

**NEW JERSEY & NEW YORK VOLUNTEER
FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC.**



**NINETY SEVENTH
ANNUAL CONVENTION**

**RIDGEFIELD PARK, NEW JERSEY
JUNE 4, 2010**

NEW JERSEY & NEW YORK VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

A Message from the President

Dear Members & Guests,

Your faithful attendance at this convention and our NJ & NY VFA meetings on the last Friday of busy months are support that I (and all the officers) appreciate. Attendees with ideas, safety messages and dates of firematic events are important for sharing and proper communication. You helped foster cooperation and good fellowship.

Thanks to VP Kirsch' many calls and energy, we had a very successful May 16th annual Memorial Service in the Hall of Heroes at the Academy in Mahwah and remembered 2 fallen brothers.

We need more locations for recycling clothing bins. To get this project in your community or firehouse lot, contact Bob Aitken in Little Ferry. The income helps burned-out victims as well as funds for our Treasury, making Treasurer George Saigh busier and happier.

The scholarships were reviewed and your "E-Board" proposed the Helene Field \$1,000 Memorial Scholarship to go along with 8- \$500 awards, the first to be announced at this convention.

To financially assist future conventions hosts, it was voted and approved that our Association grant \$500 if they host our Friday evening convention. Another \$500 will be given if they host the traditional parade on Saturday. NJ & NY VFA awaits your bids to have us! Let's host parades too.

Always remember to send your fire unit news, dates and deceased association members to Editor Frank Fuchs for The Signal. We live in a fast-moving electronic world, but our newsletters are still important venues.

Our Associations 100th anniversary celebration is well underway with VP R.E. Kirsch providing leadership and vision for 2013 events. More people are needed. Already, Ex-Chief's Larry Buber and Raymond Guarniuccio of Spring Valley, Dan Arterburn from Pearl River with Clint Miller of Montvale developing plans & route for a gala bi-state parade. Past President Milton R. Cole is Chairman Emeritus, having initiated this 2013 endeavor. I support this "Sharing Our Heritage with Pride for the Future".

Many of our records are secured safely at the Bergen Academy in Mahwah, we are assured by Secretary Peter DeVires and Past President Larry Rauch.

I hope someday, in some way, we develop and up-dated and comprehensive Mutual Aid Plan, legally protecting our members in both states.

The organization by-laws mandate this report. A chance to reflect on my tenure and happy experiences and the opportunity to offer leadership. The friendships add positives to life's good memories. It was well worth the time, energy and travel!

Please continue to attend, bringing a fellow volunteer in your car pool. You have a strong team of truly interested and dedicated leaders coming in. President Jim Cole leads the team.

I will miss the E-Board monthly meetings (an hour ride each way for an hour of exchange of ideas, planning an contributions that can impact the future). Some Trustees can improve their attendance!

Thank you to many in Rockland who faithfully supported me, like Trustees Ron Ciolfi and Joe Mayo, and in-coming VP Nick Gatti during our terms. I appreciate your patience and helpful cooperation. We improved our attendance, too.

We volunteers are all part of the mosaic of our communities that make the U.S.A. THE BEST.
May god keep you and your loved ones healthy

Firematically,
Stuart Gates, President
New Jersey & New York Vol. Firemen's Association



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June 4, 2010

On behalf of the Officers and Firefighters of the Ridgefield Park Fire Department, it is my pleasure to welcome the New Jersey & New York Volunteer Firemen's Association to our Village.

The Ridgefield Park Fire Department has a long history of affiliation with this Association;

- For more than half a century, a member of this Department has served as an elected member of the Association's Executive Board
- Ridgefield Park has hosted the Annual Convention five times
- Six members of our Department have been honored with the Firefighter of the Year Award

It is with this spirit that I welcome you all to Ridgefield Park for the 97th Annual Convention. May your Convention Meeting be a rewarding one. To the 2010 Firefighter of the Year, all award winners and scholarship recipients we extend our Congratulations.

Enjoy your stay here tonight. Have fun!

