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Steve Romanowski
Firefighter of the Year
Pine Grove

Dean Sim
Firefighter of the Year
Guilderland Center

Lee Harnett
Firefighter of the Year
East Berne

Robert Meyers
Firefighter of the Year
McKownville

Emilie Belyea
Junior Firefighter of the Year
Voorheesville

Tom Dorn
EMS Provider of the Year
Voorheesville

Earl Miller
Firefighter of the Year
Onesquethaw

Debra Lobdell
EMS Person of the Year
Onesquethaw

Randy Thomas
Firefighter of the Year
Voorheesville

Andrew Carl
Firefighter of the Year
New Salem

David Ainspan
Firefighter of the Year
North Bethlehem

Michael Hale
Firefighter of the Year
Altamont Rescue

Peter Austin
Employee of the Year
Altamont Rescue

Lillian Quinn
EMT of the Year
Altamont Rescue

Not Pictured
Leonard Warner
Firefighter of the Year, Fort Hunter
Westmere
Firefighters of the Year
Picture on page 5

Richard Berger
Albany Co. Firefighter of the Year

The Altamont Enterprise, October 10, 2013
GUILDERLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.

Organized in 1931
Serves the town of Guilderland from The Prospect Hill Cemetery to the former Bavarian Chalet, with parts of Routes 155 and 146 and Old State Road.

Calls:
2013 YTD: 128

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Membership
(L) Life Member, (E) Emeritus.
Greg Alliger, Bill Beha, Joe Bentley, Scott Bianchi, Tom Blank (L), Lisa Cosgrove, Christopher Cox, Curtis Cox (L), Mike Dempsey, Brian Forte, Don Gaitor, Vince Ganance (E) (L), Ed Goosmann, William Irwin (L) (E), Scott Jill, Stephen Jill, Dave Kellerman, Rich Leininger (E) (L), Robert Lynch (L), Butch Mariner, Allen Mason, Dave Messercola (L), Bob Meyers, Chuck Meyers, Tim O’Hara, Stewart Pattison, Victor Rodriguez, Doug Ryan, Jim Schanz, John Sierzega, Dave Spiax (L), Brian Sullivan, Mark Wadsworth, Nate Webb, Justin Wemple, George Wilhelm, Greg Wilhelm, Josh Woodward, Frank Zabinski.

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officers seated from left: Rose Meyers, vice president; Rachel Walker, president. Standing from left: Barbara Deshaies and Pamela Gaitor, directors; Doris Selig, treasurer; Cathleen Cox, secretary.


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Organized in 1950
Calls:
2013 YTD: 141

Upcoming activities
Oct 12th - Open House 10-3 p.m.
Dec. 14th - Breakfast with Santa 8-11:30 a.m.
Dec. - Santa’s Express - Date to be determined

Firefighter of the Year: Leonard Warner

Membership
(Bold indicates life members)

Auxiliary
Charlene Aldi, Brenda Beliveau, Jennifer Blessing, Mary Jane Blessing, Donna Duffy, Joanne Fagel, Nola Fiorillo, Debbie Garner, Audrey LeTarte, Debbie LeTarte, Betty Olochnowicz, Marilyn Peterson, Jennifer Smith, Cindy Tygert.

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Fort Hunter Volunteer Fire Company line officers from left: Patrick Donovan, Chris Warner and Jeff Belli, lieutenants; Greg Comparetta, second assistant chief; Gary Starr, chief; Bill Fleming, assistant chief; Peter Busa, captain, Eric Adams, lieutenant.

Civil officers and board of directors of the Fort Hunter Fire Company seated from left: Daniel Paul, president; Steve Coons, and Jacqueline Siudy, trustees. Standing from left: Greg Wier, vice president; Leonard Warner, back property trustee; Eric Wells, sergeant-at-arms; Michael Gammans, treasurer; John Bintz, recording secretary, Martin Kalkbrenner, financial secretary. Absent: Edward Marchand, statistician, Charles Hughes, trustee.

On behalf of Young, Fenton, Kelsey & Brown, P.C., which has represented members of the Volunteer Fire Service since 1976, we wish to thank the volunteer firefighters, emergency medical service providers, volunteer fire district commissioners, treasurers and secretaries for your dedication, service and sacrifice to the residents of our community. Largely, without compensation or recognition, you protect the lives and property of the residents of the towns of Guilderland, Bethlehem, Berne, Knox, Westerlo, Rensselaerville, and Rotterdam.

Thank you to all from Bill Young Andrea Kelsey Lisa Brown and Nicole Strippoli.

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North Bethlehem Fire Department

Organized 1948
The North Bethlehem Fire Department covers the Elmwood Park Fire District, which includes parts of the towns of Guilderland, Bethlehem, and New Scotland, bounded by the city of Albany on the east, the Normanskill Creek on the south and west, and the McKownville Fire District on the north.

