



CAPITAL AREA FIRE DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION BULLETIN

YOUR FIRE DISTRICT NEWS SOURCE

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[Information to make you think and to learn from others!!](#)

THE CAPITAL CALENDAR:

WWW.AFDCA.ORG

**All correspondence & Capital Area Fire Districts Association Mailing Address should be directed to: AFDCA PO Box 242 East Schodack, NY 12063
EMAIL: CAAOFD@GMAIL.COM**

August, No Meeting

Thursday September 14th, **General Membership Meeting** 7PM, All are invited or to zoom in

Thursday October 12th **General Membership/Nominations for Officers & Directors**

Thursday November 9th, 7:00pm **General Membership**, dinner served at 6PM/Elections

December, **No Meeting**

Saturday, January 6th **General Membership Breakfast Meeting** 9am, 2024 Organizational Meeting

[Printable Calendar with much more – See End of Bulletin](#)

CAPITAL AREA FIRE DISTRICTS ASSOC. NEWS:

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[Membership Audit](#)

CAFDA, currently has 79 member Fire Districts in Albany, Schenectady, Fulton, Montgomery, Rensselaer, Warren, Washington and Saratoga Counties.

We currently have 21 fire districts that are NOT members for 2023 and they are: Berne, Delmar, Elsmere and McKownville in Albany County; West Charlton in Saratoga County; Glenville #2, Rotterdam #4 and Duanesburg in Schenectady County; Northville Joint in Fulton County; Bolton, Luzern-Hadley, North Creek and Pottersville in Warren County; and Best Luther, East Schodack, Schodack Center, Schodack Landing, Eastern Pittstown, Nassau #1 and Stephentown in Rensselaer County.

Are we missing anyone? Sometimes there is confusion between the State Association and the regional associations such as CAFDA. CAFDA is not a branch or subsidiary of the State Association, we are not in each other reporting chain or organizational structure.

[Just When You Think All is Right With the World](#)**

Terry Briscoe has resigned her position with CAFDA, not because she didn't like us, she just needed a break from the fire service, and we can certainly understand that.

As a result, Tony Hill will pitch in as Secretary and we are looking for someone qualified to take that position. They will be hanging out with a great group of people. Contact Tony Hill or any of the Officers or Directors if you are interested.

Tony Hill has resumed is position as Secretary/Treasurer and can be reached at : cafdatreasurer@gmail.com or caaofd@gmail.com , our mailing address is CAFDA PO Box 242, East Schodack, NY 12063

[Long Way to Travel Zoom into the General Membership Meetings!](#)

It's our desire that every member fire district have the opportunity to attend Capital Area meetings. We know we cover a large area, in 8 counties and beyond, and wish to give all of our members a chance to participate in the general membership meetings.

You have a voice, and we would like to hear it. Join us at our next meeting either in person or via Zoom. The link will be sent via constant contact prior to each general membership meeting. Thank you for being a member and we hope you will join us.

CAFDA FALL WORKSHOP: Put it on your calendar

Saturday, **November 4th**, 2023 8:00 AM Fall Workshop Verdoy Fire Department

SUBJECTS TO BE COVERED:

- Harassment Challenges – Discipline as a result of Harassment Charges
- How to SHOP for insurance, What Coverage Should We Have?
- Removal of Fire Company Members
- Ask the experts: CPA, VFBL, Attorney, Insurance, Candle Stick Maker

Training for Fire District Officials Being Held Locally by the Capital Area Fire Districts Association. Both Members and Non-Members are Welcome.-
Mark Your Calendars-Watch for Details to Follow

****PESH vs. NFPA Seminar, Law vs. Standard** See Flyer Last Page

Presenter: Jennifer Puerner – NYS Department of Labor PESH Compliance Assistance Specialist
What you need to know. Join us at the DeCrescente Distributing Conference Center at 200 N. Main Street, Mechanicville (opposite the Price Chopper Plaza). FREE to all fire district officials and fire service officers.

- ❖ **Tuesday September 12th from 6PM to 9PM Limited to 100 attendees.**
- ❖ Register now with Secretary Hill at caaofd@gmail.com

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****Fire District Secretary Training** See Flyer Last Page

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- **Tuesday September 19th from 6PM to 9PM Limited to 100 attendees.**
- COST: members \$10, non-members \$20 checks can be mailed to Tony Hill at Box **242**, East Schodack, NY 12063, or pay at the door. Reserve a seat at caaofd@gmail.com

LOCAL CAFDA Conference, Late April 2024, Location and details being developed, details to be released when they are available.

We want to thank the Clifton Park – Halfmoon Fire District for allowing us to use their facility for the Capital Area meetings.

The Capital Area has logo ware available, long and short sleeve polo shirts. Contact Secretary/Treasurer Tony Hill to purchase shirts.

