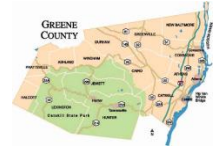




# THE BOOSTER LINE



*A NEWSLETTER DEDICATED TO GREENE COUNTY FIRE VOLUNTEERS*

Fall 2024 (November)

The sun shine brightly on a particular September morning. But this was not just another. This date was September 11 – a date that we will never forget and remember those we lost. As has been the tradition for several years, Greene County took time out to remember those we lost – both on that fateful day and First Responders who gave their life in the line of duty.

Greene County Legislature Chairman Patrick Linger served as the Master of Ceremonies. After the posting of colors by a joint Color Guard, the crowd stood respectful as they said the Pledge of Allegiance. This was followed by our National Anthem. Rabbi Zoe Zak gave an invocation. The keynote speaker was Retired NYS Police Major/USAF David Kolb. He gave a moving speech on his role in September 11, 2001. As in most ceremonies, key elected officials (Senator Michelle Hinchey and Assemblyman Chris Tague) also spoke. Added to the roll call and memorial at the county's Emergency Management Services building were NYS Trooper Ivan Morales and Freehold Firefighter Aaron Matthews. Richard Frasco and Sheriff Pete Kusminsky read the names one by one of our fallen Greene Count heroes, as the bell sounded. Pastor Joel Zimmerman gave the benediction followed by a moment of silence. The Greenville American Legion gave a Three Volley Salute with Taps. The event ended with God Bless America and the retiring of the colors.





## **GCVFA Dates to note:**

**2025 Convention** - Greenville Volunteer Fire Company

**2026 Convention-** Ashland Volunteer Fire

**2027 Convention-** West Athens-Lime Street

**2028 Convention** – Haines Falls

**2024 Past Presidents' Dinner:** November 16<sup>th</sup> at the Rip Van Winkle Country Club.

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## **INAUGURAL FIRE SCIENCES CLASS AT DONALD R. KLINE TECHNICAL SCHOOL**

This program teaches students the skills to become a paid or volunteer firefighter by completing the NYS Basic Exterior Firefighting Operations with Hazardous Material First Responder Operation courses. Students are also required to serve as a volunteer with their local fire district. Hoping this program grows



Pictured left to right with the truck donated by Gloversville Fire Department:

**Daniel Dugan, Cairo-Durham Central School District & Cairo Fire Department**

**Evan McCord, Pine Plains Central School District & Livingston Pumper Co #1**

**Madisyn Werner, Greenville Central School District & Greenville Volunteer Fire Company**

**Ethan Ravenscroft, Cossackie-Athens Central School District & Athens Vol. Fire Department**

**Jesse-James Brough, Greenville Central School District & Greenville Volunteer Fire Company**

Congratulations **GREENE COUNTY SUMMER INTERIOR FIRE OPERATIONS 2024** class!

Your dedication and hard work is completed for this round! See you all in future training classes! Thank you to all additional instructors and companies for your support to help make this class a success!



# Fire Assistance Fund

sponsored by

Greene County Volunteer Firemen's Association & Ladies Auxiliary

**HAS THERE BEEN A FIRE IN  
YOUR DISTRICT?**



*We are here to help the residents of Greene County,  
in the time of a fire emergency.*

**Have your Chief contact us to  
get help for your community  
member(s) in need:**

Frank Roberts 518.610.3556

Marilyn Farrell 518.943.5377



**Greene County Volunteer Firemen's Association & Ladies Auxiliary**



**Fire Assistance Fund  
Assistance Request Form**

**This form must be submitted by the Chief of the Fire District,  
where there has been a fire, to qualify the victim for assistance.**

Return this form in a timely manner to either:  
Frank Roberts at froberts126@gmail.com or 518.610.3556  
Marilyn Farrell at pcktvc7@icloud.com or 518.943.5377

Date of loss: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Person who suffered a loss: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact information: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of fire: \_\_\_\_\_