Calls:
2013 YTD: 740

Fireman of the year:
David Ainspan

Responding Members
(Italics indicates life membership): David Ainspan, Mike Avery, Ari Basen, Frank Belli, Cameron Becker, Justin Bray, Al Carson, Linda Carson, Ryan Cohen, Zack Cohen, John Correlli, Patrick Cucinelli, Frank DeCerce, Chris Dehont, Ed Downes, Mike Deggue, Joe Evers III, Chris Fiano, Paul Fiano, Tim Gordon, Doris Hallenbeck, Chuck Herald, Tyler Holmes, Bill James, John Mahoney, Quinn Malone, Ed Marsh, Keith Marsh, Kenneth Marsh, Anne Marie Massaro, George Mears, Adam Miller, Amy Miller, Ellen Miller, Paul Miller, Marco Morales, Kevin Murphy, Kyla Parker, Ben Pontillo, Josh Pontillo, Josh Rosenberger, Marc Scholer, Phil Schuppenthaler, Andrew Strum, Tony Toffenetti, Ray Wolfe, Roni Wolfe, Anthony Wheland.

Ladies Auxiliary - Active Members
Carolyn DeCerce, Doris Hallenbeck, Donna Herbst, Stephanie Hilson, Jane James, Arlene Martley, Donna Mazzeo, Sheila Mears, Ellen Miller, Mary Miller, Diane Muraven, Kyla Parker, Lisa Parker, Marti Petteke, Debbie Schenkel, Rachael Schenkel.

ALTAMONT RESCUE SQUAD, INC.

Founded 1937
The oldest volunteer rescue squad in New York State.
Serves Altamont with mutual aid to Guilderland and Knox. The Squad is certified at the EMT-D (emergency medical technician certified to use a defibrillator). We also are able to administer Albuterol and Epi Pens and check finger stick blood sugars.

Calls:
2013 YTD: 610

Employee of the Year: Peter Austin
EMT of the Year: Lillian Quinn

The rescue squad stands by at many events in the village, including the Old Songs Festival, the Apple Festival, and the Albany County Democratic picnic. It also sends an ambulance to instruct youngsters at day care centers and elementary schools. Provides stand-by for Guilderland School football games. Also provides monthly blood clinics for the local senior citizens.

The rescue squad provides 24 hour service to the community 7 days a week. We employ daytime crews to ensure consistent and rapid response during the day while our volunteers cover the evenings and nights.

Altamont Rescue Squad serves the village, Guilderland Center and portions of the Hilltowns. Services are supplemented by Town of Guilderland Paramedics. The ARS is funded by the town of Guilderland. They also provide mutual aid for Guilderland. Volunteers are always needed, especially to cover mid-week evenings shifts.

If you think you are interested in joining either as a driver or as an Emergency Medical Technician (training is provided), or simply to ride along on calls and assist, and work under the direction of an EMT, please call 861-6715 to find out more and request an application.
WESTMERE FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.

Organized in 1935

The Westmere Fire Department protects 12 square miles of property in the Town of Guilderland. Our district includes Crossgates Mall, Twenty Mall, Westmere Plaza and several smaller shopping centers, over 2,900 homes, several apartment complexes with a total of over 3,100 apartments and several schools and churches. The assessed value of the property in our district totals over $1 billion.

Equipment


Squad 93 (S-93): Heavy Rescue by Rescue One with a Spartan Gladiator chassis equipped with Hurst Tools (Jaws of Life), rescue airbags, rope rescue equipment and other tire/rescue equipment.

Engine 95 (E-95): 1,500 gallon per minute Saulsbury/E-One Rescue/Pumper.

Engine 96 (E-96): 1,500 gallon per minute Saulsbury Rescue/Pumper.

Engine 98 (E-98): 1,500 gallon per minute E-One.

Truck 99 (T-99): 1,500 gallon per minute Sutphen Aerial Platform.

Active Members


*denotes life member

Life Members

Melvin Bushey, Fred Haupt, William Seim, Robert Dinovo, Jr., Robert Klimkewicz, David Spawm, Ray Fuller, Anthony Lance, David Sullivan, Vern Meyer.

Social Members

Donald Burkett, Bill Goodwin, Rich Reynders, Guy Comparetta, Rocco Padula, Robert Spin, Sean Coburn, Anthony Pazzola, Bill Young, Thomas Gannon III.

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GUILDERLAND CENTER
FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.
Organized 1918, incorporated July of 1919.
Serves the hamlet of Guilderland Center and
surrounding areas in the town of Guilderland.

Equipment:

Calls:
2013 YTD: 95

Firefighter of the Year:
Dean Sim

Community Events:
A Ham Game Party in March/April; Memorial Services at the GCFD and parades with Altamont and Voorheesville Fire Departments in May. Fireworks at the Albany Country Club in July. At the Altamont Fair in August. Various parades in and out of Albany County in September. Albany County Volunteer Firemen’s Association Muster; Fire Prevention Week Open House and Breakfast and Halloween Party in October. A Turkey Game Party on November 10. Arrival of Santa Claus on a fire truck in December.

