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LAST CALL 2023 – FIRST CALL 2024

Last call 2023 - Dept 10 Nyack (23:51) AUTOMATIC ALARM N MAIN ST & WASHINGTON AV

First call 2024 - Dept 6 Hillcrest with the midnight dispatch (00:00) OUTSIDE SMOKE ODOR 92 MAIN ST

CARTOONS BY PETE CARNEY



Chief, you promised I'd get a new gear after 10 years. Well, it's 12 years now.

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This is a program with SUNY Rockland Community College to grant a waiver of tuition. Volunteers must be in good standing and meet the minimum requirements.

H.E.R.R.O.s - Higher Education Recruitment and Retention Opportunities

This is for any approved college, university, trade school or approved training program and grade point average (GPA) of “C” or better (2.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale).

For more information on these great programs and their applications go to the *Fire & Emergency page located at Rockland Gov.Com>Departments>Fire & Emergency Services>Firefighter & Emergency Responders>scroll down to College Educational Opportunities (in middle of the page).*

ORANGEBURG FD HOLIDAY PARADE

Orangeburg FD held their annual Holiday Parade on Sat, Dec 9. Here are the Trophy winners:

Chiefs Award – Orangetown Fire Inspectors
 President's Award – Two Brothers Construction
 Best Tailgating – Suffern Volunteer Fire Dept
 Float – RC Sheriff
 Creative – Blauvelt Volunteer Fire Company
 Antique – Pearl River Excelsior
 EMS – Norwood Ambulance
 Rescue – Hillburn Volunteer fire Department
 Ladder – Westwood Fire Department
 Engine – Nanuet Volunteer Fire Department
 1st Place Commercial – Edge Landscaping
 2nd Place Commercial -Durso Trucking
 1st Place Civilian – Rockland GAA
 2nd Place Civilian – Orangetown Mavericks Football

Thanks again to everyone who participated in the Parade. Letters to Santa, Toy Drive and Coat Drive. Hope to see you again next year! Peter Byrne.

CHANGE OF MAILING ADDRESS

Central Nyack Fire Dept has changed their mailing address from:

Central Nyack Eng Co#6
 PO Boc 589
 Nyack NY 10960-0589
 TO:
 Central Nyack Eng Co#6
 46 Waldron Ave
 Nyack NY 10960-3505

DECEMBER WORKING FIRES



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Dec.1: 0933 hours, Dept. 6 (Hillcrest) and 26-FAST (Thiells) dispatched to a structure fire at 10 Stonehurst Ct., Pomona. 44-1,6,7 & 12 responded. 0937 7-5 (Monsey officer) reports 1-story frame ranc with fire thru the roof in 1-4 corner.0939 7-Engine (Monsey) to the scene, 0946 9-Ladder (New City) to the scene. 0948 1 line in front door, 2nd being stretched 6-1in Command, 44-7 Ops. 0952 collapse of side garage roof, 0953 main body of fire (MBFKD) knocked down, primary searches in progress, heavy clutter, 0954 3rd line to the rear, 1005 18-Engine (Stony Point) to the scene, 1006 male victim found

(DOA) in kitchen, BCI on scene, 1021 hours 23-FAST (West Haverstraw) to scene for relief, 20-Engine (Tallman) staging relief, 1121 Under Control



Photo CKear

Dec. 1:1213 hours, Dept. 20 dispatched for smoke and car into building 3 Dalewood Dr., 1227 working fire 19-Engine and Ladder (Suffern) and Mahwah FAST to scene, 1228, 15-Ladder (Sloatsburg) and 5-Engine (Hillburn) to the scene, 44-, 4, 7 and 18 to the scene, 1238 fire in 2 cars extended to structure, opening 1-4 roof corner, 1248 all searches negative, 1253 MBFKD, overhauling, 1304 Under Control.



Photo/C. Jackson

Dec. 11: 0150 hours, Dept. 16 (Sparkill) 13-FAST (Piermont) and 21-Engine dispatched for a structure fire at 435 Oak Tree Rd. 0157 16-2 transmitted a 2nd alarm, rear deck of hi-ranch on fire extending 11-Engine (Orangeburg) 13-Ladder (Piermont),2-Engine (Central Nyack), 44-1, 6 and 8 responding, 0202, 2 lines stretched, water on fire, 0205 primary and secondary searches negative, 0208 MBFKD 1st floor, 0209 roof opened no extension, 0216 BCI and fire inspector to scene, 0300 Under Control.



