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From the President's Pen...

- A reminder. April 1st is the deadline to submit the names of any firefighter who has passed away within the past 12 months so that he/she can be honored at our Annual Memorial Service on May 15th at the Bergen County Fire Academy.
- We are fast approaching our Annual Convention of June 3rd, 2016 in Haworth. Cut off dates are as follows: Scholarship applications must be in by April 20th. Citations and Awards must be presented to the committee prior to May 1st.
- We are still accepting applications for new members. The more the merrier. Talk it up with your Departments!

Stay safe. Stay healthy. Happy Easter.....Bill

Upcoming Meetings and Events

Membership Meetings-Last Friday of the Month

**Unless otherwise noted*

2016

April 29

Little Ferry H & L
124 Main, Little Ferry, NJ

May 15

MEMORIAL SERVICE (2 pm)
Bergen County Fire Academy
281-291 Campgaw Rd., Mahwah, NJ

NO Membership meeting in May

**June 5
8PM**

**Convention-Haworth Fire Dept.
Sacred Heart School
100 Park St., Haworth, NJ**

September 30

Elmwood Park FD, Defender Eng. Co 2
70 Parkview Ave., Elmwood Park, NJ

October 28

Blauvelt Fire Co. 1
548 Western Hwy., Blauvelt, NY

November 18**

New Milford Co. No. 2
680 Trenton St., New Milford, NJ

December

**NO MEETING - MERRY CHRISTMAS
HAPPY HANUKKAH**

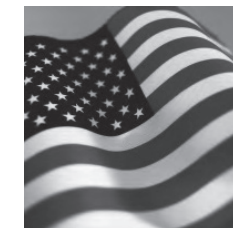
**1 week early due to Good Friday
**1 week early due to Thanksgiving*

ALL MEETINGS START AT 8:00 PM

**Remember Our
Troops**

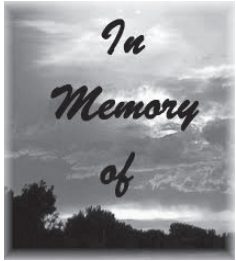
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The officers and members of the NJ & NY Volunteer Firemen's Association extend their deepest sympathy to the families of our departed members:

- ALFRED E. MITCHELL, BERGENFIELD, NJ FD
GEORGE LODDER, HAWTHORNE, NJ FD
EX CHIEF JOHN S. VALENTE, LYNDHURST, NJ FD
EX-CHIEF JAMES MUTINSKY, CONGERS, NY FD
LOUIS FRATIARELLI, CARLSTADT, NJ FD
RICHARD AMATO, RUTHERFORD, NJ FD
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RONALD PAAR SR., CARLSTADT, NJ FD

Listings 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.



Four years ago, the Lighthouse Uniform Company introduced the Bereavement Uniform Program (BUP) to America's Fire Service.

The intent; make available a dress uniform for burial purposes to any family wanting one, at no cost to the family.

The goal; change the collective consciousness of the fire service community regarding who is entitled to a dress uniformed funeral from some to all and provide a way to make it happen.

The hope; strengthen the bond and connection between the incoming and outgoing generation of firefighters and raise the level and manner in which America's Fire Service 'takes care of its own'.

As it turns out, the BUP is a two-step process.

The first step; would the Fire Service support the program has been successfully determined. With an outpouring of generosity from the 'haves', enough uniforms were donated to move forward and all the pieces are in place, the program has been tested, is up, running and available to all.

The second step; getting the program in front of and into the hands of its 'target' audience, the country's smaller and volunteer departments and their retired folks is turning out to be much more difficult. The Lighthouse is not the appropriate messenger and the program needs your help.

The BUP's original tag line, 'Taking care of those who took care of us' resonated with the donators and worked for step one, but it does not work with the recipient population.

The next step; awareness, acceptance and utilization from the recipient population which will come with the 'messengers' that realize there is a higher, more nuanced level of righteousness available within the BUP than what's on its face.

To help focus the idea, a BUP Video was produced and a new tag line, 'Don't Make Them Ask' and a new BUP Manual was developed. The Manual will give you history, perspective and tools to introduce the Bereavement Uniform Program to your department and in fact, getting a BUP Manual - Don't Make Them Ask into every fire department is the most important next step in recognizing and honoring the service of every firefighter.

