 and he remains active with the association as a Director for Ramapo.

NEWS FROM THE TREASURER, HVVFA

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All committees that have a budget must submit their 2021 budget no later than April 23rd.

The Budget and Audit Committee will meet on April 24th at 10:00 AM, prior to the quarterly meetings.

If you have any questions, kindly contact Harry Barrett at 845-807-1031 or harrybarrett5320@gmail.com.

HVVFA Ladies Auxiliary

Submitted by: Diana Balling

Spring appears to be teasing us! With spring comes the hope of various organizations meeting again – whether it be indoors or outside under a pavilion! I'm sure you – like me – miss seeing everyone!

First and foremost: our April 18th meeting will be held! Location will be in Ulster County at the Saugerties Fire House – 43 Partition Street. I do understand that lunch will not be served. Please “brown bag” your lunch and eat with us. There are many small eateries in Saugerties within walking distance of the firehouse. Directors will meet at 10:30 am and the Board will meet at 11:00 am. Break for lunch and meeting will be at 1 pm. Please feel to join us in Saugerties.

The next upcoming event is the HVVFA Past President's Dinner that was postponed until April 24th at the Best Western Hotel – Washington Avenue – Kingston. This dinner honors Past President Jack Delaney and is long overdue! Look forward to seeing everyone there celebrating in a “new way” due to COVID restrictions which are still in effect.

In June we will be once again be in Saugerties to celebrate at the 2021 Convention. Saugerties Fire Department with the help of the Town of Saugerties Emergency Services have been working very hard to get everything ready for the onslaught of Volunteers from across the Valley! Details are in this newsletter as well as in the HVVFA LA Chatterbox.

LA-HVVFA will be doing a July 2021 Daily Drawing Fundraiser. For a small cost of \$5.00 per ticket you will have a chance to win two times per day. There are two numbers on each ticket (001 & 500) with a limit of 500 tickets sold. The winning number is determined by the evening NYS daily drawing.

- \$50.00 will be awarded each Friday
- \$25.00 the other 6 days of the week.
- On the last day of the month the lucky winner will receive \$100.00.
- We also pay one number above and one number below the winning number \$7.50.

To get your tickets contact Karen McDonald at:

- Email-- kmcdonald@earthlink.net
- Phone: 518-477-4351,
- Text or Call Cell: 518-339-9605.

Please include your name and contact information on all requests.

Still looking for a gift idea for that special person: check out the following! This is an ongoing project and worth repeating! If anyone is interested in purchasing merchandise with the Ladies Auxiliary Logo on it, Susan Mehan has made it really easy to place an order. Please go to the following link to view merchandise and place your order:

<http://tinyurl.com/lahvvfamerch>. Money must be sent to Sue prior to the order going in. Sue can be reached for any questions you might have at: sussysue312@gmail.com or phone her at 518-281-3459.

Around the Valley:

*Auxiliary of Saxton Fire Company is selling chances for \$500 worth of \$10 Scratch Offs. Cost of a ticket is \$10 and only 200 tickets will be sold. If interested, please send your check payable to Auxiliary of Saxton Fire Company along with your name, address and phone number to Auxiliary of Saxton Fire Company - P O Box 166 - Saugerties, NY 12477. Tickets will be filled out and receipt sent to you.

•Diana Balling took on a project for the Residents of the Firemen's Home: nightlights out of liquor bottles. Thanks to the area Elks Lodge and American Legion plus some friends! Diana was able to collect enough bottles to decorate! Themes for the bottles included fire service, patriotic, beach, baseball, football, birds and flowers! Below is Firemen's Home Activities Director Corey Simmons accepting the nightlights from Diana Balling.



Pray everyone continues to stay healthy! Stay vigilant and we will see the pandemic thru to the end! With more and more getting vaccines, we can turn this around! In the meantime, continue to wear your mask and social distance.



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Albany County Report**Submitted by: BUTCH RECCHIA, ACVP**

Albany County held their first quarterly meeting since September 2020 on March 10, 2021 at the Guilderland fire training center.

The town of Colonie and Albany Fire departments have had several working fires.

Dutchess County Report**Submitted by: JOHN POMARICO, DCVP**

Hopefully the Covid will start to go into slow process.

Everything in Dutchess County has been quiet, nothing exciting going on. I am hoping all the events will start moving forward, the crowds will not be spectacular. There are people getting tired of being couped up in their homes. Springtime is around the corner; you will be able to get outside to enjoy the sunshine.

There are three companies celebrating their anniversaries this year and are hoping they can at least have their events with their company members and families. People do have a lot of energy bottled up and they want to let some of it go.

Don't forget to push your clocks ahead 1 hour - change the batteries in their combination smoke detector/ carbon monoxide detectors; and making sure they work properly.

