

OLD FORGE

FIREFIGHTERS DRILL SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 12TH - 15TH, 2024
OUR 57TH YEAR OF TEACHING!





Welcome to the 57th Annual Old Forge Annual Fireschool!

I am excited to be the chairperson again this year and thankful for my committee members and all the volunteers that make fireschool possible. This year, we lost one of our most integral members, Tony Tormey, and he will be sorely missed.

I am also thankful to FASNY for all the hard work and support throughout the year that they give us together with all our sponsors.

Additionally, we have partnered with FASNY to make online registration available and easy-to-access. To sign-up digitally, scan any of the QR codes featured in this pamphlet, or visit: fasny.com/old-forge-firefighters-drill-school. We ask that you make all checks payable to FASNY and mail any physical registration forms to the FASNY Office at 107 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 12210.

This year we have incorporated many new and exciting classes you won't want to miss!

I look forward to seeing you all in September for a fun and educational weekend.

Kind regards,
Dawn

OLD FORGE EVENT SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH, 2024

- 2:00 PM** | 9-Hole Golf Tournament
Lunch & Registration | @Thendara Golf Course
- 6:00 PM** | Registration Opens
@Fire Station
- 7:00 PM** | Block Party & Cornhole Tournament
@Fire Station

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH, 2024

- 7:30 AM** | Registration Opens
@Fire Station
- 9:00 AM** | Crisis Management
Rob Leonard | @Strand Room 3
- The First 5 Minutes!**
Thomas Basher Jr. | @Strand Room 2
- Propane Live-Burn**
John Pitman | @North Street Upper Parking Lot
- 1:00 PM** | Fireground Operations on Main Street
Christopher Naum | @Park Avenue Building
- Fire Behavior**
Jeff Burkhart | @North Street Upper Parking Lot
- 3:15 PM** | Memorial Service
Keynote Address
John Buckman III | @Strand - Main
- 4:30 PM** | Junior Pushball
@Firehall
- 5:30 PM** | Pete Dromms' Memorial Pushball
@Firehall
- 8:00 PM** | Band - Grit 'n' Grace
@Firehall

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH, 2024

- 8:00 AM** | Preparing Junior Firefighters To Be Combat Ready Youth Day
Brendan Dunn | @North Street
- 9:00 AM** | Grant Writing
Tom Miller | @Strand Room 2
- Lake Water Rescue**
Oriskany & Sylvan Water Rescue Teams | @Lakefront
- Hunter Rescue**
Thomas Basher Jr. | @North Street
- Tanker Shuttle**
Mahlon Irish Jr. & Dave Denniston | @Park Avenue Building
- PTSD in the Fire Service & EMS**
Ed Mann | @Strand - Main
- 3:00 PM** | Parade
- 7:00 PM** | Awards
@Firehall
- 8:00 PM** | Band - Showtime
@Firehall

**Sunday
Sept. 15th
Big Bucks
Drawing**
@Fire Station
12:00 PM

Youth Day Schedule

Preparing Junior Firefighters To Be Combat Ready

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH | @NORTH STREET PAVILLION

***Exterior Gear Required**

8:00 - 8:20 AM: Welcome & Orientation

8:30 - 11:50 AM: First, Second, Third, Fourth, & Fifth Skills Set

12:00 - 12:45 PM: Clean-Up & Lunch

FREE TO ATTEND
PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

SUPPORTED BY ESIP

Instructional Skill Sessions

Ground Ladders

Understanding SCBAs

Inspecting PPE

Advancing a Crosslay

Fireground Search

Instructors

- Chief Brendan Dunn
- Assistant Chief Dennis Harrigan
- Chief Jansen Casscles
- Firefighter Mike O'Connor
- Deputy Chief Rob Cowles
- Lieutenant Trevor Goodenough

Sign-Up Online!



All participants will need a full set of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE): helmet, hood, coat, pants, boots, and gloves, and an SCBA with a facepiece)

DON'T MISS JUNIOR PUSHBALL ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH AT 4:30 PM



JOHN BUCKMAN III

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

John M. Buckman III has been involved in the fire service for 53 years. He married Leslie in 1992. They have 4 daughters, 6 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. He is most proud of the title “pawpaw.” He served as Fire Chief, President of the International Association of Fire Chiefs and Editor of FireRescue1. He has authored 5 fire service books and 6 photography books.

Meet The Instructors!