IF NOTHING ELSE READ THE ARTICLES PRECEDED BY**

CAPITAL SHORTS:

- The Day at the Races was very successful and at the end of the day everyone was saying let's do it again next year. It was a perfect day, and everyone enjoyed themselves. Let's put it on the Calendar for 2024 on Friday, August 9th.
- [Fire District Election Schedule and Budget Schedule on Last Page of Bulletin and is posted to our current website at afdca.org!](#)
- **Fleury Risk Management** (497 Public Management Group VFBL Insurance) is running a charity golf tournament this year for **Operation At-Ease** on **August 14th** **at the Edison Club in Rexford**. In case you aren't familiar with Operation At-Ease, they are located in Niskayuna and train shelter animals to assist veterans and first responders with PTSD and other lite tasks. 100% of the proceeds for the golf tournament will go to them. Below is a link to register, sponsor, or donate. We appreciate any assistance you can provide to bring attention to the event and Operation at Ease. **REGISTER HERE:** <https://fleury-risk-management-charity-golf-tournament-2023.perfectgolfevent.com/>

STATE ASSOCIATION NEWS:

WWW.AFDNYS.ORG

State Fire Districts Announces a move back to a Fall Annual Meeting

Another change of venue, the Fall Conference for 2024 will be held at Turning Stone on a Sunday - Wednesday time frame October 20 – 23 in 2024.

LOCAL CAFDA TRAINING APPROPRIATE FOR YOUR ENTIRE BOARD/SECRETARY/TREASURER

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CAFDA Annual Fall Workshop

Mark your calendar for Saturday, **November 4th 2023** for the **Capital Area Fall Leadership Workshop**, being held at the Verdoy Fire Station on Troy-Schenectady Road. Subjects to be covered are:

- Harassment in the Fire Service and Applying Discipline Correctly
- How to SHOP insurance for your fire district, Do We Have Correct Coverage?
- Expert's Panel, Attorneys, CPA, General Insurance, VFBL – What is your burning question?

The First CAFDA Conference Spring 2024

Coming in April 2024 the CAFDA Conference, a *local* three-day conference chocked full of information for Fire District Commissioners, Secretary's, Treasurers and Chiefs. An affordable conference at a local destination location in the Capital Area. Watch for more Information as planning progresses.



Upcoming Coffee with Commissioners

[Thursday, August 31st @ 7:00pm Fire District Budget Process](#)

[Saturday, September 23rd @9:00am Current Trends and Concerns](#)

Click on Each Announced Date to Register

THE LATEST FROM ALBANY

The 2023 legislative session ended in early June, our friends in government didn't do much for the fire service this session. The only bone we were thrown was the funding in the budget for infrastructure and to pay out stipends, otherwise they couldn't even pass legislation on lithium ion batteries, although the bills were defective. Remember that bills introduced for the 2023 session will carry over to the 2024 session when it begins in January.

Consult the Score Card for the status of other fire service related legislation.

THE LATEST FROM WASHINGTON D.C.

Fire Service Groups Call On Senate To Restore Grants Funding

Bill Carey

The International Association of Fire Chiefs, the International Association of Fire Fighters, the National Volunteer Fire Council, the Congressional Fire Services Institute, the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation and the National Fire Protection Association released a joint statement on Thursday, **calling on Congress to restore \$22 million in proposed cuts to the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) and Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) programs.**

On July 27, the U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee voted to report legislation **that would cut funding to these fire grants programs.** Specifically, the Fiscal Year 2024 Department of Homeland Security Appropriations bill would cut the programs each from \$360 million in FY2023 to \$338 million in FY2024.

The House version of the FY2024 DHS Appropriations bill would maintain funding for these programs at \$360 million in FY2024.

The joint statement reads, in part:

Our organizations call upon Congress to restore funding to these programs. Local fire and EMS departments face an increasing number of risks from which they must protect the public. Whether it be extreme heat, a spike in fentanyl overdoses, a pandemic, wildland fires, hazmat incidents, or fires caused by lithium-ion batteries – the local fire department is on scene to provide lifesaving aid. Meanwhile, in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic, fire and EMS departments are facing personnel shortfalls due to early retirements and a lack of new recruits. In addition, the supply chain crisis has caused the cost of fire and EMS apparatus and equipment to escalate above the capabilities of many fire and EMS departments. The AFG and SAFER grant programs have been commended over the years as effective methods of helping local fire and EMS departments meet the needs and challenges of their communities."

Fire service organizations are urging fire and EMS members to [contact their senators](#) to explain the importance of the AFG and SAFER grant programs for their fire department's operations.

****Ask Congress to Adequately Fund and Reauthorize AFG and SAFER**

The Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) and Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant programs provide direct assistance to local fire and EMS agencies to help them purchase equipment, training, and

apparatus, as well as recruit and retain career and volunteer personnel. AFG and SAFER were funded at \$360 million in FY 2023. The House FY 2024 Homeland Security appropriations bill would fund these programs at \$360 million and the Senate bill would fund these programs at \$338 million. This decrease in funding is unacceptable.

Additionally, the AFG and SAFER programs' authorizations expire at the end of FY 2023 and these programs are scheduled to sunset at the end of FY2024. In April, the Senate passed S. 870 to reauthorize these programs and the U.S. Fire Administration through 2030 by a vote of 95 to 2. Please use this action alert to tell your Senators and Representatives to fund AFG and SAFER at a minimum of the \$360 million contained within the House's FY 2024 Homeland Security appropriations bill and reauthorize these programs as soon as possible.

CONTACT YOUR SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVE: <https://www.votervoice.net/NVFC/Campaigns/98446/Respond>
JUST FILL IN YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS AND HIT SEND MESSAGE AT THE BOTTOM, EASY!!

THE ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Maine Fire Chief, Wife Charged with Stealing Fire Department Funds

Michael Shepherd-Bangor Daily News

A husband and wife who served as fire chief and selectman in a small western Maine town were arrested Friday after an investigation found misappropriated funding and equipment in the volunteer fire department.

