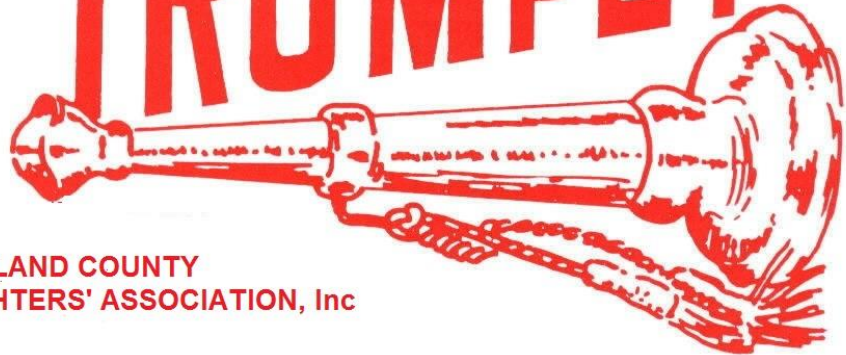


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RCVFA CONVENTION AND PARADE

The convention is being hosted by Wayne Hose, Stony Point FD. It will be at Patriot Hills on Friday, Sept 6, 2024 at 7:30 PM. There will not be a Parade this year.



RCVFA JULY MONTHLY MEETING

The RCVFA held our monthly meeting at Hillcrest Fire Company on Friday, Jul 12 by 1st Vice President Evan Humphrey Doreen Zarcone presented an overview of the new RCC Micro credential Program for emergency responders

Nicholas Stewart was presented a certificate for his Eagle Scout project creating a firefighters memorial at the South Spring Valley Fire Department. Nicholas is also a firefighter with the Nanuet Fire Department The annual Stuart Gates Scholarship Awards were presented this evening, Stu Gates son Glen and Grandson Dilon in attendance for the honors.

Recipients were:

Madison Block daughter of Thiells Ex Chief Brian Block

Ryan Olivo grandson of Nyack Fire Department Commissioner and RCVFA Director James Hartwick We wish them all the best



CARTOONS BY PETE CARNEY



Our dental plan at Dept 6 is great. In 5 years, I have become a real chick magnet.

LAKE DEFOREST DAY



Firefighter kayak race. Winners: Nanuet FD w/ Dan Maloney & Mike Stewart. The Drescher Cup a kayak race featuring five county fire departments. The cup was presented by Marge Drescher the widow of the late George Drescher

FASNY COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



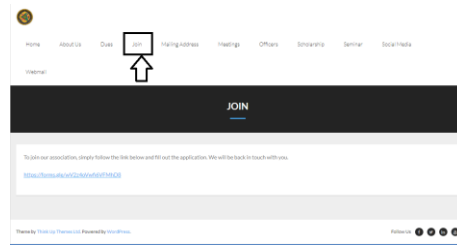
The award will be presented during the FASNY Conference at Niagara Falls in August (Aug 8-10) 2024. FASNY came to Vol Hose to do the presentation in July instead of everyone traveling to Niagara Falls



JOIN RC CHIEFS ASSOC

The membership application for the Chiefs Association is live on our Chiefs Association website. Please share this with you line officers. Thank you very much.

<https://rocklandfirechiefs.org/join/>



HERRO PROGRAM



Honored to promote with Lauren Hahnenfeld, Ed Day and Chris Kear, the Rockland County Fire and Emergency Services' **HERRO** (Higher Education Recruitment and Retention Opportunities) program.

Three points to drive home about this program...

1. Age doesn't matter- this program is open to ALL active Rockland County volunteer firefighters and EMS members of any age, not just young college students, who meet the programs' criteria.

2. Trade Schools- Rockland County fire departments have a lot of members who are in the vital trades. This program is open to **TRADE SCHOOL** students who are active FD/EMS as well as college students.

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Please share this program information with ALL Rockland County Volunteer firefighters, EMS members, and their departments for recruitment.

The County encourages Fire & EMS volunteers to learn more about the program on our website.

www.RocklandcountyNY.gov

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

PARADES RESULTS

Relief Hose Co.3 Attended the Village of Mamaroneck Fire Departments Annual Parade on Friday Night June 28th 2024 and at the end of the evening Miss Relief's 2002 KME Pumper, 4-1750 was victorious winning 1st place Engine over 10 Years old, which was Driven by 56 year member Chief Engineer Paul Hylas Jr. info from Rich Nieves 4-4.

