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From the Editor

This issue of The Signal contains the applications for our Fireman of the Year, Rudy Appeld Service and Scholarship awards and the Ladies Auxiliary Leadership Award. If your department has a member that has performed outstanding heroic service at an incident, consider nominating that member for the Joe Costello Fireman of the Year award. How about a member that is also active in their community in addition to being a firefighter? Consider that member for the Rudy Appeld Service Award. How about a distinguished member of a Ladies Auxiliary that helps drive the organization and nurture new members. Lets not forget about members of our family that are planning to attend higher education. Submit their name for consideration in our Scholarship Awards.

On behalf of President James Cole and all the Association Officers and Trustees, we wish you all the very best for a Happy, Healthy and Safe Holiday Season. Merry Christmas and Happy Chanukah to all!

Be Safe and remember our troops!

Frank

E-mail submissions and photos to ffuchs9595@aol.com.

Or send to:

Frank Fuchs—The Signal

Congratulating our Scholarship Award Winners



1st. Vice President Robert Kirsch congratulating two of our scholarship award winners, Kevin and Steven Ventura

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

December, 2011 No Meeting

January 4, 2012 E-Board Meeting—New Milford

January 27 Piermont FD

554 Piermont Ave.

Piermont, NY 10968

February 8 E-Board Meeting—New Milford

February 24 Old Tappan, NJ

247 Old Tappan Rd

Old Tappan, NJ 07675

March 14 E-Board Meeting—New Milford

March 30 Congers Fire Dept.

40 North Harrison Ave

Congers, NY 10920

April 4 E-Board Meeting—New Milford

April 27 Montvale FD

May 9 E-Board Meeting—New Milford

No Membership

Meeting in May

May 20 Annual Memorial Service 2PM

Bergen County Fire Academy

June 1 Annual Convention

Hillsdale Fire Dept

383 Hillsdale Ave.

Host a meeting at your firehouse.
Contact any Association officer to arrange a date.

During this Holiday Season, remember our brave troops at home and abroad.





**NEW JERSEY & NEW YORK
VOLUNTEER FIREMAN'S ASSOCIATION**

**Joseph Costello
"Firemen of the Year"
APPLICATION**

NAME OF NOMINEE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

HOME TEL. NUMBER _____ E MAIL ADDRESS _____

NOMINATING DEPARTMENT CHIEF _____

DEPT. NAME, ADDRESS, TEL. NUMBER _____

DATE OF INCIDENT _____

TYPE OF INCIDENT _____

REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS

- 1) DETAILED SYNOPSIS OF INCIDENT, DESCRIBING INITIAL DISPATCH CALL, DATE, TIME, ARRIVAL CONDITIONS, WEATHER, AND FIRST ARRIVING APPARATUS. WAS NOMINEE THE FIRST ARRIVING (ALONE WITHOUT APPARATUS). INCLUDE DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF EXCEPTIONAL EFFORTS PERFORMED BY NOMINEE, DESCRIPTION OF WORK PERFORMED, PREVENTION OF ADDITIONAL DAMAGE AND LIVES SAVED. INCLUDE "ASSISTED BY" INFORMATION IF APPROPRIATE AND APPLICABLE.
NOTE: THIS ATTACHMENT MUST BE SIGNED BY THE DEPARTMENT CHIEF.

OPTIONAL ATTACHMENTS

- 1) PHOTOCOPIES OF NEWS ARTICLES DESCRIBING INCIDENT AS REPORTED BY NEW MEDIA.
- 2) PHOTOGRAPHS OF INCIDENT (NON-RETURNABLE).

ALL NOMINATIONS TO BE POSTMARKED NOT LATER THAN MAY 1st

MAIL ALL NOMINATIONS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS TO:

ROBERT AITKEN
127 LAKEVIEW AVE.
LITTLE FERRY, NJ 07643

IN NOMINATING THE ABOVE NAMED PERSON FOR CONSIDERATION FOR THE "JOSEPH COSTELLO FIREMEN OF THE YEAR" AWARD, I CERTIFY THE ABOVE INFORMATION AND ACCOMPANYING INCIDENT SYNOPSIS IS TRUTHFUL AND ACCURATE.