Former Sumner Fire Chief Robert Stewart, 68, and former Selectman Kelly Stewart, 57, were charged with one felony count each of theft by unauthorized taking, a jail official said. The exact amount of misappropriated money was unclear on Saturday. Both were released on \$500 bail.

The arrests came after weeks of rumor and uncertainty in the Oxford County town of just under 1,000 people. Selectmen contacted the county sheriff's office in May to report allegations against the Stewarts and hired an outside investigator to examine them for the town.

That came after an April 25 meeting in which Robert Stewart resigned as fire chief. At the same time, Kelly Stewart left a secretary position in the fire department but kept her selectman seat. Robert Stewart denied stealing or hiding equipment then and said he was leaving after 18 years as chief because he was "tired of feeling like the bad guy," meeting minutes say.

At another meeting on July 25, selectmen exited an executive session and accepted Kelly Stewart's resignation from the board, according to the Lewiston Sun Journal.

Mary Ann Haxton, the head selectman, told attendees that the report from the investigator, lawyer Matt Tarasevich of Bernstein Shur in Portland, would soon be available to the public. She would not summarize it, but she said it focused on misappropriated money and equipment in the fire department and that Kelly Stewart "failed her duties to the town," the newspaper reported.

Reached Saturday morning, Haxton confirmed the Friday arrests but still declined to discuss details of the report. The Oxford County Sheriff's office did not respond to an email seeking further details. A call to Robert Stewart's gun shop in Sumner was not immediately returned.

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STEP INTO THE CHIEF'S OFFICE:

****Chief Insights: 'Not Everything Is Broken'**

Trevor Frodge

Many new officers want to fix everything right away, but change for the sake of change isn't a viable game plan.

WHAT WAS THE INCIDENT OR PERSON IN YOUR CAREER THAT PUT YOU ON THE PATH TO BECOMING AN OFFICER?

I've tried to learn something from every supervisor I've had, both good and bad. *My bad bosses often were selfish, lazy, did not value training, and hid in their office all day. They rarely communicated their expectations but were angry and short-tempered when expectations weren't met.* Conversely, some of my greatest mentors were respectful, even-

tempered and valued their people. They were selfless workers, valuing your safety and knowledge, and always willing to help. These were the type of officers I wanted to emulate.

LOOKING BACK, WHAT DID YOU WANT TO ACCOMPLISH, IMPROVE OR MAKE BETTER IN YOUR FIRST 30 DAYS, 6 MONTHS AND YEAR AS A COMPANY OFFICER?

In my first 30 days, I wanted to set my expectations but only after I had evaluated my crew. Take stock of your personnel. What kind of experience does your crew already possess? What are their combined and individual strengths and weaknesses? What is their historical performance on critical incidents? From there, set your expectations so everyone is on the same page.

Six months in, I wanted to be well trained. Despite the great experience level among members, *I wanted to ensure that we could perform well as a crew.* Additionally, we should be building trust in one another as we have responded to incidents and trained in the basics. We should also identify problems and discomfort in some skills and tasks that we must encourage our firefighters to push through.

At the year mark, I wanted to ensure that the crew was regularly drilling and well-oiled. You've made a highly effective team, now keep feeding it and watch it flourish.

WHAT IS THE BEST ADVICE YOU WOULD GIVE COMPANY OFFICERS IN THEIR FIRST 30 DAYS ON THE JOB?

Lots of officers want to fix everything right away, but not everything is broken. Change for the sake of change isn't a viable game plan. Instead, be patient and evaluate your people, equipment and facilities. Set basic training goals on company-level functions (engine operations for engines, search and ladder operations for trucks), and begin building camaraderie among your people.

IF YOU COULD GO BACK TO YOUR ROOKIE/PROBIE SELF, WHAT WOULD YOU TELL THEM?

So much but I doubt I'd listen, because like so many of us thought in our early days, the young members know everything and us older members don't know anything, right? But in all seriousness, *I'd say that it is a long career, and there is no reason to rush it.* This is the best job in the world. It is so much fun, with an entire second family, but it gets very real very fast. Train hard, learn everything you can, and stay in the books.

LIGHTNING ROUND LEADERSHIP

- **What is a leadership book, podcast or seminar you've found invaluable?** ["Extreme Ownership"](#) by Jocko Willink and Leif Babin; the [GRABS](#) and [Gettin' Salty](#) podcasts, and Mark vonAppen's [Fully Involved series](#).
- **How do you organize your schedule and stay on schedule?** The most important thing for the day IS NOT MEALS. It is preparing mentally and physically to respond to a person trapped by fire. So plan your day around training and equipment. PT in the a.m. while you're fresh. Training at 0900 for an hour on basics. Ensure our equipment is ready to respond. Check inventory and maintain a state of readiness in the afternoon and evening. Paperwork comes after.
- **If you knew the budget request would be approved, what's a big purchase you'd make for your department today?** Integrated CAD software that shows real-time addresses, units, preplan data and mutual-aid data in a large and easy-to-read format. √ **(If all of us would like this, why hasn't it been done?)**
- **At the end of the workday, how do you recharge?** Take time for yourself. Set your day right by getting a good workout in and getting the juices flowing. Take time later in the day to stretch, meditate, do yoga or read a good book. ***It's OK to let your firefighters go be firefighters without their boss there.***

OUR CHANGING FIRE SERVICE -CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES!

