Come To Our Next Meeting!

**NORTH HIGHLANDS**
**ENGINE COMPANY NO. 1**
504 Fishkill Road, Cold Spring
(845) 265-9595

Monday, Sept. 29, 2014
Dinner 7PM … Meeting at 8PM

Please join us as **NORTH HIGHLANDS ENGINE COMPANY NO. 1** hosts our September meeting!

After over a year of petitions, meetings, proposals to the Town Board and overwhelming community approval, the **NORTH HIGHLANDS ENGINE COMPANY NO. 1** and the **NORTH HIGHLANDS FIRE DISTRICT** became reality on November 23, 1969 with the delivery of a 1969-model Ward La France 1,000-gal/min pumper. The building to house the pumper came next! For more history on one of Putnam County's newest Fire Departments visit [www.nhfd21.org](http://www.nhfd21.org); select “History”.

Fire Prevention Week ...
92 Years Old and Going Strong!
by Editor LuAnn Edele

Fire Prevention Week as we know it was established to commemorate the **Great Chicago Fire**, the tragic 1871 blaze that killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed over 17,400 structures and burned more than 2,000 acres. The fire began on October 8 but continued into and did most of its damage on October 9, 1871.

According to popular *legend*, the fire broke out after Mrs. Catherine O’Leary’s cow kicked over a lamp, setting first the barn, then the whole city on fire! People have been blaming the **Great Chicago Fire** on Mrs. O’Leary and her cow for *more than 130 years*! But recent research by a Chicago historian Robert Cromie has helped debunk this version of events. The great fire almost certainly started near the barn where Mrs. O’Leary kept her five milking cows but there is no proof that Mrs. O’Leary was in the barn when the fire broke out – or that a jumpy cow started the blaze.

While the **Great Chicago Fire** was the best-known blaze that week, it wasn’t the largest. That distinction goes to the **Peshtigo Fire**, the most devastating forest fire in American history. The fire, which also occurred on October 8, 1871, roared through Northeast Wisconsin, burning down 16 towns, killing 1,152 and scorching 1.2 million acres before it ended. Historical accounts of the fire say that the blaze began when several railroad workers clearing land for tracks unintentionally started a brush fire.

Those who survived the **Great Chicago** and Peshtigo fires never forgot what they’d been through; both blazes produced countless tales of heroism and bravery. But the fires also changed the way that firefighters and public officials thought about fire safety. On the 40th anniversary of the **Great Chicago Fire**, the Fire Marshals Association of North America...Continued on Page 6
Greetings from the Editor …

It’s hard to imagine that summer is “officially” over though Labor Day Weekend makes it quite obvious! This summer was chock full of wonderful things like the HVVFA and FASNY conventions, our FDs’ carnivals, parades, HV Renegades® games (including the PCVFA’s 1st annual!), fishing & golf outings, etc.!!

With the passing of summer comes one of the most important times of the year for the Fire service: FIRE PREVENTION! Of course, this is not just a one-week event, but a season of training – in the classrooms, senior centers, even outdoors. Our headline article deals with this very popular event and the history behind it!

This issue, BES’ COMMISSIONER ADAM STIEBELING updates us on what the Bureau of Emergency Services has been up to these days with regard to training and communications; they’ve been quite busy!

We always have lots of great news to share with you in THE BLUE LIGHT, and this issue’s no different! Look through the pages to find recaps from Mahopac FD’s Centennial Parade and the Lake Carmel Explorers’ 13th annual weekend, as well as a great pic of our own 1st VP BISHOP at the PCVFA Renegades game!

Look, too, for Fire Prevention brochure info from the PNWFPA and info on upcoming events from our County members and Auxiliaries. Be sure to check out the newest FASNY seminar on October 30; registration is required! (Full course details can be found inside this issue.)

So grab you’re your cup of coffee and take a moment to read through our latest issue. Till next time, stay safe and, if the Farmers’ Almanac is right (Heaven help us!), stay warm!

