

**NASSAU COUNTY FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION**  
**GENERAL ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
**SOUTH FARMINGDALE FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
**MAY 20, 2026**

President Edmund Schmidt called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM. Salute to the Flag was led by Sergeant-at-Arms Donald McIntosh. The opening prayer was given by Second Vice President Jon Wicks, which was followed by 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.

President Schmidt introduced First Assistant Christopher Klein who welcomed us to the South Farmingdale Fire Department. President Schmidt thanked him for the use of his firehouse for the meeting tonight as well as for the dinner.

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

Motion by Past President Interdonati, seconded by Paul Yura, and carried to accept the minutes of the January 2026 meeting as posted to our website.

**INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKERS:** President Schmidt introduced Donald Corkery who spoke about his candidacy for the position of FASNY President.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEES**

**Burn Center:** Past President Thomas Gaffney reported that everything is going well at the Burn Center at NUMC – they hired a new physician's assistant and there have been times that there are no patients in the burn center.

**Dinner:** Past President Leon Tucholski was excused for the meeting, so the following report was read by Secretary Juan Batta:

The 2026 Installation Dinner has been canceled – the 2027 Installation Dinner will be held, date & place will be determined.

**Executive Council:** Secretary Batta announced that the next meeting of the Executive Council will be held on Thursday May 28<sup>th</sup> at the Albertson FC starting at 7:30 PM.

**Exempts:** Past President Leon Tucholski was excused for the meeting, so the following report was read by Secretary Juan Batta:

The FASNY 2% Tax Forum will be held during the 2026 Convention in Ellicottville on Friday August 21<sup>st</sup> time to be determined.

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

1. Our last meeting was held on April 19<sup>th</sup> at North Merrick FD. There were 93 Juniors in attendance where Nassau County PD spoke about E-Bike safety, internet predators, and spoke about their own Explorer Program.
2. We held our 2<sup>nd</sup> Youth Females in the Fire Service on April 26<sup>th</sup> at the FSA. We have 81 girls registered from both Nassau and Suffolk. We had 4 female chiefs speak: Chief Christine Rhine from FSA; Chief Karen Bedel from Baldwin FD; Chief Heather Senti from Lakeview FD; and Chief Jessica Crowley from East Norwich FD. After lunch, the Juniors participated in Extrication, Extinguishers, and a LIRR Train MCI.
3. We held our 1<sup>st</sup> One Day Training Course for 2026 on May 17<sup>th</sup>. The classes were Aerial Ladders on the Tower and Thermal Imaging – 28 Juniors were in attendance.
4. On May 31<sup>st</sup>, we will be holding our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Junior Firefighter Challenge – donations are \$25 per person. All proceeds go towards the Nassau County Burn Center.
5. We have 25 Juniors registered to start online Essentials course starting on April 18<sup>th</sup> and ending on July 5<sup>th</sup>.
6. Our flights are booked for the 2026 Exchange Trip on August 13<sup>th</sup> – we started registration. More details to follow.
7. We are currently taking names for the 2026 graduating seniors, to receive their red honor cords to be worn for junior firefighters graduating. Link can be found on our social media and with all advisors.
8. The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday June 7<sup>th</sup> at the Hicksville FD – Station 3 – at 11:00 AM. All are welcomed.

**Fire Police:** Second Vice President Jon Wicks gave the following report:

1. The next meeting of the Nassau County Volunteer Fire Police Association is scheduled for July 18<sup>th</sup> – place to be determined.
2. The Volunteer Fire Police Association of New York State held their convention last week at Niagara Falls and he was elected as President for his second year.

**Legislative:** Second Vice President Wicks reported that the New York State Assembly has passed by a vote of 135 – 0 increasing the income tax credit from \$200 to \$800 and also allows the person to claim BOTH the income tax credit and property tax credit at the same time – this now has to pass the State Senate, which has passed in prior years and then be signed by the Governor.

**Muster:** Sergeant-at-Arms McIntosh reported that the Francis X Pendl Firefighter Museum and Education Center of Nassau County will be running the Muster and the scheduled date is August 28<sup>th</sup> at the Museum from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM – more to follow.

**Nassau Day at the Home:** Jose DaRocha gave the following report:

1. The date is September 20<sup>th</sup>.
2. The gift for the residents have been chosen.
3. The committee is moving forward.
4. Please try to make it up there – the residents get a big kick out of it and a good time is had by all.

**Public Information/Public Relations:** Junior Past President Kevin McElynn reported that the website will be having a list of the meeting dates on the home page and as soon as the places are decided, after our re-org meeting, will be posted on the home page as well.

