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From the Editor

Water Water Everywhere! Well I'm sure the Nor' Easter hit everyone pretty hard; some harder than others. I hope all members were able to keep safe during their responses and their families and possessions fared well during the flooding. I myself moved appliances, tossed out carpets and dried out furnaces to get back to "normal".

President Bush recently declared Bergen County a federal disaster area which will make grants and loans available which can be used for home repairs and to cover uninsured property losses. Visit WWW.FEMA.GOV for more details or contact your local legislators.

Remember June 1 is our annual Convention to be held in Westwood. Come out to the meeting, say hi, congratulate our award winners, enjoy some refreshments and get involved in your Association. Details about the convention are included in this issue and be sure to visit www.njnyvfa.org for the latest information and directions.

There's a special banner at the bottom of this page which we'll keep here for a few issues as a reminder to everyone; **BUCKLE UP!** Accidents can happen to anyone regardless if you're an elected official, a family or a volunteer responding a call. Remember... we all have families that would have to deal with our recovery if we ever got hurt. So let's think of them *whenever* we get in a vehicle, *wherever* we sit. Everyone should wear one. Buckle Up!

Be Safe and remember our troops!
Frank

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2007 Annual Convention

This year the 2007 New Jersey & New York Volunteer Firemen's Association annual convention will be hosted by the Westwood Fire Dept. and held at their Firehouse at 93 Center St. The convention will start at 8 PM. Directions will be in this issue of the Signal and also posted on our web site at www.njnyvfa.org.

In addition to the regular order of business we will also be presenting our Joseph Costello Fireman of the Year Award, the NJ/NY Scholarship Awards, the Rudy Appeld Service Award and any other appropriate recognition that will be presented. There will not be a parade this year but the Westwood Fire Dept. holds a long tradition of hosting our conventions and they promise a successful meeting. Parking will be available and refreshments will be served after the meeting. Check the web site for any updates on the convention.

The Association expresses sincere thanks to the officers, members and auxiliaries of the Westwood Fire Dept. for hosting this annual event.

From the North: Garden State Pkwy exit 166. Make Right onto Linwood Ave E. Make left on Pascack Rd. Make right on Washington. Go to Broadway make right. Go Jefferson make right. Center Ave. will be on left.

From the South: Take Rt 17 North Linwood Ave exit. Follow directions from Pascack Rd. above.



*God Bless America
and
Remember Our Troops!*

Wear Your Seat Belt



ALWAYS!

Bergen County Firemen's Home

By Milt Cole

Just a reminder our annual fund drive is underway. Your contribution helps provide comfort, gifts, entertainment and special projects at the home. Last year we purchased a blood machine for use by the nursing staff and with your support we hope to add a second. Please take a moment to send your contribution to:

Bergen County Firemen's Home Association
C/O Jeffery Parma
277 Harriot Ave.
Harrington Pk, NJ

Officers for the Home Association for 2007 are:
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Vice President Jack McGrath—Elmwood Pk.
Secretary Thomas Simpson—Harrington Pk.
Treasurer Charles Moots—Ridgefield
Trustees
2007—Edward McGorman, North Arlington
2008—Daniel Loftus, Twp. Of Washington
2009—Lester Ghent, Fort Lee
2010—Andrew Steimle, River Edge
2011—Rolf Maris, Hamilton Twp.

Any fireperson from Bergen County is welcome to join our Association. We meet four times a year, usually just before the scheduled entertainment dates. If you're interested contact any officer or trustee or the Firemen's Home directly.

Our guests come from every corner of the county; anywhere from Wyckoff to Wallington our place is where they call "home". We have lots of activities planned for 2007. Stop by for a visit, tour the museum and say Hi to all the fellow firefighters. They'll be glad you did.

New Milford Co #2 Golf Outing

New Milford Fire Co. # 2 is hosting their First, of hopefully many to come, Golf Outing. This is to benefit their 100th Anniversary Fund and the Richard "Chip" Ryen fund. The outing will be held on Wednesday June 13, 2007 at the Valley Brook Golf Course. The cost will be \$130.00 per person and includes a Continental breakfast. 8:30am shotgun start. Awards Luncheon at 1:30pm. Sponsors are also needed. For more information, call 201-913-5978.