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Don’t forget that as newly certified first-responders, you are welcomed to join the PCVFA on ‘us’ your first year. Just attach a copy of your EMT card or Firefighter 1 certificate to the application and mail it to our PO Box or give it to your Company’s Director so we can add you to our “family”!

We look forward to having you join us!

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In the July/August THE BLUE LIGHT (“It DOESN’T HAPPEN OFTEN…”) we failed to mention HVFA PAST PRESIDENT WILLIAM BUCKMASTER as part of the HVVFA Convention Election Committee. Please accept our apologies for the oversight!

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Don’t forget! DUES WERE DUE JUNE 1st

Send Yours in Today if You Missed Our Deadline!
Hello everyone –

It seems like only “last week” we were at the HVVFA Convention and now summer is ending!

Since we last “spoke”, I’ve had the privilege of going, along with PCVFA 1st VP Mike Bishop, to the July 31 Putnam County Firefighter I Graduation ceremony held at the Bureau of Emergency Services and on August 2nd, attended the Cold Spring Junior Firefighter Academy’s commencement exercise as well, which the PCVFA sponsors each year.

As HVVFA County Vice-President, I had the distinct honor of being asked to be on the Reviewing Stand for Mahopac VFD’s 100th Anniversary parade. A wonderful experience, I got to see many of our County’s departments march that day!

I have also been working along with Cmsr. Stiebeling, Deputy Fire Commissioner Lipton and Chief Ed McCarthy of Putnam Valley FD to re-establish the County’s Fire Advisory Board and am a member of the Emergency Services Safety Advisory Board. It has been a busy summer but our needs, our concerns, make every meeting worthwhile.

With summer now over, many of you are beginning to plan for your Open Houses and Fire Prevention Training events. The PCVFA’s main focus is on training and keeping ourselves and our communities safe. Don’t hesitate to reach out to us should you have any questions or need assistance. We are here to help.

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage our Department and VAC Directors to come to our next meeting on Sept. 22nd at the TOPs Building. Our General Membership meeting will be on September 29th at the North Highlands FD. I hope to see you there!

By the way, check out our upcoming seminars. They are bound to be more than informative!

… Till next time, stay safe!

Greetings from President Ed Butler
Hats off to CARMEL FIRE DEPT, who took the term “MUTUAL AID” one step – one CONCEPT – farther!

MAMARO ENGINE & HOSE COMPANY NO. 1
P.O. BOX 184
MAMARONECK, NY 10543
ORGANIZED 1890
CAPTAIN PAT DOHERTY
1st LT. MATT DEROSA  2nd LT. CARL PORRETTA

July 3, 2014

Town of Carmel Fire Department
Attn: Chief Ruggerio
94 Glenieda Ave
Carmel, NY 10512

The officers and members of Mamaro Engine & Hose Company #1 wanted to express our gratitude towards you and your members for supporting us at our Carnival on Tuesday, July 1st. Parade Night is one of our busiest nights each year, and we only survived because some of your Department and Ladies Auxiliary members jumped in to help us make Pizza Fritta.

We were also told that you have a carnival at the end of August. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you need assistance as we would be more than happy to return the favor.

Thank you again!
Respectfully,
Katie Barney
Recording Secretary

PCVFA’s 1st ANNUAL HV RENEGADES GAME!

After many discussions and ideas, the PCVFA joint outing with the LADIES AUXILIARY PCVFA came to fruition with a HV Renegades game!

On Saturday, August 9th, the Association-sponsored event began with a convenient bus ride to Dutchess Stadium, where members & guests disembarked to enjoy a great night of Food, Fireworks and Friendship!

Our own 1st VP MIKE BISHOP, a h-u-g-e Renegades fan, got to throw out the 1st pitch and the game (& festivities) were on! The evening ended with an awe-inspiring display of fireworks and discussions to possibly make this event an annual joint outing!

