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## ANNUAL DINNER AT ELSMERE WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 17

The Annual Dinner of the Association and September Quarterly meeting will be held on Wednesday Sept. 17 at the ELSMERE Fire District North Station located at 15 West Poplar Drive in Elsmere. Registration will start at 5:30 PM, appetizers starting at 6 PM and serving of Dinner at 7 PM. This year's Dinner will consist of ¼ BBQ Chicken and 1/3 Rack Of Ribs, Baked potato, Seasonal Fresh Vegetable, Cole Slaw, Dessert and Beverages. Cost of the Dinner is \$32.00. Deadline for Tickets is Sept 8. The Association's Quarterly meeting will begin after Dinner 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 Frank Wickham at 518-250-9014 or by Email at [ops@elsmerefire.org](mailto:ops@elsmerefire.org) DON'T FORGET THE DEADLINE IS SEPT. 8<sup>th</sup>. Dinner information is also on the ACVFA Facebook Page.

Prior to the dinner, Elsmere Fire will be hosting an "Emergency Services Symposium" beginning at 5:30 Pm. Information for this was included with the Dinner Information Letter. Contact Assistant Chief Bob Baldwin at [rbaldwin@elsmerefire.org](mailto:rbaldwin@elsmerefire.org) or at 518-4693678 for more information

## MUSTER/INSPECTION DAY AT SLINGERLANDS SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 20

The Annual Muster/Inspection Day is scheduled for Saturday, Sept 20 and will be hosted by the Slingerlands Fire Dept at their Fire Station located on New Scotland Road (Route 85) in Slingerlands. Lineup is at 11 AM and Judging will begin 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 Slingerlands Fire Dept. 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 John Webb at [jlwsec@gmail.com](mailto:jlwsec@gmail.com)

## AUXILIARY MEETS SEPT 22 AT ELSMERE

The ACVFA Ladies Auxiliary will meet on Monday, Sept 22<sup>th</sup> at The North Station of the Elsmere Fire Company. The meeting will start at 7:30 PM with refreshments before the meeting. More Auxiliary news on Page 3

## THOMAS CASCONI ELECTED PRESIDENT AT ANNUAL MEETING

THOMAS CASCONI of the Voorheesville Fire Department was elected President of the ACVFA at the Annual Association meeting held on May 14 at Westmere. Matt Wilcenski of Delmar was elected First Vice President and Emily Hausman of Westmere was elected 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.

## NYS FALLEN FIREFIGHTER'S MEMORIAL CEREMONY WALTER "BILL" ECK TO BE HONORED

The NYS Fallen Firefighters Memorial Ceremony will be held on Tuesday, October 7, 2025 at the Empire State Plaza in Albany. During this Ceremony Walter W Eck Jr's name will be inscribed on the NYS Fallen Firefighters Memorial Wall as a permanent reminder of his sacrifice. This is a fitting tribute to a man who dedicated his life to the Fire Service and the Slingerlands Fire District and Department. Billy's brother Dave has worked long and hard over the last 4 years and made dozens of Phone calls and wrote many letters to get his brothers name on the Memorial Wall. The Ceremony begins at 11 AM and is open to the public. (The above information was taken from a post by the Slingerlands Fire Dept)

## FOURTH BATTALION VACANCY

The Association is looking for someone to fill the 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion Director's position. Anyone from Boght Community, Maplewood, Menands, Schuyler Heights, S.W. Pitts or Verdoy Fire Companies are eligible for this position. If you are interested please contact Board Chairman Robert White at 518-772-9807, President Tom Cascone at 518-441-5162 or Secretary John Webb at 518-256-7359.