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Crisis Management



Thomas Basher Jr.
The First 5 Minutes!
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Ed Mann
PTSD in the Fire Service & EMS

CLASS DETAILS

Keynote: ARE YOU READY TO BE A LEADER?

WITH CHIEF JOHN BUCKMAN III

FRIDAY, SEPT. 13 | 3:30 PM | @STRAND - MAIN

What are we going to do? The volunteer fire department is falling apart. Volunteers are not as dedicated as they once were. Excuses, excuses, excuses.

Adapt and overcome are the action words for those who lead volunteers today. If you fail to recognize differences in our society and the differences in our volunteers you will fail. Chief John M. Buckman III has served as volunteer fire chief for 35 years and researched behavioral attitudes specifically with volunteers. In this keynote address, he will identify today's volunteers' wants, desires and needs and how leaders can meet those.

CRISIS MANAGEMENT: WHEN BAD THINGS HAPPEN TO GOOD FIRE DEPARTMENTS

PRESENTED BY: ROB LEONARD

FRIDAY, SEPT. 13 | 9:00 AM | @STRAND ROOM 3

Unfortunately, bad things happen to even the best of fire departments. Sometimes they are things beyond our control and other times they are things we could have prevented. We are great at responding to other people's emergencies, but are we prepared to respond when tragedy strikes our department or we have become the focus of negative attention? IN this session, participants will review various crisis situations confronting fire departments across the country every day – from Line of Duty Deaths to poor response times/operational outcomes to financial misfeasance to Human Resources nightmares. Participants will review the common threads of response to all fire department crises with a focus on maintaining clear communications with our members and the communities we serve as we take definitive actions to maintain the public's trust.

THE FIRST 5 MINUTES!

PRESENTED BY: THOMAS BASHER JR.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 13 | 9:00 AM | @STRAND ROOM 2

So many things happen or need to happen in the early stages of an incident that if the first 5 minutes don't go well, it sets the tone for the rest of the fire. This course covers everything firefighters and officers should know, look for, and think about during those crucial first five minutes. Topics covered include: apparatus placement, hand line deployment, ladders, mutual aid, supply, rescue, radio communications. Audience: All Firefighters/Officers – Classroom Only

PROPANE LIVE BURN

PRESENTED BY: JOHN PITMAN

FRIDAY, SEPT. 13 | 9:00 AM | @NORTH STREET UPPER PARKING LOT

This class will review: physical properties and characteristics of propane and the importance of remembering them during a propane emergency; methods to control propane vapor when released into atmosphere; firefighting techniques utilized to mitigate leaking propane as well as fires involving propane.

FIREGROUND OPERATIONS ON MAIN STREET

PRESENTED BY: CHRISTOPHER NAUM

FRIDAY, SEPT. 13 | 1:00 PM | @PARK AVENUE BUILDING

Presenting the signature Reading the Buildings program taking the classroom to the streets with insights on building construction, the program objective is to increase awareness and understandings promoting new skill sets in the fundamentals of building size-up and assessment, construction that directly impact firefighting and command operations at Main Street structure fires. Starting with a classroom briefing presenting Fireground Operations insights for Main Street: Old School Hazards for Today's Buildings & Risks and Building FACTS and Size-up insights the class then transitions to the streets of Old Forge for a facilitated walking lecture tour with curb side conversations on building construction, size-up, risks and OPS insights. This unique program will consist of a walking tour on selected streets of Old Forge, Reading Buildings and Developing Size-up skills looking at a variety of building types, occupancies & risks and vintage and era of structures, discussing operations, risks and building hazards with curb side conversation. This program open to all ranks and experience levels.

FIRE BEHAVIOR

PRESENTED BY: JEFF BURKHART

FRIDAY, SEPT. 13 | 1:00 PM | @NORTH STREET UPPER PARKING LOT

Using the designs for a "Palmer's dollhouse," attendees will be engaged in discussion discussing ventilation limited fire attack, fire behavior, fire dynamics, fire growth and decay, compartmentalization, smoke as fuel load, water application and nozzle pattern decision making. Real time observation of various smoke conditions and reaction to various ventilation patterns. All of this will be done utilizing fire in an outside environment.

This demonstration will help firefighters gain knowledge on the effects of the fireground ventilation both positively and negatively and help them practice reading smoke and predicting backdrafts and flashovers.

