

**NASSAU COUNTY FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION**  
**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
**GLEN COVE FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
**JANUARY 15, 2025**

President Kevin McElynn called the meeting to order at 8:05 PM. Salute to the Flag was led by Sergeant-at-Arms John Wicks. President McElynn asked for a moment of silence in honor of those members who have passed as well as our service men and women serving either overseas or at home, which was followed by the opening prayer given by Sergeant-at-Arms Wicks.

President McElynn introduced Chief of Department Phillip Grella, Jr. who welcomed us to the Glen Cove Fire Department. President McElynn thanked him for the use of his firehouse for the meeting tonight.

Roll Call of the Officers, Past Presidents, Directors, and Committee Chairs was taken, and excuses noted. Motion made by Past President James Interdonati, seconded by Past President Philip "Butch" Grella, and carried to accept the Roll Call of Officers with the excuses noted.

Motion by Past President Richard Messina, seconded by Charles Destefano and carried to accept the minutes of the October meeting as posted to our website.

**INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKERS:** President McElynn introduced Chief Instructor Paul Wilders from the Nassau County FSA, who spoke about having a county-wide open house at the FSA – more to follow. President McElynn then introduced Kristina Moon of the Billy Moon Foundation, who spoke about organ donation – Secretary Juan Batta also spoke on this subject as well.

## **REPORT OF COMMITTEES**

**Awards:** President McElynn gave the following report:

Applications for all awards are available on the website. If you submitted an individual and used the Fire Marshal's form, we will accept it with a cover letter from your department. Deadline is March 1, 2025.

**Burn Center:** Past President Thomas Gaffney gave the following report:

1. NUMC is going good right now – we now have competent people in charge of the hospital.
2. The hospital's rating has been raised from a D to a C – the only one in the state.

3. The NYS Government still will **NOT** raise the money allocated to the hospital.
4. A member of the Freeport FD was treated today.
5. For the first time in his time at the Burn Center, no patients were treated on Christmas.

**Dinner:** Junior Past President Leon Tucholski reported that the 2025 Installation Dinner will be held at the Crescent Beach Club in Bayville on Tuesday June 17, 2025 with the cocktail hour starting at 6:30 PM, cost is \$85 per person.

**EMS:** John Scalesi gave the following report:

1. CME at NUMC on January 21, 2025 at 7:00 PM.
2. There will be a CFR Original Course starting on February 3, 2025 – location to be announced.

**Executive Council:** Secretary Batta reported that the next scheduled meeting will be on Thursday January 31<sup>st</sup> at the Albertson Fire Company starting at 7:30 PM.

**Exempts:** Junior Past President Tucholski reported that the FASNY 2% Tax Forum will be held at the FASNY Convention in Islandia – date & time to follow.

**Explorer/Jr Firefighters:** Jerry Presta gave the following report:

1. Our last meeting was on January 5<sup>th</sup> at the New Hyde Park FD. There were 131 Juniors in attendance where 6 new officers were sworn in for 2025.
2. On Saturday January 11<sup>th</sup>, the NCJFA held their 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Installation Dinner in New Hyde Park. Over 130 attendees gathered as their new board was sworn in for the start of another great year. The following officers were sworn into office: President Sofia Pierno of New Hyde Park Juniors; First Vice President Justin George of Syosset Juniors; Second Vice President Frankie Stein of Bellmore Juniors; Secretary Havish Kumar of Carle Place Juniors; Treasurer Emily Brown Wantagh Juniors; and Sergeant-at-Arms Robert Goldman of Farmingdale Juniors.
3. On Saturday November 16<sup>th</sup>, we held our comedy show sponsored by Laughter Saves Lives. It was held at the Jericho FD and was a huge success. All proceeds will go towards the NCJFA Training and Education Fund. We are currently looking to hold another one in November 2025 – details to follow in the spring.
4. The NCJFA will have a table at the Buff Show in February – they will also be holding some different trainings for any Junior that attends.
5. On February 1<sup>st</sup>, 16 members from the Exchange program in Germany will be coming to NY for a meeting on planning their participation in Camp Fahrenheit 516 in July and possibly going back to Germany in August 2026.
6. Together with the FSA, we will be hosting another online Essentials of Firefighting starting on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. We have a full class with 36 Juniors from 13 different Fire Departments/Companies in Nassau County.