Fire District: \_\_\_\_\_

Cause of fire: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of loss:       Total loss       Room & content fire       Smoke & water damage  
                          Injuries \_\_\_\_\_

Describe loss: \_\_\_\_\_

In the case of a fatality, who should be contacted: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact information of above stated individual: \_\_\_\_\_

Fire Chief's name: (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Fire Chief's contact information: \_\_\_\_\_

Fire Chief's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Treasurer Use Only:**

Assistance Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Check #: \_\_\_\_\_

Assistance Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Assistance: \_\_\_\_\_

# From Around Greene County

## Athens Fire Department

The Athens Vol. Fire Dept. Pizza Nights returned as of Thursday October 17th!

The Fire Department Pizza Crew is very excited to get the season started and look forward to another successful year. The menu will include Cheese Pizza (\$12) as well as choice of extra toppings. The Crew Special, (Pepperoni, Bacon, Sausage, Onions, Mushrooms & Peppers) will cost \$20. The Meat Lovers (Pepperoni, Bacon & Sausage) will cost \$18. Specialty Pizzas of Chicken Bacon Ranch or Buffalo Chicken will remain at \$18.



In addition, there will be boneless wings (12/\$11), Plain, Mild, Hot, 5 Alarm, BBQ, & Garlic Parmesan, as well as Mozzarella Sticks (6/\$6).

Orders can be placed from 3 pm through 6:30 pm (518-945-2599) with pick up from 4 pm through 7 pm. Free delivery within the village of Athens.

## Cornell Hook & Ladder

Over the summer, Cornell tried a different kind of mutual aid drill. Surrounding mutual aid companies were invited to the firehouse for friendly conversation, fun cornhole games and good food!! Participants were: Medway-Grapeville Fire Co., Coxsackie Fire Department, Earlton Fire Department and Ladies Auxiliary, as well as some from Albany County.



## Coxsackie Hose 3



Coxsackie Hose 3 is proud to sponsor a Youth Soccer Team. A great job done by all that played this year.

## D M Hamilton Steamer Company

Over recent months, several members completed NYS Fire Training: 4 members completed BEFO (Basic Exterior Firefighting Operations) with over 79 hours of their time to taking this class. In addition, two members completed IFO (Interior Firefighting Operations) with over 50 additional hours of their time.



Members, mixing business with pleasure, while on stand-by at the Coxsackie Riverside Festival for fireworks detail!!

A huge thank you to Mountain Top Cornhole League for an awesome job on the D M Hamilton cornhole tournament fundraiser. A wonderful time was had by all. Jason and "Momma Bear" did an outstanding job setting up and running the tournament. Below is the list of winners.

**Tier 1**

- 1st. Bud Wallace & Maurice P
- 2nd. Tim Spaulding & Brandon H
- 3rd. Willie Wilbur & Jason Pos

**Tier 2**

- 1st. Drew S. & Jeff K.
- 2nd. Amy Tiano & Eric B.
- 3rd. Lenny L & John S.





## East Durham Fire Company

At the annual meeting, the following were elected as officers for 2025:

Car 1 - Joseph van Holsteyn

Car 2 - Daniel Byrne

Car 3 - Rusty Sala

Car 4 - Matthew Matice

Car 5 - Brian Lewis

Car 8-40 (Safety Officer) - John VanTassel

President - Johnny Bondrew

Vice President - Dylan Tercasio

Recording Secretary - John P. Bondrew

Financial Secretary - Ken Winnie

Treasurer - OPEN

Chaplain - Richard Frasco

Sgt At Arms - Josh Dedrick

Trustee - Fintan Hogan



## Freehold Fire Company



At their August meeting, James Blanch was appointed to the vacant Assistant Chief Car 3 position. The following month, Jamie Lee was promoted from Lieutenant to Captain. Congratulations to both of them.

