October 28, 2025

Board of Fire Commissioners Arlington Fire District 11 Burnet Boulevard Poughkeepsie, New York 12603

Dear Board of Fire Commissioners:

Please find attached a list of my positions filled and training obtained since the time that I have joined as an active member of the Arlington Fire District and the Croft Corners Fire Co. I am submitting this list with the intent to run for Assistant Chief for 2026. Thank you for your time and consideration. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely Yours,

Eric Philipp

## ERIC PHILIPP

Joined Croft Corners Fire Co. 7/1992

2nd Lt of Fire 6/1997- 12/1998

1st Lt of Fire 1/1999- 12/1999, 1/2001- 9/2002

Captain of Croft Corners Fire Co. 9/2002- 12/2004

Assistant Chief Arlington Fire Dist. 1/2005- 12/2010

Assistant Chief-South Battalion Arlington Fire Dist. 1/2011- 12/2011

2nd Assistant Chief Arlington Fire Dist. 1/2012- 1/2017

Assistant Chief Arlington Fire Dist. 10/2018- Current

Training Classes:	
Firefighting Essentials	11/1992
Hazardous Materials Operations	4/1993
Aircraft Fire and Rescue	4/1993
Pump Operator Course	6/1993
Ladder Company Operations	9/1993
Managing Company Tactical Operations: Preparation	1/1994
NYS Emergency Vehicle Operators Course	12/1994
Fire Operations in the Private Dwelling &	
Eng. Companies Performing Rescue & Ladder Company Operation	ıs 3/1995
NYS EMT-Basic 3/1998, 7/2001, 9/2004, 6/2007, 8/2010, 12/2013,	12/2016
Fire Behavior / Arson Awareness	1/1999
Preparing for Command	4/1999
Intersection Accident Avoidance	9/1999
Command and Management For The Chief Officer	4/2000
29 CFR 1910.120 Hazoper	6/2000
Accident Victim Extrication	9/2000
Basic Wildland Fire Suppression	1/2001
Hazardous Materials- Incident Command	2/2001
Radiation Safety For Firefighters	2/2001
Confined Space Rescue	10/2001
Ice Rescue	4/2002
Buddy To Boss Leadership Seminar	4/2002
Passenger Train Emergency Response	6/2002
Firefighter Training 2000- Intermediate	3/2003
Live Fire Safety	5/2003
Conducting Live Fire Evolutions	5/2003
Fire Police	5/2003
Introduction To Fire Officer	7/2003
Fire Officer 1	12/2003