7. On March 23<sup>rd</sup>, we will be hosting our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual EMS Symposium and Conference at the Uniondale FD. There will be speakers, training sessions, and representatives from local hospitals and colleges for career opportunities. This is open to all Juniors in the Southern NY area of all ages. Information and registration is on our website and app under training.
8. The app has been updated with all events, meetings, and trainings for 2025. New training has been added. Our next training is Active Shooting Class in Manhasset FD on January 26<sup>th</sup>.
9. The next meeting in Sunday March 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM at the Wantagh FD – all are welcome.

**Fire Police:** Sergeant-at-Arms Wicks gave the following report:

1. Nassau County Volunteer Fire Police Association's Installation Dinner will be held on Sunday January 26<sup>th</sup> at Verdi's in Westbury.
2. There will be a Fire Police Refresher given on Zoom on Wednesday January 29<sup>th</sup>.
3. The Tom With Seminar will be held on Saturday March 1<sup>st</sup>.
4. The Spring Meeting of the NYS Fire Police Association will be held on Saturday April 5<sup>th</sup> at the FASNY Firefighters Home in Hudson.
5. The NYS Fire Police Association's Annual Convention will be held on May 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> in Kingston.

**Meeting Sites:** President McElynn reported that our next membership meeting will be the Annual Meeting, with elections, which will be held on Wednesday May 14<sup>th</sup> at the South Farmingdale FD. The July membership meeting will be held on Wednesday July 16<sup>th</sup> – location to be determined.

**Muster:** Peter Glavas gave the following report:

1. The NCFA sponsored a County-Wide Muster and Fundraiser on Saturday September 28, 2024 at the Francis X Pendl Firefighters Museum. Despite the overcast weather, the event was a success with 26 Antique Rigs and 350 new visitors to the museum. Thank you again to all the hands that helped grease the wheels.
2. The Muster Committee met this past Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at the Great Neck Vigilant FC for a post meeting wrap up and future planning. All bills are paid or accounted for including a small holdover for 2025 expenses (seed money). The balance (about \$5,000) we are recommending be donated to the Museum as pledged. Our plan is to present in February at a planned photo op for Fire News.
3. The committee is recommending that we continue this event in 2025: at the same location and with a different vendor for Challenge Coins that will feature the 2024 winner.

**Nassau Day at the Home:** Jose DaRocha reported that the scheduled date is September 21<sup>st</sup> and the committee will be meeting in February.

**Nominations & Elections:** Past President Messina read off the following slate of officers for the 2025 – 2026 (2 years):

**President:** Edmund Schmidt, South Farmingdale FD  
**First Vice President:** Fred Robinson, Oceanside FD  
**Second Vice President:** John Wicks, Westbury FD  
**Secretary:** Juan Batta, Hewlett FD  
**Treasurer:** Stephen Goodman, Great Neck Vigilant FC  
**Financial Secretary:** Anthony Tripp, Glen Cove FD

Motion made by Past President Michael Krummenacker, seconded by Ken Noone, and carried to close the ballots.

**State Chiefs:** Financial Secretary Anthony Tripp reported that the LI Fire-EMS Buff Show will take place from Friday January 31<sup>st</sup> through Sunday February 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum with Junior's training, firefighter training classes each day as well as an EMS skills competition. He also reported that the NYS Association of Fire Chiefs' Annual Conference will be held from Wednesday June 4<sup>th</sup> through Saturday June 7<sup>th</sup> in Syracuse.

