

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

REGULAR MEETING

DECEMBER 18, 2025

OCEANSIDE FIRE DEPARTMENT
65 Foxhurst Road
Oceanside
Phone 516 766-2717

SPEAKER
Ex-Chief Ron Barz
Firefighters Cancer Awareness and Mentor Association New York State

Board of Governors
January 15, 2026

NEXT REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 19, 2026

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Chiefs,

By the time you receive the Chiefs Signal it will be the middle of November, and it is starting to get colder. The clocks were set back an hour which means we all come home from work in the dark.

With the cold weather settling in, people start turning on their oil burners. As we all experienced in the past, our departments will be responding to oil burner emergencies. It would be a good opportunity to have company drills on how to handle these types of operations. Also, residents with fireplaces will start making fires in their hearths. If the flue wasn't cleaned or the mortar is brittle, fire will get in behind these areas and departments will be operating at these types of fires in houses.

At our October meeting Chief Kloepfer unveiled our 100-year anniversary gala which will be Wednesday, September 16, 2026. It will be held at the Crescent Beach club in Bayville.

Tickets for the evening will be available for purchase through our website. More details to come! We will be selling journal ads which we hope the fire service will support. Tickets and journal ads will be available starting January 2026. We hope to see all of you at the gala.

Our December meeting will be hosted by Oceanside Fire Department on Thursday 12/18.

Our guest speakers for our next meeting will be: Ex-Chief Tony Cruz, President and Ex-Chief Ronnie Barz, Vice President of the Firefighter Cancer Awareness and Mentoring Association of the State of New York.

Oceanside Fire Department HQ

65 Foxhurst Road

Bus. phone: 516-766-2717

Dinner starts at 7pm, meeting starts at 7:30pm.

Hope to see you 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

To All Chiefs

If you need the help of the Ceremonial Unit to assist at a Departmental funeral or wake please contact by phone one of the Council members listed below.

The request must come from the Chief or his Assistants

Ray Maguire	516-680-1801
Steven Klein	516-446-8959
Lee Tucholski	516-287-1064
Richard Messina	516-456-0501
Anthony Tripp	516-322-4215

Please remember we are here to assist you for any Departmental Service

COUNCIL OFFICERS 2023

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2ND. V.P. Brian Nolan

SGT. AT ARMS John Bartunek

TREASURER Roy Dahlen

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REGULAR MEETING
WANTAGH FIRE DEPARTMENT
OCTOBER 16, 2025

Pres. Pellegrino called the Regular Meeting of the Council to order at 8:00 PM. **SALUTE TO THE FLAG** led by 2nd Vice President Brian Nolan, Opening prayer by L Tucholski.

Welcome to Wantagh and the 6st Battalion by 2nd Assistant Chief Paul Krussmann

Guest Speaker Detective Greg Fisher NCPD

Roll call taken by Secretary:

Motion to accept the minutes as printed in the signal by K McElynn, Seconded and carried.

COMMITTEES:

NYSAFC: T Tripp reported the LI Expo will be January 30, 31 and February 1, 2026

INSTALLATION BREAKFAST L Tucholski reported the installation Brunch will be held on February 22, 2026 at 10:00 AM at the Stewart Manor Country Club. Cost 75.00 per person

MEMORIAL SERVICE L Tucholski Next year the host is Glen Cove at St. Patrick Church. Assemble at 6:30 service to start 7 PM we have 2027 Oceanside.

EDUCATION P Wilders reported that the program for next year seminar, is Commanding Complex Fire Operations under Pressure at Van Ness Fire Station, Uniondale at 7PM

NEW BUSINESS: Robert Kloepfer gave the details for the 100 Year anniversary that will be held on September 16, 2026 at the Crescent Beach Club in Bayville.

