



CAPITAL AREA FIRE DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION BULLETIN



YOUR FIRE DISTRICT NEWS SOURCE
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Something for everyone in the Fire Service!!



CAPITAL SHORTS:

- **Wishing you all a Merry and Tranquil Christmas.**
- **Commissioner Training Registration at 4 local locations for 2024 Page 28**
- The 2024 **Installation Dinner** will be held on **Saturday, March 9th** 6-10pm at the **Century House in Latham**. More details to follow, mark your calendar.
- We are saddened to announce the passing of OFPC fire protection specialist **Lonny Drake** who works out of the **Syracuse office**. Lonny is a past chief of the **Red Creek Volunteer Fire Department** in **Wayne, County**.
- We are also saddened to learn of the passing of **Richard Rogozinski** who passed away suddenly on **Saturday December 16th** at his home in **Menands**. Rogo was a life member of the **Menands Fire Department** as well as an arson investigator for OFPC and was noted for his work with his K-9 **Hershey**.
- **GO TO THE END OF THE BULLETIN FOR OUR ANNOUNCEMENT OF FINANCIAL TRAINING FOR FIRE DISTRICT OFFICIALS, ALSO POSTED TO OUR WEB SITE AT CAFDA.NET**
- The next **Gansevoort Fire Department Breakfast** will be held at the fire house on **January 14th, 2024**
- ****Volunteer Fire Infrastructure & Response Equipment Grant Program** is introduced on **Page XX**

CAFDA NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

WWW.CAFDA.NET

Four Convenient Locations to take the required Commissioner's training - - see the Events Calendar at the end of this Bulletin.

*All correspondence & Capital Area Fire Districts Association Mailing Address should be directed to:
CAFDA PO Box 242 East Schodack, NY 12063 or EMAIL: SECRETARY@CAFDA.NET*

General Membership Meetings - - In person and Zoom

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

Printable Calendar with much more – See End of Bulletin

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

The 2024 Installation Dinner will be held on Saturday, March 9th 6-10pm at the Century House in Latham. More details to follow, mark your calendar.

- All area fire district officials, chiefs and business partners are invited to this annual mixer. Time to relax have an adult beverage and enjoy some down time to get to know one another. Casual business attire.

PREPARE FOR ANOTHER EXCITING LOCAL TRAINING EVENT – FEBRUARY 2024

Financial Training for Fire District Officials

Mark your 2024 Calendar for a two-day seminar, February 29th & March 1st to be presented by The Office of the State Comptroller and held at the Halfmoon-Waterford Fire District #1 at 315 Middletown Road. GO TO THE LAST PAGE!

REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED!!



The New CAFDA Website Is Live, Same Happy People, New Name!!

Go to www.CAFDA.net and request a member log on. You are going to see a better layout, easier navigation and we will be posting additional resource documents as we continue to grow the site. You will need a member logon to access the Bulletin archives and other features reserved for members.

Secretary and Treasurer email addresses have changed to:

secretary@cafdanet

treasurer@cafdanet

STATE ASSOCIATION NEWS:

WWW.AFDNYS.ORG

AFDSNY EDWARD “NED” CARTER SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2024

The Association of Fire Districts of the State of New York is pleased to announce that the “Ned Carter” Scholarship Program will continue in 2024. Program information and an application package will be available online for students to apply. We are in the process of finalizing the application form. Please check on our website at <https://www.afdsny.org/application.php> for further information on the program. To file an application students will be able to use the application window at that website address after the application form is finalized. These scholarships are available to New York State High School Seniors who will be graduating in June 2024.

To be considered for this honor, applications must be submitted online or by email by March 6, 2024, or postmarked by March 1, 2024

The scholarship applicant (student) must:

- be related to a firefighter or,
- be a firefighter or,
- be related to a fire district commissioner, fire district secretary, fire district treasurer or deputy treasurer, a fire district administrator/manager or,
- be an explorer in a fire department, and
- the fire district / fire department must be a current member in good standing of the Association of Fire Districts of the State of New York.

AFDSNY awards four (4) scholarships a year for \$1,500 each, to graduating high school seniors who plan to attend a two (2) or four (4) year institution of higher education and will be pursuing a community service-related career. This may include but is not limited to fire service, EMS, nursing, social work, health related services, teaching, paramedic, etc.

Good standing means a dues paying member. A “dues paying member” for purposes of the scholarship application process and the awarding of a scholarship is an organization that is a current member in good standing of the Association of Fire Districts of the State of New York. ***Good standing is established for purposes of this process by the district or department’s AFDSNY 2024 dues having been paid by March 1, 2024. Timely payment of 2024 dues will make a student in your jurisdiction eligible to be considered for a scholarship award.***

Each year a certain number of applications are rendered ineligible by the failure of a member organization to pay dues in a timely manner.

All applicants must use the AFDNY application forms. **All applications must be received by March 6, 2024.**

Applications submitted via USPS must be postmarked no later than March 1, 2024.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Director Tim Deveny who serves as the Chairperson of our Scholarship Committee. Mr. Deveny can be reached by email at tdeveny@afdsny.org or by telephone at 800520-9594.

AFDSNY Mini Summit in White Plains

Sponsored by **MRA International**

AFDSNY Mini Summit White Plains, Sonesta Hotel in White Plains NY

April 26th & 27th, 2024

Registration Options:

Friday & Saturday \$250 per person

includes: Two days of sessions, breakfast, lunch, parking on Friday, breakfast, and parking on Saturday.