OPPORTUNITIES:

[Missouri School One Of First In The Nation To Add Color-Coded Security System To Help First Responders](#)

VIDEO: A Hazelwood school is one of the first elementary schools in the country to install a color-coded security measure designed to guide first responders in times of crisis. "If, unfortunately, something were to happen, having that system, people will know where to go quickly," said Hazelwood Assistant Superintendent Christopher Norman. "It's going to reduce response time for those officers once they get on scene," Ann Vastmans of St. Louis County Emergency

Management said. ***"It doesn't require any technology. It is not something that relies on the internet. It is within the building. It's on the building. It's something that's going to be in their line of sight.*** Brown Elementary serves as a pilot school that has implemented colorful arrows in addition to colors on walls and room numbers as a guide through the building.

According to the county, this security measure will be added to the over 400 schools across 20 districts in St. Louis County. "We expect all schools to have this rolled out within the next two years or so," Vastmans said. "Policemen and firemen from other districts may not be familiar with the layout of that school because they've never been there, so having that color coding is going to reduce that response time."

A \$130 million bond-funded security upgrade for Hazelwood schools included color-coded facilities, double-door vestibule entry, and an improved surveillance camera system.

"Our security personnel can be anywhere and be able to see what's going on in an instant," said Norman. "If my child was attending here, I'd be glad to see these things are happening."

CHALLENGES:

Niagara County Ambulance Assessment On The Right Track

Lockport Union-Sun Journal Editorial Board

It's good to know Niagara County is looking before it leaps into the ambulance service business. In response to a long-term labor shortage in the private / volunteer EMS sector, the county legislature has retained *the Rochester-based nonprofit Center for Governmental Research* to assess three options for ensuring adequate coverage countywide. The options are: a county-run enterprise; a county contract with private service providers to supplement the existing EMS corps, which outside the cities of Lockport and Niagara Falls is mostly volunteers; or a "hybrid" situation in which residents are served by both a county corps and the private sector, the county corps presumably being more modest in scale. CGR's assessment is getting underway this week, using a lot of data already collected by the county Emergency Services department.

The labor shortage in the EMS sector isn't just a Niagara County problem, or a New York state problem, it's an issue nationwide. Where communities are not served by a publicly funded EMS corps, they're relying on the private sector, where wages are lower (and sometimes notoriously low), and/or ***volunteers. The latter are held to the same strict education, training and performance standards as others in the field but they earn \$0 for their efforts, hence the dwindling supply of these unsung heroes.***

Where CGR should or will fall on the question of which EMS model works best for Niagara County is anybody's guess — and that's a good thing. The well-respected organization is known for using objective data to help other nonprofits, including local governments and educational institutions, identify the most efficient means to deliver vital services and support common good.

The county legislature deserves props for going with CGR, which has tackled the EMS question for a couple other New York counties and is delving into it for two more counties, as well as the City of Cheektowaga, now. While they are not bound to follow whatever CGR recommends, we trust that all legislators will give it serious consideration and not dismiss that which doesn't align with pre-conceived notions about private versus public enterprise. The question here is how to maintain a decent quality of life for all Niagara County residents, regardless where they reside, and there's no room for politics or ideology in the answer.

TRAINING FOR YOUR MEMBERS AND OFFICERS: PASS IT FORWARD!!

NYS AFC 2023 Seminar Series, "Truck Skills Beyond the Textbooks"

Early in our firefighting orientation, we're taught basic skills and tactics from textbooks. In addition, we'll drill and be tested on many of these skills at fire academy buildings to attain our firefighting certifications. It's a good process, but our learning shouldn't stop there because we haven't been exposed to many of the situations we'll encounter at fires and emergencies. Plus, the buildings in the academy aren't conducive to allowing us to operate with tools to open the walls and ceilings, pull suspended ceilings, remove baseboard and window trim, or even cut open tongue and groove sheathed roofs. This [interactive lecture](#) strives to go beyond textbook learning and bring alive street skills, tips, and tactics of truck work in: portable ladders, overhaul, forcible entry, roof ventilation, tool use, and more.

Registration (per person):

\$35 – NYSAFC members

\$50 – non-members

Pre-registration encouraged.

- Albany Co. October/23/23,
- Fulton Co. September/7/23,
- Saratoga Co. October/24/23

REGISTER AT THIS LINK: <https://www.nysfirechiefs.com/2023seminarseries>

Bring NYSAFC Training to Your Area

Fire departments and county agencies or associations that are interested in hosting classroom-based programs or Regional Hands-On Training are invited to submit host request forms. The forms outline the specific host responsibilities and logistical considerations for each NYSAFC program. Sites are now being considered for programs in 2024.

University Provides a Wealth of Training Opportunities UPDATED FOR 2023

VFIS TRAINING AND RESOURCE CATALOG 2023

<https://afdca.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/2023-ETC-Resource-Catalog-VFIS.pdf>

VFIS UNIVERSITY – USERS GUIDE

<https://afdca.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/VFIS-University-User-Guide-3.pdf>

VFIS TRAINING OFFICER USERS GUIDE

<https://afdca.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/VFISU-Training-Officer-User-Guide.pdf>

VFIS RESPONDER HELP FLYER

<https://afdca.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/2023-VFIS-Responder-Help-Flyer.pdf>



BY  McNeil & Co.

FARMEDIC AG Response Awareness - Animal Incidents

ESIP WEBINAR SERIES

Next up in our FARMEDIC series we talk about what animals we may find when responding to an AG incident, what we need to be concerned about, and our options when managing incidents where they are involved.

