



THE BOOSTER LINE

A NEWSLETTER DEDICATED TO GREENE COUNTY FIRE VOLUNTEERS



FALL 2014

126th Greene County Volunteer Firemen's Association Convention

Hosted by Hunter Fire Co. #1, Inc.
Hunter, New York 12442



Thursday, Sept. 4, 2014

Dinner, Service & Meetings, Hunter Mountain Ski Resort

Dinner 5:00-7:00pm – Colonel's Hall
Memorial Service 7:30pm – Colonel's Hall
Fire Fighters' Meeting 8:00pm – Colonel's Hall
Auxiliary Meeting 8:00pm – Schoharie Room

Friday, Sept. 5, 2014

Mardi Gras Parade – Rt. 23A Village of Hunter

Theme: Fire Fighting in the Year 2114

Line up at the Hunter Fire House 6:00pm – Step off 6:30pm
Ends at the Hunter Lake Pavilion, 562 CR. 83 - Ski Bowl Rd.
for refreshments & entertainment



Saturday, Sept. 6, 2014

Dress Parade – Rt. 23A Village of Hunter

Apparatus Judging – Hunter Mtn. 11:30am
Dress Parade – Lineup starts at 1:00pm
Village of Hunter 23A West of Rt.296
Step off at 2:00pm sharp

Ends at the Hunter Lake Pavilion, 562 CR. 83 - Ski Bowl Rd.



Hunter Fire Co. No.1, Inc.

Attn: Mardi Gras Parade
PO Box 181
17 Division St.
Hunter, NY 12442
hunterfireco@hotmail.com

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Mardi Gras Parade Application

Friday, September 5, 2014

Line-up at 6:00PM – Step-off at 6:30PM

At the Hunter Fire House

Line-up will be done by first-come order

THEME: Firefighting in the Year 2114 Float

Name of Company /Department: _____

Contact Name(s): _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Will you be having music: YES NO

Equipment on float: _____

Description of float _____

Any additional information: _____

Information regarding parade:

Cars, trucks, or other road sized vehicles are discouraged to tow floats.

Be creative! ATVs, ride on mowers, horses etc. are encouraged

No profanity, vulgarity, obscenity or drinking during the parade.

No throwing candy or other items at spectators, please toss on the ground or put in their hands.

No open flames on floats.

***MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN SEPT. 2, 2014**

"We volunteer because your life depends on it."

The Parade Route will be East on 23A, turning right onto Ski Slope bridge, ends at the Hunter Lake Pavilion, 562 CR. 83 - Ski Bowl Rd. Lineup in order as you arrive.

After the Mardi Gras Parade all parade vehicles will park in the lower parking lot where there will be entertainment and refreshments. We invite everyone!

The following companies have already responded. However, everyone is encouraged to attend.

Royal Order of the Blue Vests

Hunter Fire Co. #1

Kiskatom Vol. Fire Dept.

Athens Fire Dept.

Cairo Hose Co.

West Athens-Lime Street Fire Co. & Aux.

Palenville Fire Dept.

Haines Falls Fire Company & Auxiliary

Cornell Hook and Ladder Fire Co.

Leeds Hose Co. #1

Catskill Fire Dept.

Medway Grapeville Fire Dept.

DRESS PARADE - SAT., SEPTEMBER 6, 2014

Apparatus Judging at 11:30 am

ALL Apparatus Judging will be done at Hunter Mountain Ski Slope at 11:30 am. The parking lot will open for apparatus to arrive starting at 9:30 am. At 11:30 am you will be asked to stop cleaning trucks and ONE representative should accompany each apparatus for any questions that the Judges may have. Once your apparatus is judged you may proceed to the lineup area.

Dress Parade Lineup at 1:00 pm

Lineup area will be on State Route 23A, just west of Rt. 296. There will be an area at the west end of the village to turn apparatus around. All apparatus should be facing east in the lineup area. 23A will be closed to traffic starting at 1:45pm.

Step off at 2:00 pm (SHARP)

Parade route will travel east on 23A straight through the Village of Hunter turning right onto Klein Ave. (Hunter Mountain Ski Slope Bridge) ending in the parking lot to the right. After parade festivities will take place at Hunter Lake Pavilion.

PARKING FOR DRESS PARADE PARTICIPANTS

Parking for Dress Parade Participants will be at the following locations: Buses will begin running at 12:30.

Lower Ski Slope parking lot.

Upper Ski Slope parking lot.

