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RCVFA BIO CLARKSTOWN VP-FRANK VOCE



Clarkstown Vice President Frank Voce is retired from Rockland County Highway Department. Is an active member with the Alert Hook Ladder and Engine Co. of Congers N.Y. for over 40 years. Awarded Life Member in 2010. Served the Congers Fire Department as President from 1987 to1989,1993 to1994,2002 to 2010 also as Vice President and chairmen of many committees within the department. The carnival held in Congers was one of the most exciting committees to Co-Chair and to work on. Also awarded many awards including Chiefs award the year of 2008 and 2009. Received the President's Award in the year of 2010.

Frank's son Christopher is a current member of the Congers Fire Department and his son frank IV was also a member. Frank IV is now the CEO of Reps For Responders that support 1st responders, military and health workers Veterans all of these groups active or retired throughout the United States in health, physical fitness and mental awareness and suicide prevention. Frank IV works closely with Rockland County, NY.

Frank also works closely with the Town of Clarkstown involving 1st Responders. Frank and Pete Winterborne head up the Clarkstown Committee which gives Fire and Ambulance departments free pool passes for active members to the town pool.

Also, if married to their family's and if Volunteer is living home to their family also.

Frank is a life member of the RCVFA. Frank is currently Clarkstown Vice President. Frank served as President of the RCVFA from 2010-2012. Frank was Clarkstown Vice President before serving as President.

Frank is a member of the Congers Civic Assoc. Knights of Columbus 4th Degree, Haverstraw Elks Club and Sons of the American Legion New City N.Y. Frank and his wife Patricia who is a nurse for Montefiore Nyack hospital has lived in Congers for most of their lives and have two boys. Frank is very active with his sons who are both Eagle Scouts. Helping in their scouting and coaching as a coach through their baseball career.

Frank is very vocal about 1st Responder's and is currently pushing for property tax credit for 1st Responders that the Governor signed into law advising Town and Villages and Fire Districts and School Districts to approve.

Frank is very passionate about his Town of Congers and the Hamlet of Clarkstown and the County of Rockland.

Frank is very proud of his Family. His brother Greg is a retired FDNY and his MOM and Dad and brother James is in heaven looking over ALL of US. Frank was on dialysis in 2022-2023 with kidney failure and was blessed with a Kidney Transplant on January 16, 2023 from Hackensack Hospital in N.J.

On a personal note, I am very proud of the Volunteer service in Rockland County and the Rockland County Volunteer Firefighters Assoc.

Stay Safe All! God Bless America

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CARTOONS BY PETE CARNEY



Chief, thanks for putting me on the Fast Team. I knew my high school track shoes would come in handy some day.

RCVFA CONVENTION AND PARADE

Hosted by S. W. Johnson SFE Co. #1, Garnerville

<u>Convention</u> - 9/8/2023 - 7:30pm - Krucker's, 77-81 Call Hollow Rd, Pomona, NY 10970

<u>Parade</u> – 9/9/2023 - Garnerville/West Haverstraw - 2pm Step Off

Lineup will be along Main St., Garnerville - Parade Route will run East on Railroad Ave. - right on Samsondale Ave. - left on Bowline Rd. - ending in the softball field. The reviewing stand will be set up in the parking lot of Luxe auto body on W. Railroad Ave.

RCVFA JULY MEETING

The RCVFA held its July meeting on the 14th at Hillcrest Fire Department and the welcome was given by Chief Pete Gesner

The RCVFA Stuart Gates Scholarship Committee presented three deserving students their awards.

<u>Vincent Orfino</u> member Wayne Hose Stony Point <u>Briana Sinnott</u> Member Jackson Hose Nyack Fire Department

Ex-Chief Brian Sullivan Wayne Hose Stony Point accepted the award for his daughter <u>Alex Marie Sullivan</u>

President Mulligan congratulated the recipients and thanked the scholarship committee of Jim Hartwick, Stu Gates, John Intrieri and John Coyle for a job well done.

2nd Vice President FASNY Chan Rivera presented an update of what's on the horizon for the state Thank you to Hillcrest for the hospitality after the meeting.

