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John Kryger

HE WILL BE MISSED BY ALL



John Kryger, died Mar 18, 2024 age 81. He was a member of West Haverstraw Fire Department, Volunteer Hose Company 2, Dept Chiefs Aide and the RC Office Fire and Emergency Services, Deputy Fire Coordinator “44-11”. He was the father of Ex Chief David Kryger. He was an RCVFA Life Member and Corresponding Secretary. A retired FDNY Firefighter, Member of RC Fire Chiefs Assoc, RC Fire Police, RC Fire Safety Officer, FASNY, NYSAFC and the Fire Advisory Board (Chairman & Vice-Chairman). John also proofed the Trumpet every month.

RC FIRE CHIEFS OLD TIMERS DINNER

During the annual old timer’s dinner held by the Association on Mar 9, at the Haverstraw Elks Club, a number of awards were presented to deserving individuals. Hillcrest Fire Chief Pete Gessner was honored with the title of Rockland County Fire Chief of the Year.

Three Smokey Fales awards were also handed out this year to recognize the outstanding contributions of Tom Larkin from Wayne Hose Company #1 Stony Point, John Hock from the Tallman Volunteer Fire

Department, and Mike Healy Sr. from the Central Nyack Fire Department.

The William Harris award was awarded to Tilcon Industries and Goosetown Communications for their unwavering commitment to the Rockland County Fire Service during a significant brush fire in Congers, Haverstraw, West Haverstraw, and Stony Point in 2023.

Shawn Healy was recognized as the Fire Instructor of the Year, while Assemblyman Kenneth P. Zebrowski received the prestigious Trachenburg Award.

There were 20 people who achieved Life Membership

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| 1. Dave Schnitzer | FD 1 |
| 2. Michael Healy Jr | FD 2 |
| 3. Robert Moger | FD 2 |
| 4. Michael Tscherne | FD 2 |
| 5. Frank Heinemann | FD 3 |
| 6. Patrick Murphy | FD 3 |
| 7. Pete Carney | FD 6 |
| 8. Robert Condon | FD 7 |
| 9. Kenny Flynn | FD 9 |
| 10. Arthur Kunz | FD 9 |
| 11. Tim Kunz | FD 9 |
| 12. John Conjura Jr | FD17 |
| 13. Curtis Wicks | FD 18 |
| 14. Chris Stevens | FD 20 |
| 15. Thomas Stevens | FD 20 |
| 16. Thomas Abraham | FD 21 |
| 17. Chris Reynolds | FD 24 |
| 18. Vincent Martuscelli Jr | FD 25 |
| 19. Warren Salle | FD 25 |
| 20. Evan Humphrey | FD 26 |

A special Award was given to Kevin Huslinger, Outgoing Pres of RCFCA by Wayne Hose. The dinner was hosted by Wayne Hose also, great job.

Congratulations to all the deserving recipients of these awards this evening.

CARTOONS BY PETE CARNEY



I'm new around here. The Chief said to take this pipe pole and shove it where the sun don't shine. Which truck would that be?

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REMEMBERING OUR LOST



John S. Bubenko Jr., died Apr 2, 2024 age 73. John was a life member of the Rockland County Firefighters Assoc joining in 1972. He was a member of Wayne Hose Co. Stony Point.

A BIT OF CNFD HISTORY



The old photo you published in the Feb 2024 issue, is the short-Lived Lone Star Engine Co', #4 who was headquartered in Central Nyack. It was Engine #4 they did not last long in the NFD but their number was never used again. When Highland Hose Joined NFD in 1895 They became engine #5

Interestingly the man second on the left, leaning on the apparatus, is William Hegner Sr. (My great grandfather) He owned and ran a hotel and restaurant on the Nyack Turnpike until it burned in 1900.

Also, as I slowly recover from my heart valve operation. All is going well, Thank the RCFVA for the get-well check. Thanks Jim Leiner

REPS FOR RESPONDERS

Reps for Responders is a local nonprofit organization that operates under the mission of improving the physical and emotional survivability skills of first responders so that they can make responsible decisions both on the job and in their personal lives. Our services support the mental health and wellbeing

ROOF PROP UPGRADES

The past few weeks, the Fire instructors have been working hard on our roof prop here at the FTC. Upgrades were needed to keep the prop in good condition and safe. Thank you to our instructors who spent time here and making this prop look new again!!





