

***John V. O'Brien
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Dear Steering Committee, President, Officers, and Members,

I am pleased to nominate John O'Brien for the position of 1st Vice President of the Hudson Valley Volunteer Firefighters Association. John has dedicated more than 40 years to the volunteer fire service, demonstrating unwavering commitment, leadership, and integrity throughout his career. In addition to his extensive volunteer service, John recently retired from 42 years of Public Service with the Village of CrotononHudson, where he served the community with the same dedication and professionalism that define his work in the fire service.

John began his service to the fire community as a Junior Member with Buchanan Engine Company #1, where he first discovered his passion for helping others. When he turned 18, he continued his family's tradition of volunteer service by joining the Verplanck Fire Department, proudly holding several positions throughout his time there. John later became a member of the New Hamburg Fire Department, where he remains an active and dedicated volunteer, currently serving as Company President.

John's leadership within the fire service extends across numerous organizations and roles. He has served the Dutchess County Volunteer Firefighters Association with distinction, holding positions ranging from Director to Vice President, and now proudly serving as President. During his tenure, he has also contributed his time and expertise to the organization's ByLaw Committee and Scholarship Committee.

John has further represented the fire service as the Dutchess County Director for the Blue Vest, and he is an active member of the InterCounty Parade Judges Association. His dedication is reflected in his continued involvement with the Westchester County Volunteer Firefighters Association and Slater Chemical Fire Company. In addition, he remains a committed and engaged member of FASNY, supporting the broader mission of volunteer firefighters across New York State.

John is currently serving 2nd Vice President, seeking the position of 1st Vice President with the Hudson Valley Volunteer Firefighters Association. During his membership he served as Sargent of Arms for 2 years and chaired the President Memorial Awards Committee and currently co-chairing the Red Book Journal Ads.

I fully support the endorsement of John O'Brien for 1st Vice President of the Hudson Valley Volunteer Firefighters Association. John's decades of commitment to both the volunteer fire service and public service reflect the depth of his dedication, integrity, and leadership. His long-standing record of service demonstrates not only his experience, but also his unwavering commitment to the communities he serves.

Sincerely,

Kyle Pottenburgh