Friday Only \$200 per person

includes: Friday sessions, breakfast, lunch and parking on Friday

Saturday Only \$75 per person

includes Saturday session, breakfast and parking

Overnight Rooms:

Sonesta White Plains Downtown \$179 a night

66 Hale Avenue

White Plains NY 10610

[Click Here to Reserve Your Room](#)

Or Call 1-800- SONESTA (766-37820)

REGISTER AT THIS LINK:

https://mms.afdsny.org/members/evr/reg_event.php?orgcode=FDNY&evid=37358663

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

The First Annual CAFDA Regional Conference - Spring 2024

For Fire District Officials, Coming CAPITAL AREA FIRE DISTRICT CONFERENCE April 25, 26 & 27th 2024 the CAFDA Spring Conference, a three-day conference to be held in Lake George and will be chocked full of information for Fire District Commissioners, Secretary's, Treasurers and Chiefs. An affordable conference at a local destination in the Capital Area. Watch for more Information as planning progresses.

ALL FIRE DISTRICT OFFICIALS AND CHIEFS FROM ANY LOCATION IN THE STATE ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

IF NOTHING ELSE READ THE ARTICLES PRECEDED BY **

THE LATEST FROM THE STATE CAPITAL

2024 NYS Fire Service Alliance, Issues of United Concern

The fire service organizations assembled in Troy, NY today to discuss their fire service legislative agendas for the 2023-2024 legislative sessions. In a departure from previous years the group identified several areas of mutual interest where a number of pieces of legislation might be introduced to benefit the fire service in New York State. The areas of common concern are:

- Firefighter Benefits
- EMS
- Building Codes
- Recruitment and Retention

Under these headings several pieces of legislation may be developed during the session beginning on January 1st. As the list is finalized additional information will be provided. The final list is supposed to be finalized by December 21st. More information will be provided when received and the list is refined.

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

THE LATEST FROM CONGRESS

Reminder to Ask Congress to Fully Fund the AFG and SAFER Grants

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 \$370 million and the Senate bill would fund these programs at \$338 million. This decrease in funding is unacceptable.

SEND MESSAGE AT THIS LINK:

<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

****ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING CONSIDERATIONS FOR DISTRICT/FIRE COMPANY RELATIONS**

Greg Serio – CAFDA Attorney

Since I started this series about the annual organizational meeting back in November, this yearly event still seemed like a long way off. Now, as we find ourselves in mid-December, with our board membership confirmed by annual district elections and company leadership selected by the membership (including the nominations of chief officers, as we discussed in the last installment), we know that the organizational meeting is just around the corner. So, it is time to discuss the state of affairs of district/company relations and how the organizational meeting can be used to set the relationship parameters.

As you may know, some districts and towns pay for fire protection through contracts with private fire companies who receive money for their services. Those contracts are specifically governed by a variety of state statutes. My friend and colleague, attorney Tim Hannigan, general counsel at FASNY, addressed issues relating to these types of contracts in a recent column in *The Volunteer Firefighter*. ***But what about those fire companies and associations that are not separately and independently incorporated entities but rather organized, equipped and otherwise supported by the fire district?*** My experience over 33 years in a commissioned district, and in my time as a district counsel, have told me that there is not much focus on approaching those relations to some degree like those relationships between authorities having jurisdiction and private incorporated fire companies. In a question, can a fire district condition its selection of the X fire company as the official firefighting and rescue force of the fire district for the coming year on certain principles if not prescriptive requirements?

In a word, yes, they can do so even if they haven't done so in the past.

As I teach the state mandated class for new fire commissioners (chiefs and assistant chiefs, along with district secretaries and treasurers would be good to attend these classes as well if for no other reason than you are mentioned—a lot—in these programs) I hear lots of stories about how the fire companies either assume that they are the core engine of a fire district, or, conversely, the fire district is there to take all of the problems away from a risk averse fire company. While a critical component in the operation of any fire department, the fire district is the authority having jurisdiction and is ultimately responsible for providing fire and rescue services to its constituents, be those services be delivered by the company that has long been affiliated with the district or one from the outside that the district decides to contract with as an alternative, or whether the district comes up with another plan altogether. For our purposes, we will assume that the fire district will want to continue to appoint its partner as the official firefighting and rescue force to operate upon the authority of the fire district. But we

will also assume that issues have cropped up between the two organizations, like those that are now commonplace: declining enrollment in fire companies, which is leading to fewer qualified firefighters, less than satisfactory chief officer nominees, and longer response times, higher burnout and other things that stand to challenge the core mission of the fire district.

The fire company's sole role insofar as the fire district is concerned (its mission or objectives as a social organization may vary and give it purpose outside of a firefighting responsibility) is to provide members to the fire district, to be handed over to the chief officers for training, and then put into service as active firefighters and rescue personnel. If the fire

company cannot meet that singular purpose to the satisfaction of the district in the discharge of its duties to the public, then a foundational conversation must be had between the two organizations. Such a conversation is always better when it is in a context of what is expected of the fire company, when it is informed by the experience of the chiefs in managing the personnel provided by the fire company, and when it is against a backdrop of what is necessary to effectively serve the public. Establishing parameters on the fire company to meet certain personnel goals, whether they are principle-based goals, such as “the fire company shall endeavor to improve the membership of the fire company so as to continue to provide firefighters to the fire district,” or more prescriptive, such as “the fire company shall increase its membership by not less than 5% each year to accommodate established attrition trends of active firefighters coming off line annually,” the district is putting the fire company on notice that it is closely watching personnel trends, perhaps even in the context of response performance or other additional metrics.