SW JOHNSON WEST HAVERSTRAW FD

Congratulations to the 2024-2025 slate of Officers:

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS:

President: Butch Babcock

Vice President: Tom Bicknell

Treasurer: Danny Green

Financial Secretary: Kevin Price

Recording Secretary: Pat Simeone

Corresponding Secretary: Michelle Arias

Awards Secretary: Audrey Brotzman

Director: John Zajac

OPERATIONAL OFFICERS:

Captain: Michael Fenner

1st. Lieutenant: Eddie Pacheco

2nd Lieutenant: Kristen Brehmer

Chief Chauffeur: Joseph Price

Asst. Chief Chauffeur: Joey Delucia

Operational Secretary: John Segelbacher

First Aid Officer: Meagan Price

DEPARTMENT OFFICERS:

Chief: Rafael Brito

2nd Asst. Chief: Anthony Granata

Fire Warden: John Brehmer

PIERMONT FD CALL PRESS RELEASE

Date: 3/31/24

Time: 16:54hrs

Location: Peanut Leap Falls (River Path)

Description: Injured Hiker

On the above date and time the Piermont Fire Department was requested to the area of Peanut Leap Falls on the N.Y./N.J. line for a female hiker with a knee injury and tightness in her chest. 13-Marine 2 with 5 divers who are also high angle rescue techs, responded to the scene where they were met by the the patient, her spouse and bystanders who helped them to the waters edge. Both parties were then evaluated by team members, carried to the awaiting marine unit and transported to the Alpine Boat Basin by Marine 2. Once at the marina, crew members stayed with the patient till Closter EMS arrived on scene and patient care was handed over.
Great job by all.

HILLCREST FD 2024 OFFICERS

The Hillcrest Fire Company held its monthly and annual meeting on Apr 4. During our annual meeting,

the slate of officers for 2024-2025 were sworn in.

Congratulations to the following:

Line Officers

Chief (6-1) Pete Gessner

1st Assistant Chief (6-2) Chris Bowers

2nd Assistant Chief (6-3) Orin Ben-Jacob

Captain (6-4) Corey Martin

Lieutenant (6-5) Matt Boney

1st Lieutenant (6-6) Derek Mehu

2nd Lieutenant (6-7) Jeffrey Potischman

1st Assistant Engineer (6-8) Kevin Starr

2nd Assistant Engineer (6-9) Seth Concklin

3rd Assistant Engineer (6-10) Neil Armida

4th Assistant Engineer (6-11) Donald Harris

5th Assistant Engineer (6-12) Danny Bongard

House Officers

President Gary Wren

Vice President Eric Black

Recording Secretary Stewart Rhymer

Corresponding Secretary Drew Burke

Assistant Secretary Kenny Borden

Financial Secretary Chris Kear

Treasurer Jeffrey Potischman

Assistant Treasurer Toniann Zahlmann

Chaplain Frank Bifulco

Assistant Chaplain Yvons Louis

Sargent at Arms Romel Cruz

Property Clerk Dave Streichert

Steward Billy Martin III

Trustee Timmy Wren

Trustee Matt Boney

Trustee Chris Bowers

Trustee Charles Coffman

Trustee Jeffrey Facinelli

MONTHLY FIRE CALLS

If your fire dept had a large fire and want to send me pictures, and description, date, time, address I will put in the Trumpet each month. This is something that John Kryger always collected for me and without John I am going to need help from all of you to gather this info. You can email it to me at SherylERose58@gmail.com Thanks for the help.



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PIERMONT NEW OFFICERS

2024-2025 Slate of officers

Department Officers:

Chief Lawrence Cabrera

Asst. Chief Reece McNichol

2nd Asst. Chief Daniel Goswick Sr

Captain Patrick Krummack

1st Lt. Frank Bockowski

2nd Lt. Daniel Goswick Jr

3rd Lt. Scott Silva

4th Lt. Jake Silva

Chief Engineer Donald Hardy

Asst. Engineer Bill Cavanaugh

2nd Asst. Engineer Chris Healy

EMS 1 Hope Goswick

EMS 2 Anthony Korines

EMS 3 Donna Alise

Dive Chiefs:

Mark Blomquist

Scott Silva

Daniel Goswick Sr

Daniel Goswick Jr

Hazmat Officers:

Daniel Goswick Sr

Daniel Goswick Jr

High Angle Officers:

Daniel Goswick Jr

Patrick Krummack

Frank Bockowski

Public Information Officer:

Daniel Goswick Sr

Company Officers:

President Santina Stevenson

Vice President Jerry Ables

Recording secretary Julie Pagliaroli

Financial secretary Joan Chadwick

Treasurer Matt Stevenson

Directors:

Candy Goswick

Lizzy Fagan

Nate Mitchell

We would like to thank all the officers for their hard work and dedication to the Village of Piermont.