3/2004

Firefighter Survival

Incident Safety Office	9/2004
ICS I-100	9/2004
NYS Hazardous Materials Seminar	2/2005
First Arriving Unit Operations	3/2005
NYS Preparing for the LODD	4/2005
NYS Fire Chiefs Seminar	6/2005
Fire Officer Command School	6/2005
Minivans, SUVs & Pickups - Rescue Tech	6/2005
I-200 Incident Command System Basic	1/2006
Introduction to Code Enforcement Practices, Part 1	1/2006
Introduction to Code Enforcement Practices, Part 2	1/2006
Hazardous Materials for the Code Official	1/2006
IS-700 NIMS an Introduction	2/2006
NYS Hazardous Materials Seminar	2/2006
Inspection Procedures for Existing Structures	3/2006
Increasing the Credibility of The Code Official	3/2006
Educational Conference of the Hudson Valley Building Officials	4/2006
General Construction Principles	4/2006
Emergency Response To Terrorism Self Study	4/2006
Residential Code of New York State	6/2006
Building Code of New York State	6/2006
NYS Fire Chiefs Seminar	6/2006
Dirty Bombs or RDD	6/2006
Hazardous Substances Releases in NYS	6/2006
Fireground Tactics	6/2006
Operations of Units 1st to Arrive at Private Dwellings	6/2006
Engine Company Operations, First Due No Clue?	6/2006
School Inspections	6/2006
Basic Code Enforcement Training Certificate	7/2006
IS-800 National Response Plan, an Introduction	7/2006
FASY Every NY Responder Goes Home	10/2006
I-300 Incident Command System Intermediate	10/2006
Fire and Structural Inspections for Public and Private Schools	11/2006
Legal Issues of the Volunteer Fire Service	12/2006
IS-00055 Household Hazardous Materials A Guide for Citizens	1/2007
IS-00546 Continuity of Operations Awareness Course	1/2007
IS-00288 Role of Voluntary Agencies in Emergency Mgmt	1/2007
IS-00007 A Citizen's Guide to Disaster Assistance	1/2007
IS-00235 Emergency Planning	2/2007
IS-00240 Leadership & Influence	2/2007
IS-00702 NIMS Public Information Systems	2/2007
IS-00244 Developing and Managing Volunteers	2/2007
IS-01900 National Disaster Medical System Federal Coordination	
Center Operations	3/2007
IS-00241 Decision Making & Problem Solving	3/2007
Principles of Fire Investigation	3/2007
Principles of Building Construction- Noncombustible	4/2007
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2003 International Plumbing Code Fundamentals	5/2007
AWR-600 National WMD Standardized Awareness Program	5/2007
IDS NY Point & Insurance Reduction Program	6/2007
NYS Association of Fire Chiefs Annual Conference	6/2007
2006 Code Update	6/2007
Introduction to the NYS Existing Building Code	6/2007
Fire Alarms	11/2007
NYS Hazardous Materials Seminar	2/2008
OSHA/PESH – Nuts and Bolts	2/2008
Flammable and Combustible Liquid Emergencies	3/2008
Why Conduct Routine Fire Inspections	3/2008
Hudson Valley CEO Educational Conference	4/2008
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Recognizing Clandestine Drug Labs	4/2008
Mold, Water and Building Code	6/2008
NYS Codes Building Height and Area, Part I	
Firehouse Expo Conference	7/2008
Fire Protection Systems	7/2008
Leadership: A View from the Trenches	9/2008
Street Smart Truck Co Ops., Tactics, Tips & Tricks	11/2008
NYS Codes RES Check Program	12/2008
NFSA Pumps for Fire Protection	2/2009
NYS Hazardous Materials Seminar	2/2009
NYS Fire Arson Investigation (80Hrs)	3/2009
The Challenge of Pesticides and Poisons	4/2009
Firehouse Expo Conference	7/2009
NYS Codes Green Building	10/2009
NYS Codes Stuctural Issues For The Non-Engineer Building Official	11/2009
Hazardous Materials- Incident Command	1/2010
NYS Hazardous Materials Seminar	2/2010
NYS Highway Safety For Emergency Responders	3/2010
NYSAFC seminar	4/2010
NYS Codes 2007 COM Check Program	6/2010
Firehouse Expo Conference	7/2010
2009 Code Update	9/2010
Public Information Officer Awareness Course	10/2010
NYS Hazardous Materials Seminar	2/2011
Firefighter Guide to Light weight Wood Construction	3/2011
Inspecting Existing Public Assemblies	9/2011
Inspection of Concrete and Masonry Contraction	9/2011
Basic Structural Collapse Operations	10/2011
NYS Fire Sprinkler Workshop	4/2012
NYS Fire Alarm Workshop	4/2012
NYS Rescue Tech: Basic	5/2012
Inspecting for the Energy Code NYS 2010-Residential	6/2012
Inspecting for the Energy Code NYS 2010-Commercial	6/2012
Firehouse Expo Conference	7/2012
Inspections of Factory Manufactured Homes	9/2012
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Existing Building Code	9/2012
Existing Single Family Buildings	9/2012
Intermunicipal Coordination, and Planning	1/2013
Advanced Legal Issues for the Fire Service	3/2013
Propane Safety	4/2013
Firehouse Expo Conference	7/2013
GasID Portable FT-IR instrument operation	1/2014
NYS Hazardous Materials Seminar	2/2014
Leadership: According to Chief Wutz	3/2014
Leadership in the Real World	3/2014
Hudson Valley CEO Educational Conference	4/2014
Company Officer Training Workshop-Foam	6/2014
NYS Vital Signs EMS Conference	10/2014
Hudson Valley CEO Educational Conference	4/2015
Residential Fire, Lightweight Construction and the importance of	•
Early Warning	4/2015
IAFC International Hazardous Materials Conference	5/2015
Water-Based Fire Protection Plan Review	6/2015
Fire Alarm System Basics	9/2015
Leadership In The Real World	2/2016
Basic Structural Collapse Operations	3/2016
Hudson Valley CEO Educational Conference	4/2016
IAFC International Hazardous Materials Conference	6/2016
Hazardous Materials Incident Safety Officer Course	6/2016
Hudson Valley CEO Educational Conference	4/2017
IAFC International Hazardous Materials Conference	6/2017
Firehouse Expo Conference	10/2017
Hudson Valley CEO Educational Conference	4/2018
IAFC International Hazardous Materials Conference	6/2018
Everything a Firefighter wants to tell a Code Official	7/2018
Hudson Valley CEO Educational Conference	4/2019
IAFC International Hazardous Materials Conference	6/2019
Modern Fire Behavior	10/2019
NYS Codes Advanced In-Service Part one and two	9/2020
NYS Fire Officer II	9/2020
Hudson Valley CEO Educational Conference	4/2021
Cancer and the Firefighter	1/2022
Hudson Valley CEO Educational Conference	4/2022
Battery Energy Storage for First Responders	5/2022
Hudson Valley CEO Educational Conference	4/2023
IAFC International Hazardous Materials Conference	6/2023
Modern Suburban Firefighting Seminar	10/2023
Hudson Valley CEO Educational Conference	4/2024
Dutchess County Fire Chiefs Seminar- Bridging the Gap	4/2024
Emergency Response Training Group- Chemical and	-
Physical Properties	10/2025