ESCORT DIVISION

Greene County Sheriff's Department Color Guard

Greene County Volunteer Firemen's Association & Ladies Auxiliary Officers

Greene County Fire Fighter of the Year & Scholarship winners

Federal, State, and Local Elected Officials

Hunter Fire Co. #1 Grand Marshall, Robert Goodrich (member 65 yrs.)

- E-1 Hunter Fire Company - Led by Red Caps Marching Band
Town of Hunter WWII Veterans
- E-2 Centerville/Cedar Grove
- E-3 H. D. Lane Vol. Fire Co., Inc.
- E-4 Palenville Fire Dept. and Ladies Auxiliary -- Led by Tarrytown VFW Vets Drum and Bugle Corp
- E-5 Haines Falls Vol. Fire Co. and Auxiliary
- E-6 Guilderland Center Fire Dept.
- E-7 Tannersville Fire Dept.
- E-8 Kiskatom Fire Dept. / Ladies Auxiliary - Led by Ghent VFW Band
- E-9 Windham Hose Co. # 1
- E-10 Town of Lexington Fire Co.

FIRST DIVISION

VFW Post Color Guard Windham

Hunter Fire Co. #1 Grand Marshal, Richard Harty (member 62 yrs.)

- 1-1 Athens Volunteer Fire Dept – Led by Athens VFD Drum Line
- 1-2 Freehold Vol. Fire Co.
- 1-3 Prattsville Hose Co. and Ladies Auxiliary
- 1-4 Cairo Hose Co. and Ladies Auxiliary – Led by Capital District Marching Band
- 1-5 Hensonville Hose Co.

- 1-6 Oak Hill – Durham Vol. Fire Co. and Ladies Auxiliary
- 1-7 Ravena Hose Co.
- 1-8 Coeymans Fire Co. No. 1 and Ladies Auxiliary - Led by Coeymans Drum Line
- 1-9 East Durham Vol. Fire Co. and Ladies Auxiliary
- 1-10 Leeds Hose Co. No. 1 and Ladies Auxiliary
- 1-11 Grand Gorge Fire Dept.

SECOND DIVISION

American Legion Post 165 Tannersville Color Guard

Hunter Fire Co. #1 Grand Marshal, Leon Goodrich (member 63 yrs.)

- 2-1 Catskill Fire Dept. and Ladies Auxiliary - Led by Yankee Doodle Band
- 2-2 Earlton Fire Dept. and Ladies Auxiliary
- 2-3 East Jewett Fire Dept.
- 2-4 Cornel Hook and Ladder - Led by Cornel Hook and Ladder Drum Line
- 2-5 Medway Grapeville Fire Company
- 2-6 Jewett Fire Dept.
- 2-7 Greenville Fire Co. and Ladies Auxiliary
- 2-8 Ashland Fire Dept.
- 2-9 West Athens-Lime Street Fire Co. and Ladies Auxiliary
- 2-10 Cossackie Fire Dept. and Ladies Auxiliary
- 2-11 DM Hamilton Steamer Co #2 - Led by D.M. Hamilton Drum Line
- 2-11 Round Top Vol. Fire Co.

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU DURING THE CONVENTION!

IN OTHER GREENE COUNTY FIRE SERVICES NEWS:

Congratulations to the following who have been elected to serve office for their respective fire companies:



GREENVILLE

Chief: C.S. Powell	President: Todd Duncan
1st. Asst: Eric Bear	Vice Pres: Clifton Powell
2nd Asst: Cliff Powell III	Secretary: Ted Nugent
3rd: Brian Tumey	Treasurer: Ellen Wells
Captain: Aaron Matthews	Sgt. at Arms: Arin Matthews

Lt: Frank Boertle and Andrew Scirico
 Fire Police Captain: Lucky Materson
 Safety Officer: Ted Nugent



**RICH KELLY NAMED
WEST ATHENS FIREFIGHTER of the YEAR**

At the annual West Athens-Lime Street Fire Company banquet, Rich Kelly was named the 2014 Firefighter of the Year. Rich was named such by the three fire company chiefs on behalf of all he does to be of service to West Athens. Seen presenting Rich with his plaque is fire company President James Murphy.

EAST DURHAM VOLUNTEER NAMED HVVFA TOP FIREFIGHTER



Eric Hulbert of the East Durham Volunteer Fire Company was recently named the Hudson Valley Volunteer Fireman's Association Firefighter of the Year at their Annual Convention in West Glens Falls, NY. Hulbert was honored for pulling two people out of a burning vehicle near his residence.