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HILLBURN 2024 OFFICERS

The Hillburn Volunteer Fire Department elected the following officers at its recent re-organization meeting:

Chief Nelson Scott

1st asst Chief Shane Starr
 2nd ass Chief Irving Strysko
 Captain Andrew Strysko
 LTs Susan Starr
 Daniel Strysko

President Robert Cirincione
 Vice-President Susan Starr
 Fin Sec'y Brian Marsh
 Rec Sec'y Ethan Cirincione
 Treasurer Sandi Jeanette
 Trustees Raymond Mammato
 Robert McIntosh
 Daniel Strysko
 Sgt.-at-Arms Edward T. Kelly, Jr.

COLUMBIAN 2024 NEW OFFICERS

The Columbian Fire Engine Co. No. 1 held their 163rd annual meeting last night April 2, 2024. At the meeting, both company and line officers elections were held. The results were as follow:

Company Officer Election Results:

President: Reginald Anderson

Vice President: Jerry Barao

Financial Secretary: Jerry Barao

Recording Secretary: Joseph Morrison

Treasurer: Jeff Streim

Assistant treasurer: Casey Cich

Property Clerk: William Farrell

Wardens: Robert Poole & Joseph Morrison

Line Officer Election Results:

Chief: Kenneth Conjura

Captain: Casey Cich

1st Lieutenant: Steven White

2nd Lieutenant: Michael Streim

Engineer: John Conjura Sr.

1st Asst. Engineer: Amron Diamant

2nd Asst. Engineer: Joseph Morrison

Congratulations to all the new officers and we wish them the best of luck.



PEARL RIVER HOOK AND LADDER
OFFICER ELECTIONS
 April 4, 2024

Chief- Shaun Ruocco 12-1
 Assistant Chief- Travis Helmke 12-2

Hook and Ladder Line Officers
 April 2, 2024

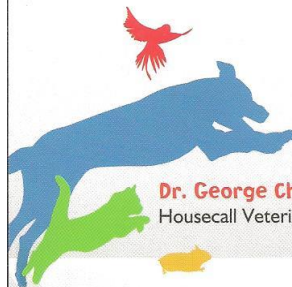
Captain- Patrick Shand 12-5
 First Lieutenant- Christian Carstensen 12-5-1
 Second Lieutenant- Matthew Van Orden 12-5-2
 Third Lieutenant- Jose Monroy 12-5-3

The graphic also features a red Maltese cross logo with "PEARL RIVER FIRE 12 RESCUE HOOK & LADDER CO. #1 NEW YORK" written on it.

