



# THE BOOSTER LINE

*A NEWSLETTER DEDICATED TO GREENE COUNTY FIRE VOLUNTEERS*



Summer 2013

## GREENE COUNTY DAY 2013

She huffed, and she puffed, but Mother Nature was no match for the spirit of the Greene County Volunteer Firemens Association & Auxiliary. On Sunday, June 2, Coxsackie Hose Co #3 played host for the annual Greene County Day at the NYS Firemens Home in Hudson.

The day started out beautiful, though hot, as several teams gathered to participate in the annual Horseshoe Tournament. As the afternoon came around, the skies started to turn gray and the wind began. Various fire companies and auxiliaries from throughout the county began to arrive for the parade in tribute of our county residents at the home despite the weather. Shortly after line-up, it was decided to start things slightly earlier than planned and get a jump on the upcoming storm. As the marchers began crossing the road, Mother Nature tried to upset things with high winds and a slow, steady rain. However, this did not dampen the spirits of our firefighters and Auxiliary members. Each unit marched in honor of the residents and held their heads high. Just as the last unit went before the reviewing stand, the weather got stronger and it was decided to move the festivities of the program inside. Once all were situated, Yale Frank, President of Coxsackie Hose 3 began the program and all in attendance enjoyed the day.



## **GREENE COUNTY DRILL DAY 2013**

On Sun. June 9, everything was perfect, even the weather, for the 2013 Greene County Drill Day. This year's host was the Hensonville Fire Department. Though there were only 7 teams competing this year – Lexington, West Athens, Kiskatom, Oak Hill-Durham, Cocksackie, Greenville and the new East Ashland (a combined team from East Durham & Ashland), there was spirit of friendship was present amongst rivalry of competition.



### **Equipment Drill**



Oak Hill-Durham	44.75
West Athens	44.90
Kiskatom	55.23
Greenville	55.42
Lexington	56.36
East Ashland	1.12.38
Cocksackie	1.15.59

### **Modified Dry Hose**



West Athens	16.77
Oak Hill	17.36
Kiskatom	17.89
Lexington	19.29
East Ashland	20.29
Greenville	33.12
Cocksackie	47.98

### **Portable Pump**



Kiskatom	42.42
Lexington	42.52
Greenville	43.23
Oak Hill	44.31
West Athens	52.43
Cocksackie	1.31.73
East Ashland	No Time

### **3-Man Ladder**



West Athens	10.20
Oak Hill	10.34
Kiskatom	10.55
Lexington	11.76
Cocksackie	12.04
Greenville	12.27
East Ashland	12.50

### **West Hose Lay**



Kiskatom	20.31
Greenville	21.01
Oak Hill	21.47
West Athens	22.12
Lexington	22.58
East Ashland	28.20
Cocksackie	No Time

### **Bucket Brigade**



West Athens	1.11.45
Kiskatom	1.16.74
Cocksackie	1.23.44
Lexington	1.23.71
Greenville	1.36.11
Oak Hill	1.37.27
East Ashland	1.51.73





**Nozzle Control** – Lexington



**Total Points:** Overall Winner – Kiskatom 35 points

West Athens	34
Oak Hill-Durham	33
Lexington	30
Greenville	21
Coxsackie	16
East Ashland	9



Our scorekeepers



The judges/time keepers



## **CONVENTION 2013 NEWS:**

The Catskill Fire Company, Inc. will be hosting the 125<sup>th</sup> Greene County Volunteer Fireman's Association Convention from September 3<sup>rd</sup> thru September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013. If anyone has any general questions regarding the convention please call one of the following Convention Co-Chairs: Harold Rivenburgh 965-1020; Floyd Prince 291-3309 or Pam Wright at 943-9770.

The ad book is the primary means by which funds to help defray the convention cost are raised. Support the convention by purchasing an ad.

Sizes/cost are: Full page \$100 ½ page \$50 ¼ page \$25 Business card size \$10

(Limited sections Center page \$250 Outside back cover \$200 Inside covers (2) \$175

Please mail check payable to Catskill Fire Co. Convention Fund to 1 Central Ave, Catskill NY 12414. Deadline July 1, 2013. Any questions, contact Bob Wade at 821-3633.

Remember to include ad wording on a clear copy. As that will include a photo must attach an actual photo. If you have a "copy-ready" ad, it can be submitted as is.