Port Jervis 173rd Parade was held on Jul 13 the following Rockland Depts were there:



Suffern Volunteer Hose Co. #1 and suffern hook and ladder co31 attend the parade as guests of our friends up at Delaware Engine Company. Firefighters won awards for Color Guard, Non-Regulation Uniform, and the suffern hook and ladder co#1 took home 2nd Place Aerial.



Hillcrest Ladies Auxiliary has won first place. Fire Company who also took home 2 trophies

Ossining Parade Results, Fri. Aug 2, 2024

2nd Best Overall Chelsea H&L Nyack
Best Fire Dept. Color Guard Chelsea H&L Nyack
Best Appearing out of County Nanuet
Best Chiefs Car Central Nyack

FEW FIRE FACTS FROM FRIENDS

Congratulations to the Blauvelt Volunteer Fire Company Inc. on their delivery of the new 1-2001 from Pierce on Jul 9.

Chelsea H&L is very proud to announce that member and previous officer Kevin Mitchell graduated from the Prince George County Academy this past Friday(Jul 26) and is officially a police officer. Congratulations and stay safe brother!

FDNY PROMOTIONS

The RCVFA would like to say congratulations to Hillcrest FD, RCVFA Life Member and RC Fire Instructor Jeff Facinelli on his promotion to FDNY Deputy Chief

We would also congratulate Pearl River Hook & Ladder member and RC Fire Instructor Connor Geraghty on his promotion to Lieutenant FDNY

Congratulations to FDNY Engine 40 on your 150th Anniversary Nice job by Eng. 40 Senior Member Joe Tisbe as master ceremony. (Joe is also a RC Fire Instructor and Vol Hose West Haverstraw member)FEW FIRE FACTS FROM FRIENDS

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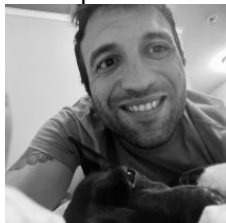
WE SADLY REPORT THAT:



Lisa Jacobson died July 25, 2024, age 64. She was a member of Nanuet Fire Engine Co. #1 and The Nanuet Ladies Auxiliary. She was a Ladies Auxiliary life member and past President Lisa Jacobson. Lisa was the mother of Ex-Chief David Jacobson and Ladies Auxiliary past President Tara Jacobson, and the wife of late life member Richard Jacobson.



William Bromley died Jul 7, 2024, age 60. He was a member of Lady Warren Hose Company # 35-year Life Member and Ex-Captain William Bromley.



Christopher "Chris" Faso died Jul 6, 2024, age 33. Before moving to Florida, he spent many years as a firefighter in the New City Fire Department Engine 1.

Simon Ramos, a life member of John Paulding Engine Co #1 and RCVFA, passed away at age 92 on 4/8/24 following an auto accident in Davenport, Florida. He was buried with military honors for having served in the US Marines in the 1950's. He was a past treasurer of John Paulding Engine Company. He retired as the postmaster of the Sparkill Post Office. This information was sent to Don Schreeck from his daughter, who is married to a member of Orangeburg FD, who I knew back when I was a member there in the mid 70's.

GLOVES

Have you found a pair of NFPA compliant gloves you really like or do you just put up with them? What size do you wear? Small, medium, large? You are missing out on the right glove size that fits you....there are 36 to choose from.

Your gloves suck because they are not fitted properly, mine were not either, until now. NFPA came out with a requirement in 2018 edition to require you to properly fit your gloves. How you ask?

Just like you fit your boots....by length and width! The length is the length of your forefinger and the width is across your knuckles. Gloves are being made in slim models, a bit narrower across the width for 100% of our female firefighters and about 30% of male firefighters need the slim version. That is width.

Length: Your finger tips should go all the way to the end of the glove fingers to insure you have the proper length. If you go with these measurements you will likely not hate your gloves anymore.

Firecraft safety products specializes in gloves. The inventor/boss, Tom Lochner, designs them, makes them, patents them and sells them....in 36 sizes. Of course there are 2xs, xs, s, m, l, xl, 2xl,3xl and 4lx.

Most important, these all come in slim for narrow hands and a short finger version or you can have the right size, smaller width and shorter fingers all in one glove!

