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From the Editor

Hi everyone. You know spring has finally arrived; the flowers, the birds, the warmer weather and yes, the numerous Wet Down announcements that start to appear in your firehouse. Best of luck to all the departments that are celebrating the arrival of their new apparatus. If you have a Wet Down scheduled please let me know. I'll be glad to post it in upcoming issues.

Plans are moving along for our annual convention meeting in Bergenfield. Further convention info is inside this issue.

Remember, our annual memorial service will be held on May 21 beginning at 2PM and our convention meeting will be held June 9 in Bergenfield.

Be Safe and Remember our Troops!
Frank

E-mail your submissions and photos to ffuchs9595@aol.com. Please put "Signal" in the subject line. Or you can send to: Frank Fuchs—The Signal 25 Union Ave. Little Ferry, NJ 07643.

Hudson Valley VFA

The Hudson Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association Accident Prevention Committee presents:

4th Annual Safety Fun Day

Free Fire & Vehicle Safety Balloons
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and Prizes Electrical Safety Ice Cream

Saturday June 2 9AM to 3PM

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FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Piermont Diving Team Celebrate 50 Years of Service (by Stu Gates)

Congratulations to the Empire Hose Co 1 Underwater Rescue Team for 50 years of life saving service. Formed on March 11, 1956 they became the first volunteer underwater rescue team in the Hudson Valley. In the following years they have helped form other underwater rescue teams, train divers and become pioneers in equipment use and advanced techniques.

Upcoming Events

April 28 —Old Tappan, NJ.

May 21 —Annual Memorial Service
Unit Citation and Rudy Appeld Service Award applications due 5/1
No Meeting

June 9 — Annual Convention—Bergenfield (details inside)

July/August—No Meetings

Sept., 29 — Leonia

Oct. 27 — Carlstadt

Nov. 17— New Milford Co #2 on Trenton St. (week earlier due to Thanksgiving holiday)

December—No Meeting

January—Piermont, NY

Directions to Old Tappan, NJ Firehouse
231 Old Tappan Rd.

From North— Take Old Tappan Rd. South (will change to Old Tappan Rd E. then back to Old Tappan Rd.). Continue South until you reach firehouse. Or, take W. Orangeburg Rd to Blaisdail Rd. Go South (change to DeWolf Rd.) At intersection make right on Old Tappan Rd.

From the South— GSP North to Exit 168. Make right on to Washington Ave (.5mi.) Make left on Pascack Rd (.4mi). Make right onto Hillsdale Ave (.8mi). Make left on Broadway (.2mi). Make right onto Piermont (1.8mi). Make right onto Old Tappan Rd (1.3mi).



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:

Sam Kovara—New Milford, NJ
William Simpson—River Edge, NJ
Richard Denekamp—North Haledon, NJ
Richard L. Chapman—Wyckoff, NJ

Please keep in mind listing of deceased members is published based on their last address on record. This address may not be the same as the town in which they served.

NJ & NY VFA Annual Convention

June 9 Bergenfield, NJ

This years convention will held in the auditorium of the Bergenfield High School at the corner of S. Prospect Ave. & West Clinton Ave. beginning at 8:00 p.m.. Refreshments after the convention will be served at the Prospect Fire Co.#1 firehouse located across the street from the High School.

Nominations are still open for the positions of 2nd. Vice President and Assistant Secretary. Nominations are being accepted until the April meeting at which time nominations will be closed. Consider running for one of these positions in your Association.

The Bergenfield Convention Committee is reaching out to our brethren by asking you to do several things. First, please consider taking an ad for your Fire Dept. or Company in this years Commemorative Ad Journal. Journal ads MUST be returned with your check made payable to BVFD 93rd Annual Convention ASAP. Deadline 5/1. Gold Full Page Ad \$200.00, Silver Full Page Ad \$150.00, Full Page \$125.00, 3/4 Page \$100.00, 1/2 Page \$75.00, 1/4 Page \$50.00, B&W business card \$35.00, B&W booster \$5.00. Send to PO. Box 45 Bergenfield, New Jersey 07621

Second, consider selling ads for this years journal. For every \$1,000.00 in advertising that your Department generates, your Fire Department will receive one free night of training at the Bergenfield Fire Training Center.

Third, any of your members that take an ad for their own business will be highlighted as a volunteer firefighter. Please make sure that you have them note this when they submit their ads.

Fourth, please sign up for the Truck Judging Competition, Firefighting Strategy & Tactics exam competition, and our Strongman Antique Fire Apparatus Truck Pull competition.

