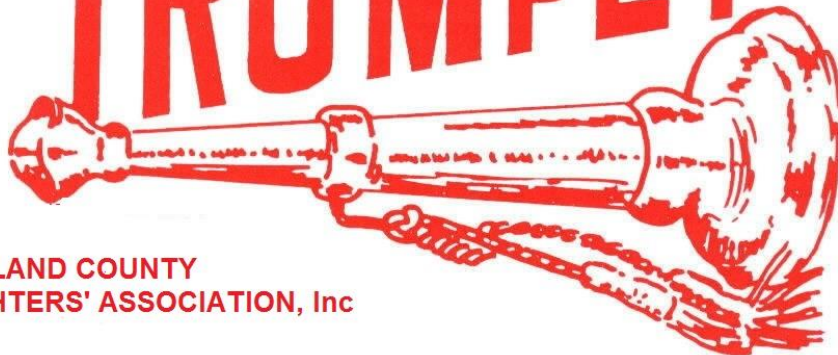


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RCVFA MEETING

The February 9TH meeting was held at the David B Roche Fire Company Thiells, welcome given by the host company.

Very informative meeting run by President Kurt Mulligan

Two educational presentations':

Rockland County Fire Explorer Post 44 advisor Zach Salt gave an overview of the post and its program to recruit young persons into the post and the benefit of these young person's go on to join local fire departments or ambulance corps.

The second presentation by Thiells Dive Team Officer Chris Hughes reference dive team protocol and response

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Thank God for the Signal 13.

Every time my wife cooks, I

pray for the whistle to blow.

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Fund description: Contributions to this fund will help recruit and retain the men and women who make up our volunteer fire and volunteer emergency medical services units. Volunteer firefighters and volunteer emergency medical services personnel are crucial to the effective operation of a municipality and for the safety and well-being of the citizens of this state. Volunteer firefighters and volunteer emergency medical services personnel provide invaluable

benefits to their local communities. Despite their importance, the number of volunteer firefighters and volunteer emergency medical services personnel has declined significantly over the past few years. For additional information, visit the New York State Office of Fire Prevention and Control or call (518) 474-6746.

TOTALS FOR 2023

Fire Dept.	# Calls	# New Members
1	166	5
2	191	13
3	260	5
4	265	12
5	92	2
6	1152	16
7	1112	11
8	642	8
9	673	12
10	545	11
11	313	2
12	410	34
13	254/196 EMS	15
14	15	2
15	160	2
16	200	6
17	1137	7
18	400	3
19	350	9
20	714	5
21	148	3
22	226	6
23	283	10
24	427	7
25	197	5
26	279	5
TOTALS	10,611	216

NANUET ANNUAL DINNER



Nanuet held their dinner on Fri, Feb 11 at Seasons, Township of Washington, NJ. Celebrating 45 Years of Service was Harold Straut and Vinny Pacella. From probies to Chiefs to Commissioners Also honored was outgoing President Paul Sullivan, who

served as President of the fire company from 2020-2021.

FEBRUARY FIRES



Photo/C. Kear

Feb. 3, 1422 hours, Dept. 17 (SV), 6-Engine (Hillcrest) and 7-FAST (Monsey) dispatched to structure 130 West Eckerson Road, Apt. 14B in 3 story MD.

1432 working fire 2nd fl, 1433 special call 20-Tower (Tallman) 441, 2 and 6 responding, 1436 special calls 20-Fast (SSV), 5-Engine (Hillburn) 15-Ladder (Sloatsburg). 5-Engine relocated to 17-103, 1437 water on fire, 1440 primary searches, 1441 MBFKD, 1443 20-5 Engine replaces 20 Tower, primaries negative, 1444 BCI to scene, hoarder conditions, 1445 secondary searches negative, 1505 under control 25-FAST relocated to 17-103 in place of 5-Engine.

A civilian climbed a tree in the rear and scaled a fence, up a firescape and removed child from 3rd fl. He has since applied for SVFD membership!



