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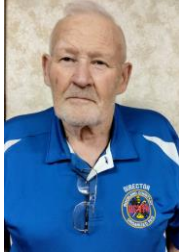
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## RCVFA BIO TOWN VP ORANGETOWN



I have been in the fire service for 65 years. I joined the Tappan Fire Department June 1958. In 1958 I joined the USAF for a four-year tour, 1958-1962. The year 1965 I became the Chief Engineer serving one year. Joined the Ramapo P.D. August 1965 and served 21 years, retiring August 1986. I joined the RCVFA in 1966 and as of this writing I am the Captain of the Tappan Fire Police Squad for the past 20 years. I served as President of the Rockland County Fire Police from 2007 to 2010.

The years 2001-2011, I was an instructor for the Rockland County Fire Police along with Tom Brown and Charlie Fisher. The course was stopped due to the COVID shutdown of the Training Center. I was unable to return as an instructor due to medical reasons and the passing of my wife of 51 years. During the time as a fire police officer, I joined the Fire Safety Officers and received the training as needed. Today I am still a member and still training. Another training was with the Sheriff's Reserve Enforcement which was training for crowd control along with traffic control. During the past several years, I have joined the RCVFA Board of Directors, the Rockland County Fire Advisory Board representing the fire police, I am a Trustee with the

NJ/NY VA, and the Rockland County Fire Service Museum. I served as Commander of the Carl A. Schelin American Legion Post 1271 Tappan, 1986 to 2001. I was self-employed in lawn service during these years, trained in the proper use of pesticides and the safe disposal of these chemicals, I was trained with the use and disposal of hazardous chemicals concerning the environment. On March 5, 1988 I received hazardous material training and testing and receiving my Certified Pesticide Applicator License. Today, since I retired in 2022, I work at the Tappan Reformed Church donating my time and, also donate several hours a week at the Promenade Assisted Living Center, Veterans Memorial Drive in Pearl River. I do this to thank the personal for the care my wife Lillian received during the three and a half years she was at this facility. Today I am retired, and have two sons, married with all for being teachers.

I'm also a minister. I have two granddaughters who are nurses; one grandson runs the house keeping at a major hotel chain and has about 110 employees he supervises. I am very proud of Ian who has joined the Army and is stationed in Alaska. My other three are all in college. I'm very proud of all my sons and seven grandchildren.

John Stuercke

## 2023 RCVFA CONVENTION

This year's Convention was hosted by SW Johnson, West Haverstraw Fire Dept. It was held at Kruckers, 81 Call Hollow Rd, Ladentown, NY. Troy Spong as Pres. of SWJ gave the Welcome Speech.

**CARTOONS BY PETE CARNEY**

I'm singing because I'm happy.  
Rumor has it Dept 24 is  
moving the radio room to  
1840 Tavern. 49

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**25 Year Life Members, 2023**

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Jason DiSalvo, Congers Fire Dept

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**50 Year RCVFA Members, 2023**

Joseph P. Chapman, Cosgriff Hose Co.4, FD 4

Maurice Finley Jr, South Spring Valley FD

Leonard Gordon Jr, Tappan Fire Dept

James F. Rist III, Vol Hose Co. 2, W. Hav. FD

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August W. Stritmater Jr., Sloatsburg Fire Dept.

Charles T. Sweeney, Blauvelt Volunteer Fire Co.

George E. Wargo Jr, SW J West Haverstraw FD

Carl S. Wright, Sloatsburg Fire Dept.

**75 Year TCVFA Members, 2023**

Joseph Marino, Hillcrest FD

Robert Trumper, Hillcrest FD

**Joseph K. Wright Memorial Fire Unit Citation**

The 2023 award is presented to the Congers Fire Department in recognition of its meritorious actions establishing a unified command and deploying its own units as well as more than 20 mutual aid units at a brush fire on April 14, 2023 that threatened numerous dwellings and civilians along Kings Highway. The actions resulted in more than 40 dwellings saved with no civilian or firefighter injuries.