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## NOTES FROM THE ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual meeting of the Association was held on May 14, 2025 at the Westmere Fire House. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President Robert White. Henry Smith welcomed everyone to Westmere 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, Nominating, Muster, Firefighter of the Year, Burn Fund, and Annual Dinner. Treasurer Fred Pettingell gave his report as well as Financial Secretary Clayton Ash. In Old Business delegates were selected for the Hudson Valley VFA and for the FASNY Conventions. Election of Officers took place. Results were Thomas Cascone was elected President, Matt Wilcenski 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and Emily Hausman 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. Others relected to their positions were John Webb, Secretary, Fred Pettingell, Treasurer, Clayton Ash, Financial Secretary, Jonathan Hough, Chaplain, Don Champion Sgt-at-Arms, Henry Smith Director 5Th Battalion and Marc Platt Director 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion. In Good of the Organization Tony Carrow of Westmere announced that they have 4 rooms available in Lake George for the Hudson Valley Convention. Mike Cesare Thanked the Association for the many get well cards and well wishes he received. Past Director Paul Healy is now in a Nursing Home in Columbia County. Roll Call showed 18 Officers and members in Attendance at the meeting.

## NOTES FROM THE DIRECTORS MEETING

The Board of Directors met on August 13 at Knox with 12 Board members in Attendance. The Board voted on the winner of the Firefighter of the year award and approved the purchase of 5 Trophies for the muster. They also approved the invitations to seven guests for the Annual Dinner. The Board voted to donate \$100.00 to Hudson Valley VFA for the Hudson Home Day in September. reports were received from the newsletter and Burn Fund. Board members announced dates for various events taking place at their home Companies.

## CHAPLAINS MEMORIAL CORNER

Summer is on its way out. I hope all had a good summer and stayed safe. 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:

Paul Avery	Stanford Heights
George J. Bushey Jr.	Midway
Thomas DeFelice	Shaker Road
Frank S. Giso	Fuller Road
Harry Khachadoorian	Menands
Mark B. Kovall	Elsmere
William C. Krell Sr	Elsmere
Henry H. Lasher Sr	Westerlo
Earl G. Lenhardt	Slingerlands
John "Jay" Pregent	Elsmere
Edward C. Reamer	Boght Community
Donald C. Thayer	Midway
Edward N. Weston Jr.	Fort Hunter

## TAB COLLECTIONS

The pull tab collection is still going on. We always need them. If you have any please bring them to our meeting and I will keep bringing them to the shriners. Thank you for your support.

## ROAST BEEF DINNER AT BERNE

The Berne Fire Company will be having their Annual Fall Roast Beef Dinner on Sunday Oct 19, 2025. The Dinner will be held at the Berne Fire Station located at 30 Canaday Hill Road (County RT 9) in Berne. The Dinner starts at 12 noon until 4 PM or sold out. Menu includes Roast Beef, mashed potatoes, Gravy, Cabbage Salad, Vegetables, Homemade Applesauce and Pie. More info on the dinner will be available on their FaceBook page soon.

### AUXILIARY MEETINGS SCHEDULED

As noted on page One the Auxiliary Meeting on September 22 will be held at Elsmere. The October 27<sup>th</sup> meeting will be at West Albany and the March 23, 2026 is open and June 22<sup>nd</sup> is at S. W. Pitts. Meeting usually start at 7:30 PM with refreshments before the meeting

### AUXILIARY NEWS

Congratulations to the newly elected officers of the County Auxiliary. President-Darlene Wilson, Vice President-Jamie Nazario, Recording/Financial Secretary- Diana Balling, Treasurer is vacant. 3 year Director – Deborah Graves, 2 year Director – Bette Skop and 1 year Director- Alice Corbett.

The Auxiliary is looking for a Treasurer, if interested, please let an officer know your desire to serve our Auxiliary.

We would like to extend our congratulations to our own Karen McDonald for being reelected as LAFASNY Financial Secretary.

Cards and prayers are needed for Past President Arlene LaDuke, 1191 Delaware Turnpike, Delmar NY 12054

### ELLEN HUNSINGER

Our thoughts and Prayers are with the Family of Charter Member and Past President Ellen Hunsinger who passed away in August. Ellen served as President of the ACVFA Ladies Auxiliary from 1981 to 1983 and was a Charter member and very active with the New Salem Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary

### 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](mailto:jlwsec@gmail.com) By phone at 518-256-7359 or by mail: John Webb, 30 Van Buren Ave, Ravena NY 12143. The deadline for the next Issue is November 15, 2025. This issue can include information on events happening anytime after December 1.

