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From the Editor

Included in this issue are copies of applications for the Joseph Costello Fireman of the Year and Rudy Appeld Service Awards. Nominate a deserving firefighter for presentation at the upcoming 101st Annual Convention meeting. The past issue included applications for the Ladies Auxiliary Leadership Award and Scholarships. Be sure to observe the postmark deadlines for each application. Copies of these applications can also be found on our Web site at www.NJNYVFA.ORG

Our next issue will be a special Anniversary issue. This will be a full color keepsake that will include photos of the convention meeting, presentation of awards, speeches and parade photos. An advance heartfelt Thank You to Tom Bierds for providing the excellent photos.

On behalf of the Officers, Executive Bd. And Trustees, I'd like to wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving, Happy Hanukkah, a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Safe New Year.

Be Safe and remember our troops! Frank

Send your submissions to ;
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Upcoming Meetings And Events

2013

December 2013 - No Meeting

2014

January 31, 2014 (Friday)- Piermont FD

February 28, 2014 (Friday)- Old Tappan FD, NJ

March 28—Tappan, NY

April 25—Montvale, NJ

May 18—Annual Memorial Service

Law & Public Safety Institute, Mahwah
2PM

June 6 Convention—Creskill, NJ

September 28—Stony Point

October 31—Open

November 21—New Milford Co No 1

*Host a meeting in your town. Contact any
Association officer for details.*

2014

Scholarship Applications

Please get your scholarship applications mailed in as soon as possible. Applications must be postmarked no later than April 15th.

I will have blank applications available at the next few Association meetings. You can also download this application and all award applications from our web site www.njnyvfa.org. If you have any questions concerning the applications, please contact me at gs7320@msn.com. I will help in any way I can.

Respectfully
George E. Saigh
Chairman

NJNY E-Board meeting minutes Nov 13, 2013

Meeting called to order at 8:00p.m. by 2nd V.P. Drew. Pledge of Allegiance led by Secretary DeVries
Invocation led by Chaplain Drew. Roll Call: Sigh, Drew, Saigh, DeVries, Aitken, Schwedhelm, Gluckler,
Kammer, Kirsch, McCoy.

Correspondence:

Thank you letter from Bossitina family read

Congers F.D. fundraiser read.

New Milford Fire Co. # 2 thank you for support of 2013 golf outing

Officer's Reports:

2nd V.P. Drew: confirmed meeting dates through 2015

Fire in New Milford discussed made local paper gift cards were

A big help from clothing bin program.

Secretary: progress

Treasurer Saigh presented his report at this time.

Financial Secretary: very slow period going on only collected \$35.00

Dues at this time.

Committees:

100th ANNIVERSARY SIGNAL edition discussed.

Website Tom Bierds from NY only one who submits stuff. Need more stuff

Memorial: slated for 3rd Sunday in May week after Mother's Day

Citations: progress

Scholarships: progress

Clothing Bins: discussion on bins in Dumont issues with Walgreens

President Kirsch investigated

Secaucus taken care of

How far do we go out of our "boundaries" to assist families burned

Out of their homes?

H&M Leasing wants to name another scholarship maybe for \$750.00

In honor of George Heflich for all he does for fire service

Gift card discussion on do we keep surplus on hand?

Or buy as see fit from H&M?

Old Business:

By-Laws discussed

Bell situation for inscription in honor of Milt

Cole discussed.

Presidential Citation discussed

New Business: congers fundraiser discussed

Good and Welfare: Frank Gluckler spoke on
State Exempt Memorial Service to be held in
Hillsdale Saturday after Easter.

Meeting adjourned @9:00p.m.

Respectfully Submitted Peter J. DeVries
Secretary



George H. Fosdick
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**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:

Bob Aitken
127 Lakeview Ave.
Little Ferry, NJ 07643

New Jersey and New York Volunteer Firemen's Association
Monthly membership Meeting
Little Ferry Hook & Ladder Co. # 1
October 25th, 2013

