

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

REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 16, 2025

**WANTAGH FIRE DEPARTMENT
3470 Park Avenue
Wantagh
Phone 516 785-0180**

**SPEAKER
NCPD Chief of Detectives William Leahy
Scams, Cons and Frauds**

**Board of Governors
November 20, 2025**

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 18, 2025**

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Chiefs,

Hopefully you enjoyed your summer with your families and are getting ready for the fall/winter. The holidays will be upon us before we know it. By the time you receive the Chiefs Signal, school will be in full swing and those members with kids will be back in school. Watch out for the school buses when the stop signs are out. It's expensive if you go through them. I know because it happened to me! July and August were extremely hot. Hopefully, your departments didn't have to operate in that weather. If so, I hope your members came through without any serious injuries or heat exhaustion. Let's hope we don't have a very cold and snowy winter! I look forward to chairing our upcoming meetings and having interesting speakers and topics with information for the attending chiefs/ex-chiefs to bring back to their departments/companies.

On a different note, the Fire Chiefs Council will be celebrating our 100th year anniversary in 2026. The anniversary committee has been working on making this milestone a fabulous evening.

Committee chairman: Chief Robert Kloepper will be making the official announcement at our next meeting in October.

Some of our members asked if we were getting new county chiefs golf shirts. We do have a new order of those shirts in blue. They'll be available at our next meeting.

Our guest speaker for our October meeting is:

Nassau County Police Department Chief of Detectives, William Leahy
Chief Leahy will be discussing: Scams, Cons and Frauds.

This is a subject that is prevalent in this country and has affected members, family and friends.

Chief Leahy is also an Ex-Captain in the Oceanside Fire Department.

Our next meeting will be hosted by the Wantagh Fire Department

I hope to see you there.

Respectfully,
Thomas Pellegrino
President

IN MEMORIAL

Ex-Chief John Wensley
Freeport Fire Department
Ex-Chief Joseph Taylor
Williston Park Fire Department
Ex-Chief Patrick Murphy
New Hyde Park Fire Department
Ex-Chief Howard "Red" Robinson
Oceanside Fire Department
Ex-Chief Patrick Fullshire
Farmingdale Fire Department
Ex-Chief John C Hallacy
Stewart Manor Fire Department
Ex-Chief Richard Hogan
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Ex-Chief Frank Kilkenny
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North Merrick Fire Department
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Bayville Fire Company

Ex-Chief Carl Wallman
Freeport Fire Department
Ex-Chief Robert Jacoby
Oceanside Fire Department

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Richard Messina	516-456-0501
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REGULAR MEETING
ROSLYN HIGHLANDS FIRE COMPANY
June 19, 2025

Pres. Pellegrino called the Regular Meeting of the Council to order at 8:00 PM. **SALUTE TO THE FLAG** led by Sgt-at-Arms J Bartunek, Opening prayer by L Tucholski.

Welcome to Roslyn Highlands and the 5th Battalion by Chief Unger

Guest Speakers James Nolan from OFPC

Roll call taken by Secretary:
Motion to accept the minutes as printed in the signal by T McDonough, Seconded and carried.

COMMITTEES:

INSTALLATION BREAKFAST R Messina reported the installation Brunch will be held on February 22, 2026 at 10:00 AM at the Stewart Manor Country Club.

MEMORIAL SERVICE L Tucholski Next year the host is Glen Cove Fire Department.

EDUCATION K McElynn report that he has met with P Wilders and they are working on a program for January.

SAFETY FFICERS T McDonough reported next meeting at Uniondale Van Ness station July 16th Barbeque

NEW BUSINESS: President Pellegrino presented 60 year plaque to Chief Vincent Castelli of the South Hempstead Fire Department. Chief Maguire talked on OSHA 1900. J DaRocha Long Island Day at the home September 21, 2025

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

A. - FASNY newsletter.

B. - Minutes for Executive Council

TREASURER'S REPORT: R Dahlen reported that the operating fund of the council as of tonight is \$2695.72 Motion to accept the report as read by: **K McElynn** seconded and carried.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY A Tripp reported the following
Turned over to the treasurer this month 2720.00 dollars in Dues. Of the 1032 384 have paid thier dues
There are 1 of the 74 departments that owe dues for 2021. Hempstead,
Owe for 2022 there are 4 out of 74 departments that still owe dues. Bellerose Village, Farmingdale, Hempstead, Seaford.
Owe for 2023 there are 6 Departments, Bellerose Village, Farmingdale, Great Neck Vigilant, Hempstead, South Floral Park and West Hempstead.
Owe for 2024 there are 8 Departments Bellerose Village, East Meadow, Farmingdale, Great Neck Vigilant, Hempstead, Jericho, South Floral Park and West Hempstead.

Dues paying members 1032

Nonpaying 31

Total 1063

Motion to accept J Tassiello, Seconded and carried

WAYS AND MEANS: 50/50 127 winner 65, Dark Horse 150.00,
31 members, 4 Active Chiefs and 1 Guests

1st Vice President: Congratulated Chief Castelli on 60 years of service

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Closing Prayer by Lee Tucholski

Motion made by J Tassiello to adjourn at 2047 hrs. seconded and carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard A. Messina
Council Secretary

Fire Chiefs Council of Nassau County, Inc.