Photo/K. Flynn

Feb 25, 04:34 hours: Dept. 17 (SV), 6-Engine (Hillcrest) and 7-FAST (Monsey) dispatched for smoke in the bldg. 17 Slinn Ave. and retuned for a working fire. Fire originated in common hallway top floor and extended to the cockloft. Eventually jumped fire wall to 19 Slinn and required roof venting and ceiling pulls in 115, 117 and 119 Slinn. Very labor intensive. Mutual aid all special calls were 6-Tower (Hillcrest), 8-Engine (Nanuet), 25-99 (SSV), 9-FAST (New City), 24-Engine (West Nyack), 12-78 (Pearl River), 18-Engine (Stony Point), 26-99 (Thiells) 44-2, 4, 6 and 7 resposned. Relocated to 17-103 were 11-Tower (Orangeburg), 21-Engine (Tappan) 19-Engine

(Suffern) Dept-2-FAST (Central Nyack which relieved 9-FAST eventually) and 10-Ladder (Nyack). 0645 under control.



Photo/Monsey Scoop

Feb. 25, 1412 hours: Dept. 17 (SV) 6-Engine (Hillcrest) and 7-FAST (Monsey) dispatched to structure, 14 Union Road (Harvest House senior living), 1417 17-6-2 reports working fire 2nd floor apt. 2-F. 1419 44-6 responded, 1420 17-1 transmits 2nd alarm 12-FAST (Pearl River), 8-Engine (Nanuet), 20-Tower (Tallman) 15-Engine (Sloatsburg) EMS and O&R to scene, 1422 44-7, 9 and 12 responded. 1428 2 lines stretched, 1432 water on fire, MBFKD, 1433 no extension, 1434 primary negative, 1437 evacuating upper floors and venting, 44-6 reports concrete floors and ceilings, 1440 all power off, 1450 20-Tower relocated to 17-103, 14563 all secondary searches negative, 1528 Under Control.



Photo/T. McKiernan

Turn Back the Clock



Monsey 1915 REO chemical wagon

RCVFA AWARDED GRANT



We are thrilled to announce that we have been awarded a \$5,000 grant from the Homes for Heroes Foundation! Our organization, the Rockland County Volunteer Firefighters' Association, was presented this grant by real estate specialist Mark Dari of Homes for Heroes in recognition of our work in the community. We are deeply honored to receive this grant, which will allow us to continue our mission and serve our firefighters in the community. This will be used to fund our scholarship program, sick and injured firefighters, and the families of deceased firefighters.



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LITHIUM ION BATTERIES TEST

Here is a short report on the Hazmat Guys tests with lithium ion batteries that was live on YouTube on 13 Dec 2023.

Bottom line: Nothing is simple with these little beauties. DO NOT base your strategy and tactics on just one video or war story.

My assessment: Lithium-ion batteries are **energy storage devices**. When the energy comes out slowly, life is good. When they fail, energy comes out fast, like a hand grenade. They are unpredictable when heated or damaged.

Background: Hazmat Guys failed small numbers of cells (2-8) and videotaped the results. Failures were started by heating them until they went into thermal runaway and the energy was rapidly released. Effects of the release included: explosions, fragmentation, fireworks like fireballs shot out and very toxic and flammable smoke. According to Bobby Salvesson there are between 40-80 cells in a typical scooter.

Videos were very interesting. The battery cells are a bit bigger than an AA battery we are used to. Failure was initiated by heating (mechanical damage is another failure method). There is no standard or one way they react when failed. Variables include the state of charge (how much energy is in them), how many other batteries are around them and different chemicals inside and other factors. *This is not one size fits all strategy or tactic.* In one experiment, one (of 8) batteries exploded sending others flying. Sometime later, the ejected battery that was sitting on the ground lit off and flew around like a rocket without fins propelled by a jet of fire and traveled a significant distance.

Videos showed the following:

Batteries that were failed in sand or Cell block reacted like those in the open producing fire, projectiles, violently ejecting sand or cell block and toxic smoke.

Batteries that failed in a sealed drum caused the top to bulge due to the pressure and when the bung was opened a jet of fire came out.

Batteries in cell block and submerged underwater did not fail. This was likely due to the water drawing heat away to prevent thermal runaway. In this case, the batteries were not encased/sealed in for example a plastic case like they would be for a hand held tool. It is not known how cased and multiple batteries will fail if submerged.