Another wish is that I have is that the HVVFA Convention in Saugerties happens. We understand it will depend on the regulations for New York State how the parade will be run.

Wishing everyone that is Irish a Happy St Patrick's Day, Jokingly, if you are Italian, you are allowed to be Irish for that day.

Make sure you reach out to your elderly members to see if they need anything.

Lastly, the outgoing Past President Jack Delaney hopefully will get his Dinner for his years of service to HVVFA or go to plan B and Jack & Mike Karashay have a combined dinner. Let's see what happens.

Anyone needing assistance in their companies feel free to contact me via e-mail /cell phone I will gladly make a trip to you. I love to travel to see everyone personally, if needed I will draft LuAnn Edele, MY BOSS, to go with me.

From Michael Doherty –

Carmel Fire Department held their elections in December.

Chief Mark Earle

1st Asst Chief Matt Lubera

2nd Asst Chief Scott Efferen

Captain Vinny Ruggerio and Mike McMahan
Fire Police Captain Joe Hubel

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

Hello again everyone. I hope all is going well and everyone is staying safe!

As everyone should know the burn ban has stated as if the 16th. Please make sure to spread the word. Share social media post about it or even tell a neighbor that might not know. Remember previously how I said fire safety should be all year round. This is a great way to teach about fire safety this time of year.

As COVID is dying down again and more people are getting the vaccine training and departments are starting to open back up. The county has put out some training announcements for classes happening starting this month. Haven't seen them ask your training officer. A great class that has been announced is the summer firefighter 1 boot camp. This is a great opportunity for your new members to get the basic Ff1 and more. Also check your social media for training announcements about online training being done on Thursday nights.

With the opening up of fire houses some are hosting social events such as pancake breakfast and chicken dinners. Be sure to support by buying a ticket or attending these events as well as sharing the event via social media.

Hope y'all continue to stay safe and have a great start to spring. Hope to see everyone soon!

2021 Convention Update!!!!

As of 3/9/21

We thought we'd give you all a quick update on the planning for the 2021 Convention to be held in Saugerties. The committee continues to plan for the convention. We may need to adjust planned activities as we are still dealing with the COVID Pandemic.. Here is a brief overview of the events planned:

Date	Start	Stop	Activity	Location
Wed June 16	09:00	12:00	Quarterly Meeting of the BOD	Glasco Fire Company
Thurs June 17	09:00	12:00	Convention Session 1	Glasco Fire Company
Thurs June 17	13:00	15:30	Convention Session 2	Glasco Fire Company
Thurs June 17	TBD	TBD	HV Ladies Convention	Saugerties Elks Lodge
Thurs June 17	17:00	21:00	Blue/Red Vest Outing	Saugerties Elks Lodge
Friday June 18	09:00	12:00	Convention Session 3	Glasco Fire Company
Friday June 18	TBD	TBD	HV Ladies PP Breakfast	Saugerties Elks Lodge
Friday June 18	18:00	19:00	Mardi Gras Parade	Village of Saugerties
Friday June 18	19:00	22:00	Block Party	Village of Saugerties
Saturday June 19	13:00	16:00	Dress Parade	Village of Saugerties
Saturday June 19	16:00	17:00	Dedication of the Capt Jack Rose Fallen First Responders Memorial	Cantine/Veteran's Complex
Saturday June 19	17:00	21:00	Entertainment	Cantine/Veteran's Complex
Saturday June 19	21:00	21:30	Dress Parade Trophies	Cantine/Veteran's Complex

At the present time we are still working on a Golf Tournament, details to be announced

The convention committee will be providing a pamphlet for things to do while in Saugerties and the surrounding area. We are planning to have these available for the Quarterly meeting on April 24th.

Details, such as addresses, lineups and other information will be provided closer to June.

The Block party to be held on Friday evening will be after the Mardi Gras parade. We'll be closing down Main and Partition Streets in the business district. There will be 2 stages with bands during the evening. We are working with local merchants to have food and drink specials. Mardi Gras trophies will be presented at the conclusion of the evening.

We'd like to remind those who are participating in the Mardi gras parade that this year's theme is of a serious nature, "Remembering 911, 20 years later". We would ask that you thoughtfully prepare for your appearance in Mardi gras with that in mind. We want to honor and remember those who lost their life that day.

COVID has hampered many activities in the past year and our fund-raising efforts were not exempt from the pandemic. If you, your department or organization would like to help out we would appreciate any and all donations in helping to make this convention successful. Checks can be mailed to the Saugerties Fire Dept, 43 Partition St Saugerties, NY 12477 payable to the Saugerties Convention Committee. We are also selling 50/50 raffle tickets which will be available from now until the drawing on the evening of June 19th. Please see any committee member for tickets. Thank you

We are looking forward to having the Hudson Valley visit friendly historic Saugerties in June

See you in June!

