

## **NEW JERSEY STATE EXEMPT FIREMAN'S ASSOCIATION**

Convention 2021 Phillipsburg Canceled  
Change to a walk through voting only  
August 21, 2021 in Wall Township at the  
New Jersey State Firemen's Association Office  
See News & Events page on, [www.njsefa.org](http://www.njsefa.org), for voting information



*2nd VP A. Chiodo, Past Pres. P. DeVries, Chief Chris Ryan, Chmn. P. Conner, Pres. R. DeYoung, Trustee T. Bierds*

### **NJNY 2020 UNIT CITATION AWARD**

The 2020 NJNY unit citation award is presented to the Rockland Lake Fire Department for mountain rescue of an injured hiker.

On Friday May 22, 2020 at 22:17 the Rockland Lake Fire Department was dispatched for a report of an injured hiker on the mountain plateau at the rear of the fire station. The firefighters ascended the trail and proceeded to the plateau area approximately 1200 feet up from the fire house, after locating the male victim he was found to be 20 feet down from the ledge with serious injuries. Due to weather conditions and the location of the victim Rockland County Technical Rescue Team and Valley Cottage Fire Department were dispatched to aid in stabilization and removal of the injured party. When the TRT team leader arrived on scene he requested Nyack & Piermont FD high angle rescue team, Congers and West Nyack FD and the Westchester County TRT team be dispatched to the scene due to the unstable terrain and safety of the rescuers and the victim descending the mountain with only the use of hand lights. Due to weather conditions no helicopters were flying so they could not get any lighting assistance from overhead. The young victim was safely removed and transported to Westchester Medical Center at 02:01 on Saturday May 23, 2020 by VCAV Ambulance .

The fire department put all equipment away and returned to fire station at 03:38 on Saturday May 23, 2020.

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### **2021 "JOSEPH COSTELLO VALOR AWARD" AND "NJNY UNIT CITATION AWARD"**

The above 2 awards will be presented in 2021. The time and location of these awards will be in the next issue of the Signal (August). All parties will be notified prior to the event.

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## **THE "LARRY RAUCH FIRE TRAINING SCHOLARSHIP" FOR 2021**

It is with great pleasure to announce that the New Jersey & New York Volunteer Firemen's Association Executive Board has renamed the annual Fire Training Scholarship after our Past President and the Bergen County Fire Academy's head instructor for several decades. He was the very definition of "class act," a father figure and mentor to a multitude who made protecting others their mission. He was "FIREFIGHTING ROYALTY".

This year the towns of Montvale, NJ and Orangeburgh, NY are the recipients of the Larry Rauch Fire Training Scholarship to be held at the Bergenfield Fire Training Center in Bergenfield, NJ.

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### **NEW JERSEY STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP**

A recent LODD at a New Jersey fire training academy has again focused the need to examine all fire department membership rolls. A 21-year old recruit firefighter suffered a medical emergency while training at the Morris County Fire Academy. Medical aid was rendered immediately and the recruit was transported to a hospital. Unfortunately, the recruit died five days later.

The sad note to this unfortunate event is that the recruit was not enrolled as a member of the New Jersey State Firemen's Association. As such, his family will receive no burial benefit. If he had been enrolled his family would have receive a \$36,000 benefit.

Every new firefighter that joins you fire department should immediately be signed up as a member in the New Jersey State Firemen's Association. There should be no delay. No Excuses. Chiefs, local relief secretaries, and all officers should double check their membership rosters to confirm that everyone of your members is either a qualified member (completed 84 months and has been issued a certificate indicating they are a qualified member) or is on the membership report that was just completed and submitted to the state office. Relief officers can check their membership rolls using the NJSFA website for the most current membership listing. Please do not delay. Do it now, today.

Jerry Naylis  
Bergen County Executive Committeeman  
NJSFA



Ex-Chief Christopher G. Naylis of Bergenfield Fire Department was presented with the 2021 Fire Fighter of the Year by Bergenfield VFW Post 6467 during thie installation of officers ceremony at the post building on Sunday June 13th. During the presentation by Quartmaster John Smith he commended Naylis for his service the past several years as Chief of the Fire Department and his service to the community. Naylis has served as the fire department representative to the borough Site Plan Advisory Committee and tesified before the Bergenfield Zoning Board of Adjustment on numerous occasions advocating for fire protection and fire safety features to be added into buildings and projects being developed in the community. Smith said.

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### **2021 NJNY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS**

The following are the recipients of the 2021 NJNY scholarships awarded annually.

The "Helene Field Memorial Scholarship" presented to "Megan Quibilan" from Bergenfield, NJ. Megan will receive a check for \$1,000.00 towards her college education.

The NJNY "Presidential Scholarship" is presented to "Nicholas J. Squillace" from Wyckoff, NJ. Nicholas will receive a check for \$750.00 towards his college education.

Both above scholarships are sponsored and funded by H & M Leasing d/b/a "The Gift of Giving".

The following students will receive a check for \$500.00 to be used towards their college education. These scholarships are sponsored and funded by the New Jersey & New York Volunteer Firemen's Association.

Ryan Hornish, Glen Rock, NJ  
Daniel Murphy, Wyckoff, NJ  
Saahil Patel, Bergenfield, NJ  
James Brazofsky, Park Ridge, NJ  
Megan Mooney, Hawthorne, NJ

Brendan Carroll, Rochelle Park, NJ  
Emily Taylor, Haworth, NJ  
Anjana Prakasam, Bergenfield, NJ  
Megan Johnson, New Milford, NJ  
Zachary Butcher, Bergenfield, NJ

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!