Pres. Ed Butler & Jr Past Pres. Bob Bell share a hearty laugh as Bob is presented the 2014 President’s Award at the Patterson meeting on July 29. (Photo: Vincent Galvin)

Gilligan’s Island was Mahopac Falls FD’s theme for their creative float! Members dressed the parts of Gilligan, The Skipper, Ginger, MaryAnn, The Howells and The Professor and climbed aboard the MFFD “SS Minnow” for their “3-hour tour” during the Mahopac VFD 100th Anniversary Mardi Gras Parade!
As Commissioner of the Bureau of Emergency Services, I can assure you that Deputy Commissioner Lipton, our Deputy Coordinators, along with the BES staff and 911 Dispatchers continue to work hard keeping things running smoothly for you, our County’s first-responders. To that effect, I wanted to take this opportunity to share with you a few highlights of what has occurred in the past month and other events that you can look forward to.

First, Communications - the new Tower Hill radio communications tower in Patterson, whose site is being leased from New Fairfield, will be going ‘live’ this Fall and will surely benefit our first responders in Patterson, Putnam Lake, Southeast/Brewster and Lake Carmel. A Frequency Coordinator has been hired to assist in the upgrade of the County Radio System for available frequencies. This is the first step in the project plan that has been laid out to enhance all communications systems in Putnam County.

Thanks to the funding support of the County Chiefs Association the building of the roof simulator at the Fire Training Center was completed this summer. The roof over the Mass Confidence Building has been replaced by the County Highways Department. Our Mass Confidence course was disassembled and is in the process of being rebuilt as modules, therefore allowing room layouts that can be changed during evolutions, providing opportunity for changeable scenarios. A capital project plan has been developed for the replacement of the Flashover Fire Training simulator. Funding availability is being sought through grants.

In addition to ongoing BES/OFPC - EMS Training, there are (3) special upcoming training seminars being hosted at the TOPS this fall.

- On Saturday, Sept. 20th at 10:00AM there will be an RV Fire Safety seminar;
- "Drive to Survive" will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 22nd at 7:00PM;
- FASNY “You... Safety + Wellness = Survival” course on Thursday, Oct. 30th.

A second "Drive to Survive" will take place on November 20th at 7:00PM. All classes will be held at TOPS building. These seminars are made possible by the generous support of the Fireman’s and Chiefs Associations. Please check the BES website (www.putnamcountyNY.gov/pcbes) for continuous updates to Fire/EMS services as well as training opportunities.

The next Firefighter I class starting in September is full and we are preparing to run others in the spring of 2015! The Fall FF-1 class will have a ceremony at the conclusion of class this fall.

The Bureau is actively working with the Putnam County Volunteer Firemen’s Association and the Putnam County Fire Chiefs Association to re-establish the Fire Advisory Board with our County Executive and the Legislature. Several grants have been applied for including a Technical Rescue and a Critical Infrastructure grant. Future grants include the State Interoperable Communications and FEMA Assistance to Fighters Grant(s).

From Dispatch: There are two ways you can help us to help you: (1) Continue to use IAR (I Am Responding). This is a valuable emergency response tool. However, when dialing in be sure to respond with your riding position for that particular call; (2) Any announcements you’d like made on Sunday morning during the Tone Tests we now request that they be faxed into the Bureau by 10AM the preceding Friday. This ensures that your message will be read that weekend.

Thank you for your support of the Bureau of Emergency Services and the dedication that you provide to your communities. BE SAFE.

Firematically, Adam B. Stiebeling, Commissioner BES
Kent Volunteer Fire Department Marks 43 Years Protecting a Community

Fulfilling its commitment to the community for more than 43 years, the Kent Volunteer Fire Department’s ongoing campaign for new members is defined by the company’s motto, “Neighbors helping Neighbors.”

