

**FIRE CHIEFS COUNCIL OF NASSAU COUNTY, INC.
2490 BELTAGH AVENUE, BELLMORE, NY 11710**

REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 19, 2026

**ROOSEVELT FIRE DEPARTMENT
56 Centennial Avenue
Roosevelt, New York
Phone 516 771-3370**

SPEAKER

Fire Marshall on lithium Battery

Board of Governors

March 19, 2026

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 18, 2026**

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Chiefs,

A very Happy New Year! I hope your holiday season was both enjoyable and festive for you and your families as it was for me.

I look forward to being your president for this next year and also look forward to celebrating the Chiefs Council 100th year anniversary. That gala will be here before we know it.

In the past year we have had interesting guest speakers. I will continue that program for the future.

Although it's freezing out spring will be here before we know it. With that the Fire Academy will be having their spring/summer schedule of training classes with live burns. I'm sure a lot of departments will be taking advantage of the different courses that will be available. This is great training for all of us, especially for our probies!

With regards to our 100th anniversary Gala, information will be posted on our FCCNC website: <http://www.nassaufirechiefs.org>. That will be forthcoming. You'll only be able to purchase tickets through FCCNC secretary Richard Messina. This is the ONLY way to buy tickets.

Our guest speaker/speakers for the evening are members of the Nassau County Fire Marshal's Office.

The subject is: Lithium batteries, E-Bikes and storage. This should be an interesting topic especially with these type fires that are occurring around the island and NYC.

Meeting will be hosted by the:
Roosevelt Fire Department
56 W. Centennial Avenue
516-771-3370

Hope to see our members there.

Respectfully,
Thomas Pellegrino
President

IN MEMORIAL

Ex-Chief Karl Thuge

Lynbrook, Massapequa and Seaford Fire Departments

Ex-Chief Elvie Hickam

East Rockaway Fire Department

Ex-Chief Tom Carroll

Plandome Fire Department

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Steven Klein	516-446-8959
Lee Tucholski	516-287-1064
Richard Messina	516-456-0501
Anthony Tripp	516-322-4215

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2ND. V.P.Brian Nolan
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TREASURERRoy Dahlen
FINANCIAL SECRETARYTony Tripp
SECRETARYRichard A. Messina

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Pres. Pellegrino called the Regular Meeting of the Council to order at 7:45 PM. **SALUTE TO THE FLAG** led by Sgt-at-Arms John Bartunek,
Opening Prayer by Father Costigan.

Chief Sean Costigan of the Oceanside FD cordially welcomed us to the 2nd Battalion and the Oceanside FD. Chief Pellegrino also introduced his guests which included Biagio Romano, NC Fire District chair, Former Chiefs of the Oceanside FD. Chris Shelton, VEEB chair., Ray Maguire, VEEB Secretary, Steve Klein FASNY PP, and Joe Mahalek, FIRECOM.

After review of the contents of The Signal, motion made by **J. Tassiello** seconded and carried to be accepted as read.

Roll call taken by Secretary:
Chief Pellegrino then introduced Tony Cruz , and Ronnie Barz, formerly of the Cancer Support Network.who spoke on changes, regarding their withdrawal from the national network. He went on to note that his original network remains strong, financially and that of the programs are affected.

INSTALLATION: L Tucholski reported the Installation Brunch will be held at the Stewart Manor Country in Stewart Manor on Sunday February 22, 2026, starting at 10 AM cost 65.00 dollars per person

NYSAFC: Director Anthony Tripp reported the Long Island Mega Show will be hosted by the Islip Town Fire Museum and run by the New York State Association of Fire Chiefs on January 30- 31, and February 1st. at the Nassau Coliseum cost per person \$25.00 dollars, which also allows any of the seminars that will be running every day. Parking is free, Friday hours are 12PM to 5 PM Saturdays hours are 9 AM to 5 pm and Sunday 9AM till 3PM. Chiefs show will be June 10th.. to the 13th in Syracuse web site is open please register. Two more years in Syracuse.

EDUCATION: Seminar to be held on January 27, 2026 at Uniondale Fire Department, Van Ness Station.

EXEMPTS 2% L Tucholski Will be held on August ?, zt the Holiday Valley Resort, Ellicottville NY

MEMORIAL SERVICE: L Tucholski report the next Memorial Service will be at St. Patricks Church, Glen Cove and May 3, 2026. A reminder to all Chiefs please sends your members who died in 2025 ASAP.