The fire district may also insist on other principles or prescriptions:

- The fire company shall annually provide the district with a list of all members, their addresses and their respective status, so that the commissioners can be informed as to the number of active-duty responders, where they are (remember the 45% rule? That is to be sure that there are adequate responders within the confines of a fire district, something the district needs to know) and what their respective performances were for the previous year.

The fire company shall provide its bylaws and constitution each year, regardless of any change thereto, together with monthly meeting minutes and quarterly financials, so that the board can determine the fitness of the company to meet its obligations as the official firefighting force for the fire district (this being an amalgam of law, comptroller audit findings and actual exchanges between fire districts and fire companies; as one fire company lawyer said to me, this is a silly hill to die on for the fire companies because the fire district has many different ways to compel production of such information).

- The fire district shall require the fire company to maintain such policies and procedures that to the greatest extent possible safeguard the safety and well-being of its members when not otherwise under the direction and responsibility of the chiefs (such as at fires, drills, parades, funerals, and other statutorily-allowed activities of a fire district).

How a fire company acknowledges and responds to such conditions of appointment will largely be up to them unless things are specifically demanded by a board (the boards would do well to not delve so deeply into the “how of things”). They will have to have a plan of recruitment and retention; so many people think that is the chief’s responsibility, and as a matter of necessity a chief oftentimes picks this up as a default, but it is definitely NOT the responsibility of the chief to create members of the fire company. (The fire district may require periodic reporting on recruitment efforts, and that would be appropriate.) The chief turns them into responders. For the company’s protection, if the problem of making members into responders is because of failing of the firematic officers, the company president should inform the district of same. Some will say that they have such good relations between their boards and companies that no such parameters need to be set; amen, and move along, as this is certainly not necessary for everyone).

There is one fire company in the Capital Region that maintained a particularly strenuous relationship with the fire district board that appointed this company as one of two official firefighting forces for the district. That was up until the day when the district had had enough, informed the company its services were no longer necessary, and removed the fire district equipment out of the company-owned station and back into the district’s main station. Insto-presto, the fire company became a social organization and the fire house became a clubhouse for that social organization. The company was even forced to remove the name of the fire department from its facade lest it be confused with a real firehouse. Another district in our region did it once before around 15 years ago and came very close to having to do it again, but cooler heads prevailed at the company level and now there is a far more harmonious relationship between the two. And I am certain there are many more stories than that around town.

All of this is not to say who is stronger, though many will look at this as nothing than an organizational fistfight. The law is very well designed to articulate who is expected to do what, how lanes of responsibility are to be defined, and what are the objectives of the fire district/fire company relationship. This is not a scrum. This is a well-established order of things. It is always up to those at the company level to understand how it works, and for commissioners to

articulate why they need the things they are asking of the company (most of which are self-evident). The organizational meeting, which should be attended by the fire company president (if not its board if the directors are looking broadly at their obligations), the chief officers and all of the commissioners so that this relationship and its parameters are clearly understood so that there is no surprise if it comes time for the commissioners to decide that they must look elsewhere for their official firefighting and rescue force for the year.

If anyone would like a template of such a resolution for appointing a fire company as the official firefighting force of the fire district, feel free to connect with me at gregoryserio1@gmail.com.
Good luck with your organizational meeting and all of 2024.

A QUORUM OF THE BOARD MUST BE PRESENT TO CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING

From Fire District Affairs

On several occasions, counsel has been asked if a quorum of the Board of Fire Commissioners must be present for it to conduct a public hearing. A public hearing is a proceeding conducted by a public body to hear comments from the public on some action that the public body is considering. Often, statutes mandate such proceedings for the public body. For example, each year the Board of Fire Commissioners is required to conduct a public hearing before approving the final budget for the next fiscal year. *"The board of commissioners of each fire district shall hold a public hearing during the third week of October to discuss the contents of the proposed budget."* N.Y. Town Law § 181 (McKinney)

The obligation outlined by the statute isn't individualized for members of the Board; instead, it's collectively assigned to the Board as a whole entity. *General Construction Law § 41 not only provides the definition of a "quorum" but also emphasizes that when a responsibility is mandated for the public body, a quorum of that body must assemble to fulfill that obligation.*

§ 41. Quorum and majority *Whenever three or more public officers are given any power or authority, or three or more persons are charged with any public duty to be performed or exercised by them jointly or as a board or similar body, a majority of the whole number of such persons or officers, gathered together in the presence of each other or through the use of videoconferencing, at a meeting duly held at a time fixed by law, or by any by-law duly adopted by such board or body, or at any duly adjourned meeting of such meeting, or at any meeting duly held upon reasonable notice to all of them, shall constitute a quorum and not less than a majority of the whole number may perform and exercise such power, authority or duty. For the purpose of this provision the words "whole number" shall be construed to mean the total number which the board, commission, body or other group of persons or officers would have were there no vacancies and were none of the persons or officers disqualified from acting. N.Y. General Construction Law § 41 (McKinney)*

Therefore, if any statute directs a Board of Fire Commissioners as a public body to conduct a public hearing, a quorum of the Board must assemble to conduct the hearing. If less than a quorum of the Board appears at the hearing, the hearing cannot be held.

