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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.

### FIRE OPERATIONS BUILDING UPDATE



### HONORING STUART GATES



On Saturday, June 22nd at 9:00am, the Town of Stony Point will be renaming Summit Avenue (short street alongside 18-100) in honor of Stuart Gates...."Stu Gates Way". Picture thanks to Sheriff Lou Falco.

Over the past few weeks our instructors have been training and burning in our new Fire Operations Building. We've been discussing different layout possibilities, props and scenarios for our students. It has been a long process but we're another step closer to training Rockland County Firefighters in it.

**CARTOONS BY PETE CARNEY**



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

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**NEW VFPASNY VIRTUAL ONLINE SELF IMPROVEMENT FIRE POLICE TRAININGS**

July 24th, 2024, starting at 7:00pm-10:00pm

7:00PM SCFA Fire Police Self Improvement training, What FP should know Part 1.

8:15PM SCFA Fire Police Self Improvement training, What FP should know Part 2.

To pre-register for Trainings on 07/24/24, please use link below:

[https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcqdoippzMtEtMBxfFH0b\\_kQp9mvAZhloek](https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcqdoippzMtEtMBxfFH0b_kQp9mvAZhloek)

Sept. 25th, 2024, starting at 7:00pm-10:00pm

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.

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**JUNE WORKING FIRES**



Photo:Tom McKiernan, 44-6

June 2, 2024. At 5:10am, the Blaauvelt Fire department along with AMA from West Nyack (Tower Ladder) and Central Nyack (FAST) were dispatched to a reported structure fire at 658 Western Highway in Blaauvelt. Upon arrival, the entire back of the house was well involved and fire was already into the attic. After a brief initial attack, a defensive operation was advised until the bulk of the fire was knocked down. Mutual aid was also received from the Orangeburg, Tappan and Sparkill Fire Departments. Orangetown Fire Inspector, OPD, RC Sheriffs Fire Investigation Unit, 44-1, 44-3, 44-6 (Dept 24 Tower chauffeur), 44-7 and 44-9 were all on the scene. No determination as to the cause has been made yet.



June 4, 2024, New City FD responded to Woodmont Day Camp for a backhoe fire on. Upon arrival, the backhoe was found in a pond on the property. The driver of the backhoe drove into the pond to extinguish the fire. The RC Haz Mat Team was called due to leaking hydraulic fluid into the pond and stream



Rockland Fires

06/10/2024 at 12:51:22 Nanuet, NY State Thruway N/B @ the Exit 14 off ramp. Nanuet FD, West Nyack FD for 24-Rescue, Nanuet Ambulance & Medic 5 requested for an accident with injuries & reported entrapment. 8-1 on scene confirming a door pop



Kenny Flynn

06/11/2024 08:30:28 New City FD Vehicle Fire 715 Route 304.



Jun 21, 2024 0505 3213 Leeward Drive. Haverstraw & West Haverstraw FD for the structure fire with possible entrapment. PD reporting heavy fire showing. requesting mutual aid from New City FD, Valley Cottage FD, Thiells & Stony Point FD's to the scene. One burn victim in the stairwell being treated by EMS, one wheelchair bound in an apartment on the floor above was pulled to safety by Haverstraw firefighter Randy Tavarez, (29 years old).

### **TURN BACK THE CLOCK**



Well pleased with the newest piece of fire apparatus added to the West Nyack Fire Department recently are Ken Malzer and Frank Scotty. The new equipment is a light truck members of the company assembled themselves. — J.N.T. Baker

One of the first search light units in our fire service built by the West Nyack FD

### **YOUR WEAKEST TURN OUT GEAR LINK**

**WHAT:...**Your scba face piece is the weakest link in your personal protective equipment under fire conditions. Here is the failure process. Around 280F cracks start to form but you can still see. Recall, house fires given enough air will burn near 2000F. Bubbles start to form next, directly in front of your field of vision. Bubbles turn milky white further obscuring your vision. The polycarbonate softens, you wipe your face piece to remove soot and it tears open. Mayday? Did you survive? Was the FAST team fast enough?

**SO WHAT:** According to UL FSRI the following LODDs have included face piece failures as key factors.

NIOSH F2002-34, "Career Lieutenant and Fire Fighter Die in a Flashover During a Live-Fire Training Evolution - Florida"

NIOSH F2005-31, "Career officer injured during a live fire evolution at a training academy dies two days later - Pennsylvania"

NIOSH F2007-12, "Career Fire Fighter Dies in Wind Driven Residential Structure Fire - Virginia"

NIOSH F2007-29, "A Volunteer Mutual Aid Captain and Fire Fighter Die in a Remodeled Residential Structure Fire - Texas"

NIOSH F2008-34, "Volunteer Fire Fighter Dies While Lost in Residential Structure Fire - Alabama,"

