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2025 STUART L. GATES SCHOLARSHIP

Applications for the 2025 RCVFA Stuart L. Gates Scholarship are available to students who will be starting college in the fall of 2025. A minimum of two scholarships in the amount of \$1,500 each will be awarded.

Eligibility for the scholarship requires that you must be the child or grandchild of an RCVFA member or if you are a member of the RCVFA as a volunteer firefighter.

The deadline for filing an application is June 15, 2025. The scholarship committee will review the applications and the winners will be presented with the scholarship at the July 11th RCVFA monthly meeting at the Hillcrest Firehouse. The scholarship application is also available online at RCVFA.org.

If you need additional information, please contact me at 845-641-1872.

James B. Hartwick, Scholarship Chairman

2025 EDWIN MURDOCK SCHOLARSHIP

This years RC Chiefs Scholarships have been sent to all the Chiefs, Presidents, Commissioners and Coordinators.

Application must be postmarked by June 1st, 2025

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Scholarship

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PIERMONT 2025 OFFICERS

The Piermont Fire Department held their annual elections for the 2025-2026 Slate of officers.

Department Officers:
Chief Reece McNichol
Asst. Chief Daniel Goswick Sr.
2nd Asst. Chief Patrick Krummack
Captain Frank Bockowski
1st Lt. Daniel Goswick Jr
2nd Lt. Mike "Chic" Guerra
Dive Lt. Scott Silva
Dive Lt. Brandi Silva
Chief Engineer Donald Hardy

Asst. Engineer Bill Cavanaugh
 2nd Asst. Engineer Chris Healy
 EMS 1 Hope Goswick
 EMS 2 Joe Gottlieb
 EMS 3 Chris Sanders
 Dive Chiefs:
 Scott Silva
 Daniel Goswick Sr
 Mark Blomquist
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 Daniel Goswick Sr
 Daniel Goswick Jr
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 Patrick Krummack
 Daniel Goswick Jr
 Frank Bockowski
 Public Information Officer:
 Daniel Goswick Sr
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 Vice President Santana Stevenson
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 Directors:
 Candy Goswick
 Nate Mitchell
 Amy Blomquist
 We would like to thank outgoing Chief Lawrence Cabrera for his dedication and leadership over the past two years.

WORKING FIRES



04/26/2025 at 10:29AM, NCFD was dispatched to 1 Scott Dr for a report of smoke in the building. 9-D6 quickly arrived on scene and advised 44-Control of a working fire. 9-Tanker arrived soon after and quickly knocked down the fire. We operated on scene for approximately one hour with no reported injuries to residents or firefighters.

Thank you to our mutual aid from:
 Central Nyack Fire Department
 Hillcrest Fire Company No. 1
 Nanuet Fire Department
 West-Nyack Fire-Department
 As well as help from New City Ambulance Corps,
 Rockland Paramedic Services and the Clarkstown Police Department

Photo Credit George Hoehmann



04/28/25 at 13:44 hours, we were dispatched to a reported brush fire along the area of Ecology Lane. Upon arrival, we had a 70x 30-yard area of brush on fire with 20-30 ft flames. 26-command requested Dept 18 for their brush truck and tanker to the scene. Joint regional sewage Co. Provided a tanker truck to knock down the bulk of the fire before it spread to other areas. 26-ATV arrived on the scene and began extinguishing hot spots. 26-1500 arrived shortly after and fed the ATV with tanker water. 18-Patrol and 18-Tanker helped with overhaul and supplying our 1500 with additional tank water. Units on scene operated for approximately an hour. Soffit's on a newly constructed building melted, however there was no extension.



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4/29/25 13:37 Pearl River, 38 Griffith Place. Pearl River FD, Nanuet FD & West Nyack FD for a structure fire. The homeowner was treated for smoke inhalation, a Police Officer was taken to Nyack Hospital for minor smoke inhalation, and a firefighter was treated at scene for heat exhaustion. It took about an hour to fully knock down fire and crews remaining on scene till about 3 PM.