Meeting called to order at 8:00p.m. by 1st V.P. Gatti. Invocation led by Bill Drew. Roll call of Officers: Gatti, Drew, DeVries, Saigh, Malool, Aitken, Glueckler, Ciolfi, Stormer, Carroll, Mayo, Naylis, Kammer, Moots. Excused: Kirsch, Kufel, Schwedhelm, Silverman, Tobin. Host Chief John Ruff of Little Ferry welcomed all. At this time Bob Aitken introduced Aimee Facaraccia the director of North Bergen Disaster Relief coordinator who spoke about a major fire on 92nd St. in North Bergen That displaced many families. Aimee reached out in Hudson County and State President George Heflich put her in contact with Bob in regards to the Clothing Bin program and How both organizations could benefit from each other. Correspondence: thank you letter from Bridget Kunz from Congers, N.Y. for a scholarship. And a personal membership application from Joseph Somma Nanuet Fire Engine Co. # 1 Nanuet, N.Y. Officers Report: President: not present. 1st V.P. Gatti: scheduled for shoulder surgery November 7th, and will be out of action for A couple of months followed by 6-7 months of therapy, will try and attend meetings when possible. 2nd V.P. Drew: great to be back in Little Ferry kudos to all who worked so hard to get firehouse Back in operation firehouse sustained some 42" of water during Sandy. Meeting locations were discussed. Secretary: no report, Assistant Secretary had no report Treasurer Saigh presented his report at this time. Assistant Treasurer in Texas. Financial Secretary on vacation Assistant Financial Secretary is working. Trustees and Past Presidents had no report. Committee Reports: 100th anniversary edition of Signal still being worked on. Convention: Cresskill hosting June 6th, 2014 same venue as 2011 convention Cresskill Community Center, 100 3rd St. Cresskill, N.J. 07626 center is south of Firehouse At end of 3rd St. Website: up and running. Audit : progress By-Laws: progress. Political Action N.J.: Jerry Naylis Congress back to work not much happening Volunteer FF'S considered employees in regards to Health Act Fed OSHA= Phoenix F.D. fire apparatus backed over and killed a FF no spotter Sued for \$95,000.00 State Fire Commission meeting 11/20 at League of Municipalities Deputy Chief's Bill regarding mutual aid calls Make sure all of officer candidates are fully qualified and certified to run for office. Political Action N.Y.: Tom Bierds, bill for FF's to gain health insurance going nowhere. LOSAP no income taxes levied on it. Governor signing bill for all FF's who go on mutual aid calls not be docked pay or Even threatened to lose jobs. Revolving loans discussed 2 candidates running for County Executive 1st runoff in 20 years FASNymets next week. BCFA: Neal Carroll meeting in 2 weeks RCFA: Tom Bierds very busy with FF1 and FF 2 11/13 Train the Trainer sponsored by Niagra University handling of disabled persons 12/6-12/7 @ Rye Hilton seminars on Leadership roles in Fire Service presented by retired FDNY Lt. Bob Pressler also a volunteer chief in Montgomery F.D., N.Y. 10/26, Dedication to Al Foxie a FF killed in 1996 fire 2 veteran members from Rockland passed away 1 was a 76 year member. Fire Prevention N.Y.: Joe Hunt working aggressively with the trailer. Fire Prevention N.J.: poster award winners at dinner calendar project headed by Paul Eleino from the state who was recognized as Fire Prevention Man of the Year Rockland County Volunteer Firemen's Association: task force involving illegal housing Got 1 person fined \$50,000.00. N.J.S.F.A.: George Heflich: thanked all for his reelection, Angelo Castoronouvo lost by 1300 Votes need to change peoples minds next year his "Youth" hurt him only 12 years in Fire service, P.A. system problem discussed Convention televised to Firemen's Home no problem Firefighter resignation process discussed Green Sheet will be for amount of fires and drills Green Sheets must be posted in firehouses for all to see. Field Exams in Bergen, Camden, Union, Salem, Monmouth and Middlesex Counties. Working with Verizon for % off of phone bills for volunteers. E-Mail from IBEW Local 827 discussed 50 Evergreen Place (old state office in East Orange) 13 bids out for demolition Bids will be reviewed by attorney. September 3rd, quarter relief forms due extension to October 15th, still over 100 still Out Pink and Blues due November 1st, still 100 out. 12 towns wrote letters on administrative salaries meeting next Thursday to discuss All of their comments. N.J. State Exempts: Frank Glueckler, 10/26 quarterly meeting in South Amboy Scholarship applications discussed Looking for a new secretary for association Card swiping for exempt convention like in Wildwood, Past President plaque in Firemen's Home discussed, 11/8 meeting in Maywood, 1/10/14 in Old Tappan, 4/4/14 Wayne Looking for an exempt caucus host for June 2014. N.Y.S.F.C.: Tom Bierds convention at Turning Stone June 2014, looking for a new Executive Director who retired to Virginia. N.J.S.F.C.: progress R.C.F.C.: 11/21 meeting @ New City Fire Engine Co.# 1 Maple Ave New City, N.Y. Rockland Electric to have a program there B.C.F.C.: Meeting 12/9 in East Rutherford, may relocate to Mahwah? F.H.N.J.: no report F.H.N.Y.: preparing for the holidays Memorial: 2nd weekend in May Citations: applications available in Signal and on Website Scholarship Applications: George Saigh has them. Clothing Bins: very busy Wallington FF lost his home to fire while in Wildwood fundraisers have been Organized as well as gift cards, another fire last week in New Milford family received gift cards as well Check schools at end of year for lost and found clothing to turn over to clothing bin company. Good and Welfare: Al Blumenthal from Old Tappan had cataract surgery. Joe Higgins Ex-Chief from Woodcliff Lake F.D. also attorney for our association passed away last Week, F.D. had no service Frank Glueckler commented if F.D.'s need a chaplain to conduct a Service please contact him in advance and he would be glad to lead such Old Business: none New Business: Joseph Somma from Nanuet accepted as a new member Plot deed still available donated by "Chubby" Bocchino from Norwood F.D. R.C. Chief's Association meeting 3rd Saturday in January @ Congers F.D. Harrison Ave. firehouse rep from National Fallen Firefigther's Association will attend. Bill Auth from Old Tappan brought a strategy and tactics challenge on private dwellings pamphlet great for an indoor drill. Next Meeting will be on Nov. 22nd, 2013 @ New Milford Fire Co. # 1 on Center St. A vote of thanks was given by Neal Carroll to Little Ferry for hosting this evening's meeting. Benediction given by Jerry Naylis. Meeting was adjourned @ 9:06p.m. Respectfully Submitted Peter J. DeVries Secretary

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