

ALBANY COUNTY REPORT

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ANNUAL DINNER AT COEYMANS HOLLOW WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 15

The Annual Dinner of the Association and September Quarterly meeting will be held on Wednesday Sept. 15 at the Coeymans Hollow Fire Station located on Route 143 in Coeymans Hollow. Dinner will be served at 6 PM with appetizers at 5:30 Dinner will consist of BBQ Chicken and Ribs, salt potatoes, corn on the cob and more. The Association's Quarterly meeting will begin at 7 PM and will include the Annual Memorial Service and the Firefighter of the year award presentation. Information on the Dinner has been sent out to all Companies and Departments. If you haven't received one contact the Coeymans Hollow Fire Company at their website Dinner.coeymanshollowfire.org or by phone at 518-756-6310. You can also order tickets at that website also

MUSTER/INSPECTION DAY AT FORT HUNTER SATURDAY OCTOBER 9

After a one year absence due to covid, the Annual Muster/Inspection is scheduled for Saturday, Oct 9 and will be hosted by the Fort Hunter Fire Dept. at their Station located on Carmen RD (route 146) in the Fort Hunter Area of the Town of Guilderland. The Inspection will be held in the Grove Area behind the Fire Station with lineup at 11 AM and Judging at Noon. Information has been sent out to each company and Department. 9 Trophies will be awarded and the Walter Eck Memorial Trophy will be awarded to the unit judged best overall. The Association and the Fort Hunter Fire Company hope for a good turnout of Companies and Departments for this event that was organized a few years ago by Bill ECK to take the place of the parades that use to take place each year. For more info contact Association Secretary John Webb at 518-256-7359

NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL

We now have 191 that receive the newsletter by E Mail. To receive the newsletter by E Mail send an E Mail to the editor requesting the newsletter be sent that way. Send the E mail to jlwsec@gmail.com Every E Mailed newsletter saves the Association \$1.08 Also the E mail editions will have pictures if any That will be in color. Mailed copies will be in Black and white.

BURT FREDERICK ELECTED PRESIDENT AT ANNUAL MEETING

Burt Frederick of Guilderland Center Fire Department was elected President of the ACVFA at the Annual Association meeting held on May 10 at Voorheesville. Robert White of Altamont was elected First Vice President and Tom Cascone of Voorheesville Second Vice President. A full report of the Annual meeting is on page 2 of the newsletter and an updated list of Officers and their numbers are on page 5.

AUXILIARY MEETINGS SCHEDULED NEED HOSTS

Meeting locations are still needed for Auxiliary meetings scheduled for September 27 and October 25, 2021 and March 28 and June 27, 2022. If any Auxiliary would like to host just the meeting please let any of the Officers Know. If a location for the meetings is secured it will be put on the Ladies Auxiliary Facebook Page.

FIRE POLICE SEMINAR CANCELLED

The Fire Police Association of Albany County has cancelled their Walter w. Eck Biennial Fire Police Seminar that was scheduled for Oct 2. More information concerning this is on Page 4

JOHN P. FARRELL JR. REELECTED FASNY PRESIDENT

John P. Farrell Jr. of Greene County was reelected President of the Firemen's Association of the State of New York during the recent FASNY Convention. President Farrell is an associate member of the ACVFA and the Association wishes him the best during his term as President.

BY-LAW CHANGE TO BE VOTED ON

There will be a by-law change to be voted on at the September meeting concerning dues. Please see page 2
For the exact wording of the change.

FACEBOOK PAGE

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For updates and news please check our Facebook page. Albany County Volunteer Firemen's Association.