In a letter to the Firefighter of the Year Committee, former East Durham Chief Carl D. Sala described Hulbert's heroism. "On July 8, 2013 at approximately 19:57 hours a vehicle was traveling eastbound on Stone Bridge Road, Town of Durham. The driver lost control of the vehicle in the area of 281 Stone Bridge Road

and struck a tree. The impact caused the driver to sustain a compound fracture to her leg and the male passenger was knocked unconscious. The impact caused the vehicle's fuel line to rupture and the engine to catch fire. Firefighter Eric Hulbert was inside his residence at 281 Stone Bridge Road and overheard the accident. Firefighter Hulbert ran outside to see what occurred and noticed a vehicle on fire with two occupants still inside. Firefighter Hulbert's wife, Tara Hulbert, called 911 to report the accident.

Hulbert grabbed three fire extinguishers from his residence and with the assistance of his step father Scott Powell ran to the vehicle. Without the protection of any firefighting gear, Firefighter Hulbert and Scott Powell were able to knock down the fire enough with the extinguishers to attempt to remove the occupants. Firefighter Hulbert and Scott Powell worked as a team to pull open the driver and passenger doors and remove the occupants just before the East Durham Vol. Fire Company arrived.

Hulbert's mother also assisted with directing traffic on Stone Bridge Road and warning motorists exiting the Zoom Flume of the accident."

The quick action of firefighter Eric Hulbert and Scott Powell helped save the lives of both victims of this accident and should be recognized."

TOWN of ATHENS BIG WINNER in COLUMBIA COUNTY CONVENTION



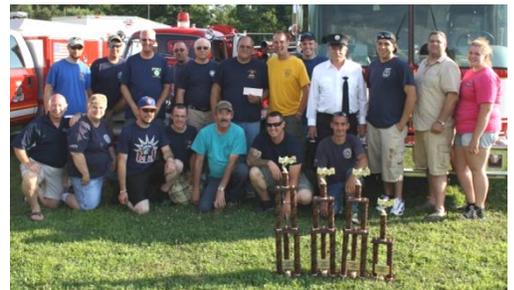
At the Columbia County Volunteer Firemen's Association convention parade on July 26 hosted by Kinderhook's Palmer Engine and Hose Company, the **Town of Athens Fire Service (Athens Volunteer Fire Dept. & West Athens-Lime Street Fire Company)** were big winners and came home with several trophies. The two have marched together in past parades as one unit but only this summer have they been seen sporting a new unified appearance.

This year, Columbia County presented awards in two categories only - Eight or more members (Group A) and seven members or less (Group B). Trophies received by Athens were:

Best Appearance Firematic Color Guard: Third place

Best Apparatus and Best Appearing Visiting Unit, Group A: First place

In addition, they came home with Best Appearing unit in or out of county with 8 or more in the line of march, which included a trophy with a \$1,000 prize. Congratulations.



THINKING of YOU

Congratulations to GCVFA Past President Mike and GCVFALA 1st VP Dawn Palmateer on the birth of their first granddaughter.



Deepest sympathy to Donna Overbaugh (Catskill Fire Dept Ladies Auxiliary) on the death of her mother

Congratulations to Aaron Hodor (Kiskatom Fire Dept) on successfully graduating from the NYS Corrections Officer Academy. Good luck on your new career endeavor.



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.

Mary June – Catskill Fire Dept Ladies Auxiliary
Joseph Chierchio – Athens Volunteer Fire Dept
Mildred Spinner – Freehold Fire Dept Ladies Auxiliary



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If you have email, we would love to send The Booster Line to you electronically. It would save printing & mailing costs thus allowing the Greene County Volunteer Firemen's Association to redirect the money to other core services. Just send a note to THEBOOSTERLINE@YAHOO.COM In the subject line please put subscription. State that you wish to receive The Booster Line electronically and remember to include your name & address & so we know who we are sending it to.

If currently receiving The Booster Line, please make sure we have your correct mailing or email address.