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John M. Malool".

John M. Malool
Chief of Department

1979 Firefighter of the Year Award Recipient



CONVENTION MEETING AGENDA

1. *CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT STUART L. GATES*
2. *INVOCATION BY NJ & NY CHAPLAIN*
3. *PRESENTATION OF COLORS*
4. *PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE*
5. *SINGING OF NATIONAL ANTHEM - CYNTHIA NAYLIS*
6. *POST COLORS*
7. *INTRODUCTIONS:*
 - RIDGEFIELD PARK FIRE CHIEF JOHN MALOOL & HIS OFFICERS*
 - RIDGEFIELD PARK MAYOR & FIRE COMMISSIONER GEORGE FOSDICK*
 - ANY SPECIAL GUESTS*
8. *ASSOCIATION REPORTS:*
 - PRESIDENT STUART GATES*
 - 1ST VICE PRESIDENT JAMES COLE*
 - 2ND VICE PRESIDENT ROBERT KIRSCH*
 - SECRETARY PETER DeVRIES*
 - FINANCIAL SECRETARY JOHN SCHWEDHELM*
 - TREASURER GEORGE SAIGH*
9. *PAST PRESIDENTS REPORTS*
10. *TRUSTEES REPORT*
11. *FIREMEN'S HOME - NEW JERSEY & NEW YORK*
12. *FASNY REPORT*



CONVENTION MEETING AGENDA

13. *ROCKLAND COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S REPORT*
14. *NEW JERSEY STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION REPORT*
PRESIDENT GEORGE HEFLICH
15. *ANY UNFINISHED BUSINESS*
16. *PRESENTATION OF SCHOLARSHIPS*
(8 SCHOLARSHIPS AT \$500 EACH & 1 SCHOLARSHIP AT \$1,000)
17. *CITATION AWARDS*
SPECIAL SERVICE AWARDS
PRESIDENTIAL AWARD
RUDY APPELD SERVICE AWARD
JOSEPH COSTELLO "FIREMEN OF THE YEAR" AWARD
18. *ANY NEW BUSINESS*
19. *PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE TO HOST TOWN*
20. *REPORT OF ELECTION COMMITTEE*
21. *PRESENTATION OF BADGES*
22. *WAYS & MEANS - 50/50*
23. *BENEDICTION*
24. *ADJOURNMENT*



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2010 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

- 1. Timothy Curran, Fire Science / Paramedic
River Edge, NJ 07661**
- 2. Savana Sturgill, Phebotomy Technician
Piermont, New York 10968**
- 3. Ryan J. Maynes, Criminal Justice
Twp. Of Washington NJ 07676**
- 4. Albert Gerber, III, Administrative Science, FD Instructor
Little Ferry , NJ**
- 5. Robert Aitkin, Jr., English / Journalism Major
Little Ferry, NJ**
- 6. Courtney Scheideler, Elementary Education & Criminology
Ridgefield Park NJ**
- 7. Melissa Naylis, Fire Protection Engineering
Bergenfield, NJ**
- 8. Ryan J. Zadronzna, Music Education
Bergenfield, NJ**
- 9. Frank Voce, IV, Criminal Justice
Congers, NY**



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**HELENE D. FIELD
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

The New Jersey & New York Firemen's Association has initiated an annual scholarship award in memory of Helene D. Field. Helene was a part owner with her brother, Marc, of H&M Leasing Corp. These are the people who collect and recycle the clothing from our "white" clothing bins. We have developed a strong relationship and they have truly become a part of our family. We are proud to award double the amount of a normal scholarship in her memory.

Helene D. Field was born on February 8, 1960. From 1987 to 1997 she managed the family business as the vice president of textile recycling quality control and marketing. She had 20 years experience in the textile-recycling industry. In 1997, Helene was named President of H&M Leasing Corp. d/b/a "The Gift of Giving." H&M Leasing is a registered fundraiser in the States of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

Helene passed away on December 3, 2009. She is survived by her husband, Richard, her daughter, Caila (12), and two sons, Jarrod (10) and Evan (8). Helene was a mother of three wonderful children and divided her time and love equally.

