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From the Editor

Hello All. Hope everyone is well. I'm sure we've all had enough snow from the recent storms in our region. I guess the Groundhog was right!

As Editor of The Signal I do receive numerous letters from not only fellow firefighters, but also from families of our deceased members. Many enjoy reading the news and information we include in our issues.

I recently received a letter from Pete Christopher in Palmer Alaska. Pete is a former member of New Milford Co #2 from the '70's and he submitted photos and a funny story about the Association Firemen's Field Days. Thanks Pete for the photos and story. I'll be sure to include this in an upcoming issue. (But can you see Russia from your house?)

Our newsletter relies on input from our member departments and companies. If you have information, photos, announcements or events you would like considered for publication, send it in. Also be sure to visit our Web site at www.njnyvfa.org

Be Safe and remember our troops!

Frank

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

Or send to:

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RCVFA Scholarship Applications

Applications for the 2010 RCVFA Stuart L Gates Scholarship are available to students who will be starting college in the fall of 2010. Two Scholarships will be awarded in the amount of \$1,250. Eligibility requires students must be the child or grandchild of a firefighter who is a member of the RCVFA.

Deadline for filing is June 12, 2010. The three-member scholarship committee will select the winners and present the scholarships at the July 9 RCVFA meeting in Hillcrest.

For an application, contact James Hartwick at 353-0577 or visit www.rcvfa.com

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

March 26 —Cresskill FD. 51 Madison Ave.

April 30 —Tappan NY 135 Washington Ave.

May 16—Annual Memorial Service Bergen County Law and Public Safety Complex—2PM

June 4—Annual Convention—Ridgefield Park FD

July—No Meeting

August—No Meeting

Host a meeting at your firehouse.

Contact any Association officer to arrange a date.



In Memory of our departed members

We are thankful we have not lost any of our members during this period since the last issue of The Signal has been published. We do ask that you...

take a moment...

to remember...

those who served.

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.

Remember our brave troops at home and abroad.



NJNYVFA and H&M Leasing Help Again!

Unfortunately some families suffered some losses during recent alarms in Tenafly, Ridgefield and Little Ferry. But with the help of H&M Leasing (our clothing bin partners), each were presented Wal-Mart gift cards to replace some necessary items to help them get back on their feet. Pictured clockwise: Robert Kirsch with Ridgefield Fire Chief and Marlon Sahai, George Saigh with Ms Lopez, Tenafly Chief Richard Philpott, Robert Kirsch presenting Tenafly family with cards, Alan Silverman with Mrs Johnson, and Bob Aitken with Deputy Chief Rob Cordasco present cards in Little Ferry.



Bogota FD Hose 2 - Centennial

Bogota FD Hose Co. #2 is celebrating their 100th Anniversary in October 2010. Their current fund raising efforts include the sale of Coffee & Beer Mugs as well as Anniversary Tee Shirts. Anyone interested in helping out by purchasing any of these items should contact Tony Culmone at 201-487-0069 or they can write to Hose Co. 2, 164 Central Ave., Bogota, NJ 07603 or call the firehouse at 201-342-1726. Visit <http://hose2.bogotafire.org>

Reminders

Get your applications in for the Scholarship, Fireman of the Year, and the Rudy Appeld awards. Applications can also be downloaded from our web site. Please do this ASAP.

Nominations for all officers and 2 Trustees of this association will be held at the March meeting in Cresskill, NJ and will close at the April meeting in Tappan, NY.

The Memorial Service at the Bergen County Fire Academy is coming up on Sunday May 16th. Please make every effort to attend to honor our deceased comrades. .

Rockland County Seminars

as published in "The Trumpet"

Saturday March 20—Safety Seminar planned jointly with Rockland Fire Police Assn and Rockland Safety Officers Assn. 9AM to 3PM at the Fire Training Center. Registration is free.

Tuesday Mar 30—Rockland County Fire Chiefs and the Fire Instructors Assn. Will jointly sponsor a seminar at the Rockland Fire Training Center. Open to all and registration is \$10 (check payable to PCFCA). Featured will be Retired FDNY Chief John Norman. The topic (7-10PM) will stress Safety at Collapse and rescue Operations.

Registration deadline is Mar 19 at the Fire Training Center. Attn: Sheryl Rose—845-364-8800. Fax: 845-364-8961. A flyer registration form with program details is available. Contact the number above.

Saturday May 1— 28th Annual Fire Police Seminar sponsored by Hudson Valley VFA at Naparoch Firehouse. Registration is free. Contact RRusto@aol.com



Bergen County Firemen's Home Assn. News *by Milt Cole*

Hello again and Happy New Year from the Bergen County Firemen's Home Association. If you don't already know us, we are an organization comprised of firemen from around Bergen County, whose purpose is to provide comfort to the guests at the New Jersey Firemen's Home in Boonton, NJ. Since our organization was founded in 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.

In a recent issue of the 1st Responder Broadcast Network, our Association was highlighted with an article about our December Christmas party at the home. It featured a story about us, what we do to help our Guests at the home, and photos of Santa and his helpers from the Rutherford FD Ladies Auxiliary.

Please remember all these events are made possible by the generous financial support from the Fire Service Organizations across Bergen County. Last year in addition to the special events, we were able to install air conditioning equipment in the exercise/fitness room. Again we are asking for your support. Please mail your contribution to:

Bergen County Firemen's Home Association
C/O Jeffery Parma
277 Harriot Ave. Harrington Park, NJ 07640

Below is our 2010 event schedule.
All events start at 2PM.
Feb 21, April 11, June 13,
August 15, October 17, December 5

Please stop by to visit your fellow firefighters.

Annual Memorial Service

By R. Kirsch, Memorial Chairman

The annual NJ & NY Volunteer Firemen's Assn Memorial Service will be held Sunday May 16 at 2PM in the Hall of Heroes at the Bergen County Fire Academy in Mahwah. A memorial wreath will be placed in Firemen's Plaza. Light refreshments will be served.

So that officers and departments throughout Bergen and Rockland County have a better way to communicate, a special e-mail address has been established to the Memorial Chairman. You can reach him at NJNYFDMEMORIAL@AOL.COM

Norwood FD Annual Tradition

by R. Bator—Norwood FD


As is their annual custom of attending religious services at a different church in Norwood at the start of each year, the officers and firefighters of Norwood Fire Company No. 1 on January 3rd. attended religious services at the Choe Dae Presbyterian Church. Each year, for the past 54 years, these volunteer firefighters attend services on one of the first Sundays of each year to rededicate themselves to service in the Borough of Norwood.

At the annual Fire Department Dinner, Mayor James Barsa presented the badges to the 2010 Line Officers:



Chief: Christopher Mazzilli, Assistant Chief: Bernard J. Tuite, Jr., Captain: Michael S. Aanonsen, Lieutenants: Brian Bourke, John Straub, William Sposa


The line-officers of 2009 named Bob Abbott, the 2009 Norwood Firefighter of the year. We also congratulate the 2010 Fire Officers and also the Fire Co 1 and Fire explorer Post 911 officers.




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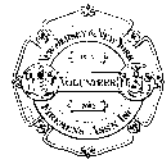


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