05/02/2025 14:06:26 Nanuet, 44 West Route 59 @ Webster Bank. Nanuet FD & Pearl River FD requested for a car into the bank (again and yes it's the same car and same driver as the last time). Nanuet Ambulance & Medic 5 also assigned. Photo courtesy Rockland Report

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FEW FIRE FACTS FROM FRIENDS

On Sunday March 30th, the Spring Valley Fallen Firefighters foundation and Spring Valley FD partnered with NY- Truck Work Fire Tactics to hold their 2nd Annual Jared Lloyd Memorial Training Day. During this training firefighters went through a lot of different scenarios to help prepare them for future situations they may find themselves in. Thank you to all of the participants, sponsors and people behind the scenes that helped make this day the best it could be. Never stop training!



On April 11th the Tappan Fire Department held their Annual Dinner and celebrated 2-time Ex-Chief Allan F. Seebach for his 75 Years of Service with the Department. Chief Seebach joined in 1950 and served as Chief from 1965-1967 and again from 1972-1974. He remains active with the Department and is a fixture around the firehouse. Congratulations Sir and thank you for your service.



Mike Wicks, a Vietnam Combat Veteran with the US Navy, Past RCVFA President and a 50+ year member of Wayne Hose Co. #1 in Stony Point, joined 80 fellow US Veterans with the Hudson Valley Honor Flight on Saturday, April 12th. They flew from Stewart Airport to Washington, DC and visited many memorials in and around the area including the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington for the changing of the Guard. Mike's daughter Kristen, a Wayne Hose Past President, joined him for the day as his Guardian. On another note, Kristen was honored in her own right a week earlier by NYS Assemblyman Christopher Eachus as one of the Extraordinary Women of the 99th Assembly District for being the first woman to serve as President of Wayne Hose Co. #1 and for her 20 years of service and leadership. Congratulations to Father and Daughter!



Many Rockland Departments and Companies changed leadership positions during the month of April. Congratulations to the new Chiefs, Captains and Presidents as well as all the other Line and Business Officers that are new or continuing. Also, thank you to the outgoing officers for your dedicated service to your community.

Every year during the second week of April, Rockland County joins in celebrating National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. Dispatchers at 44-Control and across the county were recognized for their commitment and professionalism. The operators at 44-Control had themed attire days, such as "show your favorite team" day, and received breakfast and lunchtime donations from grateful emergency service agencies, citizens and businesses throughout the county. Thank you for all you do.



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Departments across the County participated in the Annual Recruit NY and Light Up NY Red Campaigns in April in search of new and dedicated Volunteer Firefighters in their communities. They also participated in the Light the Night for Fallen Firefighters along with many other Rockland County residents to honor our fallen heroes. Many red porch lights, red candles and red-light displays were seen throughout the County uniting us in remembrance.

If you would prefer to receive your copy of "The Trumpet" in an electronic version rather than the paper version, please send us your e-mail address. We will add you to our e-mail list and remove you from the snail mail list. Please contact Sheryl Rose at SherylERose58@gmail.com

HILLCREST 2025 OFFICERS

Congratulations to the following:

Line Officers

Chief (6-1) Chris Bowers

1st Assistant Chief (6-2) Orin Ben-Jacob

2nd Assistant Chief (6-3) Corey Martin

Captain (6-4) Matt Boney

Lieutenant (6-5) Derek Mehu

1st Lieutenant (6-6) Jeffrey Potischman

2nd Lieutenant (6-7) Kevin Starr

1st Assistant Engineer (6-8) Seth Concklin

2nd Assistant Engineer (6-9) Neil Armida

3rd Assistant Engineer (6-10) Donald Harris

4th Assistant Engineer (6-11) Danny Bongard

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Trustee Matt Boney

Trustee Chris Bowers

Trustee Charles Coffman

Trustee Jeffrey Facinelli

ORANGEBURG 2025 OFFICERS

The Orangeburg Fire Department would like to congratulate our newly elected officers for 2025-2026

Chief- Aaron Duffy

Asst. Chief- Kenneth Gordon Jr

Asst. Chief- Christopher Jackson

Captain- Christopher Dahlem

Lieutenant- Derek Peltz

Lieutenant- Brendan Scollan

Chief Engineer- Brett Wolowitz

Engineer- James Engelmann

Engineer- Nicholas Curcio

Engineer- Vincent Curcio Sr

Congrats and good luck to newly elected Chief Duffy and all the officers!