MEETING SITES: February

100th ANNIVERSARY GALA: Chairman Chris Shelton outlined the details of the 100th, Anniversary of the FCCNC
The date is Sept. 16, 2026, at the Crescent Beach Club, Bayville, NY. , afternoon Cocktail Party, business attire,
Tickets will be sold **only** by Richie Messina, **there will be no tickets sold at the door**
Journal ad sales to start Jan,1

COMMUNICATIONS AND BILLS:

Bill - Richie Messina, secretarial supplies \$128
Motion was made seconded and carried to pay bill.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

TREASURER'S REPORT: R Dahlen reported that the operating fund of the council as of tonight is \$22,965.86.
Motion to accept the report as read by Chris Shelton, seconded by Tom McDonough and carried.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: T Tripp

A.- Turned over to Treasurer Tonight 1240.00 dollars in dues
B.- There is 1 out of 74 Departments and Companies that owe their dues for the year beginning January 2021. They are Hempstead
For 2022 there are 2 departments who owe Farmingdale, and Hempstead
For 2023 there are 4 departments who owe, , Farmingdale, South Floral Park, Hempstead and West Hempstead
For 2024 there are 5 Departments that owe Dues Farmingdale, South Floral Park, Hempstead, Jericho and West Hempstead.
There are 1025 dues paying members, 32 nonpaying members and 74 dues paying Departments or Companies 1057 members.
Seconded by P. Napoli and carried.

WAYS AND MANS: There were 41 in attendance.

President Tom Pellegrino. Thanked Oceanside FD for their hospitality and the Chiefs for their support, and wished all a Happy New Year.

1st VP K Bendel Thanked Oceanside FD and wished all Happy New Year., it was also noted we need manpower at the FireFighters EXPO Show. We have a table and will be selling Challenge Coins and shirts.

2nd. VP Brian Nolan Thanked Oceanside FD and noted a ZOOM capability for the meetings, and wished all a Happy New Year.

GOOD and WELFARE:Paul Wilders noted NCFSA2026 will be offering Fire Officer 2, Firefighter 2 courses, also, Firefighter 1 is worth 3 college credits.

CLOSING PRAYER : Father Costigan offered the Closing Prayer

ADJOURN: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:07 pm,
Respectfully submitted,
Lee Tucholski
Acting Secretary

Fire Chiefs Council of Nassau County, Inc.

REGULAR MEETINGS

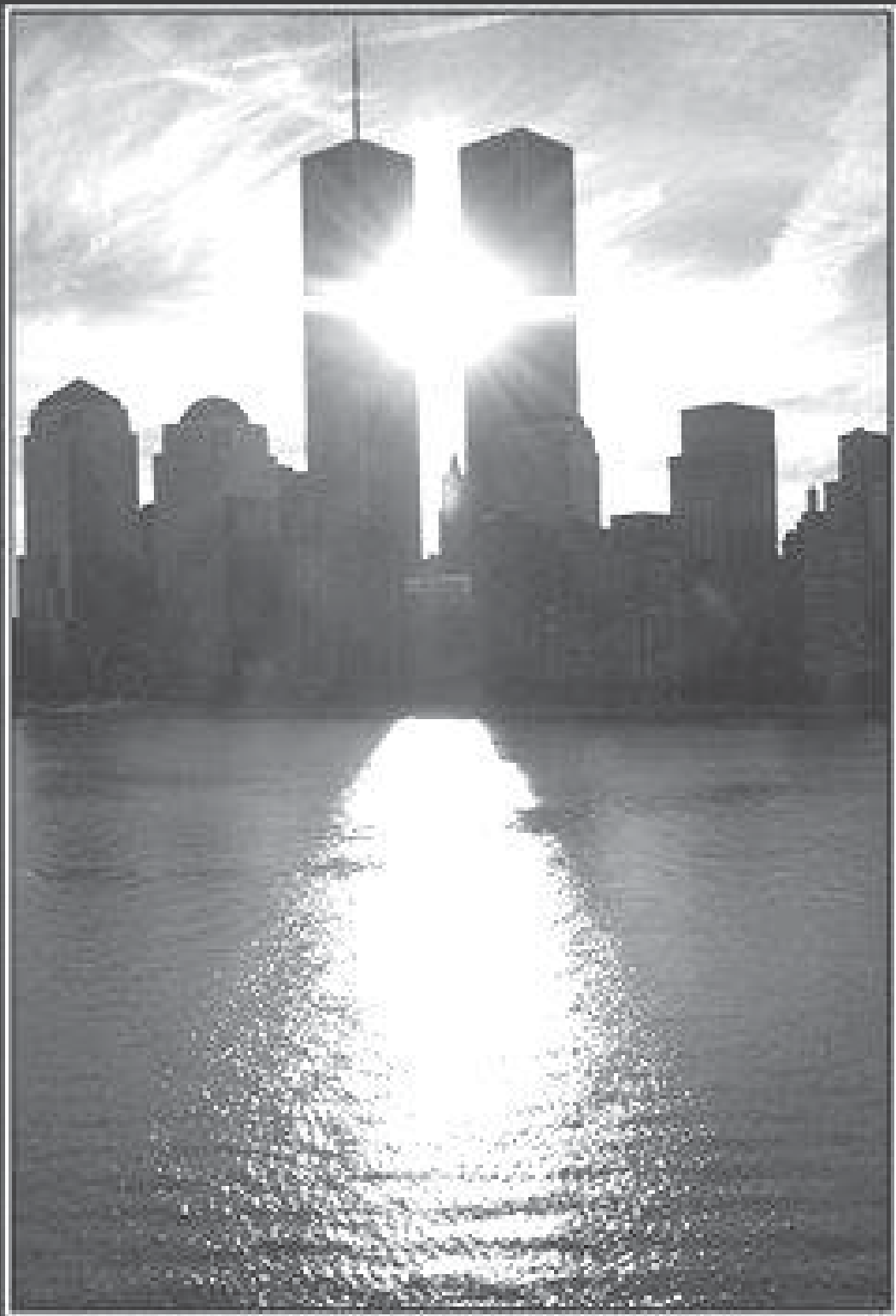
<u>DATE</u>	<u>HOST</u>
February 19, 2026	Roosevelt
June 18, 2026	Great Neck Vigilant
October 15, 2026	Plainview
December 17, 2026	Baldwin

