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RCVFA CONVENTION HELD



The RCVFA Convention was held on Fri, Sep 6, 2024. This year's host was Wayne Hose, Stony Point, the Convention was held at Patriot Hills at 7:30 PM.

Pres Kurt Mulligan called the meeting to order.

The Invocation was done by Stu Gates.

National Anthem was done by Katie Anderson.

Welcome done by 18-2 Mark Cronin.

Fire Coordinators Report done by Chris Kear

Several words from following Politicians:

Jim Monaghan, Stony Point Supervisor

Lou Falco, RC Sheriff (Top Cop)

Doug Jobson, RC Legislature

John McGowan, NYS Assemblyman

Bill Weber, NYS Senate

Mike Lawler, Congressman

Memorial Service was held with the following Chaplains: Frank Bifulco, John Kapral, Stu Rhymer Glenn Zahlmann & Yvons Louis(FD6) (ringing of Bell), Katie Anderson sang Amazing Grace.

Presentatation of Life Memberships & 50 year members was done by Evan Humphrey.

Allen Lynch Award (Attendance), Presented by:

Chuck Larkin & Stu Gates: Stony Point Again!!

William J Herman Memorial Award (Training),

Presented by: Evan Humphrey. Will be given at the next meeting **Thur Oct 10** (due to Yom Kippur) at Vol Hose, West Haverstraw.

John C Lynch Presidents Award, Presented by: Kurt Mulligan. Will be given on an as of yet undetermined date.

Joseph K Wright Memorial Award (Unit Citation)

Presented by: George Cich

- Non-Firematic: On Feb 7 a worker at the Bowline plant fell almost 9 stories down into a boiler at the Bowline Power plant. Members spent nearly 60 mins cutting through various metal walls to reach the trapped and injured worker. This kind of rescue is not taught during the fire academy training. Members spent countless hours doing additional technical rescue training along with bringing their daily job related skills to make this rescue as successful as it was. Thiells with the assistance of Vol Hose, West Haverstraw and RC TRT worked to get the victim out.
- Firematic: On May 28 There was a car rollover with victim trapped under car, and down a steep ravine. Nanuet & Hillcrest worked to get the victim out

Cordes Lucus/Emmett Sweeney Firefighter of the Year Award, Presented by: Ken Gordon (2 this year)

#1-On Jun 21 Haverstraw had a structure fire at 3100 Leward Dr, with multiple calls about victim trapped (with mobility issues). 4-2 Chris Delisio assigned 4-5 Jerry Crowley & Lt Randy Travis the task of finding and removing the victim. It was a difficult job but he was found and Randy brought out

the victim. Then went back to continue fighting the fire.

#2-On Jan 30 Thiells had a structure fire, it was a very difficult building a 2-story home with a detached garage, there were 3 apartments (2 upper level, 1 lower), Stony Point was assisting, while working on the lower level 18-1 Kurt Mulligan called an URGENT! A fellow FF was suffering a seizure, 18-6 Lt Tom Cass found the FF and had to remove him from where he had fallen between bed and furniture. Tom along with Kurt pulled the FF out of building, then went back to fighting the fire. Also according to Toni Mulligan (Kurt's wife) after the fire Kurt went directly to hospital and stayed with the FF who is now on the mend.

Lt Andrew A Fredericks Memorial Scholarship (\$2000), Winner (Tiferet Kamensky) could not attend will be awarded at the Nov 9 RC Fire Instructors Assoc HIT-FAST training.

Resolutions Presented by Kurt Mulligan, 4 this Year.

1. Host Dept Wayne Hose, Stony Point
2. John Kryger, Corres Sec, RCVFA for all his dedication to RC Fire Service.
3. Town of Stony Point and Jim Monaghan, Stony Point Supervisor
4. Ken Zebrowski, former NYS Assemblyman for all his service to the Fire Service.

Special Awards Presented by Kurt Mulligan. For 80 Yrs given to Stu Gates and it was also mentioned that on Saturday, June 22nd at 9:00am, the Town of Stony Point renamed Summit Avenue (short street alongside 18-100) in honor of Stuart Gates...."Stu Gates Way"

New Officers for 2024-25, Sworn in by Frank Bifulco.