Wednesday, August 18th at 7:00PM

THE SAFETY OFFICER – TAKING CARE OF OUR MEMBERS!

IN 2023 WE HAVE SADLY EXPERIENCED 49 FIRE FIGHTER LODD'S

*According to FirefighterCloseCalls.com**

In 2022 we experienced 101 LODDs reported nationally.!

You Just Never Know!

- Three people were killed after two firefighting helicopters collided in Southern California on Sunday while fighting a blaze in Riverside County, emergency officials said.
- Benjamin Charles Sapper, 21 a Forest Service firefighter from the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest was killed in an on-duty vehicle accident on August 4 near Powers, Oregon.
- A pumper truck from the Black Jack Missouri Fire Protection District rolled over Tuesday night on the way to an emergency call, three firefighters were injured and transported to the hospital, but are expected to be OK
- Two first responders in Charlotte, Indiana were responding to an emergency call — with lights and sirens activated — when a driver entered an Indiana intersection and collided with the ambulance, rolling the ambulance over, Michael Wilcox Sr.

the EMT who was driving was pronounced dead at the scene. His passenger, paramedic Brandy Salita, was rushed to a hospital in serious condition. Brandy a single mother of three suffered a bone-deep laceration to her head as well as three fractured cervical vertebrae, all of which have required surgeries from specialists to repair, she will be out of work an estimated 3 months.

DISTRICT FINANCES

Clarendon Fire Company – Financial Activities

BACKGROUND

The Company is a volunteer organization located in the Town of Clarendon in Orleans County. The Company is operated in accordance with its bylaws, which stipulate that the member-elected Board is responsible for the Company's overall financial management. The Board includes 11 members: a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Chief, Deputy Chief and five Directors.

The Treasurer is responsible for maintaining the Company's accounting records and disbursing funds. The Secretary is responsible for collecting all Company money.

AUDIT OBJECTIVE

Determine whether the Clarendon Fire Company (Company) cash receipts and disbursements were properly supported, approved, reported and recorded.

KEY FINDINGS

The Company's cash receipts and disbursements were not always supported, approved or recorded. Therefore, the Treasurer did not provide the Executive Board (Board) with sufficient information to monitor the Company's financial activity.

- Company officials did not always provide the Treasurer with sufficient information to record financial transactions.
- The Treasurer was not trained or made aware of his financial reporting duties and requirements.
- Officials did not maintain adequate supporting documentation for cash receipts, and fundraising cash receipts, totaling \$86,208, were not reported to the Board, as required.
- Credit card payments, totaling \$24,552, were not properly supported, recorded, or reported.
- The Treasurer paid credit card bills late. As a result, the Company incurred late fees and interest charges, totaling \$1,157.

KEY RECOMMENDATIONS

Maintain detailed financial records for each fundraising event and hall rental activity and ensure credit card charges are supported by itemized receipts and invoices, and that credit card payments are made in a timely manner.

Company officials agreed with our recommendations and indicated they planned to initiate corrective action.

LINK TO COMPLETE REPORT FROM OSC

<https://www.osc.state.ny.us/files/local-government/audits/2023/pdf/clarendon-fire-company-2023-50.pdf>

LIVING WITH NEW GREEN TECHNOLOGY - - HOT TOPIC!

Willoughby Hills (OH) Fire Rescue Demonstrates New Fire Blankets

The Willoughby Hills Fire Rescue team, alongside Gates Mills Fire Department and MidWest Safety Products, recently hosted a testing, training and demonstration of new fire blankets.

According to Willoughby Hills Fire Department Chief Robert Gandee, the blankets were recently purchased by both departments. ***The blankets are intended to give firefighters yet another tool to fight vehicle fires and more specifically, combat electric vehicle fires.***

Other area fire departments were invited to participate or send members to observe the tool. The training was also open to the community.

As part of the training, two vehicles were placed approximately 100 to 150 feet from each other. To demonstrate how the fire blanket is used, firefighters proceeded to light a vehicle on fire and in groups of four, pull the blanket over top of the vehicle to extinguish the fire.

A ladder truck with a 300-gallon tank, as well as a 2,000-gallon pump were both onsite with a line already stretched to establish a water supply.

“The water’s coming from the Community Center here,” said Zachari Martin, firefighter and training officer for Willoughby Hills Fire Rescue. An EMS vehicle and a backup squad vehicle was also onsite for firefighters to cool off and rehydrate in.

“We have a five mile an hour wind, so we’re not too concerned about that,” Martin said. “We do have a high humidity today. With the humidity high, we’re not going to operate over 90 degrees.”

According to DJ Green, of MidWest Safety, the current fire blankets are new technology in the United States. When fire blankets first started being used by firefighters, they were wool.

“**These blankets are triple-layered and reusable,**” Green said. “The big thing with fire blankets is suffocation. We’re going to take it the same way you put a blanket on.”

At all four corners of the blanket were handles for the firefighters to grab to pull the blanket up and over the burning vehicle.

“**On freeways or parking garages, we may not have the water available to us,**” Green said, noting his excitement about the new tool.

“This is another tool in our toolbox to help combat our ever-changing challenges of protecting the community,” Gandee said. “Electric vehicle fires historically take thousands of gallons of water to extinguish, and fire blankets give us another piece of equipment in our arsenal to fight these type of fires.”