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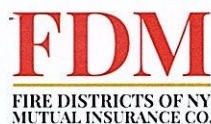
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- Fri, Apr 12 • RCVFA Next Meeting, 7:30 PM, at Blauvelt Rt 9W, with Pres Kurt Mulligan
- Sat-Sun, Apr 13-14 • Recruit NY, Visit recruitny.org
- Apr 14-20 • National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, Telecommunications personnel in the public safety community, are honored
- Mon-Sat, Apr 15-20 • FDIC Indianapolis Convention Center, Indianapolis, IN, FDIC@clarionevents.com
- Wed, Apr 17 • RC Vol Safety Officers Assoc, BOD 6:30 PM. Mtg 7:30 PM, at Thiells, with Pres Lisa Castaldo
- RCVFA Ladies Auxiliary, 7:30 PM, at SW Johnson, with Pres Carol Cich
- Thur, Apr 18 • RC Fire Chiefs Assoc, 7:30 PM, at New City, with Pres Kevin Huslinger
- Sat, Apr 20 • Congers Ladies Auxiliary, A Night with Elvis, Tribute Artist Patrick Perone, 40 N Harrison Ave, \$30 Pd in Advance by 4/13/24, 6 PM Doors Open, 7-9 Show, BYOB Drinks & Snacks, 50/50
- Volunteer Recognition Day
- Wed, Apr 24 • RCVFA Brd of Dir, 7:30 PM, @ 6-100 Hillcrest FD, with Chairperson, Chuck Larkin
- Deadline for articles for Trumpet
- Thur, Apr 25 • Fire Advisory Board, 7:30 PM, @FTC, with Chairman Frank Bifulco
- Fri, Apr 26 • NJ&NY VFA, 8:00 PM, at Haworth Fire Dept, 71 Hardenburgh Ave, Haworth NJ, with Pres Anthony Chiodo
- Reps For Responders, Roll Call 008, 6-10 pm, at Bloomingdale Fireman's Hall, 97 Hamburg Turnpike, Bloomingdale, NJ 07403, ROLL CALL is a one-day leadership training course geared toward ACTIVE DUTY First Responders (Law Enforcement, Fire Fighters, EMTs, Military, and Government Personnel), those who work in dynamic and dangerous environments. \$250/attendee, Check made out to Reps For Responders Venmo: Frank-RFR Zelle: Repsforresponders@gmail.com
- Sat, Apr 27 • Reps for Responders, Beef Steak 2024, 6-10 PM, \$80 All You Can Eat: Sliced beef tenderloin, appetizers, soda, beer, and coffee! DJ on scene! Cigar and Cash bar. Raffles, 97 Hamburg Turnpike Bloomingdale, NJ 07403, Check made out to Reps For Responders, Venmo: Frank-RFR, Zelle: Repsforresponders@gmail.com, Tickets must be pre purchased! Guest Speaker from Echelon Front!
- John Bellew Memorial 5K Run will be held from the Pearl River Firehouse on Saturday, April 27, 2024 at 11:00 AM. The 5K, which is held in Lt. John Bellew's memory to raise money for scholarships, features a scenic run around the community he cherished, with a family fun atmosphere. In addition to a festive bbq after the run, there will be face painting for the kids, a DJ, food, drinks, awards and apparel to purchase. Register by April 14th to guarantee a shirt. Sign up: <https://runsignup.com/.../PearlRiver/JohnBellewMemorial5KRun>.
- Sun, Apr 28 • Stony Point Fire Dept. Dueling Pianos, 1-4 PM @ Stony Point Firehouse, 199 Central Hwy, \$50 p/per or \$450 table of 10, contact Melanie 314-730-8128, Dylan 845-269-2116, or Dan 845-300-3784, Light Food, Beer/Wine/Seltzer/Soda included
- Sat, May 4 • Hillburn Fire Dept, Cinco De Mayo, Taco/Quesadilla Night, \$20, 7-Midnight, Live Music-Jorge Rivera, All you can eat beef, pork, chicken tacos/quesadilla, cash bar, 37Fifth St, Hillburn
- Nanuet Ladies Auxiliary, Vendor Fair, 10 AM-5 PM, 29 Old Middletown Rd, Info Emily 845-825-3257
- St Florian's, Patron St of FF, International FF Day
- May 5-11 • Arson Awareness Week
- Wed, May 8 • RC Fire Police Assoc, 7:30 PM, at Stony Point, with Pres Stewart Rhymer
- RC Firefighters Emerald Society, 1930, at Vol Hose, Suffern, with Pres Matt DeGennaro
- Thur, May 9 • Museum Board, 7:30 PM, @FTC, with Chairperson Linda Wanamaker
- Fri, May 10 • RCVFA Next Meeting, 7:30 PM, at Congers, with Pres Kurt Mulligan

Future Events

- Fri-Sun, May 10-12 • NYS Weekend at the National Fire Academy, Emmitsburg, MD, please contact the Office of Fire Prevention and Control at NYSWeekend@dhses.ny.gov or call (518)474-6746
- Tue, May 14 • Westchester County VFA Meeting, Dobbs Ferry, Ogden Eng, 198 Ashford Ave, 7pm dinner

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

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**FROM THE
FIRE COORDINATOR'S OFFICE**



Changes Coming.....Bye-Bye NFIRS

If you have not heard yet, our everyday NFIRS Reporting System will be going away and changing to NERIS; National Emergency Response Information System. According to USFA, this will be taking place at the end of the year. USFA are currently testing the new program with several fire agencies throughout the United States. It is imperative that each fire district or village reach out to their current vendors and make sure that they are on track to get on board with NERIS. It is still unknown what our state responsibility will be with NERIS. Here are a few informational tidbits:

- Instead of submitting reports to NFIRS, it will be to the NERIS platform.
- More streamlined and efficient for submitting information.
- Mobile friendly.
- Cloud based.
- Enhanced data integration capability.
- Information submitted into system will be more readily available.
- NYS is routinely 2 years behind in getting out data and statistics.
- Local FD's retain ownership over data.
- Will be assigned a NERIS FD ID in addition to your current FD ID.
- There will be 3 levels of NERIS: Basic, Intermediate and Advanced.
- Each FD will need to have an 'onboarding' lead for the program.

More information can be found at www.usfa.gov/nfirs/neris/about-neris/