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!! LADIES WANTED !!

Now that we've got your attention here are the details! At a recent meeting of the Executive Board it was unanimously decided to recognize an outstanding member of a Ladies Auxiliary for their dedication and service. This award, similar to the Rudy Appeld Service Award, will honor one member of a Ladies Auxiliary and will be presented at the annual convention.

Our Ladies Auxiliaries are always there for us. These dedicated members not only help us with our fund raising and social events, quite often they brave the same elements we do to bring us cold drinks during those hot summer alarms, and hot chocolate & coffee for those icy winter nights.

Enclosed in this issue is a nomination application for this award. If you or your Ladies Auxiliary have a member that deserves recognition, please submit that Lady for consideration. Gentlemen, please be sure to pass this application along to your Ladies Auxiliary President or Department Chief.

To quote the award application, "*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.*"

From the Editor

I'm sure I feel the same way you do, enough snow! It has definitely been a winter "for the books" and I'm glad spring is on its way.

As I sit putting the finishing touches on this issue I listen to the news updates on the devastating earthquake in Japan. Our thoughts and prayers go not only to the victims and their families but also the brave rescuers.

This issue includes an application for our new "Ladies Auxiliary Leadership Award". This annual award will recognize one Ladies Auxiliary member for her outstanding efforts and service to her Fire Department. The postmark deadline for this award is May 1st so please be sure to send it in.

Be Safe and remember our troops!

Frank

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

Or send to:

Frank Fuchs—The Signal

25 Union Ave. Little Ferry, NJ 07643



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:

Louis Weidling—Garfield, NJ

Walter P. Dompke—Ridgefield Park, NJ

William H. Pulis—Waynesville, NC

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.



A Note from “The Rev”

Recently we received a letter and donation from our “Rev” David C Shepson. Below is the letter.

“Dear Officers and Members of NJ & Ny Volunteer Firemen's Association. It has been quite some time since I have attended one of the Association meetings or conventions. Needless to say I miss doing so. The fellowship of us firefighters is a bond that is not broken by retirement. I have been retired from firefighting some 15 years now but still have it in my blood.

I remember the association often in my devotional and prayer time. The memories of our fellowship are very meaningful to me. It was a great part of my 81 years of life.

May God bless and protect you all as you serve Him and your fellow man.

Sincerely, your Chaplain Emeritus; “The Rev”



On a personal note, Rev Shepson writes he does not miss the snowy winters. He has moved from Ocala to Sarasota Florida. His address and e-mail are below. Drop him a line when you can.

Rev David C Shepson
5495 Riverbluff Circle Sarasota, FL. 34231
dcsrev1@aol.com

Firefighters in the Military

Recently a member of my own fire company temporarily left our ranks to serve our country. The afternoon before his reporting for duty we arrived by apparatus at his house, lights & sirens, to offer our thanks for his service to our country and best wishes. Good Luck to:

Ryan Portela
Little Ferry Fire Dept.—Hook & Ladder Co No1
US ARMY

If you have a member who has joined the ranks of the US Military, send me their name and information so they can be recognized in future issues of The Signal.

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 25, 2011 -	Congers Fire Dept. 40 North Harrison Ave Congers, NY 10920
April 29, 2011-	Blauvelt Volunteer Fire Co. # 1 548 Western Hwy. Blauvelt, NY 10913-1344
May 15, 2011	Annual Memorial Service
June 3, 2011	Annual Convention—Cresskill FD

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

Bergen County Firemen's Home Assn

by Milt Cole

The Bergen County Firemen's Home Assn is currently holding their annual Fund Drive. This important event helps to provide support, gifts and entertainment for the guests at the Firemen's Home in Boonton.

Since 1954 the Firemen's Home Assn. has been helping to care for the guests, all through the support of your generous contributions. Please send your contribution to:

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

2011 Schedule of Events

April 10—Entertainment—2PM
June 12—Picnic & Entertainment—12PM
August 14—Entertainment
October 16—Entertainment
December 4—Christmas Party & Entertainment

Come spend a fun-filled afternoon with the guests. Chat, remember “the bog one” and laugh together, you'll both have a great time! While you're there, be sure to visit the museum.

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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**.