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STEP INTO THE CHIEF'S OFFICE:

"Leadership is not being in charge, it is about taking care of people in your charge."
Simon Sinek

"Great leaders don't set out to be a leader. They set out to make the difference. It is never about the role - always about the goal." Lisa Haisha

Weak leaders measure success by money, position and power. Strong leaders measure success by **the difference** they made in other people's lives.

The secret to the success of my own career was to hire good people, trust them to do their jobs, and bring out the best in them, not the stress in them. Good people need little to no management. They need support, clarity and encouragement. But most of all they need leaders who care. If we don't care about people, we don't deserve to be leaders.

Agree ?

OUR CHANGING FIRE SERVICE -CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES!

OPPORTUNITIES:

Niagara County's Ambulance Service Begins After Long Wait

After being approved in June 2022, Niagara County's ambulance service is finally up and running. County Chair Becky Wydysh made the announcement on Monday after the service took its first call the day before. This service includes two ambulances, with rotating crews on 12-hour shifts every day of the week. "We extensively reviewed our data on EMS calls and ***it came as no surprise that the toughest challenge for our volunteer companies is to respond to calls during the workday,***" Niagara County Director of Emergency Services Jonathan Schultz said. Wydysh says there's been a declining number of volunteer firefighters in recent years, too, which she says is a problem across New York, resulting in longer response times.

[Pay attention fire service!!]

CHALLENGES:

Study Recommends PA Fire Departments Merge

Michael DiVittorio-The Tribune Review-Greensburg

A fire protection study by the state Governor's Center for Local Government Services recommends fire departments from Sharpsburg, O'Hara, Blawnox and Aspinwall merge into a regional department.

The study was prepared with input from officials in those communities. Its final report was released earlier this year.

The study finds the consolidation of fire departments would result in "major improvements in the delivery of all future fire protection" including the ability to "utilize fire service personnel more effectively by staffing and deploying firefighters based upon geography, workload, calls for service times, etc."

Aspinwall and Sharpsburg have merged into what is now called Southern Allegheny Valley Emergency Services.

Mike Daniher of Sharpsburg was elected fire chief. J.C. Teyssier of Aspinwall was elected deputy chief.

Both start their new leadership roles in January, and both said they support the study's recommendations.

"Our organization welcomes any department that would like to join at any time," Daniher said. "It would be wonderful if everyone would join together for one large collaboration."

Teyssier likened a fire department to a big family and would like to see his family grow.

"Everybody's hurting for manpower," he said. "When you merge you gain the people that are most interested and you push further with training."

The study was done at no cost to the participating towns.

Fox Chapel declined to be a part of the study. Its fire department officials said they have enough active members to serve the borough and cover mutual aid calls.

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



UPCOMING WEBINAR How To Create Annual Training Plans

Managing the various compliance requirements for personnel can be overwhelming. Our platform offers an easy way to group training for credential requirements - perfect for EMS licenses, new hire training, and more.

Date & Time: January 9th, 2024 at 1pm EST

RESERVE YOUR SPOT AT THIS LINK:

https://clarionevents.zoom.us/webinar/register/1216686932069/WN_gP58uskbSgSUxPwQS7ODGA#/registration

You will get a walk through of:

- Our **vast course library** and how it can meet your recertification requirements
- The **flexibility of our platform** to accommodate various training needs
- **Advanced reporting** to track compliance toward EMS recertification requirements

We hope to see you there!



[NVFC Webinar - Tesla Part 1: Introduction to Tesla First Responder Page and Documents & Tesla Vehicle Shut-down Procedures](#)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24TH AT 2pm

WEBINAR: INTRODUCTION TO EMERGENCY RESPONSE FOR TESLA VEHICLES

Presenter: Mike McConnell

REGISTER AT THIS LINK:

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_PdMe3vgzQ3SIKMzDd_SEbA#/registration



2024 EVOC Train the Trainer Courses

Now Scheduled!

This course is intended to prepare a qualified instructor to provide high quality training to their agency membership in the safe operation of vehicles in response and non-response modes. We discuss the operation of emergency vehicles, personal vehicles and special vehicles when operating on behalf of their agency.

2024 Dates:

These times are all Eastern Standard Time

January 8th:

3:00pm **FIRE** 7:00pm **EMS**

April 8th:

3:00pm **EMS** 7:00pm **FIRE**

July 15th:

3:00pm **FIRE** 7:00pm **EMS**

October 7th:

3:00pm **EMS** 7:00pm **FIRE**

Topics include:

- Risk Management
- Intersection Safety
- Response Driving
- Defensive Driving
- Discussion regarding the hazards and challenges of vehicle operations.

We also prepare the instructor candidate in teaching how to perform a complete maintenance inspection and having students perform safe driving skills practice.

Pricing:

ESIP Insureds: Free

Non-ESIP Insured: \$200 per student

Register Here!



SCAN ME

For questions about this course or other Risk Management offerings:

Call: 1 800 822 3747 ext. 176

Email: RiskManagement@mcneilandcompany.com



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.