HILLBURN 2025 OFFICERS

The Hillburn Volunteer Fire Department elected the following officers at its recent re-organization meeting:

Chief

Shane Starr

1st Assistant Chief

Irving Stryko

2nd Assistant Chief

Andrew Stryko

Captain

Daniel Stryko

Lieutenants

Susan Starr

Joseph Neyen

President

Robert Cirincione

Vice-President

Susan Starr

Financial Sec'y

Brian Marsh

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Sandi Jeanette

Trustees

Robert McIntosh

Raymond Mammato

Larry Winter

Sgt.-at-Arms

Edward T. Kelly, Jr.

PERMONT ANNUAL DINNER

May 2, 2025 at our annual dinner we honored out going Chief Lawrence Cabrera. Past President Santina Stevenson. 25-year members Candace Goswick, Liz Fagan, Joan Chadwick, Lisa Lynch, and Donna Alise. 35 years Julie Pagliaroli, 50-year member Bill Hickey, 55-year member Don Hardy and 60-year member Lawrence Temple. Joe Gotlieb for EMS person of the year. Open Water 1 & Rescue Diver certifications. Addison Temple, Kate Kid, Frank Bockowski, Tim Temple, Rob Zucker, Mike Gurerra, Ryan Young, Evan Nelson. Advanced open water 1 Brandi Silva. A special thanks to Donna Alise for 22 years as a dedicated EMS office.

WE SADLY REPORT THAT:



Stewart Rhymer died May 2, 2025. Age 70. He was a member of Hillcrest Fire Dept. He was also RCVFA member, joining 2018. He was also a current Director and Chaplain for RCVFA.