Massachusetts Fire Department: Electric Car Fire Began ‘Spontaneously

Tribune Content Agency

A fire started “spontaneously” from an electric car early Saturday morning, the Wareham Fire Department said. At about **4:15 a.m.**, firefighters battled a blaze that engulfed an electric car that was sitting in a driveway in Wareham’s Great Hill Estates. The firefighters put out the initial fire and continued to wet down the car. About 30 minutes later, the fire started again. “**Firefighters remained on the scene for about three hours using over 11,000 gallons of water to ensure the fire was extinguished,**”

The department said the car had already been charged and the fire appeared to have started spontaneously. Nobody was injured.

“If this vehicle had been parked in a garage at 4:15 a.m. the results could have been disastrous,” said Incident Commander Chief John Kelley. “Additionally, electric vehicle fires are difficult to fight and present unique challenges.”

Incident Reported By Capital District Fire Buffs

Greenville (Greene Co.) 61 Shipley Road, reported lithium battery smoking in residence. Report was cell phone battery exploded after it was struck by a falling object. Two patients treated for smoke inhalation.

BUILDING & FIRE CODE ISSUES – WHY ARE THEY IMPORTANT TO YOU? WEEKLY FIRE FATALITY DATA AS REPORTED BY THE MEDIA

Home builders and realtors already “drive” legislation with a history of disregard for life safety and a disgusting misinformation campaign about the cost of residential fire sprinklers, deaths are an awfully expensive price to pay to save money. Stop the carnage, install residential sprinklers. Residential sprinklers are a component of the plumbing system, with approximately 1 head per room. The purpose of residential sprinklers is to allow time for the occupants to escape. Residential sprinklers are designed for quick response and only one at the most two heads may be triggered. With residential sprinklers present, the civilian death rate is 89% LOWER. Residential sprinklers will assist responding firefighters to do their jobs and save firefighters lives also, especially since everyone is short staffed!!
CHIEFS NEED TO SPEAK UP: This fire would not have been as bad if there were residential sprinklers!!

HOME FIRE FATALITIES REPORTED BY THE MEDIA FROM THE US FIRE ADMINISTRATION	
Fire Deaths in 1&2 Family Dwellings in NYS	52+0 = 52

Last fire death 8/2 Bronx, Bronx Co	
Fire Deaths in any type of Dwelling in NYS	103+0 = 103
Fire Deaths in 1&2 Family Dwellings Nationally	816 + 25 = 841
Top 3 States with the greatest 1&2 Family Deaths	1 NY = 52
	2 PA = 50
	3 OH = 48
There has been a total of 1359 civilian home fire fatalities in 2023	
There were a total of 2251 residential fire fatalities reported in 2022 in the US media.	
Both the states of Maryland and California require sprinklers in residential dwellings	

In 2022 in New York State 77 residents perished in fires in 1 & 2 family occupancies.

Improving Firefighter Safety with Fire-Resistive Construction

Did you know the International Residential Code requires fire protection of wood I-joists? For the safety of occupants and firefighters, the International Residential Code (IRC) includes provisions to enhance the fire performance of prefabricated wood I-joist floor systems. For example, the IRC requires that residential floor assemblies, unless protected by an automatic sprinkler system, be covered with 1/2-inch gypsum board, 5/8-inch wood structural panel, or equivalent on the underside of the framing member.

DOWNLOAD GUIDANCE DOCUMENT; FIRE PROTECTIVE OPTIONS FOR I-JOIST FLOOR SYSTEMS AT THIS LINK:
<https://www.apawood.org/SearchResults.aspx?q=R425&tid=1>

IN THE APPARATUS WORLD!

Locate Pre-connects Where They Make the Most Sense for Your Operations

Ricky Riley

Our editor has come up with a question that is often asked in the region of the country in which I work and revolves around departments looking at the need for crosslays, or mattydales if that is what you prefer to call them, depending on their setup on the front and rear. And, as usual with the world of fire apparatus specification and the need for operational capabilities, there is no clearcut answer. While we have seen a growing trend toward rear preconnects and deleting crosslays on rigs, this is based on these departments' operational designs, operating policies, and training regimes. All of these must come into play when designing rigs to operate in each department's geographic location. And, staffing numbers, accepted operating procedures, training, and department policies all play a hand in designing preconnected or deadlay attack lines on any engine company. None of us should blindly adopt a hosebed, crosslay, or bumper line design without considering all the factors listed above. Just designing a rig based on another department's layout is not good for any department. The way departments operate is unique depending on the department, region, state, or location in the country. So, being diligent in the design process to ensure it works is crucial to apparatus purchasing.

REAR PRE-CONNECTS

Properly position rear preconnects or static beds of attack line in the apparatus hosebed to assist in hose deployment. Recognize that we are limiting our choices of deployment based on how we position the rig for easier stretching, being mindful of blocking other apparatus, and recognizing the design is for a geographic response area. The rear attack line beds usually make chauffeurs think of pulling past the fire address to allow for attack line deployment and to leave room for the first arriving truck company. This all works great if it is your department's policy and is supported by training for drivers and firefighters so that it is a practiced function for all those involved. Being brought up on crosslays most of my life, the switch to the rear lines for all these deployments was rather easy. The benefits of ease of stretching, getting the rig out of the way, and making it standard across the fleet have helped many departments regardless of geographic challenges. Deleting crosslays also can allow for a smaller pump house to make the overall wheelbase shorter and assist with gaining extra space in the dunnage area above the fire pump for equipment storage. Space and storage are always

concerns when designing apparatus as we see the trend toward making smaller rigs rather than long engines that require a football field to turn around in or make corners today.