Mail application to:
Bob Aitken
127 Lakeview Ave.
Little Ferry, NJ 07643

NEW JERSEY AND NEW YORK VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION
MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING OLD TAPPAN FD FEB 25, 2011 (edited for space)

CALLED TO ORDER AT 8:00P.M BY PRES.COLE. INVOCATION BY CHAPLAIN DREW. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY 1ST V.P. KIRSCH. ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS INTRO OF HOST: OLD TAPPAN LT. DAVE KIEL WELCOMED ALL TO OLD TAPPAN AND WISHED FOR A PRODUCTIVE MEETING. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING WERE FORWARDED TO THE SIGNAL AND THE WEBSITE.

CORRESPONDENCE: LETTER FORM PAST CHAPLAIN REV. SHEPSON. 3 NEW APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: PHILIP LETO CONGERS F.D. NORMAN HOYT BERGENFIELD F.D. MICHEAL CHADWICK PIERMONT F.D.

REPORT OF OFFICERS: PRES. COLE NICE TURNOUT THIS EVENING 1ST V.P. KIRSCH RETIRED FROM BERGENFIELD D.P.W. AND NICE TO BACK ATTENDING MEETINGS. 2ND V.P. GATTI: EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR MEETING IN BLAUVELT. SECRETARY: NO REPORT ASST. SEC'Y: NO REPORT TREASURER SAIGH PRESENTED HIS REPORT.

ASS'T. TREAS.: NO REPORT FINANCIAL SEC'Y: PERSONAL MEMBERS \$560.00 COMPNNY DUES \$125.00 TOTAL \$710.00, DONATION \$25.00 TOATL FISCAL YEAR \$1570.00 1 DEATH BENEFIT PAID OUT, 6 SO FAR THIS YEAR. TRUSTEES AND PAST PRES.: NO REPORT. COMMITTEES: CONVENTION: CRESSKILL JUNE 3RD, 2011 ALL IS GOING WELL. 100TH ANNIVERSARY: PARADE COMMITTEE FROM MONTVALE , SPRING VALLEY AND PEARL RIVER PRESENTED PRESENTATION AT THE E-BOARD MEETING FOR ALL TO VIEW WANT EVERYONE TO BE INVITED. 100TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER: MUCH PROGRESS SIGNAL: OUT IN MARCH POLITICAL ACTION N.J.: JERRY NAYLIS A 2032 JUNIOR FF BILL PASSED GOING TO GOVERNORS DESK TO APPROVE, RETRO FIT MEETING MARCH 9TH 2011 SCHOOLS MUST HAVE 1 FIRE DRILL A MONTH BERGEN COUNTY 2 LODD'S 1 FIRE 1EMS HIGHER EDUCATION UP TO \$14,000.00 FROM STATE ONLY 10 PEOPLE USE IT. VOLUNTERS SAVE STATE BIG MONEY \$4.5 BILLION ANNUALLY VOLUNTEERISM SUMMIT IN MIDDLESEX FEB. 26TH, 2011 1.2 MILLION SCBA IN US COST OF \$879.00 PER BOTTLE, AMOUNT TO REPLACE ALL BOTTLES MORE THAN FIRE ACT MONEY ITSELF.

POLITICAL ACTION N.Y.: TOM BIERDS RETENTION PROGRAM VERY SUCCESSFUL, STATE MEETINGS IN MONTROSS, N.Y. NEXT WEEK. RC FIRE ACADEMY: BURN BUILDING GETTING RENOVATED, TRAINING GOING VERY WELL, APRIL 16TH 2011, SEMINAR ON FIRE LEADERSHIP WITH FDNY JOHN SALKA APRIL 30TH 2011 HIGH INTENSITY TRAINING WEEKEND @ ACADEMY. BC FIRE ACADEMY: NO REPORT BY-LAWS: PROGRESS FIRE PREVENTION BERGEN : NEW FIRE PREVENTION TRAILER IN USE, SPRING SEMINAR INFO ON WEBSITE, COUNTY BUILDINGS GETTING RETROFITTED, NEXT MEETING APRIL 13TH 2011 IN ROCHELLE PARK. FIRE PREVENTION ROCKLAND: COUNTY SMOKE DETECTOR PROGRAM DOING WEEL, APRIL 3RD 2011 GIRL SCOUT TO DELIVER A FIRE SAFETY DEMO FOR A GOLD SERVICE AWARD. FASNY: LOST 1ST V.P. FROM WALDEN N.Y. RCVFA: CONVENTION IN SEPTEMBER 100TH ANNIVERSARY IN WORKS FOR 2012 MARCH11TH2011, PEARL RIVER HOOK & LADDER TALK ON PROBLEMS ESCAPING A FIRE BY A F.D. CAPTAIN NJSFA: PRES. GEORGE HEFLICH: QUALIFYING % 50 NOT 60 STARTING 2010, FF BEN MOORE BURLINGTON COUNTY, KILLED IN AFGHANISTAN WAS NOT PUT IN OUR ASSOCIATION, CAN'T GET RELIEF, CLOSLEY LOOKING AT DEPT.S COMBINING COMPANIES. FIREMEN'S HOME BUDGET NOT HAPPY WITH IT, CAN NOT SUPPORT A 2ND HOME AT CURRENT TIME, FIREMEN'S HOME SENT SEPARATE BUDGET TO TRENTON THAT ASSOCIATION WAS NOT AWARE OF. CHANGES IN THE 3% MONIES DISTRIBUTED BY THE FEDS. KEEP MEDICAL LEAVE TO 1 YEAR NO MORE. RAISED RELIEF PAYMENT BY \$250.00 FOR ASSOCIATIONS WITH ASSETS OF \$80,000.00-750,000.00.