NIOSH F2009-11, "Career Probationary Fire Fighter and Captain Die as a Result of

### **Rapid-Fire Progression in a Wind-Driven Residential Structure Fire - Texas"**

UL-FSRI tests on face pieces proved:

- 1—older, damaged (aka salty) lenses failed sooner than un damaged (by heat and or scratches)
- 2—new, face pieces not subjected previously to heat provided the best/longest protection
- 3—new face pieces, compliant with NFPA standard 1981(2013 version) are thicker and provided the best protection of any available

### **NOW WHAT?**

**Here are a few things to make yourself and your members hard to kill at a fire:**

- 1—check your face piece for invisible damage. Shine your cell phone light thru it on to a white surface. The shadows you see are damage to the polycarbonate.
- 2—replace your older/used face pieces with NFPA 1981(2013 version) compliant models these are almost 2x the thickness of older lenses
- 3—keep facepieces in a protective bag to prevent invisible damage to the polycarbonate – Jerry Knapp

### **RCVFA Death Benefit Reminder**

The association has a policy where we will pay a death benefit to any member who passes away, has been a member for at least five years and has a beneficiary on file with the association. This is a reminder to all members - if you have not filed a form, it is strongly suggested for you to do so. For our long-time members - when you have looked at the names and addresses of those you put on as your beneficiaries. It might make sense for you to fill out a new form to make sure the names are exactly who you want.

The form is available on the association's web site ([www.rcvfa.com](http://www.rcvfa.com)). Completed forms may be brought to any meeting or mailed to the PO box



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## **Hudson Valley Volunteer Firefighter's Association Parade**

This year's parade was held on June 22, 2024. The following is a list of the winners:

### Musical Trophies

Best Drum Line – JW Hoysradt  
 Best Pipe Band – OC Pipes  
 Best Musical Drum Corps – Danbury Drum Corp  
 Best Musical Band – Red Cap  
 Best Musical Drum Corps – Old Saratoga Fire  
 Best Appearing Musical Color Guard  
   1<sup>st</sup> Place – Danbury Drum Corps  
   2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Terrytown Vets

### Apparatus Trophies

Best Appearing Antique – Marlboro  
 Best Appearing Tanker – East Fishkill  
 Best Appearing Utility – Ossining  
 Best Appearing Ladder – Centerville  
 Best Appearing Rescue – Glasco  
 Best Appearing Pumper – Town of Athens

### Marching Trophies

Non-Firematic Color Guard – St Peters  
 Firematic Color Guard  
   1<sup>st</sup> Place – East Greenbush  
   2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Plattekill  
   3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Mahopac  
 Fire Unit Dress Uniform (8-13)  
   1<sup>st</sup> Place – Kiskaton  
   2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Palinville  
 Fire Unit Dress Uniform (19-25) – Kerhonkson  
 Fire Unit Dress Uniform (26-more) – East Greenbush  
 Farthest Travelled Auxiliary – Winona Lake  
 Best Appearing Auxiliary  
   1<sup>st</sup> Place – Cronomer Valley  
   2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Palinville  
 Farthest Travelled Fire Unit – Sleepy Hollow  
 Most in Line of March Auxiliary – Cronomer Valley  
 Most in Line of March Fire - Ossining  
 Fire Unit Bloused Uniform (8-19)  
   1<sup>st</sup> Place Mahopac  
   2<sup>nd</sup> Place Wallkill  
 Fire Unit Bloused Uniform (20-26)  
   1<sup>st</sup> Place – Town of Athens  
   2<sup>nd</sup> Place – New Windsor  
 Fire Unit Bloused Uniform (27-38) - Ossining  
 Best Overall Auxiliary Unit – Winona Lake  
 Best Overall Fire Unit - Milan  
 Most Outstanding Men;s & Ladies Combined Unit  
 Cornell Hook & Ladder

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### **WE SADLY REPORT THAT:**



Allyn H Winter, died Jun 13, 2024, age 65. He was a Life Member of Hillburn Fire Dept and an Ex-Chief.



Amiel D'auria, died Jun 25, 2024, age 101. He was an 81-year member and Honorary Battalion Chief of Chelsea H&L, Nyack FD. He was also Life Member RCVFA.

### **RCVFA E-Mail Update**

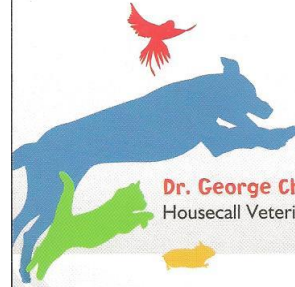
Over the last five years, the Association has built a member email group using a Gmail feature called googlegroups. This includes all life and active members as long as we had your email address. We have about 520 members on the list, and about 450 members not on the list. If you would like to be added to this group, please send an email to Financial Secretary Don Schreeck ([finsecr.rcvfa@gmail.com](mailto:finsecr.rcvfa@gmail.com)).