BUMPER LINES

The best of both worlds is to have lines off the rear and the ability to deploy lines off a rig's front bumper. This will allow positioning the engine to either pull beyond the fire or stop short of the fire to leave room for the truck company to properly position on the fire structure. The front bumper lines in today's fire truck building world require a lot of thought and design by both the department apparatus committee and the manufacturer's engineers because space on the front bumper can become very cramped. That includes emergency lighting, audible warning devices, additional driving lights, and enough structural supports to allow for proper weight distribution and stability to the front bumper. There are many designs for storing attack lines on the front bumper. Depending on the needs of different departments, they may not all be options. There are plenty of engines that require an increased angle of approach, and a 10- to 26-inch bumper extension will decrease that angle. So, carefully consider how much an apparatus can hang out in front of the rig based on your response area.

While there are departments that prefer rear preconnects and front bumper lines, there still is a need for crosslays or mattydales based on departments' operating procedures and street layouts. One department that operates mainly with crosslays is the Harrisburg (PA) Bureau of Fire. This very old and historic Northeast city has streets, buildings, and proven fire tactics that validate using crosslays. And, they go big with the number of crosslays they carry on their engines. They started with wooden boxes mounted to the tops of their open cab Macks to support this design a long time ago. And, they still operate in this manner today. They get the first engine into the block, and then it is usually bracketed with the truck companies that enter the block from the opposite direction most of the time. With the small-width streets and close proximity of the structures to the curb, this allows for the rig to be the main unit for supplying all attack lines in front of the structure. Any additional lines to the fire building or the exposures are located near the front of the fire and are easily deployed from this location. It works and it works well for them—they are well trained in this operation both on line deployment and placement as well as the need for the trucks to be properly positioned in the block and with access to the original fire building and the attached exposures.

While we all like what we like, it should be for an operational reason rather than just the way you have always done it. I always suggest getting outside your geographic area to see what departments are doing and to not be afraid to try something different operationally. You would be surprised how well different ideas and designs can work for most departments. This requires open minds and positive attitudes and, at the end of the day, it might not work. But, at least try the idea and then make your decision to include it in on your next rig or not. All these options and designs require full operational vetting by your department. So, see what works and make your rig great for your firefighters and citizens.

INTERESTING INDUSTRY NEWS

Willoughby Hills (OH) Fire Rescue Demonstrates New Fire Blankets

Marah Morrison-The News-Herald

The Willoughby Hills Fire Rescue team, alongside Gates Mills Fire Department and MidWest Safety Products, recently hosted a testing, training and demonstration of new fire blankets.

According to Willoughby Hills Fire Department Chief Robert Gandee, the blankets were recently purchased by both departments. The blankets are intended to give firefighters yet another tool to fight vehicle fires and more specifically, combat electric vehicle fires.

Other area fire departments were invited to participate or send members to observe the tool. The training was also open to the community.

As part of the training, two vehicles were placed approximately 100 to 150 feet from each other. To demonstrate how the fire blanket is used, firefighters proceeded to light a vehicle on fire and in groups of four, pull the blanket over top of the vehicle to extinguish the fire.

A ladder truck with a 300-gallon tank, as well as a 2,000-gallon pump were both onsite with a line already stretched to establish a water supply.

"The water's coming from the Community Center here," said Zachari Martin, firefighter and training officer for Willoughby Hills Fire Rescue.

An EMS vehicle and a backup squad vehicle was also onsite for firefighters to cool off and rehydrate in. “We have a five mile an hour wind, so we’re not too concerned about that,” Martin said. “We do have a high humidity today. With the humidity high, we’re not going to operate over 90 degrees.”

According to DJ Green, of MidWest Safety, the current fire blankets are new technology in the United States. When fire blankets first started being used by firefighters, they were wool.

“These blankets are triple-layered and reusable,” Green said. “The big thing with fire blankets is suffocation. We’re going to take it the same way you put a blanket on.”

At all four corners of the blanket were handles for the firefighters to grab to pull the blanket up and over the burning vehicle.

“On freeways or parking garages, we may not have the water available to us,” Green said, noting his excitement about the new tool.

“This is another tool in our toolbox to help combat our ever-changing challenges of protecting the community,” Gandee said. “Electric vehicle fires historically take thousands of gallons of water to extinguish, and fire blankets give us another piece of equipment in our arsenal to fight these type of fires.”

THE LIGHTER SIDE!

I got myself a “seniors” GPS. Not only does it tell me how to get to my destination, it tells me why I wanted to go there.

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Fire District Officials include Commissioners, Treasurers, and Deputy Treasurers
Secretaries and Chiefs are also invited to participate!

The Capital Area Association wants to take this opportunity to thank all the Fire Districts who continue to support the local Capital Area Association as members for 2023.

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FIRE DISTRICT RESOURCES - -THE BACK PAGE - - FOR YOU TO FOLLOW UP!

What are the duties and responsibilities of a Commissioner?

The Answer is posted on our web site at www.AFDCA.org

Vital Statistics on the State Association Regions – the break out is on our web site.

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We invite our business partners to submit educational information to be included in this Bulletin for district commissioners and chief officers

Write me at tom@rinaldi1.com

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The Capital Bulletin is reaching well over 400+ fire district members and now other members of the fire service on a regular basis. Since the Capital Area Association covers an area the size of Connecticut it is difficult to meet in person to exchange information and ideas.