COMMUNICATIONS AND BILLS: All bill passed on to Treasurer for payment

- A. - FASNY newsletter.
- B. - Minutes for Executive Council

TREASURER'S REPORT: R Dahlen reported that the operating fund of the council as of tonight is \$2069.34 Motion to accept the report as read by: O Kohlmier seconded

FINANCIAL SECRETARY A Tripp reported the following

Turned over to the treasurer this month 1620.00 dollars in Dues. Of the 1044 members 577 have paid this year's dues for a total of 19,080.00

There are 1 of the 74 departments that owe dues for 2021. Hempstead,

Owe for 2022 there are 4 out of 74 departments that still owe dues. Bellerose Village, Farmingdale, Hempstead, Seaford.

Owe for 2023 there are 5 Departments, Bellerose Village, Farmingdale, Hempstead, South Floral Park and West Hempstead.

Owe for 2024 7 Departments Bellerose Village, East Meadow, Farmingdale, Hempstead, Jericho, South Floral Park and West Hempstead.

Dues paying members 1044

Nonpaying 30

Total 1074

Motion to accept K McElynn, Seconded and carried

WAYS AND MEANS: 50/50 90 winner 45, Dark

Horse 100.00,

26 members, 2 Active Chiefs

President: Thanked all for coming tonight

1st Vice President Thanked Wantagh FD

2nd Vice President Thank Wantagh FD

Closing Prayer by L Tucholski

Motion made by R Kloepfer to adjourn at 2100 hrs. seconded and carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard A. Messina
Council Secretary

Fire Chiefs Council of Nassau County, Inc.

REGULAR MEETINGS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>HOST</u>
February 19, 2026	Franklin Square
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 MINI SEMINAR