KVFD is a 50-member (30 active) force of young, older, self-employed, tradesmen, students, professionals, executives, law enforcement and career fire and EMS personnel, according to Kent VFD spokesperson,webmaster and EMS Lieutenant Bill Leo. “We are a 100-percent, all-volunteer department,” Leo said. “If you see a car at the firehouse, it’s because someone has dedicated their time to be there. If you call and the phone is picked up, the same. We drill twice a week and also have roster capability for personnel to be on call.” All of the Kent VFD Fire Police have been state certified and are peace officers for the town of Kent. Kent also has the largest representation on the Putnam County Fire Police team.

According to KVFD statistics, the department handles well over 300 calls per year with the majority being EMS. Leo said the department, which is led by Chief Justin Byrne, Assistant Chief, Jay Piekarski and several staff officers, has had great success at maintaining members and are always seeking volunteers.

The KVFD is sponsoring its annual golf tournament on September 12 at the Sedgewood Club in Kent -- 18 holes of golf, breakfast, lunch and dinner -- for $150 per person. All proceeds benefit the KVFD. Visit their website at at kentvfd.org - credited to Danny LoPriore, Putnam Daily Voice.com

IN MEMORIAM
PCVFA & its Department Members who have answered their final call

Kay Puchalski
Lake Carmel FD Auxiliary
Ladies Auxiliary PCVFA*
*Charter Member

Joseph Amicucci
Mahopac VFD

Stephen Larkin
Mahopac Falls FD

SPECIAL REMEMBRANCE
In honor of the 343 who lost their lives
September 11, 2001

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(now the Int’l Fire Marshals Assn.) decided that the anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire should be observed not with festivities but in a way that would keep the public informed about the importance of fire prevention.

In 1920 President Woodrow Wilson issued the first National Fire Prevention Day proclamation and, since 1922, Fire Prevention Week has been observed on the Sunday through Saturday period in which October 9th falls.

According to the National Archives, Fire Prevention Week is the longest running public health and safety observance on record. The President of the United States has signed a proclamation proclaiming a national observance during that week every since 1925.

Visit www.nfpa.org/safety-information/fire-prevention-week

Brewster Fire Department Welcomes Home 11-6-1

After months of waiting, Brewster FD’s new Rescue truck (11-6-1), built by Gowens-Knight Inc., finally arrived, sporting a brand new look! Left: Members began the arduous task of restocking its many compartments as soon as it pulled in.
CALENDAR OF EVENTS
Shown below are upcoming PCVFA-involved events that will be taking place over the next two months.

SEPTEMBER
15  - “9-11 Never Forget Mobile Exhibit”, Brewster High School, 5:00PM
    - PNWFA Meeting, South Salem, 8:00pm
20  - Carmel Aux’s Tag Sale, Carmel FD
    - RV Fire Safety Seminar, TOPS Bldg, 10am
    - Testimonial Dinner: John/Marilyn Farrell, Pegasus Restaurant, Rt 9W, Coxsackie, 5pm
22  PCVFA Board Meeting, TOPS Bldg, 7:00pm
27  Royal Order Blue Vests Installation Dinner, Firemen’s Home, Hudson
28  - FASNY Legislative Caucus, Firemen’s Home, Hudson, 10:00am followed by ...
    - HVVFA “Home Day” w/Parade @ 2pm
29  PCVFA General Membership Meeting

October
3   Mahopac Falls Aux Penny Social, Mahopac Falls FD, Open 6pm/Calling 7pm
4   Brewster Ladies Aux Penny Social, Brewster FD, Open 5pm/Calling 7pm
7   National Fallen Firefighters’ Annual Memorial Service, Albany, 11:00am
11  Carmel Aux’s Ham Dinner, Carmel FD, 5-7pm
19  Royal Order Blue Vests Meeting, Loch Sheldrake Fire Dept, Noon
22  “Drive to Survive”, TOPS Bldg, 7pm (1st of 2)
26  HVVFA Quarterly Meeting, Walden FD, 1pm
30  FASNY “YOU…Safety + Wellness = Survival”, TOPS Bldg., 7pm (reg 6:30pm)

Greetings from CAROL MADDEN, 
President of the 
LADIES AUXILIARY PCVFA

Hi everyone -

Hope you had a wonderful summer! Besides the rain the weather has been fabulous. Now it’s time to think fall and winter. UGGH!!!