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Norwood FD Tradition

By Richard S. Bator Norwood FD

As is their annual custom of attending religious services at a different Norwood church at the start of each year, the officers and firefighters of Norwood Fire Co 1 attended mass at Immaculate Conception Church. Following the service Rev. Charles B. Urnick blessed the newly arrived Seagrave rescue/pumper (361). For the past 50 years these volunteers rededicate themselves to the service in the Borough of Norwood.

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Clothing Bins at Work

On February 2, 2007 at 08:15 the Bergenfield FD responded to a "Working Fire". A second alarm was transmitted while primary units were in route and a third alarm was transmitted upon his arrival. The Alli family (husband, wife, seven children) lost everything and had no insurance coverage.

The Bergenfield FD along with the NJ & NY, Bergenfield Social Services, Red Cross, and the Bergen County Relief Center were able to help. The family has moved in with relatives in Teaneck.

President Kirsch along with past President Aitkin made contact with H&M Leasing. As soon as the families basic clothing sizes were obtained, clothing was ordered for the family. On February 16, 2007

President Kirsch along with Bergenfield Alert Fire Co. #1 Delegates Edward J. Kneisler III and Firefighter Michael Mertz made a special delivery of clothing to the Alli Family.

(photo by Robert E. Kirsch)



Death Benefit Calendar

By George Saigh, Treasurer

The calendars have been mailed out to all the member companies. Please encourage your company to purchase all five (5) calendars. Our Association processes an average 10 to 12 claims each year and the purchase of these calendars helps to continue this benefit.

Our current benefit is \$800, but we would like to raise this to \$1,000.00 at the next convention. This will only be possible if we can raise enough money through sales of the Calendar Lottery. The more money we raise, the higher the benefit can go. Please support this. After all... You may win!
PLEASE HELP.

A Special Note to Rockland County Members regarding the Death Benefit

Because the Financial Secretary of our organization does not have access to a newspaper from Rockland County, it is up to the current Rockland County members to notify him of any member that has passed away. This way he can check to see if they are enrolled in the Death Benefit Program and to make sure that the family receives the benefit.

If any current members or Life Members have not filled out their beneficiary forms yet, please do so. Remember, if your Signal mailing label has the letters BEN by your name, this means your forms are on file. If BEN is missing, your beneficiary form needs to be completed and submitted. Beneficiary forms may be obtained from the Financial Secretary at a meeting or online at www.njnyvfa.org. Or, send your form request to the Signal Editor (address on front) and he'll make sure it gets to the right person.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Support your Association...Come to a meeting!
Meeting locations and directions via Mapquest are listed on our Web site at www.njnyvfa.org

May 12—Hudson Valley Safety Fun Day

May 20—Annual Memorial Service

2PM @Bergen Cty. Fire Academy

June 1—NJ&NY Annual Convention, Westwood

June 9—St. Baldricks hair cutting event, Cresskill FD.

June 13—New Milford Fire Co #2 First Annual Golf Event

September—Elmwood Pk NJ FD.

September 22—Little Ferry Hose Co Wetdown 1-5PM

October 26—Carlstadt NJ FD

November 16—New Milford Co #1



In Memory of our departed members

The officers and members of the NJ & NY Volunteer Firemen's Association extend their deepest sympathy to the families of our departed members:

Frank Fyfe Jr.—New Milford, NJ

Emmett H. Romaine—Spring Hill, FL

Carl J. Passera—Tenafly, NJ

Amos Smith—North Port, FL

Tunis Drenth—Buttzville, NJ

Raymond Fischkelta—S. Hackensack, NJ

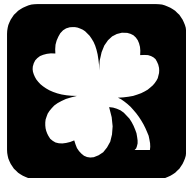
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Arthur W. Briell—Ocala, FL

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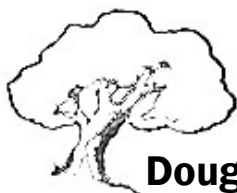
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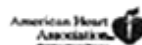
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