Convention T-shirts, mugs and raffle tickets for a Wheelbarrow of Cheer are available and will be sold throughout the summer at various locations including the Athens Street Festival on July 13<sup>th</sup> and Greene County Youth Fair.

Here is the outline for the week of the convention:

### **ANNUAL MEETINGS and DINNERS**

**GCVFA Ladies Auxiliary Annual Meeting:** Tuesday September 3, 7:30pm, Catskill Fire Company firehouse (1 Central Avenue, Catskill). Meeting will include election of officers for next year. Light refreshments will follow.

**Ladies Auxiliary Dinner:** Wednesday September 4, at firehouse. Cocktail hour 6pm, followed by sit-down dinner. Choice of NY Strip Steak or Stuffed Chicken Breast. Both include garden salad with balsamic vinaigrette dressing, sautéed mushrooms, baked potato with sour cream and butter, green bean almandine, butter corn, roll, and dessert. Cost is \$25.00 per person (minus any appropriate discounts). Reservations can be made by contacting Linda Overbaugh at 943-4717 no later than August 15, 2013.

**GCVFA Dinner/Memorial Service & Annual Meeting:** Thursday, September 5. Dinner at firehouse starting at 5pm. Same choices & cost as ladies. Served till 7pm. Reservations can be made by contacting Pam Wright at 943-9770 no later than August 15, 2013.

For both the Auxiliary & Association dinners, if you do not make a reservation but decide to show up that evening, you will be put on a waiting list. Availability of a dinner will depend on supplies after reserved dinners have been served.

Memorial Service to follow at 7:30pm. If your fire company has any members who have passed away since last year's convention, please fill out the form that was sent with the convention packet and return by August 15, 2013. The Annual Meeting will begin after the Memorial Service, at approximately 8:00 pm.

**MARDI GRAS:** Friday September 6, Line up 6pm, Step off 6:30pm THEME: ***Then, Now and Forever***

Line-up is on Water Street, with all units entering from Bridge Street. The parade will proceed to Main Street, to West Bridge Street, right onto West Main Street and end in the lot behind Cone E Island Ice Cream. There will be refreshments, awards and entertainment following. For further information, please contact John Darling Jr. at 821-2847.

**CONVENTION DRESS PARADE:** Saturday September 7, Apparatus Judging 11:30am at the Catskill Elementary School on Embough Road. **ALL** trucks to be judged **MUST** be in the parking lot prior to the start of judging or will not receive a score. Once judging starts, **ALL** cleaning of apparatus will stop. Once apparatus is judged you can proceed to the Line Up area.



Parade Lineup 1pm, Step off 2pm - Line up on Jefferson Heights (County Route 23B) from the area of the Car Wash down towards the Village Line. **Traffic on County Route 23B will be limited to ONE WAY traffic ONLY (East Bound) for LOCAL traffic only starting at approximately 12:00 pm.** All Parade participants are to enter the line up via State Route 23 to County Route 23B (Jefferson Heights/Leeds Exit).

The parade route will be down Jefferson Heights to Main Street. Once on Main Street, it will be the same as for the Mardi Gras parade. Refreshments and entertainment will be at the end of the parade, followed by trophies being handed out at approximately 6:00 pm.

If you have not send your applications for the Mardi Gras or Dress Parade please do so ASAP so we can get the line up set and get the information out to everyone.

## Convention fundraisers!

**Carnival - July 20 & 21**

**Fun for all ages.**



Name		Phone Number		CATSKILL FIRE COMPANY
			WHEELBARROW OF CHEER RAFFLE	
				\$1.00 EACH OR 6 FOR \$5.00 DRAWING AT THE GREENE COUNTY FIREMEN'S CONVENTION SEPT 7, 2013

You can buy these tickets at the fire house on any Friday night after 7 pm - Come to the back side of the fire house. Will be selling tickets at the Athens Street Festival on July 13.



Now in its third year, RecruitNY is an annual event established by the Fireman's Association of the State of New York (FASNY), in which fire companies around the state hold an open house and perform demonstrations, conduct firehouse tours, provide fire safety educational materials, and generally work to engage the public to think about becoming volunteer firefighters.

This year, the weekend of April 27/28 was selected for RecruitNY, and in Greene County, several fire companies participated – Catskill;

D.M. Hamilton and Hose Co. No. 3 in Coxsackie; Greenville; Hunter; Lexington and West Athens.