Unfortunately, we are sad to announce the passing of long-time Auxiliary member, KAY PUCHALSKI. Kay was an active and productive member of the Auxiliary and she will be sorely missed.

The County Auxiliary has been on hiatus for the summer so there isn’t really any news to share; however, our next meeting is on September 8th starting at 8:00pm at the Lake Carmel Firehouse.

Please check out the Calendar of Events for some of our upcoming fundraisers and as always, if there is anything the Auxiliary can do for the County Association, please let us know.

That said, on September 16th I will be having a right knee replacement and will be out of commission for a few months. During this time, if anything is needed from the Auxiliary please contact my Vice President, Verna Bergstrom. Verna can be reached at 845-279-9449 and will be more than happy to assist you. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Carol Madden
LAPCVFA President

OTHER ASSOCIATION WEBSITES

- www.FASNY.com
  The Firemen’s Association of the State of NY
- www.dhses.ny.gov/ofpc/
  NYS Fire Prevention & Control
- www.HVVFA.com
  Hudson Valley Volunteer Firemen’s Association
- www.rcvfa.com
  Rockland County VFA
- www.wcvfaweb.com
  Westchester County VFA
- www.dutchesscountyvolunteerfiremensassociation.com
  Dutchess County VFA
- www.pcbes.org
  Putnam County Bureau of Emergency Services
- www.pnwfpa.org
  Putnam Northern Westchester Fire Police Association

THE FIREMEN’S ASSOCIATION OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK proudly announced the passing of Bill # S.1885-D / A.2318-C (aka “NY’s sex offender bill”) into Law!

Thanks to your support and FASNY’s undue persistence, Gov. CUOMO signed the above bill into effect.

The new Law prohibits people registered under the Sex Offender Registration Act from being a volunteer firefighter. The bill provides that a conviction that requires registration under the Sex Offender Registration Act shall result in an immediate disqualification as a member.
NEWS, EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**HIGHER EDUCATION LEARNING PLAN**

**DEADLINE TO APPLY:** October 1, 2014

New York’s volunteer fire departments are experiencing a critical need to recruit and retain members, so FASNY developed the Higher Education Learning Plan (FASNY HELP). This program provides tuition reimbursement to individuals attending community college for up to eighty (80) credit hours.

Under FASNY HELP, student-volunteers are eligible to have **up to 100% of their tuition reimbursed** in exchange for maintaining their grades and fulfilling defined service requirements. They must also be a “member in good standing” in one of New York’s volunteer fire companies during both their school years and service payback period.

The FASNY HELP program is made possible through a Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant awarded by the US Department of Homeland Security. Visit [www.fasny.com/resources](http://www.fasny.com/resources)

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**EMT ‘CME’ ALERT!!**

KENT VFD AUTHORIZED TO OFFER CME CLASSES!

The NYS Dept. of Health has approved and enrolled KENT VFD in the NYS DOH “3-Year Continuing Medical Education” (CME)-Based Recertification Program! That means EMT’s recertifying using CME’s now have an additional location in Putnam County to earn those credits!

For more information contact Lt. Bill Leo, lieutenanets@kentvfd.com

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**13TH ANNUAL PUTNAM COUNTY EXPLORER WEEKEND UPDATE**

The LAKE CARMEL FD EXPLORERS hosted their 13th Annual Explorer Weekend August 2-3 at the Putnam County Fire Training Center. This year over 100 youths participated in the two-day event and left with a host of memories. The Explorer Weekend program consisted of a combination of department competitions and hands-on training, activities designed to hone firefighting skills and instill the vital concepts of teamwork and safety.