2023 GATES SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



Vincent Orfino is a North Rockland high school graduate with a 91.0 GPA. He is a member of the NJROTC, National Honor Society and played varsity hockey and golf. He was the captain of the Stony Point Vo. Youth Ambulance Corps and is an active member of Wayne Hose Co. 1 and the RCVFA. He will attend the University of New Haven to study Fire Science and Arson Investigation.



Alex Sullivan is a North Rockland high school graduate with a 97.7 GPA. She is a member of the National, English, Math Science Social Studies, and World Language honor societies. She Play four years of varsity basketball. She was a food pantry volunteer at Bronx Care Hospital and Immaculate Conception Church in Stony Point. She will attend the University of Rochester to study Business in pursuit of a master's degree. Her father, Brian Sullivan, is an RCVFA life member and an active Wayne Hose firefighter.



Briana Sinnott is a graduate of Nyack Hospital with a 93.737 GPA. She is a member of the National and National Technical honor societies. She was a member of the bowling team 2018-23 and was an All-Section honoree. She attended the Clarkstown police Youth academy and the Rockland Youth fire program. Briana is an active member of the Nyack fire department with Jackson Hose Co. 3. She will attend Dominican University in pursuit of a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice. Her father, Fred Sinnott, is a RCVFA member and member of Jackson Hose Co. 3.

honored was outgoing President Paul Sullivan, wo served as President of the fire company from 2020-2021.

2023 DAY AT THE HOME VISIT



The RCVFA contingent braved the weather forecast to go to the RCVFA/WCVFA Day at the FASNY

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Firemen's Home in Hudson, NY. A few sprinkles in the morning and then the sun came out. 2nd VP George Cich presented a \$1,000 check from the RCVFA and the nine Rockland County fire companies that donated to the Home's Small Change Fund for the residents to use! Our Thanks to Alter Hook, Ladder & Engine Co, Jackson Hose 3, Mazeppa Fire Engine Co. 2, Orangeburg FD, S. W. Johnson SFE Co. 1, Volunteer Hose Co. 1, Volunteer Hose Co. 2, Wayne Hose Co and West Nyack Engine Co. Any companies, departments or individuals that would still like to donate, send your check to the RCVFA with the notation For the Home and we will make sure it gets there, big or small every dollar helps!!

HVVFA Annual Legislative Conference

On September 24th, the Hudson Valley Volunteer Firefighters' Association annual legislative conference will be held at the Firefighters' Home in Hudson, NY. The purpose of the conference is to review the FASNY Legislative Scorecard and the NY State legislative actions on our priority bills for 2023. We will also discuss new ideas for legislation and prepare our legislative recommendations to FASNY for 2024.

Date: September 24, 2023

Location: FASNY Firefighters Home Pavilion, Hudson, NY

Schedule:

Sign-in begins 9:00 a.m.

- Coffee & donuts 9:30
- Meeting starts 9:45
- Lunch 12:00

Any new ideas must be submitted in writing to the legislative committee no later than September 16th. Suggestions should be brief and in the following format: **Purpose** of the legislation and a statement of **Need/Justification**. Your submissions can be forwarded to the committee for review prior to the 9/24 meeting.

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PARADES RELIEF HOSE CO. 3

Parades that Relief Hose Co. 3 of the Haverstraw Fire Dept. attended in the last week in a half, We attended the Village of Mamaroneck Fire Department Parade on June 28th 2023 and we won Best Appearing Marching unit with no musical unit and 2nd Best Appearing Engine over 10 years old, Than on Saturday July 9th 2023, we attended the 172nd

Annual Port Jervis Parade and we won 2nd Place Best Appearing Apparatus over 10 Years old. Thanks Rich Nieves 4th Asst Chief.



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Mazeppa Engine Co. 2, Nyack Fire Dept.

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JULY WORKING FIRES



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July 8, 0340 hours: Dept. 6 (Hillcrest) 7-FAST (Monsey 7-75) and 17-Engine (Spring Valley) dispatched to a working structure fire at312 N. Main St., Hillcrest. The fire was seen by a passing Ramapo PD car, already thru the roof. The fire originated in Peppes Pizzzera and Restaurant. in a taxpayer complex of stores. 44-1reported that the fire did extend to exposures 2 and 4 slightly and many stores were opened and cocklofts checked for extension. For the most part, fire walls held. The following units were special called: 9-Tower (New City) 24-1750 (West Nyack),8-Engine (Nanuet), 20-FAST Tallman, 26-99 (Thiells) and 44-12. 23-Engine (West

Haverstraw) and 18-Engine (Stony Point) were relocated to 6-101 in Thiells. Under control at 0644 hours.