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

NASSAU COUNTY FIREMEN'S UNITED

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Glen Cove

May 3, 2026

EASTERN IAFC CONVENTION

TBA

TBA

SOUTHERN NEW YORK CONVENTION

TBA

May 16, 2026

NYS AFC CONFERENCE

Syracuse

June 10-13, 2026

FASNY CONVENTION

Suffolk County

August 6-8, 2026

IAFC CONVENTION

Kansas City

August 12-14, 2026

NASSAU COUNTY AWARDS

September 6, 2026

LONG ISLAND FIREFIGHTER DAY AT THE HOME

September 20, 2026

Hudson, New York

TBA

NASSAU COUNTY FIREFIGHTER MUSEUM GALA

Cradle of Aviation

November 7-8, 2026

LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

Troy

November 7-8, 2026

FCCNC MINI SEMINAR

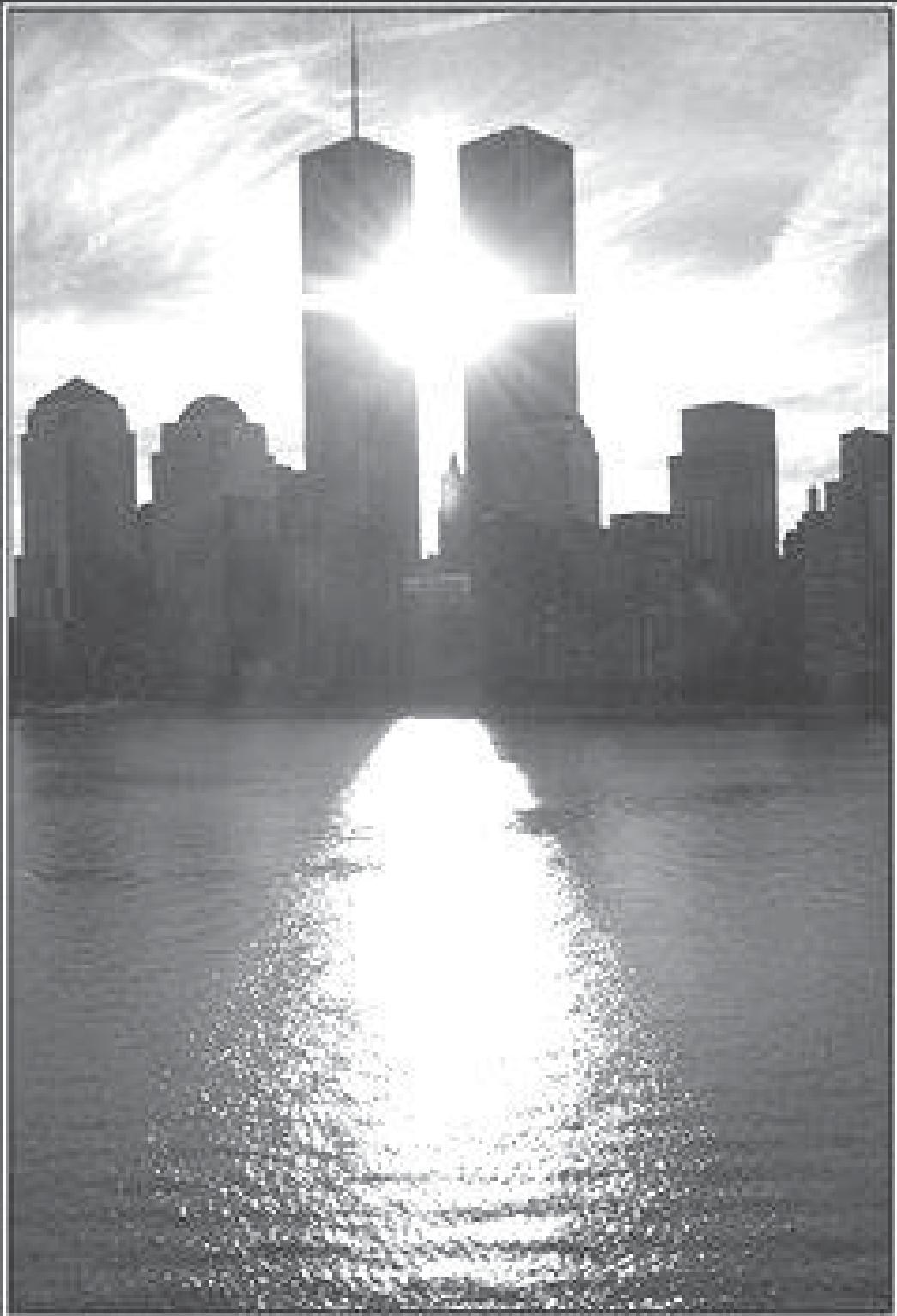
Van Ness, Uniondale

January 26 2027

FCCNC INSTALLATION BRUNCH

Stewart Manor Country Club

February 21 2027



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NEW AND UPDATE WEB SITE AND IF YOU
SEND IN YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS IT WILL BE
E-MAILED TO YOU.**

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

**December 18, 2025
February 19, 2026
June 18, 2026
October 15, 2026
December 17, 2026**

**OCEANSIDE
FRANKLIN SQUARE
GREAT NECK VIGILANTS
PLANEVIEW
BALDWIN**



The Fire Chief's Council of Nassau County

Presents

“Commanding Complex Fire Operations Under Pressure”

Presented by:

FDNY Deputy Chief Jeff Facinelli

30 + year member of the Hillcrest Fire Co.

January 27, 2026 – 7:00pm Start, Doors open 6:00pm **Uniondale Van Ness Station**

154 Uniondale Ave.

Pre-registration \$40pp. **Paid in advance** (PO, claim voucher or check)

**For Information, call Paul Wilders
(516) 476-1522**

All advanced registration must be done through our QR code

Registration at the door \$45pp. please present a PO, claim voucher, or check upon entry. There is limited seating so we encourage early registration

Light refreshments will be served

Scan for online registration (payment still required) :

Each attendee must complete registration even if paying as a department. Certificates will be emailed to the email address provided.



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

2026 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

Phone: () _____

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

To: Fire Chiefs Council of Nassau County, Inc.
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