The Booster Line can also be located on-line through the Greene County Emergency Services page at <http://greenegovernment.com/departments/emergency-services/>

IMPORTANT BOOSTER LINE NOTE: *In the past, printing costs for The Booster Line were donated, helping to keep expenses down. Unfortunately, this courtesy will no longer be available after this issue. It was decided at the August 2014 meeting of the GCVFA to have the periodic printing of The Booster Line done professionally by a printing company. It is for this reason; you might notice changes in future issues. We hope you understand and possibly decide to become an advertiser to help offset the additional expense. Thank you.*

Volunteer Fire Assistance Grants
Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978 Volunteer Fire Assistance

PROGRAM SUMMARY: The Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant program is made possible by the Federal Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978. The grant is a 50/50 matching funds program. Its purpose is to make funds available to rural fire companies for the purchase of equipment such as portable backpack pumps, Nomex protective clothing, hand tools, hard hats, hose, portable radios and dry hydrants.

Program Funding

The Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant program is funded by the U.S. Forest Service and administered by the New York Department of Environmental Conservation. The Department received an appropriation of more than \$400,000 for the 2014 federal fiscal year.

MATCH REQUIREMENT: Fire departments will receive 50/50 matching funds, up to the amount of their \$1,000 grant award, for the purchase of firefighting equipment. As an example, a fire department awarded a \$1000 grant would need to expend \$2000 on their project to receive the entire \$1000 grant award.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- A single fire department serving a rural area or rural community with a population of 10,000 or less is eligible (latest census).
- Area fire departments (fire districts, townships, etc.) may serve an aggregate population of greater than 10,000 as long as the service area of the fire department includes a rural area or rural community having a population of 10,000 or less. The VFA funding must be used to benefit the rural population.
- A single county or town with a population of over 10,000 that is served by two or more fire districts operating entirely within the bounds of the county or town may qualify as long as the service area of a given fire department includes a rural area or rural community or the population of the fire department's jurisdiction is 10,000 or less. The VFA funding must be used for the rural area.
- A single community with a population greater than 10,000 and having a single fire department with one or more fire stations may qualify. The fire department must have a service area that includes a rural area or community that does not exceed 10,000 populations. The VFA funding must be used only for the benefit of the rural population. Similarly a single community with a population greater than 10,000 that also provides fire protection to an adjoining rural community of 10,000 or less population by contract may also be eligible provided the VFA funding is used entirely to support the rural community.
- A single community fire department serving a population greater than 10,000 and not providing protection to a rural area or to a rural community is not eligible for VFA financial assistance.
- A fire department's success or failure in receiving a grant is based on a point system with points received for:
 - Population (ex: less than 1,000 = 10 points; 1,000-2,000 = 9 points, and so on)
 - I.S.O. rating (ex: rating of 9 = 10 points; 5/9 = 5 points; 8 or less = 1 point)
 - Newly organized department = 10 points
 - Native American Indian community in protection area = 10 points
- Points will be deducted on a pro-rated basis from the total of these four factors if a grant was awarded to the fire department within the last five years.
- A point for use in future years will be added each year the applicant submits an application and does not receive a grant award.

- Only one application per local jurisdiction will be considered.
- Only expenses directly related to fire suppression are eligible for funding [purchasing portable pumps, portable backpack pumps, hand tools, hose, light-weight fireproof clothing (Nomex), hard hats, turnout gear, personal protective equipment, portable radios, generators and dry hydrants]. Grant funding cannot be applied to any single item costing more than \$5,000.
- Expenditures not directly related to firefighting, such as search and rescue, acquisition of land, construction of buildings and facilities, major apparatus purchases and maintenance items are not eligible for funding.
- Fire departments that receive a grant award must complete all required grant paperwork by October 31, 2014, to receive their reimbursement payment.

APPLICATIONS: The application deadline is September 1, 2014. You may access an [application \(PDF 386 KB\)](#) here, as well as at the top right corner of this page. Once the application is completed, save it and email to Volunteer Fire Assistance Grants at vfagrant@dec.ny.gov. Applications will also be accepted by mail at: NYS Department of Environmental Conservation Division of Forest Protection - 625 Broadway, 3rd Floor - Albany, NY 12233-2560



Testimonial Dinner
Honoring
John P. Farrell, Jr.
Past President Board of Trustees
of the FASNY Firemen's Home
and
Marilyn Farrell
Past President LAFASNY

Saturday September 20, 2014
Cocktail Hour: 5pm
Family Style Dinner (Roast Beef, Turkey & Fish): 6pm

Pegasus Restaurant
Route 9W, Coxsackie

\$40.00 per person
includes Beer, Wine or Soda

Deadline for dinner reservations September 6th
Mail to George Stacey, PO Box 207 Athens, NY 12015
(518) 755-5951

Checks payable to WALS/AVFD

Rooms are available at
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12740 Route 9W, West Coxsackie
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