UPDATE FIRE OPS BUILDING



The concrete for the slab/foundation began pouring on Thur, Aug 3. It has a 30-day cure time. Step by step. In addition, there are plans to have the company also work on Saturdays to speed up the overall progress.

WE SADLY REPORT



Robert Colletti, died July 5, 2023, age 83. He was a 36-year Active Life Member of Valley Cottage FD, currently Corresponding Secretary.



Walter Miller, died Jul 7, 2023, age 84. He was a 66-year Life Member of New City FD. He was assistant Chief Engineer and then Lieutenant. Walter was Veteran of the United States Army. He was a RCVFA Life Member joining 1962.

ROCKLAND COUNTY LODD COMMITTEE



Shown signing the resolution approving funding for design and construction assistance. The memorial monument will honor the bravery and dedication of our fallen heroes. It will be located on the lawn in front of the Rockland County Courthouse. We will have a place to honor and respect our fallen firefighters who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

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CALENDAR

LISTINGS ARE FRE	E 845-364-8800 Deadline for Next Issue Last Wed. 8/30/2023
Fri, Aug 11	• RCVFA Next Meeting, 7:30 PM, at Columbians, SV, with Pres. Kurt Mulligan
Sat, Aug 12	• SW Johnson, Pocketbook Bingo, Doors Open 6 PM, Start7 PM, 37 Bridge St, Garnerville, \$45
, 2	Presale ONLY, Contact Kristen Brehmer 845-893-3773, Venmo Kristen-Brehmer-3
Sun, Aug 13	• Red Knights Chap 29, Run to the Home 2023, FASNY Firemen's Home, 125 Harry Howard Ave,
	Hudson, Reg 9:30 AM, KSU 11 AM, \$20 per person, \$10 non-riding participant, includes Ride,
	Music, Door Prizes & food, Benefits Firemen's Home
Wed. Aug 16	• RC Vol. Safety Officers Assn., NO MEETING
Thur, Aug 17	• RC Fire Chiefs Assoc, 7:30 PM, at Columbians, SV, with Pres. Kevin Huslinger
Thur. Aug. 24	• Special meeting of the RC Fire Advisory Board, 7:30 pm at the FTC with Chairperson Lisa Castaldo
Fri, Aug 25	• Wayne Hose, 10 th Annual Steaks & Stogies, at Haverstraw Elks, 877 Els Dr, Haverstraw, 7 PM, \$110 p/person, \$1000 Table of 10, 4 hr Open Bar, Steak Dinner, Cigar Gift Bag, Liquor Tasting, contract Kristen Wicks 629-9332 or Joe 234-0354
Sat, Aug 26	• Congers Fire Dept. 2nd Annual NY Boulders Game Fundraiser, 7 PM, Click the link
	https://fevogm.com/event/Congersfire to purchase your tickets, free hat. It is also fireworks night
Mon, Aug 28	• SW Johnson's 24th Annual J Harold Hume Golf Outing 6 AM-8 PM, at Phillip J Rotella Golf
	Course, Cost: \$160/Golfer - includes: Breakfast at Sparky's Diner 6:00am,8:00am Shotgun Start at
	Rotella, BBQ immediately after at Kruckers, Giveaways and Door Prizes
Wed, Aug 30	• RCVFA Brd of Dir, 7:30 PM, at SW Johnson, with Chairman Chuck Larkin
T. 6	Deadline for articles for Trumpet PONE 114th 15 Co.
Fri, Sep 8	• RCVFA 111 th Annual convention, 7:30 pm hosted by SW Johnson at Kruckers, Parade Sat, Sept. 9, @ 2 PM in West Haverstraw.
Future Events	
Thur, Sep 14	• Museum Board, 7:30 PM, @FTC, with Chairperson Linda Wanamaker
Wed, Sep 13	• RC Fire Police Assoc, 7:30 PM, at Pearl River H&L with Pres. Stu Rhymer
Sun, Sep 17	• Pearl River Hook & Ladder Auto Show, 9-3 PM, Vehicle registration fee \$20.00. Food provided
	by Pearl River Hook & Ladder. Live music by Beauty & the Grease. Trophies, 50/50s.
Mon-Wed, Sep 18-20	Andy Fredericks Training Days, Alexandria
Wed. Sep 20	• RC Vol Safety Officers Assoc, BOD 6:30 PM. Mtg 7:30 PM, at Hillcrest, with Pres. Lisa Castaldo
	 RCVFA Ladies Auxiliary, 7:30 PM, at Sparkill, with Pres. Carol Cich
Thur, Sep 21	• RC Fire Chiefs Assoc, 7:30 PM, at PR Hook & Ladder, with Pres. Kevin Huslinger, Past-
	Presidents Night
	•OCVFA Regular Meeting, Refreshments/Dinner 7 PM, Meeting 7:30 PM, at Washington Heights
	FD - convention meeting
Thur, Sep 21-23	• Westchester County VFA, 117 th Convention, Port Chester
Fri, Sep 22	• Nanuet Fire Dept Ladies Auxiliary, Vendor Fair, 6-9 PM. 29 Old Middletown Rd, Nanuet
Sat, Sep 23	• OCVFA Parade hosted by Washington Heights Fire Company. Line Up is 1:00 and Step Off is 2:00
Tue, Sep 26	• Association of Fire Districts, 7:30PM, at Nanuet, with Pres. Vincent Pacella
Wed, Sep 27	• RCVFA Brd of Dir, 7:30 PM, at SW Johnson, with Chairperson, Chuck Larkin Re-Organization
Thur, Sep 28	• Fire Advisory Board, 7:30 PM, @FTC, with Chairman Lisa Castaldo
Fri, Sep 29	• NJ&NY VFA, 8:00 PM, at Leonia FD, 1 Borough Pl, Leonia, NJ 07605, with Pres Roy DeYoung
Sat, Sep 30	Vol Hose & SWJ Dual Wetdown, Bowline Point Road, West Haverstraw.
Sun, Oct 1	• New City FD, Fire Prevention Open House, 1-4 PM, FREE, Open to Public
Sun, Oct 8	• Fire-EMS Safety Officers Assoc of NY, Free Conference, at Hillcrest FD, 374 N Main St, Spring
	Valley, in-person or via zoom,8 AM-2 PM, 4 Speakers: Dave Fischler, Jeff Cool, Rev Fleischmann
	& Ellen Komosinske, and TBA, continental breakfast and lunch will be provided, also certificates,
	non-core CMEs, emsfdsafety@gmail.com