**United Memorial:** Junior Past President Tucholski reported the 2025 Memorial Service will be held on Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup> at Kellenberg HS in Uniondale, sponsored by the Uniondale FD. He also reported that the 2026 Memorial Service will be held on Sunday May 3, 2026 sponsored by the Glen Cove FD – location to be determined, and the 2027 Memorial Service will be held on Sunday May 2, 2027 at the Oceanside HS, sponsored by the Oceanside FD.

Motion made by John Scalesi, seconded by Peter Waas, and carried to accept the committee reports.

## **REPORT OF DELEGATES**

### **FASNY**

**DIRECTOR MICHAEL KRUMMENACKER:** gave the following report:

1. The public comments for the proposed change to OSHA 1910 are complete and OSHA will be issuing a report on this standard by the end of January.
2. The IAFF is looking at getting their hands on our 2% monies, please be on the lookout for this.
3. FASNY is working on financial training for Fire Departments/Companies and Benevolent Associations – more to follow.

**DIRECTOR ROBERT OTTAVIANO:** had no report.

**HOME TRUSTEE JAMES INTERDONATI:** gave the following report:

1. Everything is going good at the Home, although we had 6 members pass away.
2. The new maintenance garage is up and running.
3. He advised that you call before going to visit a resident, in case of COVID, or for tours.
4. If you know anyone who might be interested in the Home, see himself or Home Trustee Walter Frame or go to the website.

**HOME TRUSTEE WALTER FRAME:** was excused for this meeting.

## **SOUTHERN NY**

**PRESIDENT JUAN BATTA:** gave the following report:

1. Thank you to those who attended our last meeting on January 4<sup>th</sup> at the West Babylon FD.
2. The Legislative Conference will be held at the Albertson FC on Saturday January 25<sup>th</sup> with refreshments at 8:00 AM and the program starting at 9:00 AM. Please wear your Class "A" uniform if you are attending.
3. The next membership meeting is scheduled for Saturday March 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Merrick FD – Empire Hose.

**SECOND VICE PRESIDENT STEVE KLEIN:** was excused for this meeting.

**SECRETARY KEVIN McELLYNN:** asked that if you are giving a report at those meetings, to please provide a written copy.

**TREASURER ROY DAHLEN:** was excused for this meeting.

## **READING OF COMMUNICATIONS:**

**RECEIVED:** Secretary Batta reported that he received no communications.

**SENT:** Secretary Batta reported that he sent the following communications:

1. Letter to the Glen Cove FD in regards to tonight's meeting.

## **BILLS:**

Edmund Schmidt	Flowers for Ladies Auxiliary – October meeting	\$105.00
Bethpage FD	Dinner for October meeting	\$500.00
Michael Krummenacker	FASNY Legislative Conference	\$750.00
Juan Batta	Secretary Stipend	\$400.00
Anthony Tripp	Financial Secretary Stipend	\$400.00
Stephen Goodman	Treasurer Stipend	\$400.00

Abigail Walters	Scholarship	\$500.00
Frank Brzozowski	Scholarship	\$500.00
Stephen Goodman	Postage & Office Supplies	<u>\$306.99</u>
	<b>Total Bills</b>	<b>\$3,861.99</b>

Motion made by Donald McIntosh, seconded by Past President Otto Kohlmier, Jr., and carried to pay the bills.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Sergeant-at-Arms Wicks reported that the LI Exempts Association will be having a meeting on Friday January 24<sup>th</sup> at the Hewlett FD.
2. Treasurer Stephen Goodman reported that the LI Antique Association will be having a meeting on Friday January 24<sup>th</sup> at the Great Neck Alert FC.

### **REPORT OF OFFICERS**

**PRESIDENT KEVIN McELLYNN:** gave the following report:

1. Thank you to Kristina Moon and Chief Instructor Paul Wilders for taking time out of their busy schedules to speak with us tonight.
2. I hope everyone had a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season – Happy New Year to all!
3. Thank you to the Glen Cove FD for hosting tonight's meeting.
4. As it is now winter, please be mindful of the weather – stay safe.
5. The next Board of Directors meeting will be at the Baldwin FD headquarters on Wednesday April 16<sup>th</sup> – dinner will be served.
6. I attended the NCJFA Installation Dinner this past weekend with the new President from New Hyde Park Juniors – a good time was had by all.
7. I will be attending the Nassau County Volunteer Fire Police Association's Installation on Sunday January 26<sup>th</sup> – thank you for the invite.
8. The 2026 NCFA Parade will be held in Oceanside – more to follow.
9. Thank you all for your support throughout 2024 – it was a busy year.