Lastly we invite you to join us for this years convention on June 9th 2006 in Bergenfield.

Since this year there is only a Convention meeting the Bergenfield Fire Dept have planned a few activities spanning several days to make this event special.

May 31—Strategy and Tactics Exam

Three firefighters from each Department compete as individuals and as a team in a written examination based on firefighting Strategy & Tactics. Department s may enter multiple teams. Individuals and teams can earn points towards the BEST OVERALL TROPHY. Competition points will be awarded only for the single highest scoring team and single highest scoring individual.

The written examination will be 100 question multiple choice test based on questions from the following firematic books: Fire Officer's Handbook of Tactics (3rd edition) by John Norman, Responding to Routine Emergencies by Frank Montagna, Fireground Strategies by Anthony Avillo, Fireground Size-Up by Michael Terpak.

Trophies will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place for individuals and for team competition between fire departments. Winners will also receive gift certificates from Fire Engineering Books & Videos. The exam will be administered on Wednesday, May 31, 2006 at the Bergen County Fire Academy 281 Campgaw Road in Mahwah, New Jersey. The exam will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. NO one will be admitted late.

June 4—Apparatus Judging

Held at the Prospect Fire Company #1 Firehouse on West Clinton Ave. Starting at 09:00 hr.

June 9—Antique Apparatus Truck Pull

Starting at 5p.m. - 7:45 p.m. This is a timed event featuring Strong Men Teams of 8 to pull an antique fire truck a distance of 50 yards using rope.

TROPHY SPONSORSHIP

Consider sponsoring a trophy at this years convention. 1st. Place Award \$60.00, 2nd. Place Award 45.00 3rd. Place Award \$30.00. A sponsor name plate will be attached to each trophy.

REMINDER

ALL MEMBER COMPANIES MUST HAVE THEIR DUES PAID IN FULL IN ORDER TO COMPETE

Please contact Convention Chairman Jerry Naylis at 201-384-4780 Fax at 201-384-4965 or visit www.bergenfieldfd.org.

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The New Jersey & New York Volunteer Firemen's Association is happy to announce we are now on the World Wide Web! www.njnyvfa.org Our new site will feature association news and information, an upcoming calendar of events, contact information of our Officers and Executive Committee members, links to our individual department and company member Web sites and links to download issues of The Signal. The officers and Executive Committee members have decided to launch this site to provide up-to-date information to Association members and help attract new members. Our new site is still "under construction" and will continually evolve. Please visit our new site regularly.

Red Knights Motorcycle Club

In 2003 a hand-full of West Nyack Fire Engine Co formed a chapter of the Red Knights MC Club NY Chapter 18 (Rockland). There are currently over 35 members from all over Rockland County and is looking to expand its membership. You must be an active or retired firefighter, hold a valid motorcycle license and have access to a motorcycle. Meeting are held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at various firehouses throughout the county. First year dues for Active membership is \$80 and includes rockers (top-Red Knights, bottom-NY Chapter 18), application fee and a small amount to build the treasury. After that annual dues is \$20. Associate memberships are available on a limited basis. For more information contact : John Tobin, President
Red Knights M/C NY18, PO Box 793 West Nyack, NY 10994 845-222-3864 redknightsny18@yahoo.com

Annual Memorial Service

Our annual Firemen's Memorial Service will be held Sunday, May 21st 2006 @ 2:00p.m. in the Hall of Hero's at the Bergen County Law and Public Safety Institute. This year we will honor those volunteer members killed in the WTC Terrorist Attack; four from Rockland County & three from Bergen County. We will also honor one line of Duty Death from Spring Valley H&L. All will have their names inscribed on the Firemen's Monument. Certificates will be presented to the families of those who have answered their last alarm for the previous year. Firemen's Relief Secretaries have been requested to notify families of the deceased so they may attend. Class A Full Dress uniforms are requested and apparatus is encouraged. Light refreshments will be served following the ceremony.



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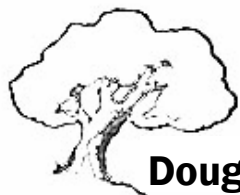
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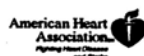
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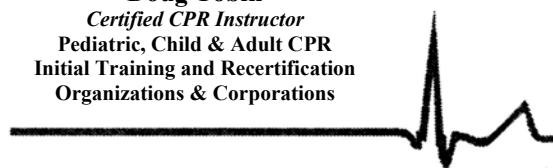
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