With the passing of Helene, the New Jersey & New York Firemen's Association truly has a feeling of emptiness in her untimely passing and she will be remembered and missed as our family member.

May she forever be remembered for who she strived to be and may she forever rest in peace.



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2010 PRESIDENTIAL LIFESAVING CITATION

LT. DON HARDY

On Christmas morning, Friday, December 25, 2009, at approximately 0130 hours, one of Sparkill's firefighters, home on military leave from the United States Marine Corps, was involved in a serious, one-car motor vehicle accident on Route 340 in Sparkill. The vehicle hit a tree, overturned, and was on fire with the Sparkill firefighter trapped. Piermont Fire Lt. Don Hardy promptly responded to the scene, which unfolded less than one-hundred feet from his residence. Lt. Hardy acted quickly extinguishing the fire that had ignited in the vehicle, which, if delayed could have drastically changed the outcome of the incident that morning. The rapid response of Lt. Hardy helped save the life of the brother firefighter trapped in the vehicle.

Lt. Don Hardy's intervention was heroic in such a dangerous situation and we would like to recognize him for his selfless act of heroism.

The New Jersey & New York Volunteer Firemen's Association
is proud to present the 2010 Presidential Lifesaving Award to

Lt. Don Hardy



2010 RUDY APPELD SERVICE AWARD

(sponsored by Hillsdale Fire Department)

GEORGE SAIGH **Member of New Milford Fire Department**

George Saigh is a good example of one who never lets up in his service to the Fire Service and to his community.

George transferred to the New Milford Fire Department 50 years ago when he moved from Englewood Cliffs, following service in the Army during the Korea conflict.

In 1975 he received Fireman of the Year Award for the heroic rescue of a child at a serious house fire on New Bridge Road.

He has been Fire Company 2 President (and Vice-President) 4 times. He is currently Treasurer of the New Jersey and New York Volunteer Firemen's Association, Secretary of the New Milford Relief Association and Recording Secretary of the New Milford Fire Department Advisory Board.

He has served as Chairman of the Borough Street Lighting Committee, and Public Events Chairman.

For many years he served on the borough Planning Board and also as Borough Councilman.

He is a 50 year member of the VFW and American Legion.

He still responds to both day and night alarms.

He is a fine example of service, not only to the Fire Service, but also to his community.

The New Jersey & New York Volunteer Firemen's Association is proud to present the 2010 Rudy Appeld Service Award to George Saigh for his non-stop efforts.



2010 JOSEPH COSTELLO
“FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR” AWARD

East Rutherford Fire Department
ASSISTANT CHIEF KEVIN FELTEN

Just before 9 AM on February 12th, Assistant Chief Kevin Felten of the East Rutherford Fire Department in his role as a Police Officer was called to an alarm of the fire to a building at Spring and John Streets.

The patrol units found a working fire in a building that had dwelling units over a bar on the ground floor.

On seeing a man hanging out of a window from the third floor, with smoke rolling out of the window, and knowing from his fire training what conditions he might expect, without gear, Kevin ran to the side door and went up the stairs to the room.

He saw the mans feet, on the floor near the window, where the man still had his head hanging out.

With the fire glowing to his side, he grabbed the mans legs and got him to the stairs, where they both got down to the street.

The man was covered with soot and had serious burns to his face and hands, as well as smoke inhalation.

The other two men in the building were guided out, and told the authorities that they had tried to extinguish the mattress fire with buckets of water before calling the fire department.

Kevin Felten lived up to the highest traditions of the fire service and the police when he effected the rescue, probably saving a life.

The New Jersey & New York Volunteer Firemen’s Association is proud to present the

2010 Joseph Costello “Firefighter of the Year” Award to

Assistant Chief Kevin Felten of the East Rutherford Fire Department.