Membership
Donald Albright, Clayton Ash, Ed Ash, Pete Bashwinger, Paul Beilaveau, Robert Burnash, Justin Cocca, Matthew Collins, Benjamin Crupe, Stuart Dean, Mark Dean, Harold Dederick, David Dodge, Christopher Dvorscak, William Dvorscak, Douglas Efaw, Kevin Efaw, Burton Frederick, James Gifford, Dan Goldman, Christopher Gould, Jim Hockenbury, James Housck, Rev. Allen Jager, John Joy, Eric Kisby, Joshua Lare, Anthony Latorre, Douglas Lawton, Thomas Lawton, Josh Lieb, David Novak, Ed Makowski, Jeff Moore, Sean O’Mara, Robert Purzycki, Jon Reimenschneider, Steve Reinemann, Tyler Reinermann, Grant Roberts, Daniel Sim, David Sim, Dean Sim, Joseph Tegiacchi, Casey VanAlstyne, DylanWereimelechik, William West

Auxiliary Members

The Enterprise — James E. Gardner
Civil officers of the Guilderland Center Fire Department, from left: Donald Albright, president; Dean Sim, vice president; Tom Lawton, secretary; Doug Lawton, treasurer; Burt Frederick, director; Dave Dodge and Kevin Efaw, stewards. Absent: Doug Efaw, assistant treasurer; Bill West, financial secretary, Bill Doorweck and Josh Lare, directors; Al Jager, chaplain; Ben Crupe, steward.

The Enterprise — James E. Gardner
Guilderland Center Fire Department line officers, from left: Bill Doorweck, chief; John Joy, assistant chief; Chris Doorweck, first lieutenant; Ed Makowski, second lieutenant; Sean O’Mara, third lieutenant. Absent: Casey VanAlstyne and Jon Gifford, captains.

The Enterprise — James E. Gardner
Guilderland Center Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary, from left: Darci Efaw, treasurer; Susan Efaw, secretary, Deb Sim, president; Anita Collins, vice president.

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When the call comes in, Volunteers respond!
Organized in 1918
The McKownville Fire Department was established in 1918 and has 59 active members. Located at the eastern end of the Town of Guilderland the Department’s coverage includes 900+ residential homes, Stuyvesant Plaza, Executive Park, part of the Albany SUNY Campus, several high-rise structures and numerous public and private businesses.

The Department and Auxiliary hold several fundraising activities throughout the year including a Spring Drawing, Chicken Barbecue, Pancake Breakfasts, and a Fall Turkey Drawing.

Calls:
2013 YTD: 162

Firefighter of the Year: Jay Tomisman
President’s Award: Paul Laudato

Active Firefighters (41)
(italics indicate life membership)

Class D Members (18)
(italics indicate life membership)
James Barber, Lori Becker, Herbert Brown, Maura Clancy, Kathy Collen, Fred Deichman III, Lonnie Dean, Eileen Haggerty, Paul Laudato, Gerry Lugg Sr., Kelly Mason, Doug McLean, Robert Monaghan, William Murphy, Maureen Murray, William O’Neil, Paul Sweeney, James Wilson Sr.

Service Loans (4)
Cameron Becker, Jordan Drelich, Andrew Hynes, Quinn Malone

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Civil officers of the McKownville Fire Department from left: Dennis Mason, vice president; Mark Malone, secretary; Housett Atchooa, president. Absent: Joe Strucksu, treasurer.

The Enterprise — James R. Gardner
The McKownville Fire Department line officers from left: Russ Becker, assistant chief; Marc Scholer; Scott Murray, lieutenants, Anthony Cortese, chief; Absent: Vin Davi, lieutenant; Mike Costabile, captain.

The Enterprise — James R. Gardner
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VOORHEESVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Organized 1902
Serving the Village of Voorheesville in the Town of New Scotland.

Membership
(Life Members in bold; * indicates Past Chief, J indicates Junior Member)
Emilie Belyea (J), Foye Belyea, (chaplain); Richard Berger* (president); Rich Blackman, Anthony Bluman, Greg Burgoon, Jim Burns, David Cardona, Thomas Cascone (captain 3515); Mark Casolo, Joseph Dedrick*, Buddy Deschenes*, Darrell Duncan, Jim Duncan (treasurer); Nick Duncan, Walt Fisher, Dave Gannon (chief); Jim Giner (secretary); Tim Gyurovits, Stanley Hadeka, Glenn Halpin, Gary Hebert, Amy Henry, Ron Henry Sr., (captain 3511); Dylan Hensel (vice president); Mike Herzog (2nd assistant chief); Sean Hognestad (lieutenant 3515); Paul Hognestad Jr. (lieutenant 3512); Ron Henry Sr., captain 3512; Tom Cascone, captain 3511.