A commercial containment bag was demonstrated with a failed battery inside. It blew up like an air bag, released toxic/flammable gases and set the containment buckles on fire at the end of the test.

What it means: From these live burns it is clear there are many variables and no recommended strategies or tactics except to expect the unexpected when there is a sudden release of all that stored

energy, chemicals and toxic gases. More to follow
Jerry Knapp

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WE SADLY REPORT THAT:



Lou Spina died Jan 31, 2024, age 83. New City Ex Chief-Life Member and RCVFA Life Member (1981).



Joseph Martin, died Feb __, 2024, age __. He was last standing Charter Member of David B. Roche Volunteer Fire Company. He also served as district secretary, as well as company president from 1978-1980.



John Clinton, died Feb __, 2024, age __. He was a Member of Monsey Fire Dept. He was a Life Member and Past Assistant Chief. John joined our fire company in 1977 and was active for over 25 years.



Brian V Duffy, died Feb 24, 2024, age 61. He was a member of Orangeburg Fire Dept for 30 years.

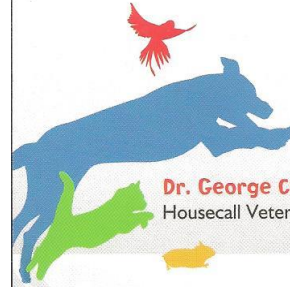


Leo Canzoneri, died Feb 16, 2024, age 92. He was a life member of Tappan Fire Dept. of over 53 years

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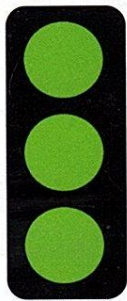
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- Fri, Mar 8 • RCVFA Next Meeting, 7:30 PM, at **PR H&L**, with Pres **Kurt Mulligan**
 Sat, Mar 9 • RC Fire Chiefs, Old Timers Dinner. 6 PM, Elks Lodge, 62 Elks Dr, Haverstraw
 Wed, Mar 13 • RC Fire Police Assoc, 7:30 PM, at Sparkill FD, with Pres Stewart Rhymer
 • RC Firefighters Emerald Society, 1930, at Stont Point, with Pres Matt DeGennaro
 Thur, Mar 14 • Museum Board, 7:30 PM, @FTC, with Chairperson Linda Wanamaker
 Sat, Mar 16 • Hillcrest Ladies Auxiliary, Easter Egg Hunt, 10 AM, 374 N Main St, Spring Valley, \$20 per child, in advance by 3/9, HFDLEggHunt@cheddarup.com, Bagels & Refreshments, 50/50, Basket Rafflesw, visit Easter Bunny, questions Becca 845-641-9113 or HFDLadiesFun@gmail.com
 Mar 20 • RC Vol Safety Officers Assoc, BOD 6:30 PM. Mtg 7:30 PM, at Pearl River Hool & Ladder, with Pres Lisa Castaldo, Nominations
 • RCVFA Ladies Auxiliary, 7:30 PM, at Orangetown FD, with Pres Carol Cich
 Thur, Mar 21 • RC Fire Chiefs Assoc, 7:30 PM, at Stony Point, with Pres Kevin Huslinger
 Sat, Mar 23 • SW Johnson, Pocketbook Bingo, Doors will open at 6 PM! Calling will start 7 PM! \$45, Contact Kristen Brehmer 845-893-3773 Venmo Kristen-Brehmer-3 to reserve your seats! There will be no seats being sold at the front door! Pre sales only!!
 • **Association of Fire Districts**, Installation Dinner at Town & Country 6 PM
 • SW Johnson, Pocketbook Bingo, doors open @6 PM, Start @7 PM, \$45, Contact Kristen Brehmer 845-893-3773, Venmo Kristen-Brehmer-3, **Pre sales only!!**
 • Hillburn Ladies Auxiliary Hero Night--Hillburn Community Room, 37 5th Street 5-6:30pm, \$15.00 includes: hero, drink, chips & dessert. Raffle tickets available. For pre-orders or more info, call: 845-304-3697
 • 1st Annual Jared Lloyd Memorial Scholarship Fundraiser, "Fires in Hoarder Fires", Timothy Klett, @ Chestnut Ridge Middle School, 892 Rt 45, Chestnut Ridge, 10 AM, \$25, Registration Ken Conjura 596-7101, Orin Ben-Jacob 300-7314, JLloydScholarship@gmail.com, Checks payable to Spring Valley Fire Dept, Pre-Registration Strongly Encouraged!
 Sun, Mar 24 • David B Roche Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting a Breakfast with the Easter Bunny. from 8 am till 12 noon. Reservations will be taken. Save the Date and Watch for our complete flyer with all the information coming soon.
 Wed, Mar 27 • Deadline for articles for Trumpet
 Thur, Mar 28 • RCVFA Brd of Dir, 7:30 PM, @ 6-100 Hillcrest FD, with Chairperson, Chuck Larkin
 • Fire Advisory Board, 7:30 PM, @FTC, with Chairman Frank Bifulco
 • OCVFA, Regular Meeting Dates Bi-Monthly, Refreshments/Dinner 7 PM, Meeting 7:30 PM, at Warrick FD Eng Co#3
 Fri, Mar 29 • NJ&NY VFA, 8:00 PM, at Hillcrest Fire Co, 274 North Main St, Spring Valley NY, with Pres Anthony Chiodo
 Sun, Mar 31 • Nanuet Fire Dept Ladies Auxiliary, Egg My Yard, Place an order for candy stuffed eggs to be scattered over your yard, Eggs will be delivered Sat Mar 30, Nanuet & Bardonia addresses only, 25 eggs \$20, 50 eggs \$40, Basket \$5, reserve before Mar 16, text to 845-222-6987
 Sat, Apr 6 • Orangeburg Fie Dept, Lisa Morrison's Physic Readings. 7-9 PM, 61 Dutch Hill Rd, \$60, max 60 people, event@orangeburgfd.org Coffee & Tea will be served BYO snacks
 Wed, Apr 10 • RC Fire Police Assoc, 7:30 PM, at Hillcrest FD, with Pres Stewart Rhymer
 • RC Firefighters Emerald Society, 1930, at Excelsior, Pearl River, with Pres Matt DeGennaro
 Fri, Apr 12 • RCVFA Next Meeting, 7:30 PM, at **Blauvelt**, with Pres **Kurt Mulligan**