As we remember those who lost their lives September 11, 2001, the Freehold Fire Company remembers brother firefighter Aaron E Matthews, who lost his battle with service-related cancer in 2023. His name was added to the Greene County Emergency Services Memorial at the 9-11 ceremony



## Haines Falls Fire Company



Recently, Haines Falls obtained new Holmatro extrication tools! These electric tools will allow operating more than one tool at a time and the freedom from hydraulic lines.



## Kiskatom Fire Department

As always, a huge Thank You to the community close and afar who supported our Annual Chicken BBQ! It's always great to see returning friends and love seeing new faces as well! Couldn't continue to do it without your support 🍌



## Palenville Fire Department

Palenville Fire Department added one more service to their EMS capabilities. After completing the "Check and inject" program, they are now able to treat anaphylaxis patients with potentially life-saving epinephrine in the field. Thank you to George June with Catskill Ambulance for the training.



PFD at the GCVFA Annual Meeting in Round Top with Firemen's Home Member and PFD Life Member Howie Chewins.



## West Athens – Lime Street Fire Company



Work is progressing on the future West Athens-Lime Street Firehouse/District Office.

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## **FIRE PREVENTION WEEK**

**E J Arthur Elementary School (Athens):** As part of Fire Prevention Week, the Town of Athens Fire Service (Athens Volunteer Fire Department and West Athens-Lime Street Fire Company) hosted their annual fire prevention program. On Day One, AVFD were at E J Arthur Elementary School conducting in-classroom, fire prevention day activities. The next day, students were welcomed at the AVFD firehouse where they practiced what they learned. Students got to use actual fire extinguishers, and thru the use of WALS Fire Safety House were able to practice crawling low to safety, exiting their home and going to their meeting spot. They witnessed demonstrations on extrication and water rescue, as well as saw various firetrucks. As part of the session, Greene County Sheriff's Office K-9 unit, the Town of Catskill ambulance, MedFlight and Greene County Paramedics also presented displays.





**Catskill School District:** It was a beautiful day for Fire Prevention at the Catskill Elementary School. It started with a little competition of donning full turnout gear followed by an obstacle course. Next, the students went outside, to see a vehicle extrication, as well as see the fire trucks, equipment used by firefighters, and ask any questions they might have. The day included going through a "smoke" house. Fire companies participating were Catskill, Leeds, Palenville and West Athens-Lime Street.



**Greenville Central School District:** Students at the Scott M Ellis Elementary School families mixed business with pleasure as part of their Fire Prevention assembly. Thank you Earlton, Freehold, Greenville, and Medway-Grapeville.





To the Lubera Family (Athens VFD/Aux. and Kistaktom FD/Aux) on their loss of their beloved one, Karen

To the Winegard family (Athens VFD/Aux) on the death of their loved one

*In Memory . . .*



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

Richard Hilgendorff – Round Top Fire Company  
Mickey Lent – Life member, Cornell Hook & Ladder.

# **GREENE COUNTY DEPT. OF EMERGENCY SERVICES**

## **FIRE TRAINING SCHEDULE**

Training authorization letter must be completed by chief

**FIRE OFFICER 1 MODULE SERIES** (Comp. Training & Community Risk Reduction)  
Company Training & Community Risk Reduction course provides current and potential fire officers with a basic knowledge of how to determine company-level training needs, teaching from a lesson plan, documentation of training activities, and different methods to conduct company-level training. Additionally, this course covers the basic responsibilities of the fire officer as they relate to community relations, company-level building inspections, and community risk reduction. This course is based upon the requirements found in Chapter 4 of NFPA 1021, Standard for Fire Officer Professional Qualifications – 12 hours

November 4 6:30 pm                      November 9 & 16, 8 am

Greene County Fire Training Center

Prerequisites: Firefighter I, or Basic Firefighter, or Firefighting Essentials

### **ENGINE COMPANY OPERATIONS**

Duties and responsibilities of the engine company: it builds on the fire behavior knowledge presented to students in BEFO & IFO/SCBA courses, fire extinguishment using hose/nozzle systems, standpipes, and master streams. It thoroughly examines different types of hose and nozzles and hydraulically evaluates flows from different hose/nozzle systems to ensure the proper flow is achieved. It concludes with live fire evolutions focusing on operations as an engine company. – 24 hours