# ASSOCIATION OF FIRE DISTRICTS OF DUTCHESS COUNTY 392 CREEK ROAD POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK 12601

#### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF: September 23, 2025

The September 23, 2025 meeting of the Association was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held at Wassaic Fire District.

#### **Those in attendance were:**

Cathy Gallinger	Fairview	Anthony Martino	Hughsonville
Kyle Pottenburgh	New Hackensack	Robert Boyles	Wassaic
Ian MacDonald	Rombout	Phil Van Itallie	Arlington
Dewitt Sagendorph	Roosevelt	Lou Gallo	Roosevelt
David Lamoree	Rombout	Dan Silvertri	Rombout
Sharon Forbes	Rombout	William Muller	Rombout
William Beale	DCER	John Steele	Glenham
Josh Martin	West Clinton	Vincent Galvin	Hughsonville
John Anspach	Fairview	Melissa Lawlor	Pleasant Valley
Jeff Cady	Pleasant Valley	Bill Geerlings	Pleasant Valley
Rich Dore	Arlington	Ray Davis	Hyde Park
Steve Dixon	East Fishkill	Chris Jodlowski	East Fishkill
Steven Shultis	East Fishkill	John Zboinski	East Fishkill

Roll call showed 24 members present, representing 13 Fire Districts.

#### **Salute to the Flag:**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Boyles followed by a Moment of Silence for our deceased members.

#### **Welcome:**

Treasurer Anthony Martino welcomed us.

#### **Minutes of the previous meeting:**

The minutes of June 22, 2025, meetings were approved on a motion by Vinnie Galvin seconded by Bill Geerlings and Approved by all present.

#### **Speaker for the Night:**

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

Bank balances Checking \$14,641.49 Savings \$257.00 CD \$ 11.146.78

Motion by: Vinnie Galvin seconded by Bill Geerlings that the Treasurer's report be Accepted Approved by all present.