### LADIES AUXILIARY SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Albany County Volunteer Fireman's Association is pleased to announce that Aurora Wagner of Selkirk was selected as the 2025 Scholarship winner. The Auxiliary presented Aurora with a check for \$1000 Congratulations on your future endeavors on becoming an Attorney.

Pictured below is Auxiliary President Darlene Wilson presenting Aurora with her check.



### TRUNK OR TREAT NIGHT AT EAST BERNE

The East Berne Fire Company will be hosting their annual Halloween TRUNK or TREAT night on Saturday, October 25th from 4 PM to 8 PM. They will have food, games and trunk or treat from their members as well as members of the community who are welcome to join us and create amazing Halloween inspired trunks. If you are interested in placing your vehicle in the event to hand out candy please email Becky Wright at [eastbernefc@gmail.com](mailto:eastbernefc@gmail.com)

This will be held at the East Berne Fire House located at 792 Helderberg Trail in East Berne.

### **FIRE POLICE NEWS FPAAC MEETINGS SCHEDULED**

The next two meetings of the Fire Police Association of Albany County will be on Wednesday, Sept 24 at the Midway Fire House located at 1956 Central Ave in Colonie and on Thursday, November 20 at Shaker Rd Station #1 located at 550 Albany Shaker Rd in Colonie. Meetings start at 7:30 PM with refreshments before the meeting.

### **WALTER W. ECK FIRE POLICE SEMINAR**

The Biennial Walter W. Eck Fire Police Seminar will be held on Saturday, October 4, 2025 at the Fuller Road Fire House (Our Host since 1997) located on at 1342 Central Ave in Colonie. Registration begins at 7:45 AM with the First Speaker starting at 8:15 AM. Speakers include Attorney Tim Hannigan – “Legal Considerations for Today’s Fire Police”. The American Red Cross – “From Home Fires to Mass Casualty Incidents – How the Red Cross works with local Fire Departments”. Albany County Sheriff’s Dept. – “UAV Operations” and NYS ENCON Forest Rangers – “NYS Forest Rangers”. Certificates approximately 12:30. Cost is \$15.00 if pre-registered or \$18.00 at the Door. Send your PRE-REG and Check to Clayton Ash, PO Box5361, Albany NY 12205. Please make check payable to FIRE POLICE ASSN. OF ALBANY CO. Any questions please call Tom With at 518-378-7470.

### **FASNY FIREFIGHTERS HOME OPEN HOUSE**

The FASNY Firefighters Home in Hudson will have their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Open House on Saturday, Sept 27<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM to 2 PM. Events include Guided tours of the Home, a cornhole tournament with cash prizes, a BBQ cookout and chili cookoff and a family scavenger hunt. For more information on the open house and to register for the Cornhole tournament or the chili cookoff and to schedule a tour of the Home go to [www.fasny.com/events](http://www.fasny.com/events)

### **HUDSON VALLEY CONVENTION PARADE ALBANY COUNTY TROPHY WINNERS**

Many Albany County Companies and Departments took part in the Mardi Gras and Dress Parades during the Hudson Valley VFA Convention. Colonie Village took 1<sup>st</sup> Place for the Funniest Float and Menands took 2<sup>nd</sup> Place for Best Non-Firematic Float in Fridays Mardi Gras Parade. In Saturday’s Dress Parade COEYMANS Fire Company was the Big winner taking 5 Trophies for Best Drum Line, Best appearing Tanker Truck, Best appearing Auxiliary, Best appearing Fire Unit Dress uniform 19 to 25 in Line and Most Outstanding Men’s and Ladies Combined Unit. COLONIE VILLAGE 1<sup>st</sup> place for Best appearing Fire Unit Dress uniform 14 to 18 in Line and DELMAR Fire Department won for Best Appearing Ladder/Tower Ladder. Congrats to all who receive Trophies and to those who took part in the Parades.