Pres	Evan Humphrey
1st VP	George Cich
2nd VP	Chuck Larkin
Fin Sec	Don Schreeck
Rec Sec	Bruce McClintock
Corr Sec	empty
Treas	empty

If interested in filling these empty positions contact any of the above officers.

Future Convention Hosts

- 2025 Nanuet Sep 5/6
- 2026 Thiells Sep 11/12

2027, 2028, 2029 are all open, If interested in hosting contact Pres Evan Humphrey.

The Benediction was done by Don Schreeck.

The Repast was done by Patriot Hills across the courtyard.



CARTOONS BY PETE CARNEY



Chief. I'm on the dive team.
I said we need a
bigger boat not a bigger coat.

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FIREFIGHTER GRADUATION



On Monday, Sept 16, 2024. Celebrating Our Newest Heroes! 🚒👏

We are beyond proud to announce the graduation of our latest group of volunteer firefighters! After months of hard work, dedication, and rigorous training, these incredible individuals have earned their place among the brave men and women who protect and serve our community.

🔥 From mastering life-saving techniques to learning the ins and outs of fire safety, they've proven their commitment to keeping us all safe. Their passion and perseverance are truly inspiring!

Please join us in congratulating them on this remarkable achievement and thanking them for their selfless dedication. We couldn't be more grateful to have such devoted volunteers ready to step up when it matters most.

Here's to the new recruits who are now officially part of our firefighting family. Your courage and teamwork make all the difference. 🚒👏

NYS DHSES OFPC FIREFIGHTER HEALTH AND WELLNESS LINK

Physical Fitness and General Health, Cancer Awareness and Prevention and Mental Health Resources for the Fire Service

<https://www.dhSES.ny.gov/firefighter-health-and-wellness>

CALL 911 FOR EMERGENCIES

County Executive Ed Day and Fire and Emergency Services Director Chris Kear are strongly urging and advising residents in the County of Rockland to always call 911 in an emergency. The announcement comes following a volunteer group called Matzilei Aish, which lacks the training and proper equipment to fight fires, encouraging residents to call them rather than 911.

More Details:

<https://www.rocklandcountyny.gov/Home/Components/News/News/474/746?backlist=%2f>

FIRE POLICE ASSOC NEEDS MEMBERS

Rockland County Volunteer Fire Police Association is asking for fire police to consider becoming members of this association. We're like the Marines, we need a few good men/women. We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Next meeting is 7:30 pm Oct 9 at Blauvelt Volunteer Fire Company 548 Western Highway Blauvelt, NY 10913, or Nov 13, Nanuet Fire Dept, 29 Old Middletown Rd, Nanuet 10954.

WORKING FIRES



Photo Rocklan Fires

Sep 3, 2024 15:35 hours, Nanuet - Avalon Gardens / Eaves of Nanuet Bldg 28 - structure fire - Spring Valley FD / Hillcrest Engine / Nanuet Engine / West Nyack Ladder / South Spring Valley Ladder / Monsey FAST assigned. Other depts assigned New City, Pearl River, Sloatsburg, Tallman, Tappan, Thiells, and 44-1. 23:42 hours Rekindle.



Oct 5, 2024, 15:32 hours New City, 227 S Mountain Rd. New City, West Nyack, Hillcrest & West Haverstraw operating at a structure fire. Also

assisting Thiells, Stony Point, Spring Valley, and Pearl River.

FEW FIRE FACTS FROM FRIENDS

Sept 16, 2024, Columbian Engine Co Spring Valley had six members receive swift water training at the NYS Homeland Security Training Facility Oriskany



Sept 14, 2024, Pearl River FD Wetdown



On Sun, Sept 29, 2024, Ex Pres RCVFA received award for 50 years in Wayne Hose, Stony Point Fire Dept at ther Recognition Lunch. Millard Heaphy, and Thomas Larkin wee also awarded for 50 years.

WE SADLY REPORT THAT:



Warren Salle, died Sept 26, 2024, age 65. He was a member of Hugh Gassner Fire Company for over 50 years. He served as a commissioner for over 20 years. RCVFA Member joining 2005.