Fund Raising Events:
Annual Calendar Drive, October Harvest Dance, Breakfast with Santa, Election Day Auxiliary Bake Sale, car washes, blood drive. Proceeds from donations and fund raising events are used to benefit many community functions. Some of the local organizations assisted in the past are: Voorheesville High School Dollars for Scholars, New Scotland Pop Warner football, Voorheesville High School Yearbook, Voorheesville High School Drama Club, and Hilltowns Children’s Christmas Drive, the American Cancer Society, Kiwanis baseball, Voorheesville Area Ambulance, Voorheesville American Legion Post 1493, St. Peter’s Hospice, and the New Scotland Food Pantry. There were two collections to send care packages to troops stationed in war zones. In addition, proceeds are used to benefit the FASNY Fireman’s Home in Hudson, New York, the October Fire Prevention Week, as well as other firematic associations. The Auxiliary assists the firemen with many of these fund-raisers and donates the proceeds from their bake sale to the Albany County Burn Fund.

Community Service Activities:
The department supports the Adopt-a-Highway program with its semi-annual cleanup of Route 85A through the Village; conducts firehouse tours for the nursery and kindergarten classes in support of fire safety education; hosts three golf leagues. The Department also offers a Junior Firefighter program for Voorheesville teens aged 16 & 17 who desire to learn about the fire service while fulfilling their own school Community Service obligations.

Membership
(Life Members in bold; * indicates Past Chief, J indicates Junior Member)
Emilie Belyea (J), Foye Belyea, (chaplain); Richard Berger* (president); Rich Blackman, Anthony Bluman, Greg Burgoon, Jim Burns, David Cardona, Thomas Cascone (captain 3515); Mark Casolo, Joseph Dedrick*, Buddy Deschenes*, Darrell Duncan, Jim Duncan (treasurer); Nick Duncan, Walt Fisher, Dave Gannon (chief); Jim Giner (secretary); Tim Gyurovits, Stanley Hadeka, Glenn Halpin, Gary Hebert, Amy Henry, Ron Henry Sr., (captain 3511); Dylan Hensel (J), James Hensel, John Hensel* (vice president); Mike Herzog (2nd assistant chief); Sean Hognestad (lieutenant 3515); Paul Hognestad Jr. (lieutenant 3512); Brett Hotaling, Logan Hotaling (J); Don Houch (alternate delegate); Harvey Huth (chaplain); August Jones Jr., Patrick Jones, Dominic Loccisano (J), Salvatore Loccisano, Michael Martin (captain of fire police); John McDonald, Dan Papa, Ernie Papa, Frank Papa*, Frank Pierro, Bill Reddy (1st assistant chief); Steve Rothwein, Ernie Sacco Jr., Ernie Sacco III (J), Matt Shultz, Mary Ellen Shea (delegate); Will Smith, Bill Stone*, Clark Thomas (quarttermaster); Randy Thomas, Carl Treiber, Bill Usher, Jack Wakeley (J), Mike Wiesmaier*.

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Westerlo Volunteer Fire Company, Inc.

Organized March 23, 1938.
Covers town of Westerlo; dispatched by Albany County 911 Dispatch Center.

Calls:
2013 YTD: 53

Sponsored a Recruitment and Retention grant awarded in July 2012, for $429,000 supporting the 12 Hilltown fire departments. Grant was intended to hire two part time recruitment and retention coordinators and provide new turnout gear, pager and physical for each new firefighter brought in during the grant period. To date 38 of the targeted 48 firefighters have been recruited, the balance of the funds to retain the current members serving the area.

On July 5th and 6th, 2013 Westerlo Fire celebrated its 75th Anniversary with a party at the Westerlo Town Park. The two day event consisted of Firematic Competition, crafters, food vendors, apparatus displays and was capped off with Skeeter Creek and fireworks sponsored by Hannay Hose Reels on Saturday night. The weekend was a huge success thanks to many of our mutual aid companies and surrounding departments who provided Fire Police and volunteer help.

Fire Company Board of Directors:
Alan Clickman, Donald Filkins, James Brush, Richard Gage, Ethan Sharp, Charles Benninger, Jr.

Apparatus:

THE ENTERPRISE — James E. Gardner
Westerlo Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. line officers from left: Ethan Sharp, lieutenant; Tom Diederich, captain; Andy Joslin, assistant chief; Kevin Flensted, chief; Eric Dutton, deputy chief; Don Filkins, captain. Absent: Jim Brush, Rick Gage, and Deb Filkins, lieutenants.

THE ENTERPRISE — James E. Gardner
Westerlo Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. fire police members, from left: Don Gronachan, Henry Lasher Jr., Steve Bosa. Absent: Cheryl Brush, captain; Rick Gage.

THE ENTERPRISE — James E. Gardner
Civil officers of the Westerlo Volunteer Fire Company, Inc from left: Allan Clickman, board of directors; Kelley Keefe, vice president; Tracey Lawson, secretary; Lisa Joslin, treasurer; Ethan Sharp; Don Filkins, board of directors. Absent: Deb Filkins, president; Jim Brush, Rick Gage, Chuck Benninger Jr., board of directors.