**United Memorial:** Past President Leon Tucholski was excused for the meeting, so the following report was read by Secretary Juan Batta:

1. The 2027 United Memorial Service will be held on May 3, 2027 at the Oceanside HS, sponsored by the Oceanside FD.
2. The 2028 United Memorial Service will be held on May 7, 2028 sponsored by the Bethpage FD, place to be determined.

Motion made by Past President Interdonati, seconded by Past President Richard Messina, and carried to accept the reports of committees.

## **REPORT OF DELEGATES**

**FASNY**

**DIRETOR ROBERT OTTAVIANO:** was excused for this meeting.

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

1. The 2026 FASNY Convention will be held on August 19<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> in Ellicottville, NY with voting taking place on August 19<sup>th</sup>. Questions were asked of and answered by Director Batta and Home Trustee James Interdonati in regards to the convention.
2. He announced that he has to run at the Convention to finish Mike Krumpenacker's term and he is running against one person – please support him if you are going to the Convention.

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

1. There are currently 83 residents in the Home – the Trustees approved an application just this week.
2. Home Administrator Keith Henchey is retiring June 30<sup>th</sup> and the process to hire a new Administrator is ongoing.
3. He is ending his 10-year term as a Trustee and Jon Wicks is running to take his place – please support Jon.

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

## **SOUTHERN NEW YORK**

**FIRST VICE PRESIDENT STEVEN KLINE:** was excused for this meeting.

**SECRETARY KEVIN McELYNN:** gave the following report:

1. The Annual Meeting was held on May 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Central Islip FD – no changes to the officers as they are in their 2<sup>nd</sup> year of their 2-year term.
2. The Annual Installation Dinner will be held on Friday May 29<sup>th</sup> at the Nassau County Bar Association in Mineola starting at 6:30 PM – tickets are \$85 per person if interested, see him. He also has raffle tickets if you are interested.

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

## **COMMUNICATIONS:**

**RECEIVED BY THE SECRETARY:** Secretary Batta reported that he received no communications to be read.

**SENT BY THE SECRETARY:** The following communications were sent by the Secretary:

1. Letter to the South Farmingdale FD for hosting tonight's meeting.

- Journal ad for the Southern New York Installation Dinner journal.

**BILLS:**

Carle Place FD	Meeting Refreshments for January 2026 Meeting	\$427.65
Leon Tucholski	9 50-Year Certificates	\$180.00
Juan Batta	Ink for Printer	\$187.91
Leon Tucholski	1 50-Year Certificate	\$20.00
Edmund Schmidt	Meeting Refreshments for April BOD Meeting	\$86.27
Southern New York Volunteer Firefighters Association	2 tickets for the Installation Dinner	\$170.00
Southern New York Volunteer Firefighters Association	Full page ad in the Installation Dinner Journal	\$100.00
Firefighters Cancer Awareness and Mentoring of New York State	Golf Outing Hole Sponsor	\$100.00
Juan Batta	Secretary's Stipend	\$400.00
Anthony Tripp	Financial Secretary's Stipend	\$400.00
Stephen Goodman	Treasurer's Stipend	\$400.00
Southern New York Volunteer Firefighters Association	Dues for 2025, 2026, & 2027	\$90.00
Craig Yanatuono	Website Domain & Hosting	\$275.00
Leon Tucholaki	1 50-Year Certificate	<u>\$20.00</u>
	<b>Total Bills</b>	<b>\$2,856.83</b>

Motion made by Past President Messina, seconded by Junior Past President McElynn, and carried to pay the bills.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Donald Holupka reported that the Long Island Exempts Association will be having a seminar on the 2% funds on June 26<sup>th</sup> at the East Farmingdale FD.

2. Donald Holupka also reported that the next meeting of the Long Island Exempts will be held on July 31<sup>st</sup> at the Hicksville FD – Station 3.
3. Junior Past President McElynn reported that the Baldwin FD will be having a party to celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of their Ahrens-Fox Pumper on June 14<sup>th</sup> at their training center on Atlantic Ave – all are welcomed.
4. Second Vice President Wicks reported that the Nassau County Parade will be held in Oceanside on July 18<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:00 PM.
5. A member from the Great Neck Alerts FD announced that they will be hosting a parade on October 18<sup>th</sup> celebrating their 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary starting at 1:00 PM.
6. Paul Yura announced that the 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion Parade will be held on June 20<sup>th</sup> in Syosset.
7. Motion made by Charles DeStefano, seconded by Nicholas Brigante, and carried to set aside a page in memory of Past President Michael Krummenacker.