We have been informed that some members are not receiving our email correctly, with our messages going into spam folders. We are suggesting that you add our email into your contacts, so this does not happen. The email address used to send meeting reminders and important announcements is "[finsecr.rcvfa@gmail.com](mailto:finsecr.rcvfa@gmail.com)". If you have any questions, feel free to contact Don at the email indicated above.

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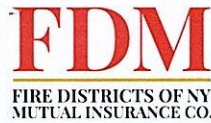
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**CALENDAR****LISTINGS ARE FREE****845-364-8800****Deadline for Next Issue Last Wed. 7/31/2024**

- Thur-Sun, Jul 11-14 ● Congers Fire Dept, Firemen's Carnival, VMA Field, Lake Rd Firehouse Open 6PM Thur/Fr, 4PM Sat/Sun, Fireworks on Sunday, live bands Fri & Sat, DJ Sun, Beer Garden daily
- Wed, Jul 10 ● Fire Police 7:30 PM, at Columbian Engine, with Pres Stewart Rhymer
- Fri, Jul 12 ● RCVFA Next Meeting, 7:30 PM, at Hillcrest, with Pres Kurt Mulligan
- Sun, Jul 14 ● Westchester County VFA, at South Salem FD, 35 S Salem
- Wed, Jul 17 ● RC Vol Safety Officers Assoc, BOD 6:30 PM. Mtg 7:30 PM, at East Spring Valley, with Pres Vincent Pacella
- Thur, Jul 18 ● RC Fire Chiefs Assoc, 7:30 PM, at Tallman, with Pres Chris Kear
- Sat, Jul 20 ● Never Forget NYPD vs FDNY Heroes Baseball Classic, 6:30 PM, at NY Boulders, mlb.tickets.com \$15.00 each
- SW Johnson Fire Dept, 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Clambake, Pecks Pond 1-6 PM, \$50 Adults, \$35 Seniors, \$25 Children, Unlimited clams 1-4 PM, Burgers, Hot Dogs, Sausage & Peppers 4-6 PM, BBQ Chicken, Corn on the Cob, Watermelon, Soda, Water & Beer Available, Contact Troy Spong or mail check to SW Johnson, 37 Bridge St, Garnerville, NY 10923, Attn: Clambake
- Sun, Jul 21 ● Rockland - Westchester County Day at the Firemen's Home Hudson, The bus will pick up at the Orangeburg Firehouse on Dutch Hill Road at 7:30 a.m., the Hillcrest Fire Co. 1, Mount Ivy Station on Theills-Mt-Ivy Rd in Pomona at 8 a.m., and Volunteer Hose Co. 1, Suffern around 8:30 a.m. The bus will return around 5 p.m., and refreshments will be available on the bus. So mark this date on your calendar and plan to attend.
- Tue, Jul 23 ● Association of Fire Districts, 7:30PM, at Orangeburg, with Pres Vincent Pacella
- Wed, Jul 24 ● VFPASNY VIRTUAL ONLINE SELF IMPROVEMENT FIRE POLICE TRAININGS, 7:00PM SCFA Fire Police Self Improvement training, What FP should know Part 1. 8:15PM SCFA Fire Police Self Improvement training, What FP should know Part 2. To pre-register for Trainings on 07/24/24, please use link below:  
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- Tue, Jul 30 ● Orange County VFA, Regular Meeting, Refreshments/Dinner 6:45 PM, Meeting 7:30 PM, at Cronomer Valley FD
- Wed, Jul 31 ● RCVFA Brd of Dir, @7:30 PM, at Stony Point Fire Dept, with Chairperson, Chuck Larkin
- Deadline for articles for Trumpet
- Fri, Aug 2 ● Westchester County VFA, Convention Parade Ossining Fire Dept, 7 PM
- Fri, Aug 9 ● RCVFA Next Meeting, 7:30 PM, at Columbians, Spring Valley with Pres Kurt Mulligan

**NO AUG MEETINGS**

RCVFA Ladies Auxiliary

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RC Firefighters Emerald Society, No Meeting, Executive Board Only

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**Future Events**

Wed, Aug 14

Thur, Aug 15

Wed, Aug 28

Fri, Sep 6

Mon-Wed, Sep 16-18

Wed, Sep 25

- RC Fire Police Assoc, 7:30 PM, at Vol Hose, Suffern Fire Dept, with Pres Stewart Rhymer
- RC Fire Chiefs Assoc, 7:30 PM, at Columbians, Spring Valley FD, with Pres Chris Kear
- RCVFA Brd of Dir, 7:30 PM, at Stony Point Fire Dept, with Chairperson, Chuck Larkin
- RCVFA Convention, hosted by Wayne Hose, Stony Point FD, at Patriot Hills, 7:30 PM NO PARADE THIS YEAR
- Andy Fredericks Training Days, George Washington Masonic National Memorial, Alexandria, VA, \$249, Visit us at [www.trainingdays.org](http://www.trainingdays.org) for more information, no virtual option this year.
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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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