Coxsackie Captain Dave Van Duren said "We can always use the help. With the economy being what it is, people work longer hours — or two jobs — so it's hard to get volunteers because people just don't have the time as they used to." D.M. Hamilton Capt. Joseph Millet agreed "I think it's a great idea. In the past, we've gotten a few new members out of it, so

we're hoping we get a few more this year."





Greenville Lt. Aaron Matthews said “volunteers are in short supply and on demand. RecruitNY offers a “hands-on opportunity” for folks to learn more about the company and about providing firefighting service to the community, as well as the need for volunteers.”



Up on the Mountaintop, Hunter Lt. John Murphy said “Most volunteer departments are aging. The problem is getting young blood, especially ones that are willing to put in the hours and hours of training.”

Liz Cahill is an assistant volunteer programs coordinator for FASNY and the Hudson Valley Region instructor for a program called “Train the Recruiter,” which helps fire companies with recruitment tips and retention of existing members. “They are everyday heroes,” she said, “who help neighbors in need. About 10 years ago, there were approximately 110,000 volunteer firefighters across New York State. Now, it is estimated that there are as few as 85,000.”



Lexington Fire Company Chief Paul Dwon said the need for volunteers is very real. “Fire companies across the state are not only having difficulty getting volunteer firefighters, but Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT’s) as well. It’s not just small towns, but everywhere — volunteers in general. Just like other fire companies, it’s the daytime,” he said. “Everyone works in the day time.”

Back in the valley, in West Athens, the Open House had only just ended shortly before the tones went out for an accident on Route 9W. Once again, the volunteers gave of themselves to answer the call to duty – just as all our fine Greene County firefighters do day in and day out.

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## GARRISON FIRE DEMO DAY



Nearly 75 Firefighters and Officers from 20 organizations turned out to the Greene Country Training Center on Saturday, June 1 for a day of training and demonstrations sponsored by Garrison Fire & Rescue. Presenters from MSA, National Foam and TFT as well as Garrison Fire reps conducted live fire evolutions, fire stream exercises as well as demos of new technologies in the fire service.



# AROUND THE COUNTY:

## WRITE A FIREFIGHTER & SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

Ryan Earle, a member of the Athens Fire Department, is currently on active duty with the US Marine Corps in Hawaii. He is also the son of Athens FD 1<sup>st</sup> Asst Chief Adam Greco and Ladies Auxiliary VP Tammy Greco.

Why not drop a friendly hello to a fellow Greene County firefighter while at the same time show your support of his dedication to our country & freedom. Ryan's address is:

**PFC Earle Ryan**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Mar Reg S4 MT**  
**Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii 96863**



## ATHENS VOLUNTEERS HOLD ANNUAL DINNER

In April, the Athens Volunteer Fire Department took time out to honor and recognize their membership with an annual dinner. Receiving Certificates of Recognition from HVVFA, FASNY and NYS OFPC were Thomas Tompkins and John VanValkenburg. Each has given 50 years of service to the Village of Athens and were commended for such. Receiving departmental awards for 20 years of service were Gene Fielder & Seteve Gogger; E J Olivett for 15 years and for 5 years Mark Dinkelacker, Phyllis Dinkelacker, Shane Dinkelacker, Dave Disbrow and Matthew Hunt.

Several members were presented with recognition awards from the department: Chief's Merit Award – Pete ALberti; Most Improved Firefighter – James King; Leadership Award – Amanda Earle, and Firefighter of the Year – Doug Sanford.

At their annual meeting, the following were elected to serve an office for the next year:

President – Alan Frisbee

Vice-President – Mike Pieruzzi

Secretary – Patrica McLoughlin

Financial Secretary – Thomas Borfitz

Treasurer – George Stacey, Sr.

Directors – Michael Gonzalez, James Robinson, Jr., Michael Pieruzzi, William Tompkins and John Greco

Chaplain – Frederick A. Van Loan

Quartermaster – Tim Albright

Greene County Fire Advisory Board – David Disbrow

### LINE OFFICERS:

CHIEF – James Robinson, III

1ST ASST. CHIEF – Adam Greco

2nd ASST. CHIEF – David Disbrow

CAPTAIN – Peter Alberti

FIRE POLICE CAPTAIN – Frank Roberts, Sr.