COMPANY OFFICERS LEADERSHIP TRAINING COLT 2024

NYSAFC's [Company Officers Leadership Training \(COLT\)](#) is a two-day leadership development program for current and aspiring company officers featuring the lectures:

- **“Leading from the Middle – Challenges for Front Line Officers”** with Chief **Tom LaBelle** (Prince William County [VA] Fire & Rescue)
- **“Tactical Considerations with Minimal Staffing”** & **“The Leadership Journey in the Fire Service”** with Chief **Tony Perez** (Pasco County [FL] Fire Rescue)
- **“Improving Company Level Operations”** with Lt. **Hector Lopez**, Deputy Chief **Tom May**, & Captain **Ed Tracey** (Rochester F.D.)

Fulton County, Friday and Saturday January 12-13 2024, Berkshire Fire Department • 320 Steele Avenue Ext. • Gloversville, NY 12078

Registration (per person):

\$200 – NYSAFC members

\$225 – non-members

Pre-registration is encouraged. New – online registration available for departments!

REGISTER AT THIS LINK:https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001Xydryrcjpr9ytJAhzhPu_Z4BMAoLB-kJ_l7mo2ltSI239rNjtZ1ZyifU9Zi32aSPeOpHD0r9HQFO0P4kiONoqplfXk_MorV9y1V6Npdrli30dOgzzi8wwewZ0FMEAgzz2k8R4OwMgH3mbm6KylvDjRgJ_zY5xgjn&c=Z1RoMp5f8GFFFXy-ymay2CiNOOwG_70T5_28cZmkAftIZW8VOIC9w==&ch=zarDiKetiVikbXMn7UWEyxB5HEgTxMD5u3OJb3XFA7dGnVnQTgwQTA==

2024 SEMINAR SERIES

“Searching – The Offensive and Defensive”



With Lieutenant Mike Scotto, Fire Department City of New York

Searching tactics are primarily thought of as an offensive action – moving in, checking behind doors, in closets, and numerous other areas. As we search, our concerns are focused on the search. Defensive tactics involve our escape plans, which are needed as we complete our search, but more importantly under extreme or emergency conditions. To make these tactics work, we must always have our strategy front and center. Both sides of the coin are in play all the time. In this three-hour program, students will examine strategy and tactics to gain a more concise understanding of the training necessary for search.

REGISTRATION FEES:

\$35 – NYSAFC members • **\$50** – non-members (per person)

Pre-registration is encouraged. New – online group registration is available for fire departments!

REGISTER HERE:

https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001QZWPfjYZRP6tAYnVrgg36Z_YE6vp89dymWfQQD1d7q4ZRwVDbNdE8ByVmF5_856f_UrB-yGihYJigwEPzCbQfCVeEoEALHRXrk_M-dbDWBYRtKiko1vLice_oi1AFseMKfN01xTmCmiyzyMWYur-39p1T1V2_yCho2C2F1_fJn94LviwwZ3Aag==&c=AmhECQ6uFruSlwrKRKspNlivj3NWEIzhZOrf3KrFnUls83Dp1Q1JdQ==&h=AqMwftSnQqSSjoelDQJ-cfc_GyhBFLqV23YaEp7HU-kR9WoEr9kSg==

7:00pm STARTING TIME

Albany (Monday, February 26)

Schenectady (Tuesday, March 12)

Clinton (Tuesday, April 9)
Herkimer (Wednesday, April 10)
Fulton (Tuesday, September 10)
Rensselaer (Tuesday, October 29)

VFIS *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>

THE SAFETY OFFICER – TAKING CARE OF OUR MEMBERS!

*IN 2023 WE HAVE SADLY EXPERIENCED **82** FIRE FIGHTER LODD'S*

*According to FirefighterCloseCalls.com**

*In 2022 we experienced **101** LODDs reported nationally.!*

You Just Never Know!

- Mount Vernon Firefighter Lamont Killian, Jr. collapsed while fighting a residential fire in June of 2019, He was immediately transported to the hospital where he suffered a heart attack, since that time, he has been unable to return to work. He passed away from heart-related issues on Dec. 11, 2023

DISTRICT FINANCES

*****Volunteer Fire Infrastructure & Response Equipment Grant Program***

POSTED TO THE FOLLOWING WEBSITE: <https://www.dhSES.ny.gov/state-funded-programs>

The SFY2023-2024 Volunteer Fire Infrastructure & Response Equipment (V-FIRE) Grant Program is a state-funded \$25,000,000 competitive grant program that supports the enhancement of the security and safety of the citizens of New York State by providing critical funding to strengthen volunteer fire departments and districts statewide.

Eligible applicants can apply for up to \$1,000,000 if proposing projects for construction, renovation, or purchase costs for critical facilities (buildings, training facilities, etc.) that support fire operations,

Eligible applicants can apply for up to \$500,000 if proposing projects for allowable fire service equipment to upgrade and improve their response capabilities.

Complete eligibility and program information can be found in the Request for Applications (RFA) and other supporting documentation can be found at the following link: <https://www.dhSES.ny.gov/state-funded-programs>

The application deadline is April 30, 2024, by 5:00 pm.

THE WEB SITE INCLUDES LINKS TO:

- Request for Applications (RFA)
- Application Worksheet
- Frequently Asked Questions
- E-Grants Tutorial

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LIVING WITH NEW GREEN TECHNOLOGY - - HOT TOPIC!