The BUP Manual - 'Don't Make Them Ask' is available at no charge. To get your department's copy, just email me at steve@lighthouseuniform.com and request one. Don't wait, honoring someone's Grandpa may very well depend on it, and after all, isn't 'taking care of those who took care of us' what 'community' is all about? Don't do it later today. Be a 'messenger'. Do it right now.

Steve Cohen, Pres.
Lighthouse Uniform Company

FILING DEADLINES
NEW JERSEY & NEW YORK VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION
APPLICATIONS

Table with 2 columns: Application Type and Deadline. Includes Joseph Costello Fireman of the Year, Unit Citation, Ladies Auxiliary, Rudy Appeld Award, and Junior Firefighter Meritorious Award.

All the above applications to be mailed to:
Robert Aitken
127 Lakeview Ave.
Little Ferry, NJ 07643

Scholarships April 20th
All scholarship applications to be mailed to:
George Saigh
306 Luhmann Dr.
New Milford, NJ 07646-2327

All applications can be obtained online at our web site: www.njnyvfa.org.

If you have trouble printing an application, please call (201) 261-7124 and I will get back to you.

NJ&NYVFA Scholarship Application Requirements

Choosing of applicants seems to be getting harder since so many applications are being submitted. In keeping with the ideals of the "New Jersey & New York Volunteer Firemen's Association" (NJ&NYVFA), the following requirements shall be considered when choosing applicants.

All Applicants will have a SPONSOR. No one will nominate himself or herself.

The SPONSOR shall be a member in good standing (dues fully paid). This SPONSOR must be a Personal or Life member of the New Jersey & New York Volunteer Firemen's Association ...not just a delegate.

First Preference:

>To an Active dues paying member or Life member of the NJ&NYVFA.

>A Child or Grandchild of any Active dues paying member or Life member.

Applications may be Graduating High School Seniors or in College.

Applications should be active in their respective municipalities Emergency Service Organizations. This can include Junior FD Responders, Probationary Firefighters, Rescue Squad/EMT (EMS) or Active Firefighters in their municipalities.

Second Preference:

>High School Seniors that are graduating and going to college, or may already be College students. (These students are children/grandchildren of NJ&NYVFA members and are NOT in any FD related organizations).

Third Preference:

> Applicants who are graduating High School or are already in college and suffer extreme financial hardships outside their control.

The applicant who plans to pursue a degree that will make the fire service better shall be considered.

Each applicant shall be considered on its own merit and hardship. There shall be no precedent set.

It is highly suggested that Applicants shall be pursuing degrees in Fire Science, Nursing/Medicine, Crime Scene Forensics (CSI) Criminal Justice or Law. (the thought is to make the fire service & fire service family better)

The Scholarship Committee will meet and discuss all applicants, their respective applications and take each application on its own merit. The Scholarship Committee will have a report ready for the Executive Board prior to the June convention. If the Committee cannot reach a decision, the President will have final say on any application.

AN APPLICANT MUST BE ENROLLED IN OR PLANNING TO ENROLL IN THE NEXT SCHEDULED SEMESTER OF A TWO (2) OR FOUR (4) YEAR ACCREDITED COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY.

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED NOT LATER THAN APRIL 20TH.

APPLICATIONS POSTMARKED AFTER THAT DATE WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS MAY BE MAILED TO:

George Saigh
306 Luhmann Dr.
New Milford, NJ 07646-2327

NEW JERSEY & NEW YORK VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

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 _____

WANTED: Old Fire Hoses

Do you have any decommissioned fire hoses now, or coming up, you would like to keep out of the land-fill? If yes, please send me details eg: pics, descriptions, quantities, location, dimensions, etc.! We have multiple repurposes for old fire hoses.

With yards in Denver, Chicago, Atlanta, Dallas, and Philadelphia, we are interested in items all over North America. We look forward to being a resource!

So, what are some examples of repurposing. It is taking a byproduct or waste stream such as a retired street sweeper brush and giving it a 2nd life as a backscratcher for horses or cattle. It is taking a decommissioned fire hose and giving it an extended life as a boat dock fender. It is taking an obsolete ski lift cable and giving it a second life as hand railing in a luxury condo building.

Also, below is a bit of our story in written form and I've included a couple of links to articles that also highlight our repurposing mission and concept. Please forward this email to any colleagues that may have interest or feel free to print out the articles and distribute!