I don't make any money selling these gloves but I do wear them and I have the right size, they are comfortable, like my boots that fit. FLAME model gloves are the best.

For more info go to [Firecraftsafetyproducts.com](https://firecraftsafetyproducts.com). Select: Flame gloves and look at the downloadable sizing guide to help all your members get the right size. Your local sales rep will have a complete selection (36 sizes) for you to try on to be sure you are getting the best fit.

Measure for gloves just like you do for boots...length and width. So when your sales rep says what size gloves do you wear.... sm, med, lg....tell him "ones that fit!" Jerry Knapp

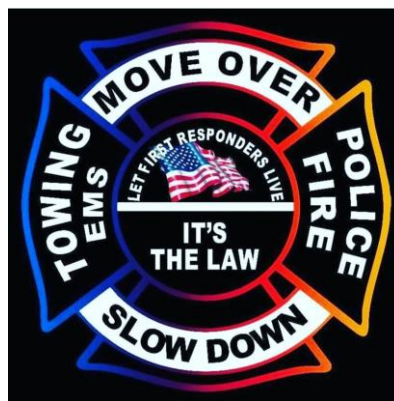
WHAT: Sounding the floor or roof with a tool will not tell you if it is safe to walk on. We cannot provide enough of an impact with a tool to equal the point loads of a Firefighter with gear which is 200-300 lb.

SO WHAT: Especially on truss or lightweight construction, after structural components fail, often all that is holding the roof or floor intact is the sheathing. Wooden I joists and trusses will fail quickly under a fire load. Your TIC will not show the fire and high heat that has weakened the structure due to the insulation effect of the sub floor, floor, padding and carpet. Tests show over 1000F under the floor and the tic reading 80F at the top surface.

NOW WHAT:

- 1—stop teaching younger firefighters this myth
- 2—identify these hazardous construction types in your first due area BEFORE the fire
- 3—add this important building information to your dispatch data and make sure it is announced upon dispatch
- 4—recall the study below shows loss of strength of truss or I joist floor systems at about the 6 min mark after fire involvement (note NOT from your time of dispatch)

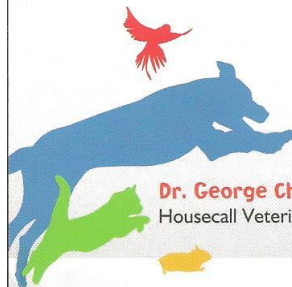
For further info: <https://fsri.org/resource/structural-stability-engineered-lumber> Jerry Knapp



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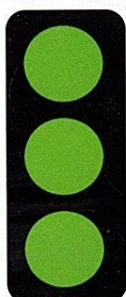
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CALENDAR**LISTINGS ARE FREE****845-364-8800****Deadline for Next Issue Last Wed. 8/28/2024**

- Fri, Aug 9** ● RCVFA Next Meeting, 7:30 PM, at **Columbians, Spring Valley** with Pres **Kurt Mulligan**
- Wed, Aug 14 ● RC Fire Police Assoc, 7:30 PM, at Vol Hose, Suffern Fire Dept, with Pres Stewart Rhymer
- Thur, Aug 15 ● RC Fire Chiefs Assoc, 7:30 PM, at Columbians, Spring Valley FD, with Pres Chris Kear
- Mon. Aug 26 ● SW Johnson 25th Annual J Harold Hulme Golf Outing, 6:30 AM, Phillip J Rotelle Golf Course, Cost: \$175/Golfer - includes: Breakfast at Sparky's Diner 6:00am, 8:00am Shotgun Start at Rotella, BBQ immediately after at Kruckers, Giveaways and Door Prizes
Tee/Green Sponsor - \$125, Silver Sponsor - \$300, Gold Sponsor - \$500, Foursome + Tee Sponsor - \$800
- Wed, Aug 28 ● RCVFA Brd of Dir, 7:30 PM, at Stony Point Fire Dept, with Chairperson, Chuck Larkin
● Deadline for articles for Trumpet
- Fri, Sep 6** ● RCVFA Convention, hosted by Wayne Hose, Stony Point FD, at Patriot Hills, 7:30 PM NO PARADE THIS YEAR