Photo/Tappan FD

Dec. 23: 1546 hours, De[pt. 21 (Tappan) 16-Ladder (Sparkill) and 13-FAST (Piermont) dispatched for smoke inn the house 63 Hamilton Ave., 1548 21-1 working fire 2 Fr. 50x25 split level PD, 44-1, 3 and 12 responded, 1515 fire on first floor, 1557 16-99 to front

of bldg. 1559 Old Tappan Engine and Northvale Tower relocated to 21-100, 1600 water on the fire, 2nd line to 2nd floor, occupants away, primary search in progress, 1604 11-Engine (Orangeburg) to scene, 1605 10-Ladder (Nyack) to scene, 1616 MBFKD, 1628 rehab set up, no attic extension, 1658 Under Control.



Photo/T. McKiernan

Dec. 28: 1640 hours, Dept. 21 (Tappan) 13-Engine (Piermont) 216-Ladder (Sparkil) and 2-FAST (Central Nyack) dispatched for a structure fire at 26 Windsor Brook La., 1642 21-1 reports working fire, in 2Fr split level., 44-6 and 12 responded. 1646 2 lines to front checking for extension, 1648 13-Squad hit a hydrant and lay in, 1651 Old Tappan Tower and Northvale Engine relocated to 21-100. 1651 11-Engine (Orangeburg) to scene, 1653 1-Engine (Blauvelt) to scene, water on fire in 1st floor, 1654 2nd line off Squad to 2nd floor, 1657 10-FAST to scene, 1659 MBFKD 1st and 2nd floor, attic extension 3-4 corner, 1701 primary searches negative, 1704 roof and skylights open, 1706 24-Engine (West Nyack) to Rt. 304 staging, 21708 8-Engine (Nanuet) to staging, 1710 all visible fire KD, extensive overhaul, 1834 Under Control.



Photo/C. Kear

Dec. 30: 1648 hours, Dept. 2 (Central Nyack) 22-Engine (Valley Cottage) 24-Tower (West Nyack) and 13-FAST (Piermont) dispatched for structure fire at 39 Laurel Road. 1653 2-1. on scene, **2nd alarm**, fully involved 2 ½ Fr. 10-Engine and Ladder (Nyack), 1-

Engine (Blauvelt) 44-1, 2, 7 and 8 responded. 1657 report of trapped occupant, 1701 positive water supply, 1704 3 lines in operation, 1705 primary searches in progress, 1706 1st floor neg. search, 1707 basement search neg., 1710 Dept. 24 has 2nd floor male victim, coming down stairs to EMS, `17-14 **3rd alarm**, 1-Tower (Orangeburg) 13-Engine (Piermont) and 3-Engine (Congers) to staging, Hub Shopping Center, 1716 21-FAST (Tappan) to scene,



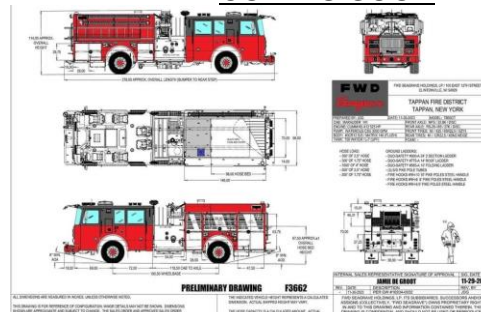
Photo/Rockland Fires

1718 heavy attic fire 4 side, 1720 victim to EMS, 1724 MBFKD 2nd floor, 1728 attic MBFKD, 1730 all secondary searches negative, 1839 Under Control. The firefighters conducted an interior search of the residence, which resulted in them locating an unconscious man in an upstairs bedroom. The man, age 74, was removed from the residence, and "although every attempt was made to resuscitate him, he unfortunately succumbed to his injuries," according to Clarkstown PD Detective Norman Peters.

2023 ROCKLAND MULTIPLE ALARMS

- 2nd alarm:** Orangeburg 3
Sloatsburg 1
Suffern 1
Valley Cottage 1
- 3rd alarm:** Central Nyack 1

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WE SADLY REPORT THAT:



Donna Saurer O'Carroll, died Nov 7, 2023, age 67. She was a life time member of the Hillcrest Ladies Auxiliary.