To view this newsletter on line, please go to the following web site:

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Thanks to Sheryl Rose, Stuart Gates, and John Kryger

Please email Sheryl Rose with any Fire Department news, dates of events, fundraisers, etc. SherylERose58@gmail.com

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An Absolute Training Must

Two Maryland firefighter deaths, one a Lieutenant with Howard County (2018) and one a Battalion Chief with Frederick County (2021), have recently been thoroughly examined by the ATF (Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms) with a recent release of findings from each and identical fire cause and origin results. Each were large single family frame dwellings. Each were struck by lightning which caused arcing in the corrugated stainless-steel tubing (CSST) that ignited escaping gas resulting for an extended burning of combustible building materials in voids.

Conditions leading up to their deaths included fire burning undetected in a lower-level void, and each falling through a first floor into said lower level. Each called a 'May Day' and the rescue efforts were tremendous however, in time, not successful. Howard County Lieutenant Nathan Flynn and Frederick County Battalion Chief Josh Laird will always be remembered, and we now must use their deaths as a learning opportunity for us all.

ATF has utilized engineering analysis methods including field testing, laboratory testing, advanced computer modeling and data sources to determine the cause and origin of the fire, fire spread and events that led up to the "May Day" and LODD.

I have shared this report and link to the 40-minute video to the entire county fire service. There is no question that this should be viewed by all officers and firefighters. Furthermore, it should be included as part of your drill night. This video analysis is extremely well done and should be used to help prevent future tragic situations.

The video analysis can be found on Firehouse.com, and on YouTube under ATF Video Timeline LODD Analysis of Firefighter Nathan Flynn 7005 Woodscape Drive, MD (CSST Fire)