LETTERS ON PHYSICALS RECOMMEND 90 DAYS. 2011 CONVENTION 3 ASSOCIATIONS NOT SEATED IMPROPER PAPERWORK MEMBERSHIP REPORTS DUE FEB 28TH, 2011 TUCKERTON UNION TWSP. PUT BACK IN ACCORD FRENCHTOWN AND ELIZABETH TAKEN OUT OF ACCORD. FF'S IN ASSOCIATION VOLUNTEER 66,149 CAREER 10,863. NJ STATE EXEMPTS: LOOKING FOR ALT. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMAN, CAUCUS FRI. MAY 6TH, 2011 WYCKOFF FIRE CO. #1 8:00P.M. ROCKLAND COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS: CONVENTION IN JUNE GOLF OUTING LATER THIS YEAR. N.J. STATE FIRE CHIEFS: DEATH BURIAL BENEFIT NEEDS TO BE REVAMPED, VFIS VERY INVOLVED, PICK UP AND PAY? FIREMEN'S HOME N.J.: DAN LOFTUS FILED OPRA REPORT WITH GOVERNORS OFFICE, REACHED OUT TO FMBA FOR SUPPORT. LETTERS SENT TO FIREMN'S HOME. FIREMEN'S HOME N.Y.: PAUL SCHLEGEL RUSTY DOING WELL THERE IS A MEETING IN MARCH. CITATIONS: APPLICATIONS BEING CIRCULATED, SERVICE AWARD FOR LADIES AUXILLARY MEMORIAL: SUN MAY 15TH, 2011 2P.M. HALL OF HEROES @ ACADEMY LODD ELMWOOD PARK FIRE CAPTAIN ADDED TO WALL WE WILL FOLLOW NATIONAL STANDARD POLICY FOR ALL LODD'S GUEST SPEAKER BERGEN COUNTY EXECUTIVE KATHY DONOVAN CLOTHING BINS: NO REPORT OLD BUSINESS: NONE.

NEW BUSINESS: CHARLIE MOOTS SPOKE ON SITUATION WITH A FIRE GLOVE VENDOR CLOSING ITS DOORS ON FEB. 4TH 2011. LEONIA F.D. FUNDRAISER FOR CHIEF TROY WRIGHT, SUN. MARCH 13TH 2011 2 SEATINGS. NEAL CARROL BERGEN COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS IS GOING AFTER UNITED WATER ON SOME ISSUES. HYDRANTS SHOULD BE FLUSHED 1X A YEAR NEW MILFORD RIDGEFIELD PARK, WOODCLIFF LAKE, AND TEANECK WILL BE PAINTED RED NOT PINK THIS YEAR MOTION TO SPONSOR 3 MEMBER COMPANIES FOR TRAINING @ BERGENFIELD FIRE TRAINING CENTER, MOTION SECONDED AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. SGT. AT ARMS: 68 MEMBERS PRESENT A VOTE OF THANKS WAS GIVEN TO OLD TAPPAN BY JOHN MALOOL FOR HOSTING THIS EVENING'S MEETING. BENEDICTION GIVEN BY CHAPLAIN DREW.

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