**2023 Joseph K. Wright Memorial Non-Fire Unit Citation Award**

Presented to the Stony Point Fire Department and nine mutual aid units for multiple meritorious actions July 9, 2023 during a 9-inch rain storm at Bear Mountain State Park, the Palisades Interstate Parkway and Charles S. Escher Lowland Park that resulted in the rescue of several injured hikers, and numerous trapped civilians in vehicles, as well as the rescue of some 42 civilians trapped in the park by a raging, swift-water stream.

Stony Point Fire Department

Rockland County Technical Rescue Team

Thiells Fire Department (Dive Team)

Nyack FD (High Angle Rescue Team)

Congers Fire Department

Pearl River Fire Department

New City Fire Department

Rockland County Fire Coordinators

Mahwah N.J. FD (Dive Team)

Hillcrest Fire Department

Piermont FD (Dive and High Angle Rescue Teams)

**2023 Allen Lynch Award (Attendance)**

Stony Point Fire Dept

**2023 William J Herman Memorial Award (Training)**

Thiells FD also \$100 check

**2023 John C Lynch Presidents Award**

Warren Lenny, Vol Hose, Suffern FD

**Lt Andrew A Fredericks Scholarship**

Briana Sinnott, Nyack FD

Vincent Orfini, Stony Point FD

Daniel Lennon, Congers FD

\$1000 each

**Resolutions**

#1 SW Johnson for hosting this year's Convention/Parade

#2 Dan Moran for his many years of Service

#3 Sheriff Lou Falco for his many years of service, including help on LODD FF Monument.

**Honorary Member**

Michael J... De Vittorio, Dir of FASNY Firefighters Home

**Host for 2024 and future Conventions and Parade**

We currently have no hosts, if your Fire Dept is interested please contact the RCVFA Officers

**NEW MEMBERS JOIN RCVFA AT THIS YEAR'S CONVENTION**

Financial Secretary Don Schreeck congratulates the following members who recently joined the Association at the September Convention:

David Bicknell, Volunteer Hose Co. 2, W. Haverstraw FD

Michael Fenner, SW Johnson Steam Fire Engine Co. 1, W. Haverstraw FD

Janiel Flores-Ocasio, General Warren Emergency Co. 2, Haverstraw FD  
 William Kay, Orangetown Fire Co. 1, Nyack FD  
 Ryan Loock, Alert Hook, Ladder & Engine Co. 1  
 Barbara Nieves, Relief Hose Co.3, Haverstraw FD  
 Douglas Space, David B. Roche Vol Fire Co, Thiells FD  
 Brian Stalter, Alert Hook, Ladder & Engine Co.1  
 Steven White, Columbian Engine Co.1, Spring Valley FD  
 Ethan Zweigbaum, New City Fire Engine Co.1

### PARADE WINNERS

Parade was on Saturday, Sep 9, step off 2 PM  
 Best Overall, Hillcrest FD  
 Best Overall Ladies Auxiliary, Nanuet  
 Best Apparatus, Nyack 1996 Engine  
 Regulation under 20,  
     1<sup>st</sup> Valley Cottage  
     2<sup>nd</sup> So Spring Valley  
 Regulation Over 20, 1<sup>st</sup> Nanuet  
     2<sup>nd</sup> Haverstraw  
 Dress under 20, 1<sup>st</sup> Piermont  
     2<sup>nd</sup> Blauvelt  
 Dress Over 20, 1<sup>st</sup> Pearl River  
     2<sup>nd</sup> West Nyack  
 Pumper 2013-2022,  
     1<sup>st</sup> So Spring Valley  
     2<sup>nd</sup> Tappan  
     3<sup>rd</sup> Piermont  
 Pumper 2012 & Over 1<sup>st</sup> Haverstraw  
     2<sup>nd</sup> Orangeburg  
     3<sup>rd</sup> Hillburn  
 Aerial Ladder, 1<sup>st</sup> Suffern H&L 19-99  
     2<sup>nd</sup> Nanuet  
     3<sup>rd</sup> Nyack 2000 Ladder  
 Best Rescue/EQ, 1<sup>st</sup> Orangeburg  
     2<sup>nd</sup> Blauvelt  
     3<sup>rd</sup> Rockland Lake  
 Ladies Auxiliary, 1<sup>st</sup> Sparkill  
     2<sup>nd</sup> Haverstraw  
 Best Overall Guest, Fort Montgomery  
 Best Guest Apparatus, Mahwah Engine  
 Best Senior Musical, NYPD Band-W Nyack  
     Sons of Portugal-Congers  
 Best Junior Musical  
     1<sup>st</sup> Yonkers Military-Sparkill  
     2<sup>nd</sup> Suffern High School  
 Best Firematic Color Guard  
     1<sup>st</sup> Thiells FD  
     2<sup>nd</sup> Nanuet  
 Best. Non-Firematic Color Guard  
     1<sup>st</sup> Maybrook Boys Scouts  
 Best Motorized Antique-West Nyack  
 Non-Motorized Antique-Rockland Lake  
 Most in Line of March-Hillcrest