#### **SICKNESS PAST / PRESENT MEMBERS:**

#### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- <u>Fire Advisory Board</u> Lou Gallo, Mark Lieberman, Richard Howard Amotion was made by Vinnie Galvin and Seconded by Jeff Cady to reappoint Mark Liberman and Richard Howard to the Fire Advisory Board. All in favor yes. Cathy will send out a letter.
- Oversight Committee DeWitt Sagendorph
- EMS
- D. C. Department of Emergency Response—Commissioner Beale

My commitment is proactive communication to the Fire Departments and help find a solution when called. We will standby your department during crisis and difficulty and provide whatever support we can.

- Replacement of the 2004 Burn Building 3–5-year capitol project
- Bring back fire training to the training center we have put out and RFP for the state-of-the-art burn building
- Gear Washing Capability
- As part of the campus upgrades, we are working on integration of gear washing capabilities for fire instructors and county team members.
- Municipal Water construction to DER Campus 2026
- Fire Training is a challenge we need to bring a hybrid training to D.C.
- Radio Project
  - We are not abandoning the UHF system that works
  - Building 17 tower system using Federal Funding
  - There will be a system that is better than what we have today
  - If you need new radios, contact me for information on getting a discount from Motorola.
- New class for new Fire Chiefs and Assistant Chiefs Sept.30 7:00 put faces with names and get an overview.
- Chief360 22 departments are currently on it. DCER will take over Chief360 Nov. 1, 2025.
- We will be returning to funeral tribute announcements

#### • EMS

- October 1, 2025 we will be adding a paramedic to the County Wide Supplemental service
- EMT enrollment is up
- DC BOCES is starting an EMT program

#### • State Association Report – John Steele

- NERIS is replacing NIFERS effective Jan 1, 2026
- Need to push tax credit increase
- Looking to increase disability for volunteers from \$400.00 to \$800.00
- Dues for the Association will be restructured some will increase some will decrease

#### • Mental Health & Wellness – Melissa Lawlor

#### • Dutchess County Volunteer Firemen's Association

- DC Weekend we will be receiving\$500.00 back from the Chief Council as money was saved with donations etc.
- Oct 5<sup>th</sup> is the 29<sup>th</sup> DC Memorial Day at the 911 center. 11am motorcycle run and 1pm ceremony followed by Exempts Fireman Association hosting lunch
- There has been discussion about putting a new monument up for line of duty deaths

#### • FASNY

- DC did well this year because of the awards to PV FF of the year Chief John Cronk and Lt. Ed See.
- Hughsonville FD member Dan Mochon for youth mentor of the year
- Continue to write up those lifesaving awards
- 2<sup>nd</sup> annual open house at the Firefighters home on Saturday Sept. 27, 2025
- Cornhole tournament for case prizes \$50 per team
- Chilli Cook off
- Applications are on line
- FASNY legislative weekend is October, 31 and November 1.
- Bowling tournament coming up for museum\$150 for a 5-person team Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>
- 50-10 tickets anyone would like to help the museum by selling some
- HVVFA day at the home is Sunday Sept. 28, 2025 10 am legislative workshop, lunch is provided and a parade.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The Fire Museum is having a bowling fundraiser November 16, 2025. A motion was made by Vinnie Galvin and seconded by Anthony Martino to purchase pizza for the event. All in favor, yes.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Trees for troops – Ray Davis asked the Association to make a donation to Trees for Troops. After a discussion a motion was made by Steve Shultis and seconded by Bill Geerlings to donate the \$500, we are getting back from the Chiefs Council for DC weekend and donate it to Trees for Troops. All in favor yes.

#### **NY Class investment**

- A discuss was had to move some of the checking account money into a NY Class account to earn better interest.
- A motion was made by President Boyles and seconded by Steve Shultis to move \$5,000.00 in to a NY Class account

#### **NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting will be October 28, 2025, at Rombout FD dinner at 6:30 pm our meeting at 87pm.