More Than 80 Displaced After Hoverboard Starts TX Apartment Fire

Jamie Landers-Dallas Morning News

More than 80 people were displaced after a hoverboard sparked a fire at a Balch Springs apartment complex Wednesday evening, officials say. The Balch Springs Fire Department was called about 6:30 p.m. to the Spring Oaks apartment complex in the 4300 block of Shepherd Lane, near Bishop Drive. The City of Balch Springs said in a news release that in a “heartwarming display of solidarity,” Dallas Fire-Rescue, Dallas County Fire and Mesquite Fire also responded. **Twenty units were damaged, the city said. Of those, 12 were destroyed and eight suffered major smoke and water damage, causing 82 people to lose their homes and belongings.**

Balch Springs Emergency Management created a **temporary shelter at the city’s senior center**. American Red Cross and Sharing Life Community Outreach have also offered aid to those affected.

“Our priority remains the well-being of our community, and we will continue to work tirelessly to provide support and assistance to those impacted by this unfortunate event,” said Balch Springs Fire Chief Eric Neal.

According to the city, the cause of the fire was an electric hoverboard.

Dangers of Residential Energy Storage Systems

As the installation of residential energy storage systems (ESS) increases, the frequency of fire incidents involving these products will increase. To date, at least 60 residential ESS fire events have been documented globally, including 19 incidents in 2022 and 21 incidents at the time of this publication in 2023.

In response to this new and evolving hazard for the fire service, the International Association of Fire Fighters partnered with UL Solutions and UL Fire Safety Research Institute to conduct a series of large-scale tests sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy. This test series was designed to characterize the challenges for firefighters responding to fires involving residential energy storage systems with a focus on developing size-up and tactical considerations to support the fire service in navigating the modern fireground.

This project included four large-scale tests including one baseline test and three tests utilizing a mockup of a residential lithium-ion battery energy storage system installed in a representative two-car garage. The ESS was constructed with three units with the equivalent energy capacity of 17 kWh per unit. The impact of ventilation operations was considered for scenarios where batteries enter thermal runaway without prompt ignition, as well as scenarios where batteries are involved in a surrounding room and contents fire. This testing demonstrated the impact of lithium-ion battery involvement on fire growth rate.

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR THE FIREFIGHTERS & FIRE OFFICERS:

For the firefighter, this means incipient fires, well-developed fires, and explosion hazards followed by fires, and rapid-fire growth should all be included in their mental models considered when responding to li-ion battery-initiated incidents. Unburned battery gas, if present in a ventilation-limited fire, will increase the flammability of the smoke and can contribute to an increased risk of backdraft, as demonstrated in Tests 3 and 4. This reinforces the potential impact of ventilation that could result in a deflagration or a rapid transition to flashover. Deflagration scenarios in a residential garage are considered in three cases: partial volume deflagration, full volume deflagration, and backdraft.

Lithium-ion battery thermal runaways without active fire may be recognizable by distinct white/gray battery gas leaking from the structure and forming low-hanging clouds. Should thermal runaways occur after firefighters enter, thermal runaways can be indicated by a two-layer accumulation of whitish/gray lighter gases near the ceiling and heavier gases and vapors along the floor.

However, there are no reliable visual, thermal imaging, or portable gas meter indicators to confirm battery involvement in a room and contents fire. Additional indicators for battery involvement should be considered beyond smoke appearance.

Other common detection methods (smoke alarms, CO alarms, heat alarms) may be able to detect thermal runaway but may not be viable to detect all thermal runaway scenarios and may be susceptible to nuisance.

The timing and severity of a battery gas explosion is unpredictable. An explosion hazard begins the instant batteries undergo thermal runaway and release gas without burning. A significant explosion hazard can develop before any exterior indicators (visual or measurable) are shown. Additionally, unburned battery gas ignites readily and can increase the flammability of the smoke in a ventilation-limited fire. Firefighters are at the greatest risk for explosion hazards in the driveway and doors, windows, and other vent points. The fire apparatus should not be parked in front of the garage door to avoid this hazard.

Portable gas meters are not effective for determining whether a garage fire involves li-ion batteries. The structure should not be approached or entered to take gas meter measurements if there is a suspected case of batteries in thermal runaway and there are no indicators of a concurrent fire.

Full structural PPE (Level D ensemble) with full SCBA should be donned before performing size-up. In all cases when li-ion thermal runaways are suspected, hose lines should be pre-deployed, charged, and ready for operations before ventilation or entry.

The report is attached here: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1eIRLocLz-ZslbZ7jo_BRBIIVTIQc-J70/view?usp=sharing

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

MULTIPLE RESIDENCE LAW AMENDED TO REQUIRE OWNERS AND THEIR AGENTS TO PROVIDE NAMES AND CONTACT INFORMATION OF RESIDENTS TO EMERGENCY PERSONNEL UPON REQUEST

Governor Hochul signed Chapter 635 of the Laws of 2023 on November 17, 2023, introducing amendments to the Multiple Residence Law by incorporating new Sections 15 and 16. These statutes establish a framework necessitating owners and their representatives to disclose information to fire departments and other emergency service personnel when responding to emergencies in multiple residence units. They are mandated to furnish emergency personnel with names and contact details of individuals residing in these units. This provision aids emergency personnel in verifying the residents' locations during emergencies, facilitating smoother building evacuations when necessary. In emergencies, determining the presence of residents within the affected structure poses a challenging task for emergency personnel. This new law offers a crucial tool for emergency responders to address this challenge effectively.

[Editor’s Note: with our highly mobile society our legislators might think this is a great idea but the reality is the implementation and updates of the information will be next to impossible.]