### **HUDSON VALLEY VFA FIREFIGHTER’S HOME DAY AND LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE**

The Hudson Valley VFA Home Day at the Firefighter’s Home in Hudson will be held on Sunday, September 28 at the Firemen’s Home in Hudson. Activities start at 9:30 AM with the Legislative Committee/membership meeting where the Legislative agenda and recommendations for 2026 will be worked on. Lunch will be served from 11:30 to 12:30. Musical Entertainment by the Ghent Band from 12:30 to 1:15. Parade Line up is at 1:15 PM and step off at 1:30. 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 1 & 2. 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 2026 Legislative Session. For Information go to [www.fasny.com](http://www.fasny.com)

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## ONESQUETHAW ELECTS OFFICERS FOR 2025-2026

The Onesquethaw Volunteer Fire Company recently held its Annual election of Officers for the 2025-2026 service year. The Line Officers are as follows:

Chief	Mike Salisbury
Assistant Chief	James Mudge
Batt. Chief St One	Steve Dooley Jr.
St. 1 Captains	Randy Heilman
Batt Chief St Two	Rick Voorhaar
Batt Chief St Three	Jeff Mudge
St 3 Captains	Todd Winne
Fire Police Captain	Steve Dooley Sr.
Fire Police Lt.	Wayne Hoffman, Sgts. Mike Foley and Mario DeCastro
EMS Captain	Matt Latham
EMS Lt.	Thomas Mauro
EMS Lt	Melanie Jones

Civil Officers are as follows:

President	John Freihofer
Vice President	Kevin O'Neil Jr
Secretary	Earl Miller
Quartermaster	Mario DeCastro
Treasurer	Mike Foley
Membership Secretary	Elaine DeCastro
Chaplain	Jeff Mudge
Board of Directors:	
St 1	Chris Pierce and Scott Pauley
St 2	Dan LaDuke and Fred Spaulding
St 3	Steve Dooley Sr. and Todd Winne

### Auxiliary Committee

Chair	Mandy Caswell
Co-Chair	Aubrey Salisbury
Clerk	Michaela Kawczak
Treasurer	Mandy Kirk
Chaplain	June Alberts

Congrats to All.

### FACEBOOK PAGE

For updates and news please check our Facebook page. Albany County Volunteer Firemen's Association. We have also taken steps to keep the page updated

## ACVFA CURRENT OFFICERS

President	Tom Cascone	441-5162
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Matt Wilcenski	221-3437
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Emily Hausman	229-3707
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	Robert White	772-9807

## BATTALION DIRECTORS

First Battalion	Mike Taylor	858-5342
Second Battalion	Frank Papa	441-2015
Third Battalion	Charles Feldmann	859-6883
Fourth Battalion	VACANT	
Fifth Battalion	Henry Smith	859-5088
Sixth Battalion	Marc Platt	461-5141

## APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

### ALBANY COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Member Company/Department	\$15.00
Individual Member	\$10.00
Associate Company/Department	\$15.00
Associate Individual Member	\$10.00

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City/Town \_\_\_\_\_  
State & Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Fire Dept/Company \_\_\_\_\_  
Home/Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
E MAIL \_\_\_\_\_  
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 3-6 Greene County VFA Convention hosted by Greenville Fire Company

Sept 6 Selkirk Fire Dept Fund Raiser with The Doug Villano Band at Glenmont # 2 Station. 4:30 PM

Sept 17– Annual Association Dinner and Quarterly meeting at Elsmere. Info on Front Page

Sept 18 Coeymans Fire Company Drive thru Roast Beef Dinner at Coeymans Fire House 3:30 to 6:30

Sept 19 – Chicken BBQ at Selkirk #3 in South Bethlehem 4 PM until Sold out.