### PARK DEDICATED TO FOLEY BROTHERS



FDNY firefighters Thomas and Daniel Foley were memorialized in a beautiful tribute in West Nyack Sun, Sep 10, a place they called home and where they both served as volunteer firefighters. A life-sized statue of these brave brothers was unveiled at the West Nyack Hamlet Green and Firefighter Memorial Park.

Thomas Foley of Rescue 3 died on 9/11. His younger brother, Daniel, of Ladder 49, spent days searching for his body and eventually found him 10 days later. Daniel Foley joined Rescue 3 in the years following. He died of 9/11 related illnesses in 2020

### WE SADLY REPORT THAT:

Joseph Maragliano died Sept. 2, 2023, age 75. He was a member of Empire Hook & Ladder Company #1 and the Nyack Fire Department. This was a Line of Duty death; he was a 54 Year Life Member. Joe joined Empire in June of 1969 and served as a company Lieutenant from 1978 to 1980 and Vice President from 2013 until his passing. During his tenure Joe played a key role in some of Nyack's largest fires. For the past 15 years he was the company's most active tillerman.



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## ROAD DEDICATED TO JARED LLOYD



On Sept 18, 2023 at 7 PM, West Street by the Columbian Fire house will be changed to Jared C. Lloyd Way.



## AN OPEN-LETTER THANK YOU

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who showed up at the RC Courthouse the morning of Sept. 20 in support of The Jared Lloyd family. We all knew what the outcome would be, but your support was greatly appreciated. Unfortunately, due to court regulations on attendance, we were unable to have everyone in the courtroom to watch the travesty of justice that ensued. On behalf of The Lloyd and Cich families, thank you. Never forget, Never again.

George Cich

If you would prefer to receive your copy of "The Trumpet" in an electronic version rather than the paper version, please send us your e-mail address. We will add you to our e-mail list and remove you from the snail mail list. Please contact Sheryl Rose at [SherylERose58@gmail.com](mailto:SherylERose58@gmail.com)

## ANOTHER GAS LEAK?

Here are a few important facts about your 4 gas meter

WHAT....Why do I smell gas and my meter reads zero? Your 4 gas instrument has a catalytic bead sensor that is very reliable but is blind to about 2 % of the lower explosive limit (LEL).

SO WHAT? Humans can smell the odorant in natural gas (NG) at about 1 part per million (ppm). One ppm is equal to 1/16<sup>th</sup> of an inch (one ppm) to 1 mile (a million parts per million). 2% LEL is about 1000 ppm and your 4 gas cant detect it.

NOW WHAT? True explosive gas detectors have a lower detection level and use a metal oxide sensor. This sensor will get down to levels where humans can smell the odorant.

WHAT? Why does my 4 gas have a clip on the back?

SO WHAT? It is designed to clip on your gear and is for monitoring the air around your personal space. For flammable gases, it alarms at 10% LEL because that is the confined space standard alarm level.

NOW WHAT? Now that you know the weakness of your 4 gas monitor consider pairing it up with a true explosive gas detector with a metal oxide sensor. There are many manufacturers, Sensit Technologies makes a good one, low cost, reliable, easy to maintain with a sensor with a long life span. It has a goose neck wand so you can reach up where the natural gas is or down where the propane or gasoline fumes maybe. - Jerry Knapp

## HELPFUL INFORMATION

### Roadway Safety

August is Back-to-School Safety Month! Check out these tips from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration on how to keep members of your community safe while traveling to and from school and work.

