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From the Editor

Ok so here's an interesting topic, *Management Requirements!* With all the new regulations about certifications and prerequisites, all of these are great to help assure minimum knowledge levels for officers to manage the scene of a fire. But one important thing seems to be missing... a certification on how to lead and manage *people!* Do you (by nature of your title) order someone to perform a task? Or do you lead them into the task; instructing, teaching and guiding as you go? For those of you who are familiar with management training I guess this would fit into the 'ol "Nature vs. Nurture" category. Is it your nature to yell and criticize? Or do you nurture your members, pointing out to them what they could have done better, instead of yelling at them for what they didn't do right? Its some food for thought and I invite your comments on this.

You can help your Association save postage by having your copy of The Signal e-mailed to you. Please send either George Saigh (gs7320@msn.com) or me your e-mail address. Be sure to include your membership number, found on your Signal address label or on your membership dues envelope. Be Safe!

Frank

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

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

February 29, 2008 – Little Ferry Hook & Ladder

March 28, 2008 – Tallman N. Y.

April 25, 2008 – Montvale F. D.

May 18 2008—Annual Memorial Service 2PM @
Bergen County Fire Academy

June 6 2008—Annual Convention @ Hillsdale FD

June 7 2008—Hillsdale FD Wetdown 2PM to 7PM

Sept 2008—Stony Point Wayne Hose Co 1 Rt 9W

Oct 2008— Carlstadt, NJ Carlstadt FD Firehouse

Nov 2008— New Milford Fire Co #2 680 Trenton St.

Directions to upcoming meetings

Little Ferry Hook & Ladder—124 Main St. Take GSP south to Rt. 17 south to Rt. 46. East to Little Ferry circle. Turn right at the Dean gas station. Make the first right onto Main St. The firehouse will be ¼ mile on your right. Tallman N. Y. 289 Rt. 59, Suffern, N. Y. Take GSP north to Rt. 287. (I-87) Get off at exit 14B, Go right on ramp and left onto N. Airmont Rd. and then left on Rt. 59 to firehouse.

Montvale F.D. 35 W. Grand Ave. Take GSP north to Exit 172 (Grand Ave). Follow sign for Montvale/Park Ridge. Keep right at the fork to go on Grand Ave. Follow road to Fire Dept on left.



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:

John T. Nicklus—Ridgewood, NJ

George Kohles—Manahawkin, NJ

Donald W. Swift—Tenafly, NJ

Listing of deceased members is published based on their last address on record and may not be the same as the town in which they served.

Important Reminder

Deadlines to submit applications for our Joe Costello Fireman of the Year, Rudy Appeld Service Award and our Scholarship Awards are approaching. The Rudy Appeld and Scholarship applications are included in this issue. The Fireman of the Year application was published in the last issue. Or you can download your application at www.njnyvfa.org and submit your application by the deadline indicated.



*God Bless America
and
Remember Our Troops!*

Bergen County Firemen's Home

by Milt Cole

Hello Again and Happy New Year from the Bergen County Firemen's Home Assn. If you don't already know us, we are an organization comprised of firemen from Bergen County whose purpose is to provide comfort to the guests at the NJ Firemen's Home in Boonton. Since 1954, we have provided birthday and Christmas gifts for every guest. We host Sunday afternoon entertainment dates five times a year and a Christmas party every December. Through the years we have raised funds for special projects, all to help make each guests stay at the home more pleasant and comfortable. This is all possible by the generous financial support of the Fire Service Organizations across Bergen County. Again we are asking for your support. Please make checks payable to:

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

Our Sunday activities schedule for 2008 are:

February 17—Entertainment
April 20—Entertainment
June 22—Entertainment
August 17—Entertainment
October 19—Entertainment

December 7, 2007—Christmas Party

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". Stop by for a visit, tour the museum and say Hi to all the fellow firefighters. They'll be glad you did.

Hillsdale FD Comedy Night

The First Annual Comedy Night sponsored by the Hose Company of the Hillsdale Fire Department will be held on March 29 at the Fire House on 3834 Hillsdale Avenue. The doors will open at 7PM for the 8 o'clock show. Donation is \$30 and includes beer, wine (must be 21), soda, snacks.

Come early and get your door prize tickets before the rush. For tickets contact Kathleen LaFrance @ 201-838-8103 or e-mail kathleen.lafrance@am.sony.com

Firefighters Wife makes quilts for Bergen County Firemen's Home

by George Saigh



Elaine Saigh outside the Boonton home with 70 quilts

Elaine Saigh, wife of firefighter (and Assn. Treasurer) George Saigh of the New Milford Volunteer Fire Department, has just completed a labor of love. She took on a project in October 2006 to make a Lap Quilt for each resident of the New Jersey State Firemen's Home in Boonton, N. J. She completed the project, on her own, 12 months later and delivered 70 Lap Quilts to the home. She said it was her way of thanking the veteran firefighters for the sacrifices and dedication they made to the fire service. Elaine made the presentation to the Board Managers on Saturday November 10, 2007.

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Elaine Saigh, Dan Loftus and Oscar Dutch at the home

Association Clothing Bins

In this issue we've published two articles about how our clothing bins and H&M Leasing help residents in our area. You already know how these bins help our association fund our Scholarship awards and Death Benefit. Now here an opportunity for them to help you or your department.