Formal training classes held on **Day One** included Fire Fighter Survival, Mask Confidence, Ropes and Knots, Search/Rescue, Forcible Entry and EMS. The Explorers also learned about the necessity of REHAB and the need for a good accountability system. **Day Two’s** events included Tug of War, Rope Tying Challenge, a Fire Fighter Relay, Bucket Brigade, Bandaging/Transport, Ladder Rescue, and Hose Advance competitions.

Participating Posts included LAKE CARMEL, BREWSTER, Westchester’s MAMARONECK, OSSINING, WEST HARRISON, Rockland’s THE POST, Dutchess’ HUGHSONVILLE, Nassau’s WANTAGH and Albany’s SHAKER ROAD. A $5.00pp extra charge to the campout allows the Explorers to donate $1,000 to the ROBERT McMAHON SCHOLARSHIP FUND!

It takes many people to coordinate an event of this magnitude. Instructors and assistants were members of the LAKE CARMEL, CARMEL, CARMEL VAC, BREWSTER, MAHOPAC, KENT and the Putnam County BES. It should also be noted that the program receives wide-spread community support with food and drink donations from Herrs Chips, Applebee’s, Centennial Provisions Meat Distributors, Healy’s Corner Restaurant, Deli Land, Carmel Bagel, Deli, Gold’s Gym, Lake Carmel FD Ladies Auxiliary, Putnam County Chiefs Association and the Putnam County Volunteer Fireman’s Association.

Submitted by LCFD Explorer Advisor Erin Fitzsimmons-Scott
The Putnam County Volunteer Firemen’s Association and the Putnam County Fire Chiefs Association are Proud to Host …

“You … Safety and Wellness = Survival”
Presented by the Firemen’s Association of the State of New York in conjunction with VFIS

Topics discussed:  • Firefighter – Life Safety Initiatives • Personal responsibility • Firefighter Health and Wellness • Situational Awareness • Call to Action – “Tailboard Chats”

Date/Time: Thursday, October 30, 2014 – 7:00 PM (Registration begins at 6:30pm)
Location: Putnam County Training Center (TOPS), 112 Old Route 6, Carmel, NY 10512

To Register: (1) www.fasny.com and follow the Training and Education link
(2) Email – training@fasny.com
(3) Call 1-800-2FASNY2 (1-800-232-7692)

FEES: PRE-REGISTRATION $20/FASNY members .. $30/non-members
ONSITE FEE $30/per attendee regardless of membership status

*No-shows are non-refundable; cancellations are non-refundable unless received five business days prior to the seminar (NLT Friday, October 24th)

This 3-hour class provides OSHA Mandated Training and is intended for Fire, EMS, Rescue, HazMat and First Response Service Personnel. Refreshments will be served.

Take Advantage of a Great Opportunity to Thank Someone!!
Sponsored by Putnam County CTC Coalition – Americorps Vet Corps – Putnam County Veterans Service Agency

On the anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, as a way to pay tribute to and remember the victims and others we wish to honor, we put aside whatever differences we may have at the moment and work together to help others in need. September 11th was designated a national day of service by the 2009 Kennedy Serve America Act. Hundreds of nonprofit groups, faith-based organizations, and schools and businesses nationwide will be implementing community service projects nationwide.

“Sept 11th is a day of history, emotion, and reflection,” said Chauntel Wright of the Vetcorps Program. “For many Americans it is also a day of service that provides an opportunity to join neighbors and local leaders to rekindle the compassion and unit shown on that day.”

Putnam County residents will also set up in service to mark the 13th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks for the Sept. 11th National Day of Service and Remembrance!