<https://www.nhtsa.gov/school-bus-safety/keeping-children-safe>

### Campus Fire Safety

Colleges and universities can present some unique situations and challenges with regards to fire and life safety. Check out these resources from the U.S. Fire Administration, as well as the attached pamphlet from the NYS Office of Fire Prevention & Control for ways to deliver educational messages to these customers...both on and off campus.

[https://www.usfa.fema.gov/prevention/outreach/media/social\\_toolkits/toolkit\\_campus.html](https://www.usfa.fema.gov/prevention/outreach/media/social_toolkits/toolkit_campus.html)

### Fire Prevention Week

This year is the 101<sup>st</sup> year of Fire Prevention Week!!! If you find yourself limiting yourself to teaching Stop, Drop, & Roll and EDITH at the local elementary school, PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE check out and SERIOUSLY consider using some of these resources: The Slogan for 2023 is "Cooking Safety Starts With You" <https://www.nfpa.org/FPW>

### Severe Weather

The Fall often brings severe weather. Share these tips with your community to help keep your customers make better choices should they be impacted by severe weather.

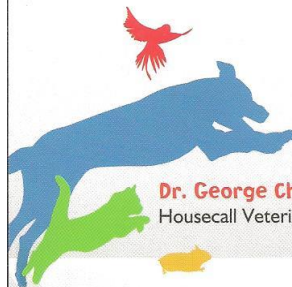
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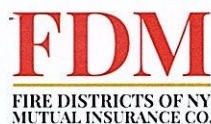
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**CALENDAR****LISTINGS ARE FREE****845-364-8800****Deadline for Next Issue Last Wed. 10/25/2023**

- Fri, Oct 13
- RCVFA Next Meeting, 7:30 PM, at Vol. Hose 2. West Haverstraw, with Pres. Kurt Mulligan
  - Volunteer Hose Co. 2 Holiday Raffle!! \$20 per ticket with 15 chances to win from \$50-\$500. Drawing Dec 5, Contact Joe Bertolino
- Mon-Fri, Oct 9-15
- National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Fire Prevention Week, this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, "Cooking Safety Starts with You - Pay attention to Fire Prevention." The campaign will educate everyone about simple but important actions they can take when cooking to keep themselves and those around them safe. According to the NFPA, cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries in the United States. Unattended cooking is the leading cause of cooking fires and deaths.
- Sat, Oct 14
- Orangeburg Fire Dept, Fire Prevention Open House, 11-4 PM, 61 Dutch Hill Rd,
- Sun, Oct 15
- Nanuet Fire Dept, Open House, 11-3 PM, 29 Old Middletown Rd, Nanuet
  - SW Johnson Fire Dept, Open House 1 PM, 37 Bridge St, Garnerville
- Wed, Oct 18
- RC Vol Safety Officers Assoc. BOD 6:30 PM. Mtg 7:30 PM, at Nanuet Fire Dept, with Pres. Lisa Castaldo
  - RCVFA Ladies Auxiliary, 7:30 PM, at Pearl River H&L, with Pres Carol Cich
- Thur, Oct 19
- RC Fire Chiefs Assoc, 7:30 PM, at Hillcrest, with Pres. Kevin Huslinger
- Sun, Oct 22
- Thiells Fire Dept, Open House, Truck or Treat, Demos, Games, Hand Outs, Costumes, 1-4 PM,
- Wed, Oct 25
- RCVFA Brd of Dir, 7:30 PM, at 6-100 Hillcrest Fire House, with Chairperson, Chuck Larkin
  - Deadline for articles for Trumpet
- Thur. Oct 26
- Fire Advisory Board, 7:30 PM, @FTC, with Chairperson Lisa Castaldo
- Fri, Oct 27
- Orangetown Fir Co #1, Monster Mash, 6-10 PM, 92 Depot Place, Nyack, 16 & Over, Costume Contest, \$40, [orangetownfirecon1@gmail.com](mailto:orangetownfirecon1@gmail.com)
  - NJ&NY VFA, 8:00 PM, at Bergenfield Prospect Fire Co#1, 238 W Clinton Ave, Bergenfield, NJ 07646, with Pres Roy DeYoung
- Sat, Oct 28
- National First Responders Day
- Tue, Oct 31
- Orangeburg Fire Dept, Halloween Parade
- Fri, Nov 3
- OCVFA, Installation Dinner at Middletown Elks Lodge
- Fri-Sun, Nov 3-5
- Lt Joseph P Di Bernardo Memorial Seminar, Long Island, NY, 1-day \$150, 2-days \$250, 3-days \$300, Hotel: Holiday Inn Long Island, 1730 N Ocean Ave, Holtsville NY, visit [holidayinn.com/lislip](http://holidayinn.com/lislip) or call 1-800-653-0649
- Sat, Nov 4
- SW Johnson Ladies Auxiliary, Holiday Penny Sale, doors open 4 PM, game starts 5 PM, Bridge St, Garnerville, Table Prizes, Raffles-Sweepstakes, Door Prizes, Cupcakes, Refreshments,
- Sun, Nov 5
- Relief Hose #3, Annual Breakfast, 8:30-1 pm, 11 Conklin Ave, Haverstraw, Adults \$15, Seniors \$12, Under 12 \$10, Under 5 Free,
- Mon, Nov 6
- NYS AFC Seminar, Truck Skills Beyond the Textbooks, Mike Ciampo. At FTC, members \$35, non-members \$50. [NYSFireChiefs.com](http://NYSFireChiefs.com)
- Wed, Nov 8
- RC Fire Police Assoc. 7:30 PM, at Nanuet with Pres. Stewart Rhymer
  - RC Firefighters Emerald Society, 1930, at West Nyack, with Pres Matt DeGennaro
- Thur, Nov 9
- Museum Board, 7:30 PM, @FTC, with Chairperson Linda Wanamaker
- Fri, Nov 10
- RCVFA Next Meeting, 7:30 PM, at Stony Point FD, with Pres. Kurt Mulligan