#### **ADJOURMENT:**

• There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. on a motion by Lou Gallo and seconded by Dewit Sagendorph. Approved by all present.

Respectfully submitted, Cathy Gallinger, Secretary

#### **2025 Meeting Dates and Locations**

January 28, 2025 – Dutchess County Emergency Response rm 113

March 25, 2025 – Pleasant Valley

April 22, 2025 – East Fishkill

**June 24, 2025 – Wassaic** 

September 23, 2025- Hughsonville

October 28, 2025 - Rombout

November 25, 2025 – New Hackensack

No Meetings in the months of

February – May - July – August – December

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## ASSOCIATION OF FIRE DISTRICTS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

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#### THE LOOMING INSURANCE CRISIS FOR FIRE DISTRICTS

Across New York State, many fire districts are experiencing sharp increases in liability insurance premiums. Others are being notified that their insurance carriers will not renew their coverage. These developments signal a growing and serious challenge: maintaining the insurance necessary to protect fire districts and their personnel.

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## PREPARING FOR THE SELF-INSURANCE PREDICAMENT: INSURANCE RESERVE FUNDS

As long as commercial insurers remain available, districts should continue to purchase insurance to protect against significant financial exposure. The current legal environment is increasingly challenging.

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## BOARD MEETINGS CAN BE PRODUCTIVE AND PUBLIC SERVICE CAN BE REWARDING, IF WE GIVE IT A CHANCE

It is sad, but it seems that we have lost the ability to have calm productive public discussions.

Whether we are on the street or in public government meetings, people do not respect the right of others to have different opinions. Too often discussions degenerate into shouting matches and physical altercations. We do not have to agree on a matter, but we do have to listen to each other and hear the other side.

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: NEW CYBERSECURITY LAW

In Chapter 177 of the Laws 2025 the Legislature and the Governor have amended the General Municipal Law, the Executive Law and the State Technology Law in relation to municipal cybersecurity incident reporting and exempting such reports from Freedom of Information Law requirements. They also set new standards for cybersecurity awareness training for government employees, data protection standards, and cybersecurity protection. The sponsors of these new laws noted that their purpose is to have the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services ["DHSES"] "provide information, guidance and training on cybersecurity issues to local governments and public authorities, establish certain reporting requirements for cybersecurity incidents and ransomware attacks, and establish a framework for state agencies to respond to cybersecurity incidents."

Legislative Update:
Extension of Time to Adopt
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## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: EXTENSION OF TIME TO ADOPT CURRENT REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW EXEMPTION PROVISION FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS

In 2022 the Legislature and the Governor enacted Chapter 670 of the Laws of 2022 to permit volunteer firefighters in all counties in the state to possibly receive a partial real property tax exemption on residential real property they owned and resided in. It created a new Real Property Tax Law §466-a. The objective of that law was to create the local option in all counties to provide volunteer firefighters [and volunteer ambulance workers] with a partial real property tax exemption on residential real property they owned and resided in since prior to that enactment the exemption was only available in a limited number of counties. That law created the opportunity for more counties and local governments to authorize the partial real property tax exemption and called for those counties and local governments already providing the partial real property tax exemption to convert to the system offered by the new Real Property Tax Law §466-a.

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#### **APPROVING THE BUDGET FOR 2026**

In recent years, your association has published articles in *Fire District Affairs* detailing the process for exceeding the real property tax levy cap, a crucial step in the budget approval process. Given the rising operational costs, it is highly probable that your Board will need to consider overriding the tax levy cap of 2.0% for the 2026 budget. Additionally, numerous federal and state unfunded mandates must be accounted for when drafting your budget. The district's proposed budget will be the central topic of discussion at the Annual Budget Hearing, which your Board is required to schedule for a date in the third week of October.

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#### FIRE DISTRICT ELECTION TASKS

It's that time of year we prepare for the Annual Fire District Election. In preparation for the Annual Fire District Election, the Fire District Secretary will prepare and publish the fire district election notice. It is important that the election notice has all the required information.