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Calls
2013 YTD: 228

Membership
Life Members: Robert Beck; Ken Mackey, EMT/Driver; Todd Winne, EMT/Driver; Debbie Theiss-Mackey, EMT/Driver.

Members: EMT’s: Chris Hollywood; Dan Kissling, EMT/Driver; Justin Parker; Jeanine Riley, EMT/Driver; Tara Wesley; Colin Wilkinson

Driver’s: Jody Ostrander; Bill Riley; Kevin Slingerland; Ken Siegel

Members: Sue Fink; Philip Mackey, Jackie Pindar, Sarah Zwack, junior member.

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RENSSELAERVILLE VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE, INC.

Calls
2013 YTD: 105

The Town of Rensselaerville Volunteer Ambulance is an all volunteer service that covers Emergency Medical Calls for the entire Town of Rensselaerville twenty four hours a day when coverage is available. The squad is in desperate need of volunteers who are willing to join and take the necessary training to be Emergency Medical Technicians and volunteer for shift coverage. Usually coverage is 6 or 12 hour shifts and additionally whenever available.

Current membership consists of 13 active members and 3 associate members. Of the 13 members, 5 are EMT’s or higher and 8 are drivers. Needing 28 members (14 EMT’s and 14 drivers) to cover each week of scheduling, one can see the need.

The Town of Rensselaerville Volunteer Ambulance, Inc. was formed in 1973 and housed at the Town of Rensselaerville Highway garage. Since that time, the squad built quarters located at the intersection of Routes 352 and 357. Monthly meetings and drills are held on the third Wednesday of each month. The squad has one 2009 Road Rescue Ambulance.

Due to low membership, assistance is supplied by the Albany County Sheriff’s ALS program and neighboring squads when needed. We are grateful for this help.

Membership

RENSSELAERVILLE VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE, INC.

officers and members, seated from left: Tony Guadagno, president; Jack Long; Ken Decker, assistant captain. Standing from left: Gerald Wood; Mike Leppig; Brenda Wood, treasurer; Dennis Wood, captain; Barry Cooke Jr.; Bob Boellner, vice president; Mark Overbaugh.
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VOORHEESVILLE AREA AMBULANCE SERVICE, INC.

Organized 1952
Provides services to Village of Voorheesville and Northern New Scotland
2013 YTD: 171

Active Members
(Bold indicates EMT)

Laura Blow, Dan Loons, Bryan DiBona, Roger DiBona, Mitch Donovan, Iom Dorn, Sean Itzmaurou, Joe Fioretti, Krystal Fioretti, Denise Garrah (Veteran), Suzie Giboux, Ray Giemera (Veteran), Martha Gohlke, Rick Keller (Veteran), Tim LeClaire, Chris Mielke, Kate Odell, Larry Pakenas, Eugene Paquette, Dan Reilly, Elizabeth Romand, Peg Sippel, Robin Shufelt (Veteran), David Smith, Kim Tierno, Jason Windsor.

Associate/Veteran Members
Florence Bradon, Jerry Condon (Veteran), Lynn Cawles (Veteran), Patti Duncan, Trudy Fernandez, Sue Fritts, John Gordon, Jason Gordon, Tom Dorn, Sarah Grenfell, Ellen Hunsinger, Barb Joyce, Brian Kern, Frank Kodra (Veteran), Kathy Martin (Veteran), Rosemarie Pakenas, Monica Rives, Monica Ryan, Cathy Schryver, Robin Shufelt (Veteran), Dave Taber, Monica Rivenberg.

Current Officers
Captains: Ray Ginter, 1st Lieutenant Kate Odell, 2nd Lieutenant Mitch Donovan, Treasurer Laura Blow, Recording Secretary Tom Don, Corresponding Secretary Peg Sippel, Health & Safety Tim LeClaire, LOSAP Coordinator Peg Sippel, Directors: Roger DiBona, Rick Keller, Denise Garrah, Jason Windsor, Training Officer Kate Odell, Membership, Martha Gohlke.

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Calls:
2013 YTD: 264

Membership
Randy Bashwinger, Eric Blackwell, Donna Carsten, John Carsten, Tom Cavanagh, Gerald Cross, Chuck Feldmann, Debbie Flagler, George Gebe, Rosemary Gebe, Fred Gip, David Harnett Sr., Jim Harnett, Sharon Humes, Ralph Ives, Cynthia Johnson, John McGivern, Tom McQuade, Melissa Miller, Mary O’Hanlon, Gerald O’Malley, Michael Pemantel, Peter Polokort, Mark Resnick, Virginia Romana, Nena Ruiz, Manny Ruiz, Krista Safford, Kimberly Stempel, Patrick Stempel, Gil Stevens, David Tiffany, Michael VanAuken, Candice Wright, Alan Zuk, Millie Zuk

Officers
Dave Tiffany, captain; Sharon Humes, lieutenant; Mark Resnick, lieutenant; Gerry Cross, Gerald O’Malley, Mary O’Hanlon, Dave Harnett, board members; Charles Feldmann, vice president; Tom McQuade, president; Eric Blackwell, treasurer; Krista Safford, secretary; Debra Flagler, quartermaster

PINE GROVE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.
Organized 1933
Serves Western Guilderland and parts of Princetown and Rotterdam.
Events:
Bi-annual Giffy’s Chicken Barbecue, April and October.