If I may, I'd like to give you a quick primer on our company's www.repurposedmaterialsinc.com - mission and concept of repurposing. Repurposing is finding a very different 2nd life for a waste product or material than what it did in its 1st life. (see examples below)

Chicago Tribune Company Fortune To date, our company has helped a number of organizations through repurposing US Army, Denver Broncos, City of Chicago, Nestles, Oklahoma State University, Purina, US National Forest Service, Campbell's Soup, State of Wyoming, Paramount Pictures, and many, many more!

So, what are some examples of repurposing? It is taking a byproduct or waste stream such as a retired street sweeper brush and giving it a 2nd life as a backscratcher for horses or cattle. It is taking a decommissioned fire hose and giving it an extended life as a boat dock fender. It is taking an obsolete ski lift cable and giving it a second life as hand railing in a luxury condo building.

Yes, our company is focused on the *Re-use* side of the famous *Reduce, Re-use, Recycle* chasing arrows triangle. In fact, repurposed MATERIALS is the only company in America whose entire product line is made of repurposed items.

Remember, *Recycling* requires huge amounts of logistics and energy to chip it, shred it, grind it, melt it to convert a waste stream into a useable feedstock to manufacture a brand new product. *Re-use*, and her cousin repurposing, is second only to *Reduce* on the much referenced waste hierarchy. Put simply, re-use and repurposing are the highest and best uses of waste.

Funny, our customers often ask, does repurposing make more \$en\$e economically or environmentally? Of course, we feel it makes incredible sense both ways!!!

Repurposed MATERIALS Byproducts and waste that have value as is to a 2nd, unrelated industry.

Damon Carson, Founder & President Repurposed MATERIALS
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Rockland County News

Congratulations to Mike Baker, Ex-chief Pearl River Volunteer Fire Department. County Executive Ed Day presented Chief Baker with an award for his life saving actions on October 27th, on the Hudson River. Mr. Day presented the award during his State of the County Address. Good job Mike!

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Nyack FD has 2 new pumpers; one for Jackson Hose Co. 3 and one for Highland Hose Co. 5, come and see them.

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South Spring Valley FD (Hugh Gassner) has finally moved into its new firehouse at 26 Red Schoolhouse Rd, just before the old one (40). It is truly a nice looking firehouse with all the amenities. We wish them well!

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The Ladies Auxiliary RCVFA is running their Daily Evening Lottery Drawing, \$5.00 you get two numbers based on the NYS Evening Lottery Numbers. For more info contact Cecile Blumfield, 49 Cedar Flats Rd, Stony Point, NY 10980

PR Ladies Auxiliary is planning a Craft Fair/Flea Market at the Central Ave. Field in Pearl River on Sun, May 1st, the weekend before Mother's Day. All organizations are hurting and this would be one way we can help each other. We have held this before and have about 60 vendors on our list, now other organizations have held flea market or street fairs or craft fair if we all share our list it will grow and our turn out will grow. I will handle the master list so could you advertise for us we are looking for vendors for May 1st you get a 12 x 12 area for \$40 this is outdoors. We have the museum joining us to sell the antiques and share their list. Thank you, Contact: Linda Bock, Pres. PRH&L Ladies Aux, 914-588-2579



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Gordon Wren, Jr.
Director

March 24, 2016

Chiefs & Association Presidents,

For the last 17 years the "Who Wants to Volunteer" radio program has been transmitted on AM 1300 with 500 watts of power. Recently, the station moved to AM 1700 with an increase of transmitting power to 10,000 watts. This stronger signal reaches out to all areas of Rockland & far beyond.

Every Friday morning from 11:10 AM- 12 Noon Fire Coordinator Gordon Wren, Veteran Volunteer Firefighter Frank Hutton and radio host George James Patrick Dacre discuss the issues affecting our volunteer fire service, as well as EMS and Emergency Services in general.

All fire service leaders and members are encouraged to listen to the program and to participate. If there is a topic of discussion that you wish to comment on, you have a question or a fire department program to promote, feel free to call in and go on the air live by calling (845) 362-0013. Members of fire departments & ambulance corps are encouraged to appear on the show too. The program is a great forum to get the word out on any fire related topic.

The program is sponsored by Sterling National Bank and Hollywood Screen Printing & Embroidery in Pomona. (owner Neil Marcus is a volunteer with FD 23, also Haverstraw & Stony Point Ambulance Corps)

Please feel free to call in or participate as we address recruitment/retention & other issues that affect us all and make the fire service in Rockland safer & stronger.

The program is broadcast from the baseball stadium right next to the Fire Training Center. If you would like to appear on the show, feel free to contact me at 364-8800.