UNATTENDED COOKING LEADS TO UNINTENDED FIRES

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	77
Last fire death 12/20, Messena, St Lawrence Co. Female, age unk	
Fire Deaths in any type of Dwelling in NYS	149 + 2=151

Fire Deaths in 1&2 Family Dwellings Nationally	1272 + 29=1301
Top 3 States with the greatest 1&2 Family Deaths	1 PA = 78
	2 NY = 77
	3 OH = 66
<p>There has been a total of 2080 civilian home fire fatalities in 2023</p> <p>There were a total of 2251 residential fire fatalities reported in 2022 in the US media.</p> <p>Both the states of Maryland and California require sprinklers in residential dwellings</p>	

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

KNOW WHAT YOU'RE PURCHASING FOR YOUR FIREFIGHTERS

Study Tests Firefighter Turnout Gear With, Without PFAS

Mick Kulikowski

Transitioning away from per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), which offer water- and oil-repelling properties on the outer shells of firefighter turnout gear, could bring potential performance tradeoffs, according to a new study from North Carolina State University.

The study showed that turnout gear without PFAS outer shell coatings were not oil-repellent, posing a potential flammability hazard to firefighters if exposed to oil and flame, said Bryan Ormond, assistant professor of textile engineering, chemistry and science at NC State and corresponding author of a paper describing the research.

“All oil repellents can also repel water, but all water repellents don’t necessarily repel oil,” Ormond said. “Diesel fuel is really difficult to repel, as is hydraulic fluid; in our testing, PFAS-treated materials repel both. In our tests, turnout gear without PFAS repelled water but not oil or hydraulic fluid.

“Further, oils seem to spread out even more on the PFAS-free gear, potentially increasing the hazard.”

PFAS chemicals – known as forever chemicals because of their environmental persistence – are used in food packaging, cookware and cosmetics, among other uses, but have recently been implicated in higher risks of cancer, higher cholesterol levels and compromised immune systems in humans. In response, firefighters have sought alternative chemical compounds – like the hydrocarbon wax coating used in the study – on turnout gear to repel water and oils.

Besides testing the oil- and water-repelling properties of PFAS-treated and PFAS-free outer garments, the NC State researchers also compared how the outer shells aged in job-related exposures like weathering, high heat and repeated laundering, and whether the garments remained durable and withstood tears and rips.

The study showed that PFAS-treated and PFAS-free outer shells performed similarly after exposure to UV rays and various levels of heat and moisture, as well as passes through heating equipment – similar to a pizza oven – and through washing machines.

“Laundering the gear is actually very damaging to turnout gear because of the washing machine’s agitation and cleaning agents used,” Ormond said.

“We also performed chemical analyses to see what’s happening during the weathering process,” said Nur Mazumder, an NC State doctoral student in fiber and polymer science and lead author of the paper. “Are we losing the PFAS chemistries, the PFAS-free chemistries or both when we age the garments? ***It turns out that we lost significant amounts of both of these finishes after the aging tests.***”

Both types of garments performed similarly when tested for strength against tearing the outer shell fabric. The researchers say the PFAS and PFAS-free coatings didn’t seem to affect this attribute.

Ormond said that future work will explore how much oil repellency is needed by firefighters out in the field.

“Even with PFAS treatment, you see a difference between a splash of fluid and soaked-in fluid,” Ormond said. “For all of its benefits, PFAS-treated gear, when soaked, is dangerous to firefighters. So we need to really ask ‘What do firefighters

need?' If you're not experiencing this need for oil repellency, there's no worry about switching to non-PFAS gear. *But firefighters need to know the non-PFAS gear will absorb oil, regardless of what those oils are.*"

Andrew Hall, another NC State doctoral student in fiber and polymer science and co-author on the paper, is also testing dermal absorption, or taking the aged outer shell materials and placing them on a skin surrogate for a day or two. Are outer shell chemicals absorbed in the skin surrogate after these admittedly extreme exposure durations?

"Firefighting as a job is classified as a carcinogen but it shouldn't have to be," Ormond said. "How do we make better gear for them? How do we come up with better finishes and strategies for them?"

"These aren't just fabrics," Ormond said. "They are highly engineered pieces of material that aren't easily replaced."

The paper appears in the *Journal of Industrial Textiles*. Funding for the research came from the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Assistance to Firefighters Grants Program.

Published: Nov. 30 in *Journal of Industrial Textiles*

Abstract: In 2022, *the occupation of firefighting was categorized as a "Group 1" carcinogen*, meaning it is known to be carcinogenic to humans. The personal protective equipment that structural firefighters wear is designed to safeguard them from thermal, physical, and chemical hazards while maintaining thermo-physiological comfort. Typically, the outer layer of structural turnout gear is finished with a durable water and oil-repellent (DWR) coating based on per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) that helps limit exposure to water and hazardous liquids. The PFAS-based aqueous emulsion typically used in DWR finishes is highly persistent and can cause various health problems if absorbed into the body through ingestion, inhalation, and/or dermal absorption. In response, the U.S. Fire Service has begun using non-PFAS water repellants in firefighter turnout gear. This study aims to evaluate the performance of both traditional PFAS-based and alternative non-PFAS outer shell materials. The study involved exposing both PFAS-based and non-PFAS DWR outer shell materials in turnout composites to simulated job exposures (i.e., weathering, thermal exposure, and laundering) that artificially aged the materials. After exposures, samples were evaluated for repellency, durability, thermal protection, and surface chemistry analysis to determine any potential performance trade-offs that may exist. Non-PFAS outer shell fabrics were found not to be diesel/oil-repellent, posing a potential flammability hazard if exposed to diesel and subsequent flame on an emergency response. Both PFAS-based and non-PFAS sets of fabrics performed similarly in terms of thermal protective performance, tearing strength, and water repellency. The surface analysis suggests that both PFAS and non-PFAS chemistries can degrade and shed from fabrics during the aging process. The study indicates that firefighters should be educated and trained regarding the potential performance trade-offs, such as oil absorption and flammability concerns when transitioning to non-PFAS outer shell materials.