James T Dillon, died Dec 12, 2023, age 87. He was a 69-year member of Rockland Lake Fire Department and Past Chief. Jim was also a 61-year member of the RCVFA joining in 1962

Richard K. Cascioli Sr, died Dec 5, 2023, age 83. He was a life member of Empire Hook & Ladder of Upper Nyack.



Leonard McGarvey, died Dec 12, 2023, age 89. He was a member of Pearl River FD. Also a Live member of RCVFA joining 1968.



Robert F. Boreman III, died Dec 5, 2023, age 83. He was a member of Nyack Fire Department, Highland Hose Co. #5



David E Van Houten Sr died Dec 14, 2023, age 91. He was a Life member of Nanuet Fire Dept.



Nils Gerling Sr died Dec 23, 2023, age __. He was a long-time member of the Eagle Valley Fire Department and past member of Suffern Hook and Ladder.



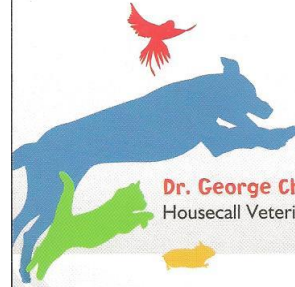
Angelina "Angie" Massaro, died Dec 23, 2023, Age 97. She was a Sloatsburg Ladies Auxiliary 72-Year Life Member. Angie is the mother of Ex-Chief Anthony Massaro and grandmother of Firefighter Marc Bitterman. She is predeceased by her husband, Ex-Chief Alexander Massaro and her brother Ex-Chief Frank Palazzone.



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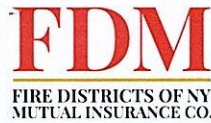
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CALENDAR**LISTINGS ARE FREE****845-364-8800****Deadline for Next Issue Last Wed. 1/31/2024**

- Fri, Jan 12 ● RCVFA Next Meeting, 7:30 PM, at Nyack Fire Patrol, with Pres. Kurt Mulligan
- Wed, Jan 17 ● RC Vol. Safety Officers Assoc, BOD 6:30 PM. Mtg 7:30 PM, at Monsey FD, with Pres. Lisa Castaldo
● RCVFA Ladies Auxiliary, 7:30 PM, at Nanuet FD, with Pres. Carol Cich
- Thur, Jan 18 ● RC Fire Chiefs Assoc, at 3-100 Congers, with Pres. Kevin Huslinger
- Tue, Jan 23 ● Association of Fire Districts, 7:30PM, at Tallman FD, with Pres. Vincent Pacella
- Thur, Jan 25 ● Fire Advisory Board, 7:30 PM, @FTC, with Chairperson Lisa Castaldo, elections.
- Fri, Jan 26 ● NJ&NY VFA, 8:00 PM, at Piermont FD, (63th Consecutive Year), 554 Piermont Ave, Piermont NY, with Pres. Anthony Chiodo
- Sat, Jan 27 ● HVVFA Annual Past Presidents Dinner, Honoring Eric Orr, at Best Western Hotel in Kingston, \$110 per/person, checks payable to Wallkill FD, mail to Gidget Orr, 224 Third St, Wallkill, NY 12589
● Lt. Andrew Fredericks FDNY Memorial Seminar & Exhibits, Leadership in the Fire Service, Short Staffed Responses, Chief Tony Perez, Tampa Fire Rescue, Westchester Marriot, 670 White Plains Rd, Tarrytown, 9 AM-1 PM, \$40, www.elmsfordfd.com/seminar
● SW Johnson 8th Annual Italian Festival, 5-8 PM, Entree choices include Lasagna, Baked Ziti, Penne-ala-Vodka, Fettuccini Alfredo, Linguine w/ Clam Sauce (red or white), Whole Wheat Pasta Primavera and of course...Good Old-Fashioned Spaghetti and Meatballs!!! All dinners include Soup, Salad, and Homemade Cannoli for dessert!!! All for \$17.00 for Adults and \$15.00 for Seniors and Children 12 and under!!! Takeout dinners available at \$17.00!!! Appetizers also available
● Al Magnatta's Birthday 99 years old!!!!
- Tue, Jan 30 ● RCFCA Five Alarm Leadership, Chief John Salka, 7-10 PM, at RC Fire Training Center, \$25 p/p, Info Anthony Knapp aknapp@nanuetfd.org 845-587-8289 or Vincent Pacella vgpacella@msn.com 845-406-0570
- Wed, Jan 31 ● RCVFA Brd of Dir, 7:30 PM, @ 6-100 Hillcrest FD, with Chairman Chuck Larkin
● OCVFA Regular Meeting, at Mechanicstown FD, Refreshments/Dinner 6:45 PM, Meeting 7:30 PM, Life Members Night
● Deadline for articles for Trumpet
- Fri-Sun, Feb 2-4 ● NYS AFC, Long Island Metro Fire/EMS Expo will be held at Nassau Coliseum!
- Fri, Feb 9 ● FASNY Winter Games, at Greek Peak Mountain Resort, fasny.com/events/fasny-winter-games/
● RCVFA Next Meeting, 7:30 PM, at Thiells FD, with Pres. Kurt Mulligan