LIEUTENANTS – Matt Hunt, Douglas Sanford, Jr. and Amanda Earle



## **CONGRATULATIONS to CAIRO FIREFIGHTER JOE FEML**



On Saturday, March 23, Cairo Firefighter Joe Feml graduated from the Zone 14 Police Academy. The Booster Line congratulates him on this achievement. So watch out criminals . . . Officer Joe Feml is now on the streets

Seen in photo (L to R) are Joe's brother, Christopher; Joe; Grandma Barbara Feml, and Cousins Nicole and Ray Feml (also a Cairo firefighter but no rookie cop)



## **CAIRO NAMES FIREFIGHTER of the YEAR**

Congratulation to Miranda Buel on being named 2013 Cairo Fire Department Firefighter of the Year. Seen in photo is Miranda with her dad, Randy Buel, (also a Cairo Firefighter), Chief Jerry Buckley and Fire Co. President Brian Feml.



## **HUNTER MOUNTAIN SKI SLOPE & HUNTER FIRE COMPANY LIFT EVACUATION DRILL**

**Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm**  
**Refreshments after drill**

If you would like to attend,  
please email Kate Goodrich, [hunterfireco@hotmail.com](mailto:hunterfireco@hotmail.com)



## HUNTER ANNUAL DINNER/MEETING

On April 2, the Hunter Fire Department, Co. No. 1 began its 115th year of service to the Village of Hunter and the surrounding community, as they gathered for their annual dinner meeting. After a fine feast prepared by member Billy Lyons and his crew, the company held the annual meeting.

Chief Adam Goodrich gave his report on the past year with a breakdown of the number of alarms the fire department has responded to over the past year. In total, Hunter Fire responded to over 70 calls, a fairly large number for a modest group of dedicated volunteers.

The election of officer positions went ahead in an orderly fashion as it always does. Hunter Fire has a longstanding tradition of a maximum of four consecutive one-year terms for any elected position. With that, Gary Goodrich was elected President. Outgoing President John Murphy finished his fourth one-year term. Liz Slutzky Cahill was elected to the position of Vice President and Kate Goodrich was re-elected as Secretary. John Murphy was elected to Treasurer, a position held by Erica Bain, who has done a superfluous job as treasurer for a number of years. Appreciation was demonstrated by the membership for both Murphy and Bain. The following were elected line officers:

Chief	Adam Goodrich
1st Assistant Chief	Chik Nicolls
2nd Assistant Chief	John LaVeglia
3rd Assistant Chief	Dave Hartman
4th Assistant Chief	Gary Goodrich
Chief Driver	Dave Hartman
Captain	Anthony Figiel
1st Lieutenant	John Murphy
2nd Lieutenant	Chris Lepard
Fire Police Captains	Paul Jones & Leon Goodrich



L to R: Front Row 3rd Assistant Chief & Chief Driver Dave Hartman, Chief Adam Goodrich, 2nd Lieutenant Chris Lepard, 4th Assistant Chief Gary Goodrich  
Back Row Fire Police Captain Paul Jones, 2nd Assistant Chief John Laveglia, 1st Lieut. John Murphy, Capt. Anthony Figiel, 1st Asst. Chief Chik Nicolls



*L to R: Treasurer John Murphy, Secretary Kate Goodrich, President Gary Goodrich*

*Submitted by Gary Slutzky*

## **16<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**Benefit of Oak Hill-Durham Volunteer Fire Co. Ladies Auxiliary**



**Sunday August 4, 2013**

**11am Lunch 12pm Shotgun Start Rain or Shine**

**Thunderhart Golf Course - Freehold**

**\$75 per player includes 18 hole scramble; Cart; BBQ; Refreshments  
Prizes and more Prizes!**

**Completed registrations and fees – July 22 deadline  
Mail to: Connie Whitbeck, 4812 CR20, Durham NY 12422**

**All proceeds go towards helping the Oak Hill-Durham Fire Co. purchase equipment  
This year's project is a thermal imaging camera**

**For information, contact Connie Whitbeck at 239-4425 or Gail Cleveland at 239-4800**

## **FATHER & SON TAKE TOP AWARDS AT WEST ATHENS BANQUET**

On May 25, 2013, the West Athens-Lime Street Fire Company held their annual banquet. President James Murphy introduced the officers that were elected at the recent annual meeting and they were installed into office by Fire Commissioner Chairman John P Farrell.