This is a service of the Capital Area Association through the effort of Tom Rinaldi who can be reached at tom@rinaldi1.com for comments or [content contributions are always welcome.](#)

You Can Become a Member of the Capital Area Association!

The Capital Area Association has voted to amend its By-laws to allow both individual and regional or county Fire District Associations to join. The updated By-laws are posted to the AFDCA.org website.

Individual membership fee will be \$50 annually, fire district association fees will be \$300 annually.

Download THE APPLICATION HERE: <https://afdca.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/2022-Application.doc>

Benefits of membership include meeting attendance, receiving the Bulletin, access to legal advice

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Would you like to join Capital Area Fire Districts Association along with 75 members in 8 counties? Individuals, fire district associations, fire protection districts and Village departments are all eligible for membership.

Annual dues (January 1st to December 31st) shall be as follows and shall be based on the annual budget of the Fire District/Organization;

\$0 to \$200,000: \$50

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\$600,001 plus: \$300

Individuals \$50.00 and Other Associations \$300 annually.

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CAFDA UPCOMING TRAINING AND MEETING CALENDAR NEXT PAGE



The following calendar, while tentative, provides our members and participants some insight into the planned activities to be provided locally to our membership and other fire district participants for '23, '24 and '25. We hope you will join us on this journey to provide reasonably priced, quality training in a local setting for your convenience.



For General Membership meetings food is served 1 hour prior to the start time of the meeting, at 6pm, meetings begin promptly at 7PM

Capital Area Meetings/Seminars/Trainings/Conference Dates (Subject to Change & Updated 7/14/2023)				
Day/Date	Time	Type	Location	Notes
2023				
AUGUST				
NO MEETING				
Tuesday, September 12, 2023	6:00 PM	PESH vs. NFPA Seminar	DeCrescente	Mechanicville
Thursday, September 14, 2023	7:00 PM	General Membership Mtg.	Clifton Park	
Tuesday, September 19, 2023	6:00 PM	Secretary Training	DeCrescente	Mechanicville
Thursday, October 12, 2023	7:00 PM	General Membership Mtg.	Clifton Park	Officers/Director Nominations
Saturday, November 4, 2023	8:00 AM	Fall Workshop	Verdoy FD	
Thursday, November 9, 2023	7:00 PM	General Membership Mtg.	Clifton Park	Officer/Director Elections
DECEMBER				
NO MEETING				
2024				
Saturday, January 6, 2024	9:00 AM	General Membership Mtg.	Clifton Park	Organizational/Morning Meeting
Monday, January 22, 2024	6:00 PM	Secretary Training	TBD	Snowdate - Tuesday, January 23, 2023
Saturday, February 3, 2024	8:00 AM	Commissioner Training	Averill Park	Snowdate - Sunday, February 4, 2024
Thursday, February 8, 2024	7:00 PM	General Membership Mtg.	Clifton Park	
Thursday, February 29, 2024	8:00 AM	It's Not YOUR Money! Financial Trng. w/OSC	Halfmoon Fire District	
Friday, March 1, 2024	8:00 AM			
Saturday, March 2, 2024	8:00 AM	Commissioner Training	Halfmoon FD	Snowdate - Sunday, March 3, 2024
Thursday, March 7, 2024	7:00 PM	General Membership Mtg.	Clifton Park	
Saturday, March 9, 2024	6:00 PM	Officer Installation	TBD	
Saturday, March 23, 2024	8:00 AM	Commissioner Training	Berkshire FD	Snowdate - Sunday, March 24, 2024
Saturday, April 6, 2024	8:00 AM	Commissioner Training	Warrensburg FD	Snowdate - Sunday, April 7, 2024
Thursday, April 11, 2024	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting	Clifton Park	
Thur- Sat April 24,25,26/2024		CAFDA Conference	Lake George, NY	
Thursday, May 9, 2024	7:00 PM	General Membership Mtg.	Clifton Park	
Thursday, June 6, 2024	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting	Clifton Park	
JULY				
NO MEETING				
AUGUST				
NO MEETING				
Friday, August 9, 2024	11:00 AM	DAY AT THE RACES	Saratoga Race Course	Officers, Directors, Vendors
SEPTEMBER				
Thursday, September 12, 2024	7:00 PM	General Membership Mtg.	Clifton Park	
Thursday, October 10, 2024	7:00 PM	General Membership Mtg.	Clifton Park	Officers/Director Nominations
Saturday, November 2, 2024	8:00 AM	Fall Workshop	TBD	
Thursday, November 7, 2024	7:00 PM	General Membership Mtg.	Clifton Park	Officer/Director Elections
DECEMBER				
NO MEETING				
2025				
Saturday, January 4, 2025	9:00 AM	General Membership Mtg.	Clifton Park	Organizational/Morning Meeting

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<https://afdca.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Fire-District-Elections-Schedule-2023.pdf>

Also Both are Available on the legacy CAFDA Web Site at:

<https://afdca.org/fire-district-budget-schedule-and-fire-district-election-schedule/>

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CAFDA

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PESH vs NFPA Myth vs Fact



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- Bailout system requirements
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This class is not just for Fire District Secretaries...Commissioners are also encourage to attend to get a better understanding of the duties and responsibilities of your secretaries!

Date: Tuesday, September 19th

Time: 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

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