Calls:
2013 YTD: 110

Fireman of the Year:
Steve Romanowski

Membership
(italics indicate honorary life membership):
NEW SALEM VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.

Organized in 1946 and incorporated in 1947
The Department covers that half of the town of New Scotland that surrounds the Village of Voorheesville.

Calls:
2013 YTD: 59

Firefighter of the Year:
Andy Carl

Officers
Chief, Craig L. Shufelt; Assistant Chief, William Gruss; Captain, Andy Carl; 1st Lieutenant, John Fuglein, 2nd Lieutenant, Sean Fitzmaurice; Chief Engineer, Tom DeLorenzo; Captain Fire Police, Marty Finkle; Safety Officer, Charlie Unser.

Administrative
Administrator John Furlong; Secretary, Chris Hollywood; Treasurer, Tim Blow; Director of Property, Keith Tuzzolo; Director of Membership, Angelo Sangiorgi.

Members

Auxiliary Membership
(italics indicate life membership):
Katy Carl, vice president; Susan Cronk, Paula Finkle, treasurer; Sue Gruss, secretary; Ellen Hunsinger, Tami McDonald, Judy Shearer, Theresa Springer, Christina Springer, Robin Shufelt, Shirley Unser, president.

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Members Celebrating 50 Years Or More:
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Ladies Auxiliary
(Italics indicate life membership):
June Alberts, Allison Appleby, Megan Appleby, Joan Bangert, Marge Cootware, Stephanie Davis, Denise Dooley, Sherry Fink, Micheline Houck, Anthony Latham, Carol Latham, Debra Lobdell, Julia Peck, Aubrey Salisbury, Anna Salisbury, Tiffany Silvano, Bethany Smith, Patricia Spaulding, Mary VanAlstyne, Barbara Wright, Nancy Wright.

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KNOX VOLUNTEER
FIRE COMPANY, INC.

Organized 1948
(Incorporated in 1953)
Serves 40 sq. miles of The Town of Knox

Calls:
2013 YTD: 37

Company and Auxiliary Fund-raisers: Calendar Drive in October, fall dinner in November, Memorial Day bake sale and August town-wide garage sale. The Auxiliary has been sending packages to our troops in Iraq. Packages are sent every month while there is a need, so donations are always accepted. Contact any Auxiliary member for more information.

Membership

Apparatus
1622 1250 GPM Pumper, 1500 gallons water
1632 1250 GPM Tanker, 3000 gallons water
1642 1500 GPM Rescue/Pumper, 1000 gallons water + foam
1652 Ford F-350 Fire Police/Utility vehicle

Knox Volunteer Fire Company line officers from left: Jim Albert, assistant captain; Ken Saddlemire, first assistant chief; Bill Vinson, chief; Rich Louchk, second assistant chief; Kevin Sherman, captain; Don Champion, captain of fire police.

Knox Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary officers and members from left: Sharon Humes, vice president; Linda Hodges, treasurer; Mary Sherman, chaplain; Diane Fuss, treasurer; Nancy Doster, Joan Becher, honorary officer.
RENSSLEAVERVILLE
VOLUNTEER
FIRE COMPANY, INC.

Organized 1939
The Rensselaerville Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. was incorporated in 1939. Next year, we will celebrate our 75th Anniversary. Please follow us on Facebook for updates and details.

Our fire district is 27 square miles of Rensselaerville including the village and hamlet of Rensselaerville. We have three pieces of apparatus including one 1,000 gallon engine, one 1,800 gallon engine/tanker and one brush truck.

Calls:
2013 YTD: 18

Executive Officers:
Jack Kudlack, President, Dave Warburton, Vice President, Kristina Tanner, Secretary, Richard Platel, Treasurer

Board of Directors:
Tom Kropp, Dick Bryan, Perry Moak, Eric Wilson

Line Officers:
Robert Tanner, Chief, Brian Tanner, 1st Assistant, Sean McCormick, 2nd Assistant, Phyllis Fitzgerald, 3rd Assistant, Eric Wilson, Captain

Fire Police:
Perry Moak, Captain, Ardis Fritz, Lieutenant

Battalion Officers:
Shannon Hostash, President, Lynn Urrutia, Vice President, Kristina Tanner, Secretary, Linda McCormick, Treasurer

Upcoming events:
11/2/13 through 11/30/13 Battalion Toy Drive with Albany County Sheriff’s Department.
12/7/13 - Children’s Christmas Party with Santa at 3:30 followed by Village Tree lighting.