In Memory of Those Who Have Answered Their Last Call

Robert C Granger
 Vincent P. Obeirne
 Brice Friedman
 Vincent Uglione
 Paul Garino
 Fred Hartman
 Bennett F. Laws
 Herbert Ellis
 Joseph P. Kober
 William E. Atkinson
 Ronald N. Vanhouten
 Stephen T. Sochulak
 Richard Veri
 John F. Meyer
 Peter A. Bruno
 James E. Kierce
 John Hrebenuk
 Michael Treppicione
 Edward N. Kuiken
 Andrew H. Przybyla
 Lawrence A. Merse
 Bradford Limbert
 Jacob Delellis
 Giacomo Arsi
 Gerald Cataldo
 Dominic Zeoli
 John L. Palazzo Sr.
 John T. Dillon Sr.
 Warren G. Williams
 Paul A. Donoghue
 John K. Duddy
 Herman A. Steffens Jr.
 Andrew Merena Jr.
 Carmine W. Delisio
 William P. Hessian
 Francis Graziano
 John F. Dempsey

Michael Schwarz
 Thomas E. Mullen
 Donald Gribbin
 Thomas F. Melvin
 Stanley J. Romanek
 Dominick Ferrante
 Daniel J. Rideout
 Milen J. Tracy
 Henry F. Ludwig
 Donald Tenkate
 Frank Devita Jr.
 Arthur A. Lemise
 Richard J. Blanchfield
 Alan H. Brown
 Martin A. Vandyk
 Frederic W. Clark
 William Dennis
 Joseph Sculco
 Edmund V. Boyle
 Joseph A. Karcz
 Eb V. Jeune
 Alfred A. Zampolino
 Harold D. Carnegie
 James P. Kneisler
 Richard F. Anable
 Francis B. Conklin
 Lawrence R. Whitehead
 Frank Miele Sr.
 Robert C. Shand
 Robert B. Buckhout
 Francis X. Gannon
 Rita Mariano
 Paul T. Harvilik
 Paul P. Hylas
 David Bjork
 Donald Ruth

Raymond G. Rigg
 Harold Keller
 Warren H. Heber
 Robert Ciccehetti
 Richard G. Howard Jr.
 Edmond R. Litchult
 Howard O. Behnke
 Alfred Sanders
 Henry Vansaders
 Joseph M. Rector
 Henry M. Ahrens Jr.
 Henry F. Drozdowski
 Robert A. Suess
 Thomas J. Fay
 John Pinto
 John A. Adametz Jr.
 Eugene O. Dobbelaar
 Joseph E. Kovalicky
 Joseph Allen
 John M. Roe
 Harry N. Bruno
 Thomas J. Phillips Jr.
 Carmine A. Perrone
 Edward J. Kneisler
 Kenneth L. Anderson Jr.
 Andrew G. Pondi
 Santo Luciano
 Frank Palazzone
 James E. Bow
 John R. Franco
 Ernest C. Matern Sr.
 Craig R. Jenkins
 Ernest R. Fisher Sr.
 James R. Natale
 Robert Hendrie
 Donald Cooke

Earle E. Kunzig
Christopher R. Hrbek
 Wilbur R. Daniels
 John Draney
 Walter J. Hammett
 Theobald Schmitt
 Robert J. Stedtler
 Robert E. Eilert
 Robert J. Loreng
 James E. Trost
 Gary R. Holz
 Emil Newaroski
 William A. Kostroun
 Francis J. O Shea
 Richard M. Decosta
 Albert Slavinsky
 Frank Trinchese
 Edwin M. Krauss
 James P. Morgan
 Thomas J. Reith
 Bernard S. Muller
 Richard G. Dahmen
 Evan R. Kessler
 Jan Trojanowski
 Kenneth E. Sarvis
 Herbert F. Garrison
 Richard Barz
 Arnold S. Reif
 John F. McNulty
 Douglas VanWeelden Sr.
 Luciano P. Pia
 Kenneth Begbie
 William Lum Schuler
 Dominick A. Pileggi
 John T. Grant
 Daniel L. Bertrand

You Will Never Be Forgotten- You Are Always In Our Hearts