Brian S. Martin
General Chairman
2021 HVVFA Convention Committee

Columbia County Report

Submitted by: Barbara Fischer, CCVP

The Columbia County Volunteer Firefighters Association, as of now, is still moving forward with the annual convention July 30 and 31st, 2021 in Stuyvesant Falls. Philmont Fire Company is selling ads for the 2021 yearbook with an April 30th deadline to submit advertisements. The Stuyvesant Falls Fire Department is selling challenge coins, t-shirts, hats and mugs now through convention week. (check out the Columbia page website for a display of items for sale) Parade applications will be in the mail soon. Anyone needing a parade application or a souvenir flyer, can email sffco2021@stuyvesantfallsfire.org.

The Chatham Fire Department did their annual fish fry during the Lenten season at the fire house located at 10 Hoffman Street in Chatham. This year, due to COVID-19, the fire department had to do a “drive-by” fish fry dinner sale. There were over 90 cars in line at each of the fish fry events, selling well over 200 dinners each time! Nice job Chatham Fire!

Brush fire season is well under way as departments have been very busy putting out many fires all over Columbia County. As a reminder, New York State issues a “No Open Burning Ban” each year. This year the dates are March 16th through May 14th. To report an illegal open fire, call 1-800-TIPP DEC (1-800-847-7332). If you have questions about burning in the Capital Region area, please contact DEC at 518-357-2350. Check out www.columbiapage.com for any allowable events going on throughout Columbia County and please stay well!

**“SAVE THE DATE – APRIL 17th 2021”**

The HVVFA Fire Police Committee announces that “The Annual Ken Merriman Fire Police Seminar” will be held on April 17, 2021. Our gracious host will be the Saugerties Fire Dept., 43 Partition Street, Saugerties, home of HVVFA President Michael Karashay.

Please watch the HVVFA Website for the Seminar Flyer, listing the topics, speakers, start time, etc.

Co-Chairs Doug Mann and Tom With

Past President Dinner Update

The PP Dinner has been moved to April 24, 2021 due to the continuing COVID pandemic. In conjunction with the PP dinner the April Quarterly meeting will be held on 4/24 in the afternoon at the Best Western in Kingston.

Dinner Chairman Vinnie Galvin has arranged with the Best Western to move all room reservations that have been made to the new weekend.

Thank you for understanding and patience. Please stay safe and well. Hope to see you all in April.

Michael Karashay
President, HVVFA

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HV Legislative Committee**Submitted by: James Hartwick**

On March 6th the Westchester County Volunteer Firemen's Association (WCVFA) hosted a zoom legislative conference in conjunction with FASNY Outreach and HVVFA. State Legislators attending included five Assembly Members and two Senators and a Chief of Staff. The legislators represent sections of Westchester, Rockland, Putnam and Orange counties. 33 firefighters were in attendance including President Karashay, 1st VP Outhouse & 2nd VP Eck.

Paul Zuber, FASNY's lobbyist from ASA Government Affairs gave a PowerPoint presentation on the priority legislation for 2021 and discussed each bill and the background issues. Then Paul and I as HVVFA legislative chairman handled the Q & A. We covered more than the FASNY Scorecard and code issues were a significant topic.

The following bills were discussed at great length:

Fair Play Cost Recovery for Fire Department Ambulance Service aka EMS Billing:

The legislation continues to be a priority with many legislators. The Senate passed the bill last year and will likely pass again this year. A strong effort is needed to move the legislation through the Assembly and we have assurance that the chairman of the Local Government committee will release the bill so it can move to the Ways & Means Committee and then hopefully to the Assembly membership for further discussion and a vote. This is no easy task. Paul Zuber emphasized "if the movement of the bill occurs it will be a major development since it will allow for a more pointed discussion with the Speaker of the Assembly and his senior staff

Upholstered Furniture

The bill which relates to the regulation of chemicals in upholstered furniture mattresses & electronic enclosures is gathering more support from legislators. FASNY has been working jointly with the National Resource Defense Council on the legislation. Paul Zuber indicated we expect this bill to be a real battle, but it helps that both of the chairs of the respective Environmental Conservation Committees in the Assembly and Senate are the lead sponsors.

Endangering the Welfare of First Responders by Making Illegal Modifications

The background for this legislation was discussed at length and the emphasis on code violations with only one means of entry and the same way exiting one was described as a nightmare for not only the tenants of the building but for our firefighters. Jim Hartwick implored the legislators to become "Proactive and not Reactive" with this bill.

He provided examples of legislation that was quickly enacted as a reaction to a serious incident or crisis. Hopefully, the legislators will be Proactive. Reactive would be taking an active stance resulting after tenants and firefighters are seriously injured or killed in a building that was illegally modified and in violation of the building and fire codes. "Let's act now not later."