Like our neighboring volunteer fire departments, we are in need of new members. There is a position for everyone. For more information about joining, please stop by at one of our meetings. Battalion meetings are the first Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. and company meetings are the last Wednesday at 7:30 pm or stop by at drills which are held the first two Mondays at 7:00 p.m. We are also starting an Explorer Program for young adults.

TRI-VILLAGE VOLUNTEER
FIRE COMPANY, INC.

The Tri-Village Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. was formed in 1933 to cover the hamlets of Preston Hollow, Potter Hollow and Cooksburg. The firehouse is located on Rt 145 in Preston Hollow. The Company serves the lower southwest portion of the Town of Rensselaerville in Albany County.

The Company annually sponsors two boot drives in the district and distributes an annual update letter to residents.

Apparatus
1991 Beck Pumper 1000 GPM pump/500 gallon tank
2001 KME Engine Tanker 1250 GPM Pump/1,000 gallon tank also used for Rescues.
2011 Custom Fab Engine Tanker 1250 GPM/3,000 tank The Tri-Village Volunteer Fire Company handles on average 60 fire/rescue calls annually.

Officers
Donald Hillcoss, Joel CP Lounsbury, Chief Barry Cooke Jr, Dennis Wood, Daryl Kane, Aaron Marsh, Brenda Wood, Brian Wood,

Active Members
Sally Lounsbury, Valerie Lounsbury, Rick Simons, Chris Tranberg, Carol Cresciamano, Chuck Rappazzo, Dave Potter, Justin Lounsbury, Jason Hazen, Barry Cooke, Bob Boeblner, Ken Wood, Gerald Wood, Keith Nizuel, TJ Oliver, Vince Leombruno, Phil Bates, Bonnie Bates

The Tri-Village Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. officers and members, seated from left: Kenneth Wood, Phil Bates, Donald Hillcoss, president; Standing from left: Aaron Marsh, assistant chief; Joel Lounsbury, Richard Simons, Brenda Wood, treasurer; Dennis Wood, assistant chief; Gerald Wood, Justin Lounsbury, Daryl Kane, David Potter, Barry Cooke Jr.; Jason Havon, Bob Boeblner.
Organized 1929
Covers the Town of Berne and a portion of the Town of Knox.

Calls:

BEFORE 1929: 2013 111 07

Community Events: In the spring and fall company members participate in a highway clean up on Helderberg Trail. In May, firefighters place American flags on the graves of deceased members, and the fire company participates in many local Memorial Day Parades. During Fire Prevention Week in October, the firefighters teach lessons on fire safety to the elementary students at Berne-Knox-Westerlo. In addition to fire safety, the children learn about firefighting equipment and have an opportunity to meet the firefighters. Students are given fire prevention coloring books filled with safety ideas. In August, the firefighters also visit the Connections Program at B-K-W. In May and October, the fire company hosts two Roast Beef Dinners. The Hilltown Senior Citizens have two dinner meetings at the firehouse where the firefighters serve a Roast Beef Dinner in December and a Corned Beef Dinner in March.

In case of a lengthy power outage in the town, residents may come to the Berne Fire Station for water, food, showers, and a warm place to stay.

Membership:
Judy Adams, Jeff Alexander, Haytham Bajoua, Lotus Becker, Jay Becker, Lacey Becker, Peter Becker, Jane Clark, Holly Clark, Gerry Cross, Kevin Dunnells, Paula Dunnells, Robert Hagler, Eric Gardner, Ed Hampton, Mary Hampton, Dave Haverly, Chris Johnson, Alex Lenkiewicz, Nick Minute, Mary Alice Molgard, Jim Mosbey, Rob Motschmann, Jack Norray Sr., Tim Norray, Jack Norray, Jason Norray, Jack Norray Jr., Mark Sampsen, Art Shultes. Ron Shultes, Vickie Snyder, Mike Vincent, Jerome Wheeier, Ted Wiederhold, Alan Zuik

Auxiliary Membership:
Janet Adams, Cathy Allen, Jess Allen, Carrie Becker, Nancy Becker, Shanna Becker, Frances Brezinski, Bernice Bunzey, Bonnie Conklin, Linda Carman, Barbara Cross, Staci Ebel, Doris Flagler, Ruth Hart, Lisa Harvey, Alyce Gibbs, Gloria La Grange, Michelle Lenkiewicz, Sue Loetterle, Marie McManama, Helen Methe, Bridgit Minute, Laurie Motschmann, Megan Motschmann, Bridgit Minute, Karen Norray, Helen Proper, Katie Sheldon, Gabrielle Shultes, Margie Shultes, Nicole Shultes, Barbara Snyder, Ethel Snyder, Vickie Snyder, Kathy Walls, Virginia Willey, Ellen Yarmchuck.