## **REPORT OF OFFICERS**

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

1. Thanked everyone for coming tonight – hope everyone enjoyed the food.
2. Now starting his 2<sup>nd</sup> year as president – looking forward to the challenges ahead.
3. Thanked everyone for their support this past year.

**FIRST VICE PRESIDENT FRED ROBINSON:** was excused for this meeting.

**SECOND VICE PRESIDENT JON WICKS:** thanked everyone for their support this past year.

**SERGEANT-AT-ARMS DONALD McINTOSH:** reported that 25 people signed in for the meeting.

**TREASURER STEPHEN GOODMAN:** was excused for this meeting, so Secretary Batta read the following report:

1. Reported on the total funds of the Association, which is on file.
2. Treasurer Goodman attended the following meetings:
  - A. January 20<sup>th</sup> – Nassau County Emergency Management Committee meeting.
  - B. January 21<sup>st</sup> – Nassau County Firefighters Association’s Membership meeting.

- C. January 22<sup>nd</sup> – Executive Council of Firematic Organizations meeting.
- D. January 23<sup>rd</sup> – Long Island Associations of Benevolent Organizations meeting.
- E. January 24<sup>th</sup> – Southern NY Volunteer Firefighters Association’s Legislative Outreach.
- F. February 13<sup>th</sup> – North Shore Fire Council’s Membership meeting.
- G. February 17<sup>th</sup> - Nassau County Emergency Management Committee meeting.
- H. March 4<sup>th</sup> – Nassau County Chiefs Council meeting.
- I. March 13<sup>th</sup> – Michael Krummenacker’s wake.
- J. March 14<sup>th</sup> – Micheal Krummenacker’s funeral.
- K. March 12<sup>th</sup> – Nassau County Steering Committee meeting.
- L. March 18<sup>th</sup> - Nassau County Emergency Management Committee meeting.
- M. March 26<sup>th</sup> - Executive Council of Firematic Organizations meeting.
- N. March 28<sup>th</sup> – Southern NY Volunteer Firefighters Association’s General Membership meeting.
- O. April 15<sup>th</sup> – Nassau County Firefighters Association’s Board of Directors meeting.
- P. April 21<sup>st</sup> - Nassau County Emergency Management Committee meeting.
- Q. May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Nassau County United Memorial Service.
- R. May 8<sup>th</sup> – North Shore Fire Council Membership meeting.

**SECRETARY JUAN BATTA:** thanked everyone for their support.

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY ANTHONY TRIPP:** was excused for this meeting, so the following report was read by Secretary Batta:

This month I have turned over to the Treasurer the sum of \$50.00 in Dues. Of the 540 members, 279 have paid their dues this year for a total of \$8,110.00.

Dues notices have been mailed out for the current fiscal year at the end of July 2025.

There are 62 out of the 111 Departments/Companies that have paid their dues for the year beginning May 1, 2025.

Dues notices for the 2026 – 2027 Year will be going out by the end of July.

Status of the Membership:

Dues paying members	540
Dept./Co. members	<u>111</u>
Total Membership	651

Members not paid	261
Dept./Co.'s not paid	49

Motion made by Junior Past President McElynn, seconded by Past President Messina, and carried to accept the reports of officers.

**GOOD & WELFARE:** No one had anything to report.

**DARK HORSE & 50/50:** Sergeant-at-Arms McIntosh reported that we collected \$90 for the Dark Horse and we have 3 prizes as well as 2-\$10 prizes to be raffled off with \$70 going to Association. He also reported that we collected \$120 for the 50/50 raffle with \$60 going to the winner and \$60 for the Association. The prizes were then raffled off.

**CLOSING PRAYER:** was given by Second Vice President Wicks.

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

**TIME: 9:14 PM**

Respectfully Submitted,

Juan Batta, Secretary

***THE MEMBERS OF THE NASSAU COUNTY  
FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION DO HEREBY SET ASIDE  
THIS PAGE IN MEMORY OF PAST PRESIDENT***

***MICHAEL  
KRUMMENACKER***

***WHO WAS ALSO A CURRENT DIRECTOR OF THE  
SOUTHERN NEW YORK VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS  
ASSOCIATION AS WELL AS A CURRENT DIRECTOR OF  
THE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION OF THE STATE OF  
NEW YORK WHEN HE PASSED AWAY  
MAY HE REST IN PEACE***