Sept 20 – Annual Muster and Inspection Day at Slingerlands 11 AM Info on Page 1

Sept 22– ACVFA Ladies Auxiliary meeting at Elsmere

Sept 25 – Albany County Fire Police meeting at Midway. Info On page 4

Sept 27 – Westmere Fire Dept Comedy Show. Info on Page 7

Sept 27 – FASNY Firefighters Home Annual Open House in Hudson 10 AM to 2 PM Info Page 4

Sept 27 – Fall Fest 5 PM at Voorheesville Fire

Sept 27 - Heights Fest at Schuyler Heights Fire House with the Refrigerators 5 PM Info Page 8

Sept 28 – Hudson Valley VFA Home Day & legislative Conference at the Firefighter's Home in Hudson info Page 4

Oct 4 – Biennial Walter W. Eck Fire Police Seminar at Fuller Road. Info page 4

Oct 7 – NYS Fallen Firefighters Memorial Ceremony. Info Page 1

Oct 6 – 12 Fire Prevention week

Oct 16 – Coeymans Fire Co. Drive Thru Roast Beef Dinner at Coeymans Fire House 3:30 to 6:30

Oct 18 – Haunts in the Hollow. Info page 7

Oct 19– Roast Beef Dinner at Berne. Info Page 2

Oct 25 – Chicken BBQ Boght Corners Info page 7

Oct 27 – ACVFA Ladies Auxiliary meeting at West Albany

Nov 1 & 2 FASNY Legislative Conference info Pg 4

Nov 2 – Knox Fire Dept Turkey Dinner Info Pg 7

Nov 8 – Berne Auxiliary Craft & Vendor Fair. Info is on Page 8

Nov 15- Stanford Heights Annual Turkey Raffle. Doors open at 5:30 pm raffles start at 6 pm. Being held at 250 Morris Road

Nov 22– Turkey Game Night at Guilderland Center  
Please remember that any event listed is subject to change. Please check with the sponsoring organization to make sure the event is still scheduled.

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## CONGRATS TO KAYLIN HEFFERN OF ELSMERE

Congratulations to Kaylin Heffern from the Bethlehem High School for being a recipient of one of the Gerard J Buckenmeyer FASNY Volunteer Scholarship that is awarded by FASNY each Year.

## COMEDY NIGHT AT WESTMERE FIRE DEPT

The Westmere Fire Dept will host a night of Comedy on September 27<sup>th</sup> 2025 at the Westmere Fire House. Doors will open at 6 PM and the show starts at 7. The Comedy show's Acts include Dan Geurin, Jennifer McMullen, Michael Agunbiade and Travis Stealey. Tickets are \$35 and includes the show, Food and a Drink. Tickets are available at [www.westmerefd.org](http://www.westmerefd.org)

## HAUNTS IN THE HOLLOW

### PRESENTED BY COEYMANS HOLLOW FIRE CORP

The Coeymans Hollow Volunteer Fire Corp. and Friends will hold their annual HAUNTED HAYRIDE on Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at Joralemon Park located at 148 Starr RD, Ravena from 5 PM to 9:30 PM. Along with the Haunted Hayride there will be Food, Music and more. Information will be available soon on how to obtain Tickets on their website: [CoeymansHollowFire.org/hayride](http://CoeymansHollowFire.org/hayride)

## BOGHT COMMUNITY CHICKEN BBQ

The Boght Community Fire Department will host a Chicken BBQ on Saturday October 25. Tickets are \$20 and dinners are prepaid, take out only. Pick up time is from 4 to 6 PM. Dinner includes Chicken, Mac Salad, fresh corn on the Cob and homemade cake for dessert. Tickets can be purchased at the Fire House weekdays from 9 AM to 4 PM. to purchase tickets online by clicking this link: <https://boght-chicken-bbq.square.site/> The Boght Fire Station is located at 8 Preston Circle just off Route 9 in Boght Corners.