Prerequisites: Firefighter I or equivalent and students must also be physically capable of wearing SCBA and possess current medical clearance for SCBA use

November 12,14,19,21,26    December 3,5,10 6:30 pm

Greene County Fire Training Center

### **FIRE POLICE**

Full Description: Trains fire police to perform their duties more effectively. It includes defining and interpreting terms, oath of office, relation to regular police officers, general duties, maintaining safe conditions at an emergency, traffic direction and control, pre-planning, and various laws of interest to the fire service. Under the provision of General Municipal Law, Section 209-c, this course, when approved by OFPC, must be completed by every fire police officer who was appointed after September 1, 1980. - 21 hours

Training Dates: November 15,18,20,22 6:30 p.m. and Sat, Nov. 23 8:00 a.m.

Course Location(s): Prattsville Hose Company 47 Firehouse Dr, Prattsville, NY 12468

# **GREENE COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOC. 2024 – 2025 MEETING DATES**

- GCVFA Quarterly Meeting – November 7, 2024 – Haines Falls
- GCVFALA Quarterly Meeting – November 25, 2024, p.m. – Cocksackie Hose #3
- GCVFA Executive Board Meeting – December 19, 2024 – Greene County Emergency Services Building, Cairo
- GCVFA Quarterly Meeting – February 6, 2025 – Kiskatom
- GCVFALA Quarterly Meeting – February 24, 2025, 7:30pm – D M Hamilton
- GCVFA Executive Board Meeting – March 20, 2025 – Greene County Emergency Services Building, Cairo
- GCVFA Quarterly Meeting – May 1, 2025 – Athens
- GCVFALA Quarterly Meeting – May 19, 2025, 7:30pm – West Athens
- GCVFA Executive Board Meeting – June 26, 2025 – Greene County Emergency Services Building, Cairo
- GCVFA Quarterly Meeting – August 7, 2025 – Ashland
- GCVFALA Quarterly Meeting – August 18, 2025, 7:30pm – Kiskatom

## **137th GCVFA CONVENTION**

**Host: GREENVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY  
SEPTEMBER 2nd THRU SEPTEMBER 6th, 2025**



# FUNDRAISERS

**\*SAVE THE DATE\***  
**NOVEMBER 2, 2024**



**DM Hamilton Steamer Co. #2**  
**117 Mansion St. Cossackie , NY 12051**

Doors open at 6:30 pm

Bingo begins at 7:00 pm

**Advance ticket sales \$40.00**

**At the door if available \$50.00**

Tickets include : 1 bingo card set, dauber and a door prize ticket. Extra cards available for purchase. Raffles and 50/50. Kitchen will have food and soda available.

**For tickets please contact:**

**Le Aura Downes 518-461-5267**

**Or**

**Jennifer Moore-Warren 518-291-7737**

*Round Top Vol. Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary*

## *Ham Dinner*



**Saturday - November 2nd, 2024**

**Serving: 3pm to 6pm**

**at the Round Top Firehouse**

**Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Corn, Roll & Dessert**

**\$18.00 per person**

***Take Outs Only!***

**\*Pre Order call:**  
**Lorrie at 631-681-4626**



 **Election Day**  
**All-You-Can-Eat Spaghetti Dinner**

**TUES. NOV. 5<sup>TH</sup> 2024**



**4PM - 7PM**

**West Athens Firehouse #2  
Leeds-Athens Road, Athens**

**Donation: Adults \$10 Ages 5 - 12 \$7 Under 5 - Free**

***Sponsored by West Athens-Lime Street Fire Company***

**IT'S  
CHICKEN  
TIME!**



**Leeds Ladies Auxiliary  
Annual Election Day Bake Sale  
And Chicken BBQ Dinner**



**TUESDAY 11/05/23**

The bake sale will run from morning until all the goodies are gone.