President	James Murphy	Vice President	Marilyn Schrader
Recording Secretary	April Paluch	Treasurer	Vickie Dichian
Financial Secretary	John P Farrell		
Board of Directors	Chris Hendricks, Pat Murphy & Jason Borgen		
Chief	John J Farrell	1 <sup>st</sup> Asst Chief	Tim Farrell
2 <sup>nd</sup> Asst Chief	Chris Hendricks	Fire Police Capt.	Rich Kelly

Several members of the Fire Company were presented with Recognition Awards. Chief John J Farrell together with NYS Assemblyman Peter Lopez presented badges and certificates of recognition to:

5 Years: Gary Bedell, April Paluch & Zach Hughes

10 Years – Larry Farrell, Pete Marsh & Joe Murphy

15 Years – John J Farrell & Tom Snyder

Special Presentations were made to Martinez Auto Body for helping refurbish 27-1 and Norm Fuller for his 35 years of dedication to the West Athens Fire District as commissioners. In addition, Assemblyman Lopez was named an Honorary Member of the Fire Company and presented with a fire company jacket. In addition, West Athens said goodbye to member, Jarrod Patterson, who is moving out of state. The members of West Athens will miss him and wish him much luck in his future.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of two top awards – Fire Officer of the Year and Firefighter of the Year. It was an extra special honor this year as a father and son team received these awards. Matt Corsa was named Officer of the Year while his son, Travis, was named Firefighter of the Year. Both of these gentlemen go above and beyond the call of duty and were recognized for such.

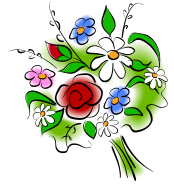




## **THINKING OF YOU:**

Happy 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Josephine Farrell (West Athens Auxiliary)

Get well wishes to Dave Sherman (Hensonville);  
Sue Golden (Kiskatom Fire Co Ladies Auxiliary)  
Gene Jennings (Oak Hill-Durham FD)



Congratulations to Dave Sherman (Hensonville), Connie Whitbeck  
& Lillian Aleo (Oak Hill-Durham) and Ray Osborn  
on winning 1<sup>st</sup> place in their bowling league

Congratulations to Dale and Sandy Lubera (Athens Fire Dept/Auxiliary) on their recent wedding

Deepest sympathy to MaryEllen Yannone (Athens Ladies Aux) & family on the death of her father



## **IN MEMORY:**

On behalf of the GCVFA and LAGCVFA, The Booster Line would like to extend heartfelt sympathy to the families of the following firemanic members who have recently passed away. We apologize for anyone that we missed and offer our condolences to their families.

Katherine Peloke – Citizens Hose Co #5 Ladies Auxiliary, Catskill  
Susan Kniffen – D. M. Hamilton Ladies Auxiliary  
Leonard Addis Jr – West Athens Fire Company  
Raymond Cook – East Durham Fire Company  
Orville Slutzky – Hunter Fire Company  
Henry Yost – Brady Hook & Ladder (Athens)  
Lewis Sopris  
Donald Olson – Prattsville Hose Co  
Edward Henne – Palenville Fire Dept  
Herbert Armstrong – Town of Durham ambulance  
Russell Cole – East Durham Fire Co; Past President GCVFA



The Ladies Auxiliary of the Firemen's Association of the State of New York (LAFASNY) will be holding their 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention at the Holiday Inn (Wolf Road, Albany) on Tuesday August 20 - Thursday August 22. President Marilyn Farrell (West Athens-Lime Street Auxiliary) will be presiding. Additional Greene County Auxiliary members are Financial Secretary Diana Balling (Kiskatom) and 2nd Vice President Dianne Werner (Palenville).

Greene County auxiliary members are encouraged to participate. You don't have to be a LAFASNY member to attend the meetings or memorial service. Please plan on attending and support your local auxiliary members! Why not car pool and make a day of it! Hope to see you there!

Schedule of events are:

Tuesday August 20:

- Registration 10am - 4pm . . . Dues will be accepted at this time as well

Wednesday August 21:

- Registration 7:30am - 9:30am . . . Dues accepted till 9:00am; Opening of convention - 10am
- Lunch 12 noon – If interested in attending the luncheon, contact Marilyn Farrell by July 15 at 943-5377 for pricing and reservations.
- Convention resumes - 1pm

Thursday August 22:

- Memorial Service - 9:30 am/Convention resumes immediately after the memorial service
- Convention closes (approximately 12pm)
- Installation of LAFASNY Officers - 7pm



### GREENE COUNTY FIRE POLICE NEWS

2013 Meeting schedule - All meetings start at 7:30

Jun 26

Hensonville

Aug 28

Hunter

Annual Meeting:

Oct 23 Round Top

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