NOTES FROM THE ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual meeting of the Association was held on May 10, 2021 at the Voorheesville Fire Station. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President Matt Wilcenski. Frank Papa and Chief Tom Cascone welcomed everyone to Voorheesville and pointed out the Fire Exits. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and Chaplain Hough gave the opening Prayer. The minutes of the March meeting were read and approved. Communications were read and one bill was approved for payment. Committee reports were received from the Newsletter, Legislative, Nominating, Muster, Burn Fund, and Annual Dinner. Treasurer Fred Pettingell gave his report as well as Financial Secretary Clayton Ash. Two applications for membership were received. Cassandra Cole of Voorheesville and Francis Butch Recchia of West Albany. Both were approved for membership. Under old business a discussion on ways to raise funds for the treasury, which is getting Low. Ideas talked about were doing a BBQ and splitting the proceeds with the fire company that helps with it, a raffle for Lottery tickets or money, keep trying to get someone to do the Golf Tournament. Election of Officers took place. See page one for the results. IN new business a change to the by laws concerning dues was submitted by the Treasurer. (See wording of the change in next column over). Motion was made to take a full page ad in the Hudson Valley Book in memory of Bill Eck. Endorsements were made for candidates seeking Office in Hudson Valley VFA. Motion was made to set aside a page in the minutes in memory of Bill Eck. It was announced that Fred Pettingell was endorsed by Hudson Mohawk VFA to fill the rest of Bill Eck's term as trustee of the Firemen's Home. Guests in attendance were Darlene Wilson President of the Albany County Ladies Auxiliary, Francis "Butch" Recchia, President of the Hudson Mohawk VFA, Mike Cesare and Bill Mehan past Officers of HMOVFA and Fred Pettingell, Past President of Hudson Valley VFA. Roll Call showed 15 Officers and members in Attendance at the meeting.

TAB COLLECTIONS

If you have been keeping those tabs please bring them to the next meeting when we meet again and if I am not there the Secretary will make sure I get them. The Shriners and I thank you for all of your

CHAPLAINS MEMORIAL CORNER

Summer is on its way out. I hope all had a good summer and stayed safe. We have had a hard year because of the Pandemic. Glad to be back. Please keep the Firefighters that have passed away and their families in our prayers. Please remember to let me know when you have a member passed away or in the hospital. My number is 518-894-0374. Here are the names of our Deceased Members

Michael Baker	Berne
Jonathan Bintz	Fort Hunter
Robert J. Ensign Jr	S.W. Pitts
John E. Epting Jr	Midway
Richard J. Flansburg	Voorheesville
Donald J. Kirk Sr	Fuller Road
Rocco M. Padula	Westmere
Joseph A. Risti	West Albany

Association sends its condolences to the Albany County Sheriff's Department and Fire Coordinator Gerry Paris on the Passing of K9 Baxter

PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGE

The following change to Article 3 section 5

Each member shall pay in advance Annual Dues of Ten Dollars or in lieu of dues obtain 5 new memberships for the Association, with one year's dues of Ten Dollars from each applicant.

Note: This change increases the dues from Five dollars to Ten Dollars

The following change to Article 3, Section 6

Each Company member shall pay in advance annual dues of Fifteen Dollars.

Note: this change increases the Company Dues from Ten to Fifteen dollars.

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These changes will be voted on at the September meeting and if approved will become effective at the beginning of the next fiscal year.

CONGRATS TO SAMUEL SLEURS OF ELSMERE

Congratulations to Samuel Sleurs from the Bethlehem Central High School and The Elsmere Fire Company for being a recipient of one of the Gerard J Buckenmeyer FASNY Volunteer Scholarship that is awarded by FASNY each Year.

LADIES AUXILIARY SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Albany County Volunteer Fireman's Association is pleased to announce that Hannah Voorhaar was the 2021 Scholarship winner. Hannah's parents are very active in the Onesquethaw Fire Company. Hannah received a check for \$2500 to help with her education expenses at Hudson Valley Community College and then a Four year school studying Psychology. Hannah's goal is to help children with mental illness. Last year's winner was Mackenzie Therrien from Selkirk. Thanks to our out-of-County judges for their selection of an worthy candidate.

AUXILIARY FUND RAISER

The Ladies Auxiliary are still selling their Fund Raising Tickets based on the Daily Lottery. Monies raised from the sale of tickets enables the Auxiliary to give out a \$2500 scholarship each year to a deserving student and many of our other community Activities and the Firemen's Home in Hudson. The winner each day is determined by the number drawn each evening in the New York State Lottery. Tickets are \$5.00 and are good for one month. To obtain a ticket please contact Karen McDonald at 518-477-4351 or any member of the Auxiliary. They will also be available at the ACVFA Dinner/Meeting at Coeymans Hollow.

LADIES

If you would like to publicize your upcoming event or something about your Auxiliary you would like

to share please send the information to the Editor John Webb. Best way is by E mail at jlwsec@gmail.com By phone at 518-756-3281 or by mail: John Webb, 30 Van Buren Ave, Ravena NY 12143. The deadline for the next Issue is November 15, 2021. This issue can include information on events happening anytime after December 1.