**Chicken BBQ Dinner**

HALF CHICKEN DINNER INCLUDES BAKED POTATO, CORN ON THE COB, COLESLAW, ROLL & BUTTER, COOKIES, DRINK

CATERED BY FRESE'S CATERING SERVICE

PICK-UP ONLY 4 PM-7 PM

ADVANCE PURCHASE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED

**\$15 DONATION FOR CHICKEN DINNER**

518-947-4743

Pick up at the Leeds Firehouse

**Soup will also be available!**

Please Share, Thanks!

**CHICKEN BBQ**




**Election Day Dinner**


**NOV 5**  
**Earlton Fire Dept.**

**Lunch 12 - 1:30 PM**  
**Dinner 4:30 - 6:30 PM**  
**PRICE \$16**  
**TAKE OUT ONLY**  
**Menu:**  
**Pot Roast    Potato Pancakes**  
**Cole Slaw    Apple Sauce**  
**Dessert**




**Haines Falls FD**

**Gun Raffle**

Weatherby Vanguard S2 Sporter Walnut Stock  
7 MM Bolt Action With Leopold Freedom Scope

Drawing Tues. Nov. 12th 2024

\$20.00 each

No 420

No 420

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**GREENVILLE FIRE COMPANY**

# THANKSGIVING DINNER RAFFLE

SEE MEMBERS FOR TICKETS  
DRAWING NOV. 12TH

Included- Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Stuffing, Gravy, Cranberry sauce, Corn, Sweet Potatoes, Rolls, Pie

**THEY'RE BACK . . .**

## ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BREAKFAST

**Sun. Nov. 17, 2024 8am to 12 Noon**  
*(and each 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month thru April)*

**West Athens Firehouse #2**  
**Leeds-Athens Road**

**Auxiliary Bake Sale with 50/50 drawing!**

**Donation: Freewill Offering**

Sponsored by West Athens-Lime Street Fire Co.



## Calling All Sellers!!

### Join Our Indoor Yard Sale

Hosted by

**Freehold Volunteer Fire Company!**

**Are you looking to declutter and turn your unwanted items into cash? Join us for our upcoming Indoor Yard Sale!**



Date: Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup> 2024!



Time: 10am-4pm



Location: 9502 route 32, Freehold NY 12431

- Set your own prices and keep the profits!
- Meet new people in the community!
- Clear out your space and make room for what you love!

Spots are limited, so VISIT THE LINK below to get yours today!  
A \$20 donation to the Freehold Volunteer Fire Company reserves a table and space to set up and SELL!

<https://www.freeholdfireny.com/event/fvfc-indoor-yard-sale-2024>



Cairo Hose Ladies Auxiliary  
3rd Annual

## HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR

Cairo Firehouse, Railroad Ave., Cairo, NY

Small Business Saturday  
November 30, 2024  
3 pm - 7 pm

Food Vendors \* Holiday Decorations

## HOLIDAY LIGHT PARADE

at dark - Main Street, Cairo, NY

sponsored by Cairo Hose Co.

Santa Arriving At The Fire House  
At Conclusion Of Parade.  
Photo Op



### 33rd ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Sponsored by Greenville  
Fire Company Auxiliary  
GREENVILLE FIRE HOUSE  
RT.32  
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 30, 2024  
10 A.M. TO 3 P.M.  
Something for everyone  
Food & baked goods will be sold  
by the Auxiliary



DM Hamilton Steamer Co. #2  
117 Mansion Street, Coxsackie NY  
Annual Holiday Craft Fair  
December 1, 2024  
10am-3pm

#### Support your local Vendors and Crafters !

Stop by and grab those last minute gifts for  
friends , family, bus drivers and Teachers !  
Stop in for some delicious lunch cooked up by our  
Auxiliary!  
Have kids Picture Taken with  
Mr. & Mrs. Claus

\*Vendor Spots Available\*  
Contact Le Aura Downes @  
Dmhamiltonaux2@gmail.com


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