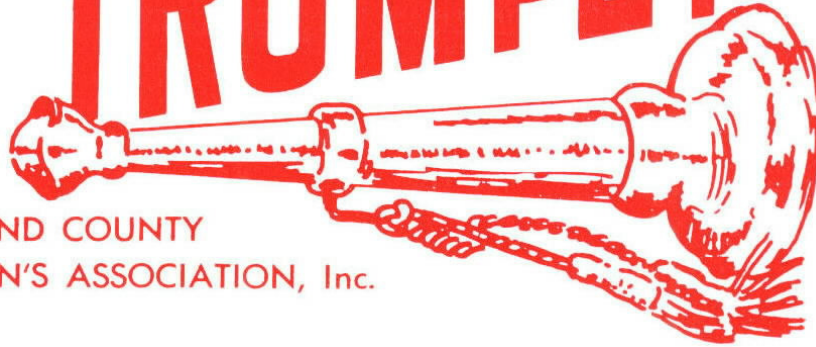


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Editor: STUART L. GATES, Stony Point, NY 10980

## RCVFA STUART L. GATES SCHOLARSHIP

Spring is here and the school year is moving along quickly for the seniors. Eligibility for the RCVFA Scholarship requires that applicants must be the child or grandchild of an RCVFA member or the student is a volunteer firefighter and a member of the RCVFA. The deadline for filing an application is June 15<sup>th</sup> and must be returned to James Hartwick at 50 Central Ave. North, Nyack, NY 10960.

Applications are available from Jim Hartwick, Stu Gates or John Coyle. It is also on line at RCVFA.com. If additional information is needed, call Jim at 353-0577.

## HVVFA BIG RED BIKE RAFFLE

The Hudson Valley Volunteer Fireman's Association in conjunction with Orange County Choppers is sponsoring a raffle for a Big Red Motorcycle in order to raise funds for the Hudson Valley to cover the expense of the Convention & Parade in Lake George. Each County within the Hudson Valley is asked to sell 125 tickets at a cost of \$20 per ticket. 1 in 3,999 chances to win. Please support this fundraiser by purchasing a ticket or helping out with sales.

Contact John Coyle, Rockland County Vice President to HVVFA. He may be reached at 634 1365. Tickets are available through Charlie Sharon, Jim Hartwick, and Frank Knower.

Thanks to all of you. Let's get together and support the HVVFA

## RCVFA FIREFIGHTER OF YR AWARD

At the annual convention of the RCVFA on Fri, Sept 9 the Cordes Lucus/Emmett Sweeney Memorial Award will be presented to a firefighter or firefighters who distinguish themselves by performing acts of valor.

The rules for the award are as follows: Any member or members no more than 2, of your Fire Dept who have acted with valor by saving a person's life or attempted to save a person from fire, drowning or motor vehicle accident. The time frame is July 19, 2010 thru July 18, 2011. The incident must be documented on dept letterhead by the Chief or the Incident Commander. This letter must be sent **certificated mail** to the chairman of the committee. **The letter must be post marked no later than July 31, 2011.**

**If the member nominated performed the act of valor at an incident in a fire district other than their own, the nomination MUST be made by the Chief or IC of the district where the act was performed.**

**The Committee will consider any supporting evidence such as press clippings and/or photos.** For more info please call 429-8694

Under no circumstances will hand delivered letters be accepted! Mail To:

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**RCVFA UNIT CITATION AWARD**

At the annual convention of the RCVFA on Fri, Sept 9 the Joseph K Wright Memorial Unit Citation Award will be presented to any Fire Dept. or Fire Co. who has acted at an emergency situation.

The rules for this award are as follows: Any Fire Dept. or Fire Co. where 3 or more firefighters have acted with valor by effecting life saving from fire, drowning, and/or vehicle accident. The eligibility time frame is July 19, 2010 thru July 19, 2011.

It should be calcified that this not the same as firefighter of the year award, however both awards may be given to the same fire dept or company providing, that they have two separate incidents within the above mentioned time frame.

The recommendation must be in writing on fire dept letterhead from the Chief or Officer in charge of Incident. **Must be by certified mail and post marked no later than July 21, 2011. The Committee will consider any supporting evidence such as press clippings and/or photos.**

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**HIGH PRAISE FOR OUTGOING CHIEF**

On Sat., April 30, the Sloatsburg Fire Dept. held its annual dinner at the Doubletree Hotel, Mahwah, N.J. The following is the praise given to outgoing Fire Chief Kevin Hartnett given by MC and President Joe Hardiman:

A few words about Chief Kevin Hartnett:

The job of a Fire Chief in a modern fire department is difficult, with new regulation and government requirements being imposed on fire departments every year.