Future Events

- Sat-Sun, Apr 13-14 • Recruit NY, Visit recruitny.org
 Mon-Sat, Apr 15-20 • FDIC Indianapolis Convention Center, Indianapolis, IN, FDIC@clarionevents.com
 Wed, Apr 17 • RC Vol Safety Officers Assoc, BOD 6:30 PM. Mtg 7:30 PM, at Thiells, with Pres Lisa Castaldo
 • RCVFA Ladies Auxiliary, 7:30 PM, at SW Johnson, with Pres Carol Cich

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Please email Sheryl Rose with any Fire Department news, dates of events, fundraisers, etc. SherylERose58@gmail.com

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Here's What's
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FROM THE
FIRE COORDINATOR'S OFFICE



Remembering Jared Lloyd

On Saturday, March 23, 2024, it will mark three years since the Line Of Duty Death of Spring Valley Fire Departments & Columbian Engine Company brother Jared Lloyd. It is very hard to fathom that it has been three years since the loss of Jared. I know time goes by so fast to many of us. It's unrealistic to think about that sometimes. But it is what it is. They say, time stops for no one, and we surely cannot slow it down. But it did for Jared. However, we can go on and find many ways to always remember and honor Jared. Many of you will do it in silence or speak at a company meeting this month. Some will say a pray in church or synagogue or maybe you will visit his grave. How you choose to remember Jared is up to you. It all has significant meaning on many levels. He is a cherished American hero who means so much more to us locally. On March 23rd, the 1st Annual Jared Lloyd Memorial Scholarship Fundraiser seminar will be held at the Chestnut Ridge Middle School. This scholarship will be a constant reminder to never forget Jared and for the Spring Valley Fire Department to give back in the memory of his selfless dedication to his brothers and sisters and to his community. I hope the school is packed that day! As we near March 23rd, please take a moment and remember Jared Lloyd. Remember him as a brother firefighter, a father, son, friend, and a true hero. Prayers to everyone!