MEETING LOCATIONS NEEDED

As noted on page One the Auxiliary Meeting scheduled for September 27 is in need of a place to meet. Other dates that need a location are October 25, 2021 and March 28 and June 27, 2022. Please let us know if your facility (inside or outside) is available. If an Sept or October meeting can be scheduled please keep checking the Ladies Facebook page for information.

AUXILIARY NEWS

Congratulations to the newly elected officers of the County Auxiliary. President-Darlene Wilson, Vice President-Tom Campion, Secretary/Temporary- Diana Balling, Treasurer-Kathie Wood-Campion, Financial Secretary/temporary/Shared- Kathie Wood-Campion and Tom Campion, 3 year Director-Jamie Nazario, 2 Year Director-Arlene LaDuke, and 1 year Director-Carolyn Day. The Officers were installed by Past President Ellen Hunsinger. Special thanks to Onesquethaw Fire Company on letting us use their facility. Any member, in good standing, who would like to help the County Auxiliary out, the positions of Recording Secretary and Financial Secretary are currently available. Please let any Officer know if you are interested. Members at the Firemen's Home were not forgotten during the pandemic, they each received a Easter and Christmas card with money in them.

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ONESQUETHAW AUXILIARY FUND RAISERS

The Onesquethaw Ladies Auxiliary will be conducting a can and bottle drive on Saturday October 16 at the Feura Bush Fire Station located at 6 Unionville-Feura Bush Road. The event takes place from 8 AM to Noon. Thank you for your support.

MORE AUXILIARY NEWS ON PAGE FOUR

KATHIE WOOD ELECTED HVVFALA DIRECTOR KAREN MCDONALD AS JR PAST PRESIDENT

Congratulations to Kathie Wood-Champion of the Shaker Road-Loudonville Ladies Auxiliary on being elected 3 year Director of the Hudson Valley VFA Ladies Auxiliary and to Karen McDonald of the Albany County Ladies Auxiliary on the completion of her term as President of the Hudson Valley VFA Auxiliary

DIANA BALLING REELECTED LAFASNY PRESIDENT

The County Auxiliary would also like to express our sincere congratulations to Diana Balling on being reelected as LAFASNY President. Several Albany County Auxiliary members were present to wish her luck and serve on her FASNY Committees.

FIRE POLICE NEWS

As noted on Page One the Biannual Fire Police seminar has been canceled. Below is the statement from President Chuck Feldmann.

I am writing to inform you that the Fire Police Association of Albany County is regretfully cancelling our Biannual Walter W. Eck Fire Police Seminar scheduled for Oct 2. I have sadly had to make this decision due to the recent Delta Variant of the COVID -19 virus. Also the uncertainty of further limitations of Fire Dept event attendance.

We would like to thank the Fuller Road Fire Dept for all of their support of the FPAAC and our Biennial Seminar over the years. We look forward to joining you all again in the future. Stay tune and watch for updates on the Biennial Seminar and future Meetings.

KEN ASKEW ELECTED PRESIDENT

Congratulations to Associate Member Ken Askew on his election as President of the New York State Volunteer Fire Police Association.

BUTCH RECCHIA REELECTED ALBANY COUNTY VICE PRESIDENT FOR HUDSON VALLEY VFA AND PRESIDENT OF HUDSON MOHAWK VFA

Butch Recchia of West Albany was reelected County Vice President from Albany County for the Hudson Valley VFA. Butch is also President of the Hudson Mohawk Volunteer Firemen's Association

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to new members Cassandra Cole of Voorheesville FD , Francis "Butch" Recchia of West Albany Fire Dept, Carl Inero of Knox, Ethan Jubrey of Altamont and Charles Barber, Meghan Gillen, Donovan Graham and David Zuckerman all of the Westmere Fire Dept.