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## FEW FIRE FACTS FROM FRIENDS

Nanuet Ladies Auxiliary RAFFLE for 32" Flat Screen TV to be drawn on June 8, 2011  
Contact: Lisa Jacobson @ (845) 642-6292 for Tickets.  
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HIT Weekend was held at the Fire Training Center on April 30 & May 1, 2011. This two-day training is a yearly event run by the Fire Instructors Assn. to raise money for the Lt. Andrew A. Fredericks Scholarship. The topics covered this year were Flashover, Truck Co. Ops, Engine Co. Ops, and Primary Search/FAST. There were 88 students that attended and everyone learned a lot and everyone enjoyed the training. Some of the students said that they couldn't wait to come back next year.  
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## VOLUNTEER HOSE CO. 2 OFFICERS

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2nd Asst. Chief 23-3 - Robert Lagrow  
Fire Warden/Ex-Chief - Frank Degroat  
Fire Warden/Ex-Chief - Dave Kryger  
Fire Police 1st Lieutenant 23-FP2 - Todd Weiss  
Chief's Aide 23-A (Alpha), Dept PIO - John Kryger


### Line Officers

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1st Lieutenant 23-7 - Michael Perry  
2nd Lieutenant 23-9 - Jose Mulero  
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Sergeant at Arms - John Kryger  
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Janitor - Ron Scorese

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**CALENDAR****LISTINGS ARE FREE****845-786-3861****Deadline for Next Issue Last Wed. 5/25/11**

- Thur., May 19                      ● RC Fire Chiefs Assoc at SW Johnson, Garnerville, 7 PM with Anthony Massaro, Pres.  
 Wed., May 25                      ● Deadline for articles for Trumpet
- Thur, May 26                      ● RCVFA Board of Directors meeting at 6-100, 7:30 PM with Chairman Charlie Sharon.  
 Mon., May 30                      ● Fire Advisory Board meeting at Fire Training Center, 7:30 PM, Vinnie Sheridan, Chairman.  
 Wed., June 1                      ● Memorial Day Fly your Flag!  
 Sun., June 5                      ● RC Creative Approach Meeting 7:30 PM at Fire Training Center, Frank Hutton, Chairman  
    ● Rockland Fire Advisory Board Annual All-Faiths Memorial Service 7 PM at Fire Training Center  
    Pomona, Public Welcome
- Wed., June 8                      ● RC Fire Police Assn. at Tappan firehouse at 7:30 PM with John Stuerke, Pres.  
 Fri., June 10                      ● RCVFA Next Meeting 8 PM at Relief Hose Co. 3, Haverstraw firehouse with Pres. Frank Voce,  
    Educational Program – Ramapo Rescue Dog Assoc, Bring a Buddy or Future New Member.
- Tue., June 14                      ● Hudson Valley VFA quarterly meeting Lake George.  
 Wed., June 15-18                   ● Hudson Valley Convention Lake George at Fort William Henry. Parade Saturday, step-off 1 PM.  
 Wed., June 15                      ● Red Vest Outing Lake George.  
 Sat., June 18                      ● Hudson Valley VFA parade Lake George

**Future Events**

- Tue., June 28                      ● Presidents Council Meeting at Fire Training Center, 7:30 PM, Peter Carney  
 Wed. July 13                      ● RC Fire Police Assn. meeting at Columbian Engine, Spring Valley, 7:30 p.m.  
 Sat. July 16                      ● Wayne Day Parade, Stony Point  
 Sat., Aug. 13                      ● SW Pitts of Lathan 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Parade.  
    ● Sullivan County VFA Parade at Bloomingburg.
- Thur., Aug. 25                      ● Order your Fire Prevention Week Literature/Materials now!  
 March 16-18, 2012                ● New York State Weekend at National Fire Academy, Maryland.

**To view this newsletter on line, please go to the following web site:**      <http://www.co.rockland.ny.us/Fire/default.html>

Thanks to Sheryl Rose, Nancy Baker, John Kryger and Andy Best

Please email Sheryl Rose with any Fire Department news, dates of events, fundraisers, etc. [RoseS@co.rockland.ny.us](mailto:RoseS@co.rockland.ny.us)

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**FROM THE  
FIRE COORDINATOR'S OFFICE**



On June 6, a group of firefighters from Rockland County will be traveling to the Culinary Institute of America. Most of these firefighters are “Firehouse Chefs” who prepare food for their members.

The firefighters will be taught by the best Chefs in the country how to prepare Hearty but Healthy Meals!

Since Heart Disease and Cancer affects so many firefighters and Americans in general, this program will teach how to prepare quality recipes that will help to protect the health of our firefighters and hopefully their families.

This is a Pilot Program. If it is successful, additional cooking classes designed for firefighters will be offered.

P.S. One of the 4 Cooking Programs will teach How to Properly Prepare Venison Dishes – I understand that Nanuet Fire District Board Chairman Harold Straut has signed up for this one.