Future Events

- Sat, Feb 10 ● Blauvelt Fire Dept, Drive-Thru Soup Supper, 1-3 PM, P/U @ 548 Western Hwy, \$6 pints/\$12 quarts, contact Bailey Domenick, 845-6098-0453, blauveltladiesaux@gmail.com, Venmo @LABVFC, Zelle blauveltladiesaux@gmail.com, Soups: Broccoli & Cheese, Turkey Chili, Split Pea & Ham, Pasta Fagioli, Manhattan Clam Chowder, Chicken Tortellini, Mac & Cheese
- Wed, Feb 14 ● RC Fire Police Assoc, 7:30 PM, at Thiells FD, with Pres. Stewart Rhymer
● RC Firefighters Emerald Society, 1930, at Valley Cottage, with Pres. Matt DeGennaro
- Thur, Feb 15 ● RC Fire Chiefs Assoc, 7:30 PM, at Nanuet, with Pres. Kevin Huslinger
- Wed, Feb 17 ● RC Volunteer Fire Safety Officers is hosting an Incident Safety Officer certification at the Rockland County Fire Training Center. For more information please contact Jeff Bailes at (631) 495-1313. Customers of Fire Districts Mutual Insurance of NY will be reimbursed 50% of the registration fee for up to 3 Safety Officers per Fire District or Fire Department.
- Mon, Feb 19 ● RC Fire Instructors Seminar, 7-10 PM, at FTC, \$25 Register SherylERose58@gmail.com
- Wed, Feb 21 ● RCVFA Ladies Auxiliary, 7:30 PM, at Blauvelt FD, with Pres. Carol Cich
- Thur, Feb 22 ● Fire Advisory Board, 7:30 PM, @FTC, with Chairman Frank Bifulco
- Fri, Feb 23 ● NJ&NY VFA, 8:00 PM, at Old Tappan FD, 231 Old Tappan Rd, Old Tappan NJ, with Pres Anthony Chiodo

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**FROM THE
FIRE COORDINATOR'S OFFICE**



Passion, Pride & Dedication

As I write the 'Hot Topics' section for this month's Trumpet, I have just completed a speech that I will be giving at the Firefighter Graduation Ceremony at Clarkstown Town Hall this evening. In my speech, I talk about Passion, Pride & Dedication, three traits that I have always felt were necessary to be successful in our volunteer fire service.

Passion is defined as having great enthusiasm and powerful feelings.

Pride is having a respect for your own dignity and worth, your achievements and the feeling of satisfaction.

Dedication is the quality of being dedicated or committed to a task or purpose.

As a new member of your volunteer fire department, you will encounter some nerves, uneasiness, and trepidation on the venture you have just committed to. However, you must immerse yourself within the organization and make it a goal to learn, learn and learn. This goes from bylaws, to the location of equipment on a truck to how your department responds to specific calls. Once you immerse yourself, you will begin to develop a passion for what you do. From that passion, you will develop a sense of pride. And from there you will find a level of dedication that you may originally never thought you could achieve. All three of these traits work hand in hand. It is entirely up to you how far you want to progress. Always remind yourself that you are a work in progress. We are never a finished product.