Recruitment & Retention Task Force:

Paul Zuber indicated that FASNY, State Districts, State Chiefs & Coordinators will be involved along with State agencies; Workers Comp, Labor, OFPC and Finance. To date, Governor Cuomo hasn't made the required appointments set forth in the legislation passed in 2020.

Other Ideas for Legislation to Consider as Proposed by HVVFA:

- Residential Sprinkler Systems if not enacted by the Codes Council
- Sales Tax Exemption for Home Life Safety Products
- Increasing the Income Tax Credit from \$200 to \$400
- Authorizing municipalities to add unpaid building code fines as delinquent taxes to the tax bill and impose tax liens upon the real property which is the subject of such fines
- The attendees and legislators enjoyed a good give and take on all the issues raised. This provided a great opportunity to actively discuss their concerns and support which prompted several of the legislators to join many of our bills as co-sponsors.
- Thank you to Bob Fritsche, President of WCVFA and an HVVFA director for an outstanding job organizing and coordinating the flow of the zoom format. The meeting lasted over 2 hours.
- HV will have another Outreach meeting in late April or early May after the budget is adopted. It will be another zoom meeting and we will invite assembly members and senators from the mid section and northern areas of the Hudson Valley.

WASHINGTON County Report**Submitted by: Alvon Macauley, WCVF**

This past year most meetings have been cancelled due to the virus. Good news for one local fire department is – the Village of Cambridge residents have approved a new firehouse to replace the current one which was built in 1950. Bids are expected to be sent out in March, with the hope that a late spring ground-breaking ceremony will be held!



HVVFA Fire Police Committee proudly
presents
the
**2021 Annual Ken Merriman
Fire Police Training Seminar**

**April 17, 2021
8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

***Saugerties Fire Department
43 Partition Street
Saugerties, NY 12477***

AGENDA TOPICS TO INCLUDE:

- Chief John Lembke, Westchester County Department of Emergency Services
- Lt Shawn Castano, Dutchess Co. Sheriff's Dept., "Fire Scene Preservation"
- Tom With, Vol. Fire Police Assn. of the State of NY, "Update from the NYSDOT Statewide TIMS Steering Committee"

Pre-registration encouraged to the two Co-Chairs below.

Registration on your subject line and provide your name the way you would like it written on your certificate.

Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. on the morning of event. Certificates will be issued immediately following the program. **First Speaker starts at 9:00 AM.**

Registration fee of \$10 per person which will also cover an onsite lunch.

Any questions, please contact Co-Chairs:

Early Registrations send name of FD and attendees to either:

Tom With: tomwith@hotmail.com / Douglas Mann: mr103liberty@aol.com



The Hudson Valley has lost a fine officer and true gentleman. Our brother, Walter "Bill" Eck, Jr, our 2nd Vice President, has answered his last call. Bill leaves a void that cannot be filled. His positions can be filled but his dedication, drive and enthusiasm for the fire service cannot. Bill always had a positive, can do attitude in every aspect of his life. Despite the rigors of his physical challenges, Bill continued to participate in activities for fire service and I'm sure his family as well. It wouldn't be uncommon for Bill to be attending a zoom meeting or making a phone call from his dialysis session. That's dedication.

For many years Bill chaired the Haz-Mat/Training committee. He worked hard to secure quality speakers for the annual John J. Mulligan Training seminar as well as securing a speaker for the Thursday afternoon training seminar at convention.

As I think about Bill, what impressed me most was his attitude. His mantra was "Deeds not Words" and he lived that mantra well. He definitely "talked the talk and walked the walk". I hope, when I am frustrated and upset about things, I would take a few moments and take a lesson from Bill's positive can do attitude and plow through whatever it is that's causing me frustration with dignity and respect. I truly hope others will do the same. It's a legacy Bill leaves the Association.

Bill was a past president of the Royal Order of the Blue Vests. He was also very active in firematic associations and organizations outside of the HVVFA.

I would like to thank all those who took time out of their busy lives to attend our 2nd Vice-President Walter "Bill" Eck's Wake and Funeral. Thank you to those who were there in spirit, sent a card or other gesture. I know it meant a lot to his family to see a strong show of support. We want to thank Bill's family for sharing him with the fire service. We will miss our brother, rest easy our friend, we'll take it from here.

The photos show the apparatus and firefighters from the Fuller Road FD and Shaker Road FD of the Town of Colonie.



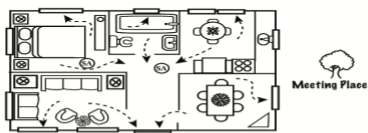
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If any Company or Department is interested in 100% Membership in the HVVFA

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From the Desk of the Financial Secretary
100% MEMBERSHIP

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