The VetCorps Project, Putnam County Communities That Care Coalition, and Putnam County Office of Veterans Services will be sponsoring a “Letter Writing” campaign which is an opportunity for our residents to write “Thank You” letters to responders, veterans abroad, veterans at home, police officers, EMS first responders and firefighters in order to show appreciation to them for their dedicated service. The letter writing session will be held Thursday, Sept. 11, at the Cornerstone Park Building, 1 Fair Street, Carmel, from 2PM-5PM. (For details, contact Elaine Santos, PC CTC Coalition Coordinator, 845-225-4646.)
“DRIVE TO SURVIVE”

One of the Nation’s Leading Firefighter Safety Seminars is coming to …

PUTNAM CO. BUREAU OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

112 Old Route 6, Carmel, NY … NOVEMBER 20, 2014 at 1900 hours

... Each year, nearly 25% of firefighter fatalities are the result of motor vehicle crashes, yet few fire departments train their members on the safe operation of emergency apparatus and personal vehicles. The “DRIVE TO SURVIVE” training program is designed to teach members that no matter how long they have been driving, or how “good” they think they are, there are limits to the safe operation of an emergency apparatus or personal vehicle. Using the same techniques used by crash investigators, this class is designed to provide a better understanding of important topics that are essential for safe driving, such as:

- Vehicle Dynamics
- Stopping Distances
- Rollover Thresholds
- Drunk Driving
- Air Brakes
- Skid Control
- Hydroplaning
- POV Ops
- Brake Fade
- Critical Curve Speed
- Anti-Lock Brakes
- Seat Belt Use
- Roadway Friction
- Siren Limitations
- Tire Blowouts

The “DRIVE TO SURVIVE” training program is a 3-hour lecture-based seminar, which has been featured at over 300 different locations throughout the U.S. (For full details, visit www.drivetosurvive.org)

Cost is $35.00 per person, which will be billed to each department after the class. Class is free to those Fire Departments whose fleet is insured by NYMIR

RSVP to Adam.Stiebeling@putnamcountyny.gov

MAHOPAC VFD CONTINUES ITS CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

On Saturday, Aug. 23rd, scores of residents and visitors lined Route 6 in Mahopac to help celebrate MAHOPAC VOLUNTEER FD’s 100th Anniversary as they watched a very memorable Dress Parade.

Though Mahopac VFD hosts a Dress Parade each year, this year the event was enhanced for the numerous departments and VACs - whether they were mutual aid companies from Putnam, visiting Departments from surrounding Counties such as Ossining and Buchanan FD’s, or participants from over the state line. Special mascot “Jumpin’ Jeepers” from the children’s center was on-hand to greet the guests!

The marchers kept strict cadence, eyes forward, as they passed the judges and the reviewing stand invitees (incl. PCVFA Pres. Ed Butler, LAPCVA Charter Pres. Davey Jean Beska), vying for a trophy in this very special parade. MILL PLAIN FD from Connecticut took Best Overall, with BREWSTER FD returning with a Best Overall in County and CARMEL FD taking a trophy for its 1939 “Buckeye” pumper!

Afterwards, a live band and a caterer entertained and fed the marchers into the night, until the trophies were presented.

Clothing Bins

Thank you to all who donate used clothing to our Clothing Bins!

These external bins are a consistent source of income for the PCVFA, allowing us to purchase Fire Prevention materials which we distribute each year, support the Explorer Weekend and Cold Spring Cadets, and allows us to award our annual scholarships.

With Fall now upon us, please keep our bins in mind as you clean out your closets!

Should your Department be interested in having a bin placed on your property, please contact George Hill, Treasurer, at 845-832-7148 – thank you! ☺
**THE PUTNAM-NORTHERN WESTCHESTER FIRE POLICE ASSOCIATION**

**Helping to Spread the Word**

The Putnam-Northern Westchester Fire Police Assn. is distributing a one-page, trifold pamphlet it produced highlighting the NYS Fire Police. This pamphlet is quite possibly the only educational brochure that deals with the contributions of the Fire Police in New York State.

The brochure would be useful in educating the public about the part the fire police play in the volunteer fire service along with the hazards all first responders face every time a department responds to an alarm.