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
January 15, 2026	Albertson
March 19, 2026	Albertson
May 21, 2026	Albertson
September 17, 2026	Albertson
November 19, 2026	Albertson

IMPORTANT DATES 2025-2026

FCCNC MINISEMINAR Van Ness, Uniondale	January 27, 2026
FASNY LEGISLATIVE WORKSHOP Albertson	January 24, 2026
LONG ISLAND METRO SHOW Uniondale	January 30-February 1 2026
FCCNC Brunch Stewart Manor Country Club	February 22, 2026
FASNY EMS SEMINAR Geneva	March 6-8, 2026 _
EASTERN IAFC CONVENTION Lancaster, PA	April 17-18, 2026
NASSAU COUNTY FIREMEN'S UNITED MEMORIAL SERVICE Glen Cove	May 3, 2026
SOUTHERN NEW YORK CONVENTION Central Islip	May 2, 2026
NYS AFC CONFERENCE Syracuse	June 10-13, 2026
FASNY CONVENTION Ellicottville, NY	August 19-22, 2026
IAFC CONVENTION Kansas City	August 12-14, 2026
NASSAU COUNTY AWARDS	September 6, 2026
FCCNC 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY GALA Crescent Beach Club, Bayville	September 16, 2026
LONG ISLAND FIREFIGHTER DAY AT THE HOME Hudson, New York	September 20, 2026
NASSAU COUNTY FIREFIGHTER MUSEUM GALA Cradle of Aviation	TBA
LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE Troy	November 7-8, 2026
FCCNC Installation Brunch Stewart Manor Country Club	February 28, 2027
FCCNC MINISEMINAR Van Ness, Uniondale	January 26 2027



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E-MAILED TO YOU.**

**The following are the Departments who are scheduled to host
the meetings of the Chiefs Council**

December 18, 2025	OCEANSIDE
February 19, 2026	ROOSEVELT
June 18, 2026	GREAT NECK VIGILANTS
October 15, 2026	PLANEVIEW
December 17, 2026	BALDWIN



January 16, 2026

Dear Brother Chiefs:

On February 22, 2026 from 10 AM till 2 PM, we will hold our Annual Brunch at the The Stewart Manor Country Club, on 51 Salisbury Avenue, Stewart Manor Hope, you and your members will help make this year a bigger one. The cost per person this year is 75.00 dollars; there will be mimosas, bloody marys, beer, wine and soda. Please return the bottom of this page with your check made out to FCCNC, Inc.

We will be honoring our first Fire Chief of the Year Chief Francis X. DeBobes Jr.

Firemanically yours,

Richard A Messina

Council Secretary

..... detach here and return with check to.....