THE LIGHTER SIDE!

Someone just said "30 years ago" and my mind went to the 70's, but they meant 1992, and now I need to go lay down!!

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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.

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.CAFDA.net

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

Membership Audit

CAFDA, currently has **80-member Fire Districts** in the contiguous counties surrounding the capital district area.

Are we missing anyone? Sometimes there is confusion between the State Association and regional associations such as CAFDA. CAFDA is **NOT** a branch or subsidiary of The Association of Fire District of the State of NY, we are not in each other's reporting chain or organizational structure. **We exist solely as a not for profit for the benefit of the member fire districts that join CAFDA!**

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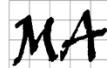


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Business Partner Opportunity!

Thank you for your continued support of the Capital Ara Fire Districts Association. You have the opportunity to have vendor space at our Spring Conference in April of 2024. We have several excellent presentations lined up, which we believe will attract many upstate districts.

CAFDA is seeking sponsors for the event – for breakfasts and lunches. Stay tuned for more information and an opportunity to be Conference Sponsor.

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 an Individual 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 CAFDA.NET website.

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

Download THE APPLICATION available on the home page at CAFDA.NET

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Would you like to join Capital Area Fire Districts Association along with 76 members in 10 counties? Individuals, fire district associations, fire protection districts and Village departments are all eligible for membership.

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\$0 to \$200,000:	\$50
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\$600,001 plus:	\$300

Individuals \$50.00 or Other County or Regional Associations \$300 annually.

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If You, Your Fire District or Department is not a Member of CAFDA You Can be?

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Capital Area Association of Fire Districts

Membership Application/Renewal

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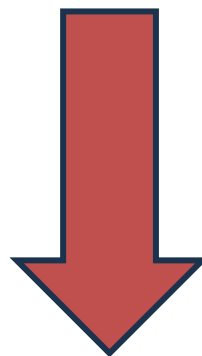
CAFDA UPCOMING TRAINING AND MEETING CALENDAR

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 11/6/2023)				
Day/Date	Time	Type	Location	Notes
2024				
Saturday, January 6, 2024	9:00 AM	General Membership Mtg.	Clifton Park	Organizational/Morning Meeting
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	Financial Training for Fire District Officials	Halfmoon-Waterford	
Friday, March 1, 2024	8:00 AM		Fire District #1	
Saturday, March 2, 2024	8:00 AM	Commissioner Training	Halfmoon-Waterford Fire District #1	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	Century House	
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	
Thursday, April 25 - Saturday April 27, 2024	TBD	CAFDA Conference	Fort William Henry Conference Center	Lake George
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			
Friday, August 9, 2024	1:00 PM	Membership Activity	Saratoga Race Course	NYRA Day at the Races!
AUGUST	NO MEETING			
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	Verdoy	
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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2024 COMMISSIONER TRAINING

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Berkshire Fire District, 320 Steele Avenue Extension, Gloversville

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Warrensburg Fire District, 18 Elm Street, Warrensburg

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DETAILS

OSC APPROVED TRAINING

INSTRUCTOR: GREG SERIO

CLASSES START AT 8:00 AM

Continental Breakfast and Lunch
Included

**Open to ALL Fire
District Officials!**

Registration:

\$85 per person for Member Districts

\$95 per person for Non-Members

Seating is Limited!!!

**Please Register Soon to Reserve
your Seat & To Assist us with
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**CAPITAL AREA FIRE DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
COMMISSIONER TRAINING**



REGISTRATION FORM

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DON'T WAIT - Please Register Soon to Reserve your Seat & To Assist us with Meal Planning!

Fire District/Organization: _____

Membership Status (select one): ___ Member of CAFDA or ___ Non-Member of CAFDA

Attendees (include full name & at least one email so we can confirm registration & prepare certificates):

Attendees:

Email Address

Total Number Attending: _____

Payment Options:

- 1) Check enclosed payable to **Capital Area Fire Districts Association** for: \$ _____
- 2) Pay at the Door (check box):

Mail To: CAFDA PO Box 242 East Schodack, NY 12063

or Email to: secretary@cafda.net



**FINANCIAL TRAINING FOR FIRE DISTRICT OFFICIALS THURSDAY,
FEBRUARY 29 - FRIDAY MARCH 1, 2024**

JOIN CAFDA FOR THIS ONE-OF-A-KIND EVENT! CAFDA has proudly partnered with the Office of the State Comptroller (OSC) to bring this FIRST OF ITS KIND event to the Capital Area!

Event Location: Halfmoon-Waterford Fire District #1 315 Middletown Road, Waterford

EVENT FLYER – TRAINING SESSIONS – REGISTRATION FORM

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<https://cafda.net/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/2024-Financial-Training-for-Fire-District-Officials-Information-and-Registration-Documents.pdf>

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN – ANY FIRE DISTRICT IS WELCOME TO REGISTER!