There are four general topics featured:
- **What we do;**
- **How you can help;**
- **The NYS “Move Over” Law;**
- **Fire Police Teams.**

Also included are alarming statistics of injuries and deaths related to emergency responses.

To date, over 20,000 have been distributed. To get your copy, send a SASE to: **PNWFPA, PO 521, Patterson, NY 12563.**

Submitted by John Bodor, PNWFPA

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**SAVE THE DATE!**

**CARMEL LADIES AUXILIARY**
ANNUAL TAG SALE
SAT., SEPT. 20, 2014
9:00AM – 3:00PM
CARMEL FIRE DEPT.

**MAHOPAC FALLS LADIES AUXILIARY**
PENNY SOCIAL
FRIDAY, OCT. 3, 2014
DOORS OPEN 6PM
CALLING BEGINS 7PM

**BREWSTER LADIES AUXILIARY**
PENNY SOCIAL
SAT., OCT. 4, 2014
DOORS OPEN 5PM
CALLING BEGINS 7PM

**CARMEL LADIES AUXILIARY**
ANNUAL HAM DINNER
SAT., OCTOBER 11, 2014
5:00PM – 7:00PM
CARMEL FIRE DEPT.

**DON’T FORGET THE LADIES AUXILIARY’S CONTINUING CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER!!**

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**9-11 NEVER FORGET MOBILE EXHIBIT COMES TO BREWSTER!**

The Brewster Central School District and the Brewster Education Foundation have extended an invitation to all County Emergency Responders to attend the “9-11 NEVER FORGET MOBILE EXHIBIT” which is dedicated to commemorate those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001. The exhibit will be visiting Brewster High School during the week of September 15-19th.

The traveling exhibit is a high-tech, 53-foot tractor trailer which unfolds into a 1,100 sq.ft. display, serving as a poignant reminder of that infamous day. Thanks go to BHS Principal J. Castagnola who arranged for the exhibit to visit Brewster.

The exhibit will arrive in Putnam County via a police motorcycle escort on Sept. 15th. It will open at 5:00pm for FIRST RESPONDERS and their families to view.

Members of the community are invited to view the exhibit on Tuesday, Sept. 16 from 3-5pm, Wednesday, Sept 17 from 3:15-7pm and on Thurs, Sept 18 from 8-10am and 2:30-4pm. The exhibit will leave Putnam County on Friday, Sept. 19th.

Visit: [www.putnamcountyny.gov](http://www.putnamcountyny.gov) for more remembrance events.

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**H.V.V.F.A. GOLF OUTING**

**Wednesday, June 17, 2015**

**CRONIN’S GOLF RESORT**
Warrensburg, NY (Exit 23 off the Northway)

**1:00PM SHOTGUN START**

**SCRAMBLE FORMAT**

**BEST BALL FORMAT**

**BBQ DINNER**

$110.00 per Golfer includes ..
Round of Golf - Golf Cart – Refreshments - Prizes and post-golf BBQ Dinner

Hole Sponsorships Available

Contact Don Farrell at 914-406-6510 or email ofd2334@aol.com for more information

HELP SUPPORT FUTURE CONVENTIONS FOR THE HVVFA
All proceeds will benefit the cost of the Annual Convention.
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Please fill in and mail, along with your $5.00 check made payable to “PCVFA”, to:

PUTNAM COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIREMEN’S ASSOCIATION, PO BOX 668, CARMEL, NY 10512

Name: __________________________________________________________

Fire Dept/VAC: __________________________________________________

Home Address: ____________________________________________________

City/State/Zip: ____________________________________________________

E-Mail Address: ____________________________________________________

I hereby certify that I am an active member of the above FD / VAC and that I will do my best to attend the meetings of this Association to the best of my ability.

Approval will be made at the next Association meeting.

Signed: _________________________________ Date: ____________________

Your $5 annual membership fee includes a subscription to the PCVFA “Blue Light”. Meetings are held in March, May, July, September and November. Annual installation dinner is held in April.

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