Officers:
Directors: Robert Motschmann, Rich Wright, Terry Adams, John Norray Sr.; Vickie Snyder, Mike Vincent, 

Executive officers of the Berne Volunteer Fire Company seated from left: Edward Hampton, vice president; Alan Zuik, president; Robert Motschmann, secretary. Standing from left: James Mosbey, treasurer; Robert Plagler, assistant treasurer; Vickie Snyder, corresponding secretary, Arthur Shultes, quartermaster.

EAST BERNE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

Organized 1964

Fund-raisers include the annual calendar drive and summer cash fun days drawing tickets for the month of August. See any member for tickets.

Calls:
2013 YTD: 2013

Firefighter of the Year:
Lee Harnett

Active Membership
(italics indicate life membership):

Auxiliary
(italics indicate life membership):
Marge Capuano, Beckey Gross, Carol Guilz, Peppie Harnett, Lynn Hemingway, Tammy Houck, Sue Larrabee, Tina Meehan, Fran O’Malley, Heather Peck, Katie Peck, April Porter, Lora Ricketts, Joanne Wright

Life Members

The Enterprise — James E. Gardner

Civil officers of the East Berne Volunteer Fire Company, seated from left: Gerald O’Malley, president; Joanne Wright, secretary; Charles Feldmann, vice president standing from left: Ron Peck, sergeant-at-arms; Ann Resnik, chaplain, Mark Resnik, treasurer, Dawn Keller, membership secretary.

Board of Directors for the East Berne Volunteer Fire Company from left: Richard Guilz Sr., Vernon Wagoner, Tim McIntyre and George Montesano. Absent: Pat Stempel Sr. and Mike Baker.

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EAST BERNE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

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Auxiliary officers, seated from left: Becky Gross, president, and trustee; Joanne Wright, vice president and sunshine. Standing from left: Marge Capuano, historian; Carol Guilz, treasurer; Peppie Harnett, color bearer; Tammy Salisbury-Houck, Heather Murray, trustees. Absent: Tina Meehan, secretary; Lora Ricketts, chaplain.

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ALTAMONT FIRE DEPARTMENT

Organized May 22, 1893,
Oldest volunteer fire department in Albany County
Serves the village of Altamont and part of the town of Guilderland.
Calls:
2013 YTD: 65

The department serves the Village of Altamont and part of the Town of Guilderland. Each year the department participates in a number of community related events. These include the Halloween parade, the Altamont Police Department Safety Awareness Day, the PTA village-wide garage sale and the Altamont Memorial Day Parade. Fire Safety programs were provided to the Altamont Pre-School and Altamont Elementary School children. The department hosts the Annual Fireman’s Ball in the spring of each year, as well as comedy night in the fall. Members also assist the auxiliary’s annual Back to School Brooks’ Barbecue fund-raiser every September.

The auxiliary participates in the annual Halloween Party, the village-wide garage sale, the Altamont Memorial Day Parade and decorating for the Annual Fireman’s Ball. The women host the annual Brooks Barbecue each September.

Membership
Kelly Best, Arthur Button, David Cowan, Desmond Dover, Joseph Dover, William Ernest, Lawrence Grant, Kyle Haines, Michael Hale, William Hoogkamp, Jane Huggins, Jeffrey Huggins, Mark Huggins, Todd Kedik, Lucas Kerr, Timothy McIntyre, Paul Miller, Alex Olivares, Owen Murray, Lance Peck, Thomas Person, John Pollard III, Christopher Rambo, Shane Schroeder, Stephen Therriault, Patrick Thomas, Laura Tubbs, Thomas Tubbs, William Vinson, Mark Wertman, Robert White.

Ladies Auxiliary
Ella Armstrong, Kelly Best, Dorothy Crupe, Linda Dunn, Kelly Dover, Pat Dover, Judy Freeman, Teresa Freeman, Jennifer Hale, Linda Hoogkamp, Jane Huggins, Katrina Mayba, Stella Pollard, Jill Raymond, Colleen Simmons.

Officers: Pat Dover, president; Dorothy Crupe, vice president; Linda Hoogkamp, treasurer; Katrina Mayba, secretary; Ella Armstrong, chaplain/historian.

Thank you to all our life saving volunteers!
In the flow: A posy on her cheek and a red-flounced skirt don’t keep Scarlett VanDerhyden, 3½, at left, from doing some serious work at the Guilderland Fire Department’s open house on Saturday as a firefighter helps her shoot water to a target. A boy in firefighter’s gear, at top, stays low, just like real firefighters do, as he crawls through a maze while Natalea LeFrancois, 8, at lower right, practices using a fire extinguisher and the P.A.S.S system — Pull, Aim, Shoot, Sweep — to quell flames for a bevy of admirers. Others lined up to watch department volunteers wield Hurst spreaders to pry open a car door, at lower left, used in real emergencies to get the injured out of a wrecked car.

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