Tom Ambrey, died Sept 28, 2024. Age 80. He is a member of Orangetown Fire Co, Nyack Fire Dept, he was an officer and Life Member. Tom was an active RCVFA Life Member joining 1997 and RC Fire Chiefs.

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PIERMONT FIRE DEPT NEEDS HELP

Today (Sept 1) while conducting the third structural integrity survey of the Pier, for the Village. We noticed that our 13ft zodiac boat was starting to take on water around the transom. Once the marine was taken out of the water, members started to inspect the boat for damages. It was determined that the transom of the zodiac had completely deteriorated, forcing us to remove the motor.

The department uses this marine unit for storm related flooding, ice, marsh and swift water rescues within our area. Due to the age of the Marine unit, the cost of replacing the transom with both materials and labor is not feasible.

Currently we are asking the public, residents or local businesses if they are willing or able to donate to replace the marine unit. Thank you for your support!

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



CAR DONATIONS ACCEPTED

To be used to train your local Volunteers in Vehicle Extrication and Vehicle Fires.



You can drop the cars off at
The ROCKLAND COUNTY Fire Training Center
35 Firemens Memorial Drive in Pomona

Or we will pick it up.
Just call (845) 364-8927 or email us at byrne@co.rockland.ny.us



SUNDAY, NOV 3, 2024

Remember



Clocks go back 1 Hour this

Sunday

PLEASE SHARE

Congressman Mike Lawler invites you to an EMS Roundtable and special screening of Honorable But Broken - EMS In Crisis.

HONORABLE BUT BROKEN
EMS IN CRISIS

WHEN: October 9th at 6 PM
WHERE: Gateway Center Building at SUNY Westchester Community College
REGISTER AT LINK OR QR CODE BELOW

lawler.house.gov/emsroundtable

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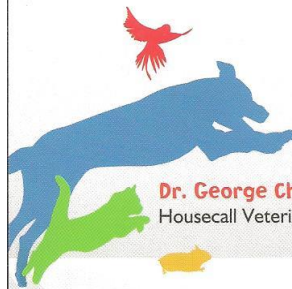
FIRE TRAINING CENTER BURNS

Earlier this month was a milestone here at the Rockland County Fire Training Center, the first use of the new Fire Operations Building by a Fire Department. Here are two group shots of the Fire Instructors working the final burn night in our previous Burn Building 5 years ago to the first burn in our new Fire Operations Building.

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CALENDAR**LISTINGS ARE FREE****845-364-8800****Deadline for Next Issue Last Wed. 10/30/2024**