Richard A Messina

2490 Beltagh Ave, Bellmore New York 11710

NAME: _____

NUMBER ATTENDING: _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____



Fire Chiefs Council of Nassau County Fire Chief of the Year Awards

2027 Nomination Form

Award Details and Presentation:

- If FCCNC does not receive a nominee, the association executive board, with the approval of the president, may select an award recipient.
- All FCCNC award recipients will be recognized during the FCCNC Annual Installation Brunch.
- Recipient and one guest will receive a ticket to the Installation Brunch.

Nominee Eligibility Criteria:

- Must be an Individual Member of FCCNC in good standing (dues paid in full).
- Must be an active or past chief of department (five trumpets).
- Members of the FCCNC executive board are ineligible.

Required Items for Consideration:

- Completed nomination form.
- Cover letter on nominating organization's letterhead.
- Current resume detailing nominee's involvement in the fire service.
- Supporting documents, such as letters of recommendation, news stories, etc. (maximum of six).

Nominee Information:

Name: _____

Department: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Cellphone: (____) _____

Email: _____

Nominating Individual Contact Information:

Name: _____

Department/Organization: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Cell

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Submit Required Materials Postmarked by **January 1, 2026**,

To: Fire Chiefs Council of Nassau County, Inc.
2490 Beltagh Avenue, Bellmore NY 11710



FIRE CHIEF'S COUNCIL OF NASSAU COUNTY

100TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

1675 WILLIAM STREET NORTH MERRICK, NY 11566
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President

Robert Kloepfer

Chairman

Richard A. Messina

Christopher P. Shelton

John Tassiello

Paul Wilders

Committee

January 22, 2026

Dear Chiefs, Commissioners and friends of the Fire Chiefs Council of,

You are cordially invited to attend a reception given in honor and celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Fire Chief's Council of Nassau County serving the fire chiefs, fire departments and the citizens of Nassau County with distinction for 100 years

The Gala Anniversary Reception will be held on Wednesday, September 16, 2026 at the Crescent Beach Club, 333 Bayville Avenue, Bayville, NY 11709, with cocktails beginning at 7PM.

The cost for the gala anniversary reception is only \$125 per person, payable in advance only (**no payments will be accepted at the door, all guest must be prepaid/preregistered**) and all preregistered guests will receive an anniversary gift bag consisting of a portfolio; pen; challenge coin; souvenir journal; and a large commemorative mug, all emblazoned with our new 100th anniversary logo.

The dress for the evening will be business casual. No uniforms are to be worn.

The Crescent Beach Club is a stunning location overlooking Long Island Sound serving remarkable food by a gracious staff. For your enjoyment, the program for the evening will be short.

We look forward with great anticipation to your attendance and support of the Fire Chief's Council of Nassau County's 100th Anniversary Gala Reception.

Yours truly

Robert Kloepfer

Robert Kloepfer, Past President

Ex-Chief Floral Park Fire Department

Chairman 100th Anniversary Committee

Enclosed reservation form



**FIRE CHIEF'S COUNCIL OF NASSAU COUNTY
100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY GALA
BEING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 16, 2026
AT THE CRESCENT BEACH CLUB IN BAYVILLE
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Dear Chiefs, Commissioners and friends of the Fire Chiefs Council of,

Twenty Twenty Six (2026) marks 100 years since the establishment and organization of the Fire Chief's Council of Nassau County.

It is hard to believe so much time has passed since the founding of this great organization. The 100th anniversary of the Fire Chief's Council of Nassau County marks a significant milestone in recognizing a century of leadership, service, and dedication to fire safety and emergency response in the county. This historic celebration likely includes commemorative events, honors for distinguished members, and reflections on the council's contributions over the past hundred years.

Join us in honoring a century of dedicated fire service leadership, community service, and unwavering commitment to safety. The Fire Chief's Council of Nassau County has been at the forefront of fire prevention, emergency response, and community outreach for the past one hundred years.

On September 16, 2026, we will celebrate this 100-year milestone with a cocktail party at the Crescent Beach Club in Bayville

Please join us in commemorating a century of dedication, bravery, and community service. The Fire Chief's Council of Nassau County has proudly served our county for 100 years, supporting fire and rescue operations, advancing safety initiatives, and fostering cooperation among our local departments.

Your Support Matters!

We invite you to be part of this historic milestone. Your sponsorship or Advertisement will help us honor our past, celebrate our present, and build a safer future for Nassau County.

Please see the next page for your opportunity to support our great organization with a journal ad or sponsorship.

Thank you in advance,

The Journal Committee

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North Merrick, NY, 11566

Due Date July 15, 2026