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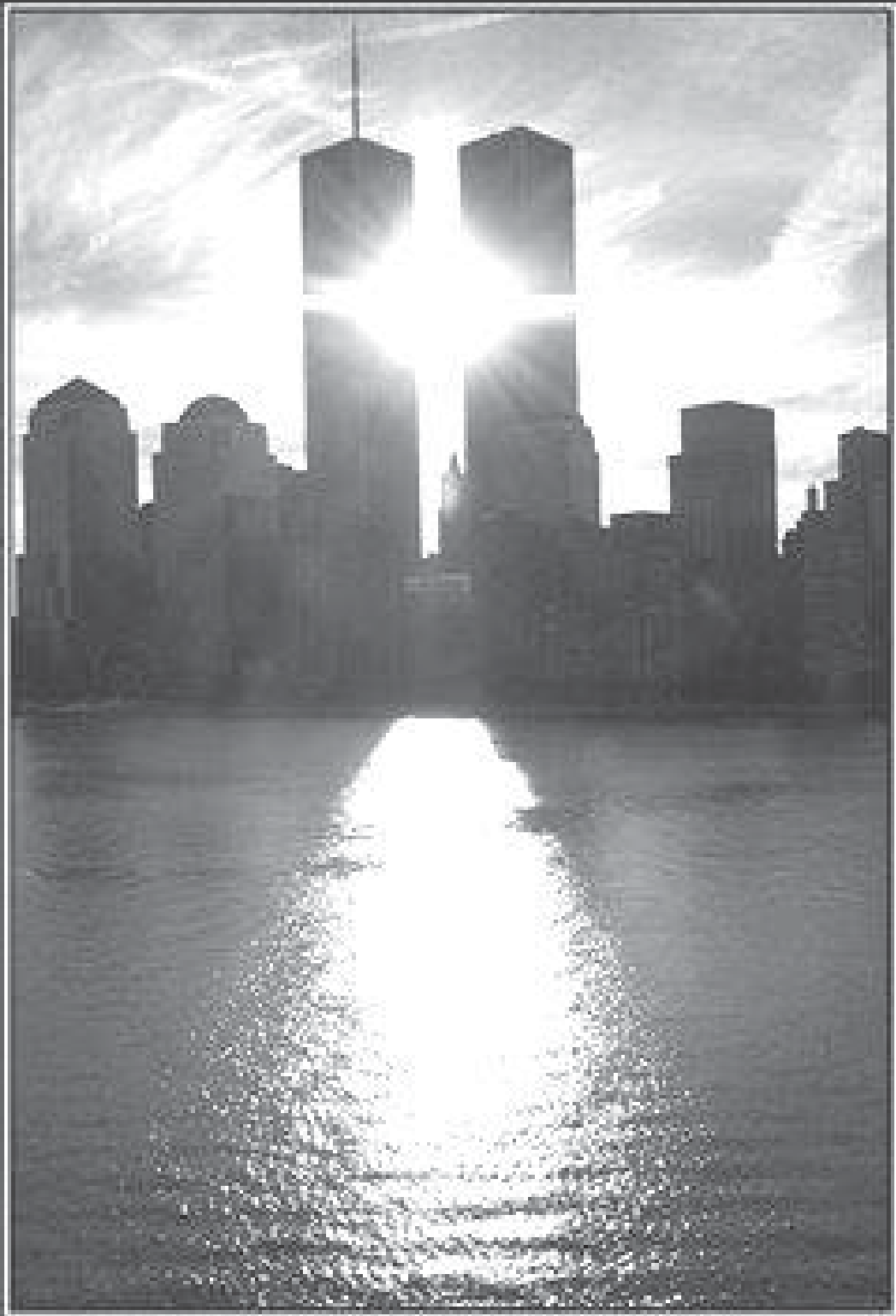
<u>DATE</u>	<u>HOST</u>
February 20, 2025	Woodmere
June 19, 2025	Roslyn Highlands
October 16, 2025	Wantagh
December 18, 2025	Oceanside

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
January 15, 2025	Albertson
March 20, 2025	Albertson
May 15, 2025	Albertson
September 18, 2025	Albertson
November 20, 2025	Albertson

IMPORTANT DATES 2025-2026

FCCNC MINI SEMINAR Van Ness, Uniondale	January 28, 2025
FASNY EMS SEMINAR Montour Falls	March 1-3, 2025
FASNY LEGISLATIVE WORKSHOP Albertson	January 25, 2025
NASSAU COUNTY FIREMEN'S UNITED MEMORIAL SERVICE Uniondale	May 4, 2025
EASTERN IAFC CONVENTION Lake George, New York	May 9-10, 2025
SOUTHERN NEW YORK CONVENTION Hagerman	May 17, 2025
NYS AFC CONFERENCE Syracuse	June 4-7, 2025
FASNY CONVENTION Suffolk County	August 7-9, 2025
IAFC CONVENTION Orlando	August 13-15, 2025
LONG ISLAND FIREFIGHTER DAY AT THE HOME Hudson, New York	September 21, 2025
NASSAU COUNTY FIREFIGHTER MUSEUM GALA Cradle of Aviation	October 3, 2025
LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE Troy	November 1-2, 2025
FCCNC MINI SEMINAR Van Ness, Uniondale	January 27, 2026



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the meetings of the Chiefs Council**

**October 16, 2025
December 18, 2025
February 19, 2026
June 18, 2025**

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OCEANSIDE
FRANKLIN SQUARE
GREAT NECK VIGILANTS**

