

Hello everyone,

I am your President Kenneth Askew and at the 2021 convention held in Niagara Falls I was elected President and Norm Davis 1st VP and Richard Duerr 2nd VP. A full list of officers can be found at vfpasny.com. We just completed our VFPASNY Convention in May 2021 and I would like to thank all the members that attended and the staff that helped put on this great convention. It's been a long and hard year and a half due to the Covid-19. We the Officer's, have been working behind the scenes to keep you informed and trained. We have been holding Zoom meetings and training with officers and members.

We offer these zoom meeting services to all of the officers/members that wish to meet with their membership. At this time, I would like to thank Past President Frank Guarino and all Director's, Officer's and members for all you have done. Moving forward we need to do a better job of communicating with each other.

Our goal this year is to grow and increase the training and communications with our membership. You have a voice in our association (VFPASNY) please help me and other members keep everyone informed by sending your fire police news and photos to editor duerr.richard@yahoo.com. If you would like to join our association you can find membership information at vfpasny.com or Jon Wicks, Membership Secretary jwwicks13@aol.com. Dues are \$11.00 per year. You will get (3) Volunteer Fire Police News Letters (All the news that impacts your community and your world), discount on lodging/meals at Annual Convention and Thomas With Fire Training & Education Seminar @ Montour Falls and State Quarterly Meetings. A chance to be represented/heard and have a seat at NYSAFC, AFDSNY, FASNY, FEMA, DHSES, NY GOV, OFPC and State and Local Government Issues of United Concern. Special Training and Fire Police Review Class and All of this for just \$11.00.

We have 1,800 members in the Volunteer Fire Police Association State of New York and the state is divided into 9 regions with each having a director for that region. With each region trying to hold at least 2 meetings per year with their membership. The state association holds a Fall & Spring Quarterly meeting and a Convention with each offering training. The Tom With training seminar plus other meetings & trainings in 2020 was a very different, all of our meetings were held on Zoom. We didn't have a convention because of Covid-19. We had the Tom With Seminar on Zoom with over 300 attendees in 2021 & other great Zoom meetings/trainings to keep our members in the loop. We plan on starting to have midweek up to 2 hour Zoom trainings/meetings with our membership.

Thank you for all you do, we the officers hope to see you at some of these events. Stay safe and watch your back.

Your Presidents Kenneth Askew, Norm Davis and Richard Duerr.