- Every Weekend Oct ● Orangetown Fire Co#1, Pumpkin Sale, 10-8 PM, 90 Depot Pl, Nyack, CASH ONLY snacks, games,
- On Sale Now ● South Spring Valley FD, 300 Club Drawing, \$100 a ticket Grand Prize is \$10,000. Plus other prizes, Drawing at 26 Red Schoolhouse Rd, Chestnut Ridge, on **Nov 30, 2024** 2-6 PM, Ticket & Guest welcome, food & Drink will be served. Contact George Fristeensky for tickets
- Thur, Oct 10 ● RCVFA Next Meeting.7:30 PM at Vol Hose, Haverstraw with Pres **Evan Humphrey**, Bring a Buddy or Future New Member **NOTE CHANGE OF DAY/DATE DUE TO YOM KIPPUR**
- Sat, Oct 12 ● Hillburn Ladies Auxiliary Halloween Egg Hunt and Fire Prevention. 2-5pm at Hillburn Youth Center, 77 5th St. Hillburn, \$10 includes: candy, prizes, cookie decorating
- Sun, Oct 13 ● RC Vol Safety Officers Assoc, 8 AM, Nanuet Fire & EMS Safety Officer Conference, with Pres Vincent Pacella
- SW Johnson Annual Fire Prevention Open House, 1 PM, 37 Bridge St, Garnerville, Firefighters will be providing live fire and extrication demonstrations! We will also have a Smoke Trailer, County Helicopter, Arson Dog Peyton and much more!!! There will be refreshments and giveaways all afternoon
- Wed, Oct 16 ● RCVFA Ladies Auxiliary, 7:30 PM, at Pearl River H&L, with Pres Eleanor DeGraw
- Thur, Oct 17 ● RC Fire Chiefs Assoc, 7:30 PM, at Hillcrest, with Pres Chris Kear
- Fri, Oct 18 ● SW Johnson, Dinner Series, 5-8 PM, 3 weeks only!!! Come and enjoy a great meal and support your Hometown Fire Company. The week #1 menu will include: Fish & Chips, Shrimp Po Boy, Philly Cheesesteak, Cesar Salad w/ Grilled Chicken or Shrimp, Stuffed American Pizza w/ Sausage, Pepperoni, Ham & onion, Stuffed Hot Peppers, Stuffed Artichoke, Chicken Fingers and Fries
- Sat, Oct 19 ● Sloatsburg Fire Dept & Ladies Aux, Sportsman's Bingo, doors open 4 PM,6 PM games start, \$60 or \$550 table of 10, 96 Orange Turnpike, Sloatsburg,
- Sun, Oct 20 ● Stony Point Fire Depot, Touch-A-Truck & Open House, 12-4 pm, AT Station 2, We will have fire trucks to check out, giveaways and food.
- Thiells Fire Dept, Open House Event, 1-4 PM, 99 Route 202, truck or treat event, games, handouts, live demonstrations. Costumes are welcome.
- Thur, Oct 24 ● Fire Advisory Board, 7:30 PM, @FTC, with Chairman Frank Bifulco
- Fri, Oct 25 ● David B Rouche Ladies Auxiliary, Paint & Sip Party, 7-10 PM, \$50, 99 Route 202, Thiells, Bring your own snack & non-alcoholic drinks, Tickets: Lauren 914-264-1793 or Colleen 914-588-2939, Venmo DBR Ladies Auxiliary or Zelle 26DBRLadies@gmail.com
- Orangetown Fire Co#1, Monster Mash Party,7-11 PM, 92 Depot Pl, Nyack, \$42, All you can eat & drink, email orangetownfireconol@gmail.com, door prizes, raffles, costume contests, live music NaughtHumphrey
- NJ&NY VFA, 8:00 PM, at Upper Saddle River FD, 375 West Saddle River Rd, Upper Saddle River, NJ, with Pres Patrick Conner
- Sun, Oct 27 ● Suffern Vol Hose, Blackstone Griddle Raffle Drawing, \$10, need not be present to win, 1st place Blackstone Griddle 2-Burner, 2nd place \$100 Ace Hardware Gift Card, Contact Phil Beers 845-596-0045 or Venmo @SuffernVolHoseCo-Fundraising
- Wed, Oct 30 ● RCVFA Brd of Dir, 7:30 PM, at Hillcrest FD, with Chairperson, Chuck Larkin
- Deadline for articles for Trumpet
- Thur, Oct 31 ● Orangeburg Fire Dept, Halloween Parade, 6:30 PM, visit our website for updates www.orangeburgfd.org
- Fri, Nov 8 ● RCVFA Next Meeting.7:30 PM at Stony Point, with Pres Evan Humphrey, Bring a Buddy or Future New Member
- Future Events**
- Wed, Nov 13 ● 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 14 ● Museum Board, 7:30 PM, @FTC, with Chairperson Lisa Castaldo-Gessner
- Sat, Nov 16 ● SW Johnson, Gift Card Bingo, 6 PM doors open, 7 PM Calling Starts, \$45, 37 Bridge St, Garnerville, Call Kristen Brehmer for seats NO SALES AT DOOR!

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 Tom Bierds

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**



HERRO Tuition Reimbursement Program

The **HERRO** tuition reimbursement program that began in May of 2023 is still in full swing! Once again, County Executive Day has committed a significant amount of funding towards the program for 2025. Since inception, we have processed over \$230,000 in reimbursements to our qualified volunteers. In 2024 alone, we have had 119 applicants to date. It is extremely important that you make sure that your members are aware of this program. Receiving up to \$3000 a semester in reimbursement is a large sum of money that goes right back into the pockets of your members. And they can reapply each semester! Also please do not forget, any member who attends **Rockland Community College** can apply for the **HERRO** program. There are still a lot of volunteers that are not aware of this. Let's continue to push this great program and use it as a recruitment and retention tool for our departments. *If you have any questions on the program, please call our office at 845-364-8992.*