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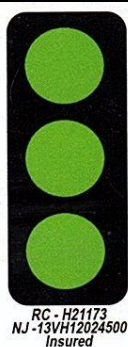
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- Now till Dec 13 ● Orangeburg, Fire Dept, RAFFLE 2025 POLARIS SPORTSMAN 450 H.O, We are raffling a 2025 Polaris Sportsman 450 H.O, \$25 per chance, The drawing will take place on December 13, 2025, following the Holiday Parade. The winner does not need to be present.
- Now till Nov 27 ● Tappan FD Ladies Auxiliary is holding a Scratch Off Lottery Fundraiser for \$10 a chance. Winner will receive 1 full roll of \$10 NY State Lottery Scratchoffs, a \$500 value. Only 200 chances are being sold and the drawing will be on Thanksgiving Day 2025. Contact Dianne Werner for chances @ 914-263-8445 or diannemw@optonline.net.
- Fri, May 9 ● RCVFA Next Meeting: 7:30 PM at Congers, Past Presidents, with Pres Evan Humphrey, Bring a Buddy or Future New Member
- Sat, May 10 ● Empire Hose Company #1 is hosting the 1st Piermont Fire 5K to help recruit new members and raise money for our participating Fire & EMS Charity Partners. The event was created to kick off the 175th-year anniversary of the Piermont FD in 2026. Over the years their mutual aid partners in the Fire & EMS services have supported Department 13 and with this event, they want to help support them. Fundraising often takes a back seat to other priorities and recruiting new members continues to be a challenge. Further details are on the Piermont Fire Department Facebook page or runsignup.com/Race/NY/Piermont/PiermontFire5K
- Wed, May 14 ● RC Fire Police Assoc, 7:30 PM, at Stony Point, with Pres Doug Mann
- Thur, May 15 ● RC Firefighters Emerald Society, 1930, at Vol Hose, Suffern, with Pres Matt DeGennaro
- Thur-Sun, May 15-18 ● RC Fire Chiefs Assoc, 7:30 PM, at SW Johnson, with Pres Chris Kear
- West Nyack Fire Dept, Germonds Fire Fair, at Germonds Park! Enjoy rides, games, delicious food, and fireworks Sunday night to close out the fun. Bring your friends and family—we'll see you there!
- Sat, May 17 ● Excelsior Fire Engine Company No. 1, 3rd Annual Wing Night, 6:30-11 PM, \$20 includes all you can eat wings, fries, and beverages. 50/50 raffle and other purchases will be available the night of.
- Sun, May 18 ● NJ/NY VFA Memorial Service 2 PM Bergen County Fire Academy, 281-291 Campgaw Rd, Mahwah, NJ, Dates to be Memorialized April 15, 2024 to Mar 15, 2025
- Wed, May 21 ● RC Vol Safety Officers Assoc, BOD 6:30 PM. Mtg 7:30 PM, at Hillcrest Elections, with Pres Vincent Pacella
- Tue, May 27 ● RCVFA Ladies Auxiliary, 7:30 PM, at Hillcrest, with Pres Eleanor DeGraw
- Association of Fire Districts, 7:30PM, at Congers with Pres Vincent Pacella
- OCVFA, Regular Meeting, Refreshments/Dinner 6:45 PM, Meeting 7:30 PM, at New Hampton Past Presidents night
- Wed, May 28 ● RCVFA Brd of Dir, 7:30 PM at 6-100 Hillcrest, with Chairperson Frank Bifulco
- Fire Advisory Board, 7:30 PM, @FTC, with Chairman Frank Bifulco
- Deadline for articles for Trumpet
- Sun, Jun 1 ● Sloatsburg FD will be holding a Car Show at the Sloatsburg Community Field on Rte. 17. Peoples choice judging with several classes and all makes and models are welcome. There will be food vendors, live music, emergency vehicle displays and free admission for spectators. To register your ride and for further info contact Larry @ 845-721-6768.
- Wed-Sat, Jun 4-7, ● NYSAFC 119th Annual Conference & Fire 2024 Expo, Oncenter in Syracuse, www.nysfirechiefs.com
- Fri, Jun 6 ● Nanuet FD Ladies Auxiliary, "A Night Of Bowling Fundraiser", open to adults and kids, at New City Bowl starting at 6:30pm. \$30 PP or \$100 for a Team of 4 gets you 2 games and shoe rental. Also, if you have a business and would like to advertise it, there is special pricing to advertise at New City Bowl for a month. Contact Leona @ 845-821-0680 for more info and tickets.
- NJ&NY VFA, 111th Annual Convention –7 PM Doors Open, 8 PM Meeting, at Lyndhurst Twp Fire, 299 Delafield Ave, Lyndhurst, NJ 07071 with Pres Patrick Conner
- Sat, Jun 7 ● Tappan Fire District, Dedication Ceremony for new Fire House, 12-4 PM, Ceremony, Tour, Refreshments
- Wed, Jun 11 ● RC Fire Police Assoc, 7:30 PM, at New City, with Pres Doug Mann
- Thur-Sun, Jun 12-15 ● Firemen's Convention, Lake George
- Fri, Jun 13 ● RCVFA Next Meeting: 7:30 PM Vol Hose, Suffern, with Pres Evan Humphrey,

To view this newsletter on line, please go to the following web site:**<http://www.rcvfa.com/trumpet.html>**

Thanks to Sheryl Rose, Stuart Gates, and Chuck Larkin

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
HOT
FROM THE
FIRE COORDINATOR'S OFFICE



Spring Updates

Things continue to progress here at the Office of Fire & Emergency Services – Fire Training Center. We're always looking to make improvements whether it be with equipment, training, training grounds, building, staff, or emergency management in general. Here are some recent happenings:

- New Bobcat Telehandler has been received. Training on the unit has begun.
- New pick-up truck has been received for FTC and fire instructor use.
- Working towards Emergency Management accreditation for New York State.
- Backdraft Simulator is on order.
- Flashover Simulator purchase order has been processed.
- New Haz Mat vehicle purchase order to be processed by May 16th.
- Our HERRO tuition reimbursement program will be advertised throughout the NY Boulders Clover Stadium this year.
- Finalizing our new Special Operations Coordinator job specifications.
- Increased social media presence our entire operations at the FTC.
- Several new classes were developed and now being offered.
- New/additional tv monitors have been installed in our classrooms.
- Additional teaching monitors currently being installed in the auditorium.

Slow and steady as they say but things are moving along. Progress continues and will continue based on our futures needs here. Always looking for improvements for all the right reasons.