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#### **ISSUES OF UNITED CONCERN**

Annually, representatives from different New York State organizations and associations dedicated to supporting and aiding fire and emergency services entities convene in December. During this gathering, they collaborate on crafting an agenda of legislative proposals that enjoy consensus and are deemed top priorities for legislative action during the upcoming sessions conducted by the State Legislature in the forthcoming year. The group places these proposals for new laws and amendments of existing laws in a document that is referred to as the "Issues of United Concern". This December representatives of the Association of Fire Districts of the State of New York will attend these meetings and provide AFDSNY members with a voice in the development of the Issues of United Concern for 2026.

As members of the AFDSNY, please submit any suggestions that you may have for legislative action for 2026 to the Association's Law and Legislative Chairman John Manzi at <a href="mailto:imanzi@afdsny.org">imanzi@afdsny.org</a>. The Law and Legislative Committee of the Association will consider your suggestions as it formulates a plan for submission of ideas to the New York State Fire Service Alliance which makes final determinations on the list of legislative concepts to be included in the Issues of United Concern for 2026. Members may also submit suggestions on legislation to the AFDSNY on its website at



## AFDSNY EDWARD "NED" CARTER SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2026

The Association of Fire Districts of the State of New York is pleased to announce that the "Ned Carter" Scholarship Program will continue in 2026. Program information and an application package will be available online for students to apply. We are in the process of finalizing the application form. Please check on our website at https://www.afdsny.org/application.php for further information on the program. To file an application students will be able to use the application window at that website address after the application form is finalized. These scholarships are available to New York State High School Seniors who will be graduating in June 2026.

For Full Details Click Here

### NOMINATION FOR THE OFFICE OF DIRECTOR OF THE ASSOCIATION OF FIRE DISTRICTS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, INC.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Article VI, Section 9 and Article X, Section 4 and Section 6 of the By-Laws of the Association of Fire Districts of the State of New York, Inc., candidates for the position of Director of Regions 2,4,6,8,and 10 shall have submitted on their Fire District's letterhead a statement endorsing the candidate for Director and attesting to the fact that the candidate is in fact a Commissioner or holder of a required fire district office and resides within said Fire District or as set forth in Town Law. Such a letter shall be submitted to the Secretary of the Association of Fire Districts of the State of New York, Inc. The new Secretary of the Association is Donna Marano. We will provide a new address for the new Secretary on our website. In the interim communications can be sent to the Secretary at P.O. Box 496, Selkirk, New York 12158. The letter must be received by December 28, 2025, because of the recently passed Bylaw amendment. The term of office was also changed by a Bylaw amendment at the Annual Meeting. It will run from the 1st day of the month after the date of the Regional Director Election in 2026 until the 1st day of the month after the Regional Director Election in 2028. Please remember that if you are in Regions 2 and 4, you will be electing two (2) Directors because of the 2025 Bylaw amendments. Now all Regions have at least two (2) Directors. Each candidate must hold active office in a member district at the time of his or her candidacy, election, or appointment.

#### SUBMIT CONTENT TO FIRE DISTRICT AFFAIRS

Fire District Affairs is the newsletter of this Association. As an officer of a member fire district or fire department you are welcome to submit content and information that you would like to share with your fellow members for consideration by the Editor. The content and information you share may find its way into a future issue of Fire District Affairs or may be referred to the Association website master if the officers of the Association feel the website to be a better outlet. If you wish to submit content, information or comments on the newsletter, please submit same by email to the Secretary-Treasurer who in turn will forward same to the Fire District Affairs Editor.

Not all suggestions for information and content will result in a newsletter article or the insertion of website content because of space limitations, but we can assure you that all suggestions will be considered and are appreciated.

Please note that the next issue of *Fire District Affairs* will be the December 2025 January 2026 issue and any content or information for that issue should be submitted for consideration by November 5, 2025.