Enter the Contest-----Win \$200.00

Provide the Association with a location where new clothing bins can be placed. Your name will go into a drawing. For the first 5 locations, those names will go into a hat and the winner will receive \$200.

The next 5 locations will be our second drawing, etc. We will only draw from 5 names at a time so your chances are great to win this \$200.

By providing us with more clothing bin locations, this will increase our income as well as add your town to the participating list, should you need clothing for a burnout victim.

It's a win-win-win situation; your residents, your association and you!

Contact Bob Aitken (201) 641-5667

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*NEW JERSEY & NEW YORK
VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM*

Photocopy additional sheets if needed

NAME OF APPLICANT _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

HOME TEL. NUMBER _____ E MAIL ADDRESS _____

SOCIAL SECURITY NO. _____

NAME OF SPONSORING NJ/NY VFA MEMBER _____

HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDED _____

YEAR GRADUATED _____ GPA _____

NAME OF COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY APPLIED TO OR ATTENDING _____

MAJOR COURSE OF STUDY _____

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR OR ARE YOU RECEIVING ANY EDUCATIONAL FUNDING FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE? YES ___ NO ___ IF YES, ATTACH BRIEF STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION.

REQUIRED ATTACHEMNTS:

- 1.) CERTIFIED TRANSCRIPTS, SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADES AND COURSES STUDIED. IF NOW ATTENDING COLLEGE, CERTIFIED TRANSCRIPTS OF ALL COLLEGE WORK.
- 2.) AN ORIGINAL ESSAY OF 500 WORDS OR LESS PROVIDING BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND FUTURE PLANS INCLUDING HOW YOU WILL USE THE EDUCATION YOU ARE PERSUING.
- 3.) COPY OF LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE FROM THE COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY FOR THOSE CURRENTLY IN HIGH SCHOOL, OR A COPY OF YOUR CURRENT COURSE SCHEDULE FOR THOSE CURENTLY ENROLLED IN A COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY
- 4.) BREAKDOWN OF TUITION AND FEES.

IN APPLYING FOR CONSIDERATION, I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THIS SCHOLARSHIP IS FOR THE NEXT SEMESTER AT AN ACCREDITED TWO (2) OR FOUR (4) YEAR COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY, OR INSTITUTE OF HIGHER EDUCATION. THE SCHOLARSHIP MAY BE APPLIED TOWARDS THE PAYMENT OF TUITION, BOOKS, OR OTHER EXPENSES DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE PURSUIT OF MY STUDIES. FAILURE TO DO SO WILL REQUIRE IMMEDIATE RETURN OF THE SCHOLARSHIP.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

SPONSORING MEMBER'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

Applications must be postmarked by May 1, 2008 and mailed to:

**ROBERT KIRSCH
107 ROOSEVELT AVENUE
BERGENFIELD, N. J. 07621**

**NEW JERSEY & NEW YORK
VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION
RUDY APPELD SERVICE AWARD**

(FORMERLY THE HILLSDALE AWARD)

Photocopy additional sheets if needed

Nominees Name _____

Nominees Address _____

Nominees Fire Company or Department _____

Submitted by _____ Rank _____

Organization _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Date submitted _____

Please attach a summary of the Nominees qualifications covering the criteria below. Summaries should be at least one page (double spaced) and no more than 2 pages in length. Additional information, such as newspaper clippings, citations, and excerpts from minutes may accompany the summary.

The deadline for the award to be POSTMARKED NOT LATER THAN MAY 1st.

Consideration for the award will be based on the following:

- 1 - Service to his Fire Company or Department in fire fighting, long 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 his community in activities such as scouting, YM- YWCA, Little league, veterans activities. Municipal boards and other community activities that benefit children and adults.**

**Return to: Bob Aitken
127 Lakeview Avenue
Little Ferry, N.J. 07643**

Association Clothing Bins (continued from Pg 2)

During the last few months our Association officers, members of the Little Ferry Hook and Ladder and the Tenafly Fire Department have been busy helping others, all through the generous support of our friends at H&M Leasing, the company who provides us with the clothing bins. Here are a couple of stories.

Little Ferry Hook & Ladder

This past holiday season the members sponsored a fund drive to collect gifts for the Tomorrow's Children's Institute at Hackensack University Medical Center. Just before Christmas Santa with his firefighter elves visited the hospital to deliver the gifts. While there, doctors asked Santa if he could visit with some children who were being treated for burns. They now met the Yeager family of Goshen, NY who lost their home to fire earlier that month. Association officers now jumped into action, contacted Mark from H&M Leasing who contributed seven \$100 gift cards for the entire family. Pres. Robert Kirsch and a group of "elves" from the Little Ferry Hook & Ladder recently delivered the cards to the family who was staying with relatives in Mahwah.



Tenafly Fire Dept.

In January the LaPera family suffered a damaging fire at their home on DePyster Ave. Units from Bergenfield, Dumont, Englewood, Teaneck and Cresskill responded. Unfortunately due to the extent of the fire many of their possessions were severely damaged. H&M Leasing immediately responded with a shipment of assorted clothing to assist the family

We currently have clothing bins in Alpine, Bergenfield, Dumont, Cresskill, Little Ferry, New Milford and Tenafly. Help your residents by having a bin placed in your town. Contact any Association officer.



Rev. David C. Shepson, Chaplain Emeritus
Of the NJ & NY Volunteer Firemen's Association
has written a book

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