**FIRST VICE PRESIDENT EDMUND SCHMIDT:** gave the following report:

1. Like President McElynn stated, 2024 was a busy year.
2. As was stated earlier, the Muster was a success – looking forward to 2025.
3. There will be a South Shore meeting on Friday January 17<sup>th</sup>.
4. Happy New Year to all!

**SECOND VICE PRESIDENT FRED ROBINSON:** gave the following report:

1. Happy New Year to all members and their families.
2. FASNY EMS Seminar on Friday January 24<sup>th</sup> to Saturday January 25<sup>th</sup> at the Selden FD.

3. RecruitNY is in April and is open to all departments.
4. Fire Chiefs Council of Nassau County will be hosting a seminar on Taxpayers and Mixed Occupancy Fires on Tuesday January 28<sup>th</sup> starting at 7:00 PM at the Uniondale FD – Van Ness Station.

**SERGEANT-AT-ARMS JOHN WICKS:** reported that 41 people signed in with 6 of the NCJFA Officers.

**TREASURER STEPHEN GOODMAN:** gave his report, which is on file. He also attended the following:

1. NCFA General Meeting at the Bethpage FD on October 16, 2024.
2. FASNY Legislative Conference in Troy on November 1 – 3, 2024.
3. Nassau County Fire Commission Emergency Management Committee monthly meeting on November 19, 2024.
4. NCFA Board Meeting at the Baldwin FD on November 20, 2024.
5. Nassau County Fire Commission Emergency Management Committee monthly meeting on December 17, 2024.
6. North Shore Fire Council general meeting on January 10, 2025.

**SECRETARY JUAN BATTA:** wished everyone a Happy New Year.

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY ANTHONY TRIPP:** gave the following report:

This month I have turned over to the Treasurer the sum of \$855.00 in dues. Of the 531 members, 278 have paid their dues this year for a total of \$6,595.00.

Dues notices were mailed out for the current year at the end of June.

There are 13 out of the 101 Department and Companies that owe dues for the year beginning May 1, 2022. There are 21 out of the 101 Department and Companies that owe dues for the year beginning May 1, 2023.

Status of the Membership:

Dues paying members	531
Dept./Co. members	<u>101</u>
Total Membership	632

Members not paid	253
Dept./Co. members not paid	84

Motion made by Past President Kohlmier, seconded by Past President Interdonati, and carried to accept the reports of officers.

### **GOOD & WEFARE:**

1. Gary Bearman reported that the 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion will be hosting a fundraiser on Sunday April 6<sup>th</sup> at the Malverne FD.
2. It was announced that the Nassau County Firefighters Pipes & Drums will be having a fundraiser at Mulcahy's Pub in Wantagh on Sunday February 23<sup>rd</sup>.
3. It was announced that Carl Thughe is now 97 years old and says hi.
4. President McElynn reminded us that the Billy Moon Foundation will be having a Spring Gala on Wednesday April 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Heritage Club in Bethpage – go to the Billy Moon Foundation website for more information.

### **DARK HORSE & 50/50:**

Sergeant-at-Arms Wicks reported that we collected a total of \$155 with 3 \$20 winners along with 2 bottles of cheers and that the 50/50 collected a total of \$180 with \$90 going to the winner. Raffles were drawn and the prizes were awarded.

**CLOSING PRAYER:** was given by Sergeant-at-Arms Wicks.

**MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT:** made by Past President Interdonati, seconded by Past President Messina, and carried.

**TIME: 9:00 PM**

Respectfully Submitted,

Juan Batta, Secretary