## KNOX FD ANNUAL TURKEY DINNER

The Knox Fire Dept will be having their Annual Turkey Dinner on Sunday, November 2 from 1 PM to 5 PM or Sold Out. This is a TAKE OUT ONLY Dinner. Menu includes Turkey, Dressing, Mashed Potatoes, Cranberry Sauce and Homemade Pies for Dessert. Come early this Dinner usually sells out. The Knox Fire House is located on the Berne-Altamont Road (Route 156) in Knox

## BERNE AUXILIARY CRAFT & VENDOR FAIR

The Berne Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting their 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Craft & Vendor Fair on Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM to 2 PM at the Berne Fire House located at 30 Canaday Hill Road in Berne. The Fair will have more than 35 crafters and vendors offering a varied selection of Merchandise. The Berne Auxiliary will have food available until sold out. They will have Soup, Hot Dogs, Chicken or Egg Salad Sandwiches, Chili, assorted desserts and Hot and Cold Beverages.

If you are a crafter or a Vendor who would like to take part in the Fair please Email Bridget Minute at [Bridget.ryan@gmail.com](mailto:Bridget.ryan@gmail.com) for an application

## 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 \$1000 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.

## SAVE THE DATE

The Coeymans Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary's Annual Holiday Fair will be on Saturday, Dec 6, 2025 More Info in the next Newsletter

### **SELKIRK FIRE COMPANY #2 FUNDRAISER CONCERT**

The Selkirk Fire Company #2 will host a Fundraiser Concert on Saturday, September 6, 2025 at the Selkirk Fire House # 2 at 301 Glenmont Hill Road in Glenmont. The Concert will feature the Doug Villano Band. Doors & Food open at 4:30 PM with the music at 6 PM. No outside food or beverages permitted and the event will be held rain or shine, lawn chairs permitted. Tickets presale on Eventbrite are \$15 for ages 11 and up, \$10 for ages 5 to 10 and under 5 is a donation. Go to Eventbrite.com for tickets.

### **HEIGHT'S FESTIVAL HOSTED BY SCHUYLER HEIGHTS FIRE COMPANY**

The Schuyler Heights Fire Company will host the 2025 Height's Festival on Saturday Sept 25 at the Schuyler Heights Fire House located at 900 First Street, Watervliet NY. Gates Open at 5 PM with tickets being sold at the Door. Tickets are \$10. There will be music featuring the REFRIGATORS beginning at 7 PM. There will be Food Trucks available, a 50-50 and Raffles. Alcohol will be sold separately from entry ticket. Cash only and there will be atm's available on site for your convenience.

### **GREENE COUNTY CONVENTION SCHEDULE**

The 137<sup>th</sup> Annual Greene County VFA Convention is being hosted by the Greenville Fire Dept. The Mardi Gras Parade is on Friday night, Sept 5. Lineup is at 5 PM with step off at 6 PM. The Dress Parade is on Saturday Sept 6 with Line up at 12 Noon and Stepping off at 1 PM. Both Parades will end at the George Vanderbilt Park located on Route 32 in Greenville.

### **BUTCH RECCHIA REELECTED ALBANY COUNTY VICE PRESIDENT FOR HUDSON VALLEY VFA**

Butch Recchia of West Albany was reelected County Vice President from Albany County for the Hudson Valley VFA. at this year's Convention meeting.

### **NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL**

We now have 274 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](mailto:jlwsec@gmail.com) Every E Mailed newsletter saves the Association \$1.90 Also the E mail editions will have pictures if any that will be in color. Mailed copies will be in Black and white.

### **MEETING HOSTS NEEDED**

The ACVFA is looking for Member Departments and Companies that are interested in Hosting one of our Quarterly meetings. Meeting dates for 2025 are December 10 and for 2026 meeting dates are March 11, May 13 (Annual Meeting), August 12 (Board Meeting) and December 9. The Annual Dinner meeting will be on Sept 16 at Ravena which will mark the Association 50<sup>th</sup> year since organizing in 1976.