

**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 Kloepper 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**

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## **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**

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

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

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## **COUNCIL OFFICERS 2023**

**PRESIDENT** .....Tom Pellegrino  
**1ST. V.P.** .....Karen Bendel  
**2ND. V.P.** .....Brian Nolan  
**SGT. AT ARMS** .....John Bartunek  
**TREASURER** .....Roy Dahlen  
**FINANCIAL SECRETARY** .....Tony Tripp  
**SECRETARY** .....Richard A. Messina

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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 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Brian Nolan, Opening prayer by L Tucholski.

Welcome to Wantagh and the 6st Battalion by 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Kloefer 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  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President** Thank Wantagh FD

**Closing Prayer by L Tucholski**

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Richard A. Messina  
Council Secretary

**Fire Chiefs Council of Nassau County, Inc.**

**REGULAR MEETINGS**

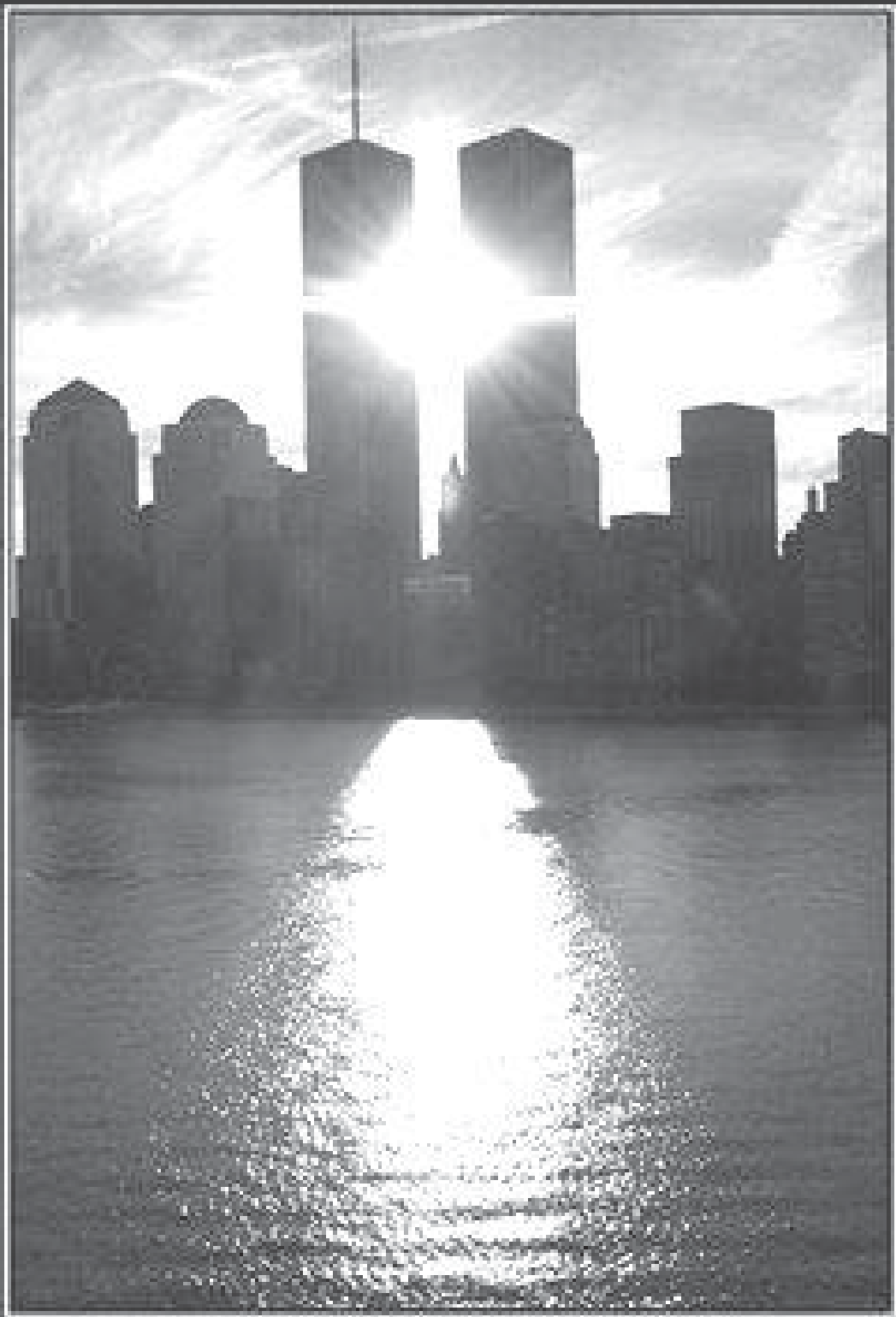
<u>DATE</u>	<u>HOST</u>
February 19, 2026	Franklin Square
June 18, 2026	Great Neck Vigilant
October 15, 2026	Plainview
December 17, 2026	Baldwin

**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 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
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 Hudson, New York	September 20, 2026
NASSAU COUNTY FIREFIGHTER MUSEUM GALA Cradle of Aviation	TBA
LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE Troy	November 7-8, 2026
FCCNC MINISEMINAR 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  
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E-MAILED TO YOU.**

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

<b>December 18, 2025</b>	<b>OCEANSIDE</b>
<b>February 19, 2026</b>	<b>FRANKLIN SQUARE</b>
<b>June 18, 2026</b>	<b>GREAT NECK VIGILANTS</b>
<b>October 15, 2026</b>	<b>PLANEVIEW</b>
<b>December 17, 2026</b>	<b>BALDWIN</b>



## 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: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

To: Fire Chiefs Council of Nassau County, Inc.  
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