DATE _____
SIGNATURE
CHIEF OF DEPARTMENT

New Jersey and New York
Volunteer Firemen's Association
Rudy Appeld Service Award
formally The Hillsdale Award

Nominees Name _____

Address _____

Nominees Fire Company or Dept. _____

Submitted by _____ Rank _____

Organization Name and Address

Telephone _____ Date Submitted _____

Attach a summary of nominees qualifications covering the criteria listed below. Summaries should be at least one page but no more than two, double-spaced. Include any additional information such as newspaper articles, citations and excerpts from meeting minutes.

Consideration for the award will be based on the following:

- 1) Service to his/her Fire Company/Dept. in firefighting, length of service, special services, committee activities, etc.
- 2) Service to the Fire Service in general such as mutual aid or other organizations promoting the fire service.
- 3) Service to the community such as Scouting, YM-YWCA, Little League, Veterans services, Municipal Boards and other community activities that benefit children and adults.

Deadline: All applications must be postmarked by **May 1**.

Mail application to:

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Little Ferry, NJ 07643

New Jersey and New York
Volunteer Firemen's Association

Applicants Full Name: _____
please print
Address: _____

Scholarship Award Application

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home telephone#: _____

Cell phone #: _____

E-mail address: _____

Social Security #: _____

High School attended: _____

Year graduated: _____ GPA: _____

Name of school / college / university
planning to attend or are attending: _____

Major course of study: _____

Required: Attach a written essay about your background and future goals.

Applicants Signature / Date

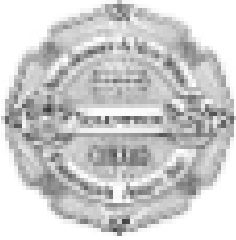
Name of NJNY-VFA Member sponsoring your application

Print Name / Signature

All must be postmarked no later than **May 1st**.

Return to:
Robert E. Kirsch
107 Roosevelt Ave.
Bergenfield, NJ 07621
201-385-0644
robtekirsch@yahoo.com

Each and every application is taken on it's own merit



New Jersey and New York Volunteer Firemen's Association

LADIES' AUXILIARY LEADERSHIP AWARD

Nominees Name _____

Address _____

Nominees Fire Company or Dept. _____

Submitted by _____ Rank _____

Organization Name and Address

Telephone _____ Date Submitted _____

Attach a summary of nominees qualifications covering the criteria listed below. Summaries should be at least one page but no more than two, double-spaced. Include any additional information such as newspaper articles, citations and excerpts from meeting minutes.

Consideration for the award will be based on the following:

- 1) Service from a member of the Ladies' Auxiliary who has over the years been outstanding in her support of not only the Ladies' Auxiliary, but of their Fire Department and municipality.
- 2) Some of these outstanding ladies may have been a member only a few years, but she has been outstanding in her organizational skills and her support of the Fire Department. Whether it has been to raise funds for the Auxiliary, or in braving a sleet filled January night to bring refreshments to the men, or responding to a heat and humidity filled event in July with water when the Fire Department has been called out to a lengthy house fire, we firefighters would like to show our deep appreciation for the love which has been shown to us.
- 3) The candidate of this award may be nominated by a Chief Officer of any member Department, by a vote of the Department itself or by vote of any organized Ladies' Auxiliary.
- 4) It is recognized that the Ladies' Auxiliaries, by virtue of their main reason for being – to support their Fire Department – do not receive the publicity they deserve. The filled in application may not have any particular newspaper clippings to refer to their service, but clippings of a fire and other written anecdotal references to other events may be submitted.

Deadline: All applications must be postmarked by **May 1**.


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