WAYNE JOHNSON OF ELSMERE RECEIVES 60 YEAR OF SERVICE AWARD

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Pictured above are ACVFA President Burt Frederick and Treasurer Fred Pettingell presenting Wayne Johnson with his 60 years of Service Award. Also pictured is Butch Recchia, President of HMFVA. Wayne also received certificates from FASNY and Hudson Valley and Hudson Mohawk. **ONESQUETHAW ELECTS OFFICERS FOR 2021-2022**

The Onesquethaw Volunteer Fire Company recently held its Annual election of Officers for the 2021-2022 service year. The Line Officers are as follows:

Chief	Mike Salisbury
Assistant Chief	Bob Kirk
Batt. Chief St One	Ben Kawczak
St. 1 Captains	Pete Houck and Ethan VanPraag
Batt Chief St Two	Rick Voorhaar
St. 2 Captains	Zack Spaulding and Ryan Voorhaar
Batt Chief St Three	James Mudge
St 3 Captains	Jeff Mudge and Michelle McCoey
Fire Police Captain	Steve Dooley Sr.
Fire Police Lt.	Richard Stickley, Sgts. Wayne Hoffman, Bill Salisbury and Mike Foley
EMS Captain	Ethan VanPraag
EMS Lt.	Chris Pierce
EMS Lt	Melanie Jones

Civil Officers are as follows:

President	Tom Mauro
Vice President	Kevin O'Neil Jr.
Secretary	Earl Miller
Quartermaster	Richie Augar
Treasurer	Mike Foley
Membership Secretary	Yasmin Salway
Chaplain	Jeff Mudge
Board of Directors:	
St 1	Bob Kirk and Scott Pauley
St 2	Bill Salisbury and Don Palmatier
St 3	Steve Dooley Sr. and John Friehofer
Auxiliary Committee	
Chair	Aubrey Salisbury
Co-Chair	Mandy Caswell
Clerk	Michaela Kawczak
Treasurer	Mandy Kirk
Chaplain	June Alberts

Congrats to All.

ACVFA CURRENT OFFICERS

President	Burton Frederick	861-6635
1 st Vice President	Robert White	772-9807
2 nd Vice President	Tom Cascone	441-5162
Recording Secretary	John Webb	256-7359
Treasurer	Fred Pettingell	466-6357
Financial Secretary	Clayton Ash	861-7445
Chaplain	Jonathan Hough	894-0374
Sargent-at-Arms	Don Champion	872-1676
Board Chairman	Matt Wilcenski	221-3437

BATTALION DIRECTORS

First Battalion	Mike Taylor	858-5342
Second Battalion	Frank Papa	765-3764
Third Battalion	Charles Feldmann	859-6883
Fourth Battalion	Conor Scully	925-4239
Fifth Battalion	David Dodge	861-8525
Sixth Battalion	Marc Platt	461-5141

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

ALBANY COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Member Company/Department	\$10.00
Individual Member	\$ 5.00
Associate Company/Department	\$10.00
Associate Individual Member	\$ 5.00

Name _____
Address _____
City/Town _____
State _____ &
Zip _____
Fire Dept/Company _____
Home/Cell Phone _____
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Signature _____
Date _____ Elected _____ as
Member _____

Please return Application and the correct fee to
Clayton Ash, ACVFA Financial Secretary, 1138
Meadowdale Road, Altamont NY 12009
Thank you for Joining

CALENDER OF EVENTS

Sept 15 – Annual Association Dinner and
Quarterly meeting at Coeymans Hollow. Info on
Front Page
Sept 26 – Hudson Valley VFA Home Day &
legislative Conference at the Firemens Home in
Hudson info below
Sept 27 – ACVFA Ladies Auxiliary meeting.
Oct 3 – 9 Fire Prevention week
Oct 9 – Annual Muster and Inspection Day at Fort
Hunter 11 AM Info on Page 1
Oct 24 – ACVFA Ladies Auxiliary meeting
Nov 6 & 7 Fasny Legislative Conference info below
Please remember that any event listed is subject
to change due to the continuing changes with the
Covid-19 rules. Please check with the sponsoring

organization to make sure the event is still
scheduled.

HUDSON VALLEY VFA FIREMEN'S HOME DAY & LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

The Hudson Valley VFA Home Day at the Firemen's
Home in Hudson will be held on Sunday,
September 26 at the Firemen's Home in Hudson.
Activities start at 10 AM with the Legislative
Conference where the Legislative agenda and
recommendations for 2022 will be worked on.
Parade Line up is at 1:30 PM and Festivities begin
at 2 pm. There will be refreshments and
entertainment and the Firemen's Museum will be
open to all.

FASNY LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

The Annual Legislative Conference of the Firemen's
Association of the State of New York is scheduled
for the weekend of Nov 5, 6 & 7, 2021. It is to be
held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Troy NY. Items of
legislative concern will be discussed and the
Legislative agenda will be approved for the 2022
Legislative Session. For More information please go
to FASNY'S website. www.fasny.com

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
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