Future Events

- Sat, Sep 7 ● Sullivan County VF 95th Parade, Livingston Manor Fire Dept, lineup at 1 pm step-off at 2 pm
- Wed, Sep 11 ● RC Fire Police Assoc, 7:30 PM, at **UNKNOWN**, with Pres Stewart Rhymer
- Thur, Sep 12 ● Museum Board, 7:30 PM, @FTC, with Chairperson Lisa Castaldo-Gessner
- Fri, Sep 13 ● Westchester County VFA, Convention
- Mon-Wed, Sep 16-18 ● Andy Fredericks Training Days, George Washington Masonic National Memorial, Alexandria, VA, \$249, Visit us at www.trainingdays.org for more information, no virtual option this year.
- Wed, Sep 18 ● RC Vol Safety Officers Assoc, BOD 6:30 PM. Mtg 7:30 PM, at Nanuet FD, with Pres Vincent Pacella
● RCVFA Ladies Auxiliary, 7:30 PM, at Sparkill FD, with Pres Carol Cich
- Thur, Sep 19 ● RC Fire Chiefs Assoc, 7:30 PM, at PR Hook & Ladder, Past President's Night, with Pres Chris Kear
- Tue, Sep 24 ● Association of Fire Districts, 7:30PM, at New City, with Pres Vincent Pacella
- Wed, Sep 25 ● VFPASNY VIRTUAL ONLINE SELF IMPROVEMENT FIRE POLICE TRAININGS, 7:00PM Chief Bailes Safety Officer operations and accident prevention with OSHA 1910.156 regulation impacts. 8:15PM Fire Police Training operations subject to change. To pre-register for Trainings on 09/25/24, please use link below:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYrcemhpjMsHnHccOIW9rapKjihvxYMGeVL>
- RCVFA Brd of Dir, 7:30 PM, at Stony Point FD (Re-Organization), with Chairperson, Chuck Larkin
- Thur, Sep 26 ● Fire Advisory Board, 7:30 PM, @FTC, with Chairman Frank Bifulco
● OCVFA, Regular Meeting, Refreshments/Dinner 6:45 PM, Meeting 7:30 PM, at American Legion 185 Wawayanda Ave, Middletown Convention Meeting
- Fri, Sep 27 ● Orangetown Fire Co#1 Ladies Auxiliary, Elvis Tribute Patrick Perone, 7-8:30 PM, 90 Depot Pl, Nyack, \$40 p/p, cash or checks payable to Ladies Aux Orangetown Fire Co#1, mail to Pat Abrams, Treasurer, 12 SandSt, Garnerville, NY, 10923, call 845-304-1327
● NJ&NY VFA, 8:00 PM, at Northvale FD, 204 Washington St, Northvale NJ, with Pres Patrick Conner

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

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RCVFA TRUMPET

Here's What's
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The Chief's Aide

You might be asking yourself what's the benefit of having a Chiefs Aide or Alpha position at a command post? First and foremost you must have an open mind and a willingness to change.

The position is a multifaceted one that will support the incident commander in many ways. As an Incident Commander your priority on the fire ground is not only for the citizens but most importantly the firefighters you supervise. That being said, by having a Chiefs Aide/Alpha at a command post opens up your capabilities to just focus on the fire ground radio or in our case Tac Channel's. The Aide can either remain at the rear of the Chiefs car or at a command board/command post to monitor and or transmit messages from the IC to 44-control. The Aide can also assist in the size-up of the scene, exposure issues and fire extension. You might be wondering who can fill this particular roll? You have several options at your disposal you can utilize Ex-Chiefs in your department, mutual aid Chiefs or even Deputy Fire Coordinators. By assigning one of the above personal you (IC) now have the ability to concentrate on the task in front of you. This type of command structure comes with a small learning curve but will expand your capabilities as an IC tenfold, but as said from the beginning you have to be open minded. Think about whose really in charge at your fire or emergency scenes now. You arrive on scene, establish command and think by sitting in your car or standing at the back of your car, running the scene so you establish an operation's officer with one of your assistant chiefs or officers and they start directing firefighters on the scene, telling the IC that he or she needs more manpower, apparatus etc. The IC then relays those requests to 44-Control or to mutual aid companies. So, who's really in charge? You guessed it, the Operation's Officers. So, think about if you had an aide/alpha on the scene, now the IC can monitor the members and the scene more in-depth and also determine what resources are needed at the scene. Basically, letting the aide take care of communications to 44-Control.

The RCFTC offers a class on how to establish a command post like the one described above with how to use the Aide/Alpha position along with how certain terminology is used.