**Future Events**

- Sat, Nov 11
- Veterans Day, Honor All Americans, who served in uniform
- Wed, Nov 15
- RCVFA Brd of Dir, 7:30 PM, at 6-100 Hillcrest Fire House, with Chairperson, Chuck Larkin, (a week before due to Thanksgiving each year)
  - RCVFA Ladies Auxiliary, 7:30 PM, at Sloatsburg, with Pres Carol Cich
- Thur, Nov 16
- RC Fire Chiefs Assoc, 7:30 PM, at Tappan, with Pres. Kevin Huslinger
  - Westchester County VFA, Larchmont Fire Dept, 7 PM

**To view this newsletter on line, please go to the following web site:**<http://www.rcvfa.com/trumpet.html>

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](mailto:SherylERose58@gmail.com)

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**FROM THE  
FIRE COORDINATOR'S OFFICE**



**CHANGES.....**

As the new Fire Operations Building continues with some significant progress, there have been a few changes along the way.....all for the better. Let's take a look at what's happening:

- A 32' wide driveway is being installed at the rear of the building onto Leak Street. Gas training shed to be relocated to the other side of Leak Street.
- Three windows are being added to the south side of the tower section.
- The west side driveway/pavement has been extended 10' for better maneuverability.
- Rear of the building driveway/pavement has been extended another 10'.
- Rear retaining wall extended by 10'.
- Due to a very high-water table, an underground culvert will run along the rear of the site.
- Numerous trees have been removed from all around the site. Opening it up very nice.
- Additional lighting will now be installed across from the building and along the perimeter of the site.

We are very hopeful that the building will be completed in mid to late December. Once complete, our fire instructors will need to be trained on the building. We are confident that this new building will get tons of use. Especially running multiple evolutions at the same time. I have been sharing weekly photos of the progress with the County Fire Chiefs, Districts, Coordinators, Associations, and Fire Advisory Board. If they have not been shared with you, please reach out to your Chief or Association leader so they can be forwarded to you.