Additional discussion points include proper tactics, size-up, task-specific size-up (such as vent-enter-isolate-search) and will include real time results from improper nozzle selection and the impact it has on the fire.

GRANT WRITING

PRESENTED BY: TOM MILLER

SATURDAY, SEPT. 14 | 9:00 AM | @STRAND ROOM 2

This three (3) hour course is designed and intended to give first responders a solid understanding of the elements of successful grant writing. The course will include sources of grant funding available to local emergency services organizations as well as the key elements that are critical in ensuring a successful award. Attendees will receive a toolkit of key resources that they can use as they work to explore and write grants for their organizations.

LAKE WATER RESCUE

PRESENTED BY: ORISKANY & SYLVAN BEACH WATER RESCUE TEAMS

SATURDAY, SEPT. 14 | 9:00 AM | @LAKEFRONT

Sylvan Beach Fire Department covers 36 miles of Oneida Lake, 10 miles of the Erie Canal, and 10 miles of Fish Creek. The department covers this area with the use of our 25-foot, Deep V haul boat with twin 225 HP motors with 500 gallon per minute water pump and a CAFS (compressed air foam system), 16-foot Airboat powered by a 300 HP Hirth helicopter motor, and a Sea-Doo jet ski with a 230 HP motor that carries 3 and equipped with floating tow behind. Additionally, our technical rescue trailer carries 3 inflatable 12-foot boats, and all our supplemental equipment required for rescues of various kinds. Sylvan Beach's Water Rescue Team is made up of members certified in open water, swift water, flood mitigation, and ice rescue.

The program we will provide at the Old Forge School encompasses a little of everything our team has to offer. The first part of the course will include classroom time to discuss rescues, identify the type of equipment needed in various situations, flood types, fire suppression on a water vessel, and general safety of water emergencies. The second part of the course will be hands-on skills of throw ropes, assisting a victim from the water, and potential fire suppression.

Participants should be prepared to get wet during this training. Please do not bring bunker gear to the training. Optionally, if the participants have personal flotation vests and throw ropes they would be beneficial, but not required.

HUNTER RESCUE

PRESENTED BY: THOMAS BASHER JR.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 14 | 9:00 AM | @NORTH STREET

Affecting a Hunter Rescue from a tree stand or fall protection can be extremely dangerous and a time sensitive task. Ground ladders and aerial devices may not get it done. This class will go over the different concerns, equipment and skills needed for Hunter Rescue and cover the proper techniques of rescuer safety and victim retrieval from height.

Audience: All 1st Responders. All Hands On. Only 25 spots.

TANKER SHUTTLE

PRESENTED BY: MAHLON IRISH JR. & DAVE DENNISTON

SATURDAY, SEPT. 14 | 9:00AM | @PARK AVENUE BUILDING

In this fast paced, hands-on session, Chiefs Denniston and Irish will share some tricks and tips on moving large quantities of water in rural America where abundant municipal water systems are not commonplace. We will show you how to get the most out of your tankers, and might even have a few tenders as a snack!

PTSD IN THE FIRE SERVICE & EMS

PRESENTED BY: ED MANN

SATURDAY, SEPT. 14 | 9:00 AM | @STRAND - MAIN

Suicide by first responders is outpacing line of duty deaths each year, often friends of the individual members of an organization look back on events prior to a suicide and realize they may have missed some warning signs, and the suicide may have been prevented had someone intervened. This awareness class is meant to provide students with the basic knowledge to know and understand the potential warning signs of suicide and PTSD and what steps they can take to help themselves and others. The instructor will share his own experiences at dealing with the stresses of the job during his career. This course is meant for all first responders, fire, police, EMS, and dispatchers.

IN HONOR OF TONY TORMEY



The Old Forge Fire Department lost the cornerstone of our department earlier this year. Commissioner Anthony "Tony" Tormey passed away after a long illness. Tony was a 60 year member of our department, was a Commissioner with the Town of Webb Fire District #1 for 50 years, Chairman of that board for the last 36 years. More importantly, Tony was the backbone of our department. The fire service was his life along with his family and he loved being part of it in any capacity. Tony was the secretary/treasurer of the OFFD for so many years, nobody really knows when he first started. But, the role Tony enjoyed was being our ambassador for anybody that walked into our Firehall! Tony made so many friends, especially when he was on the Old Forge Firefighters Drill committee. Every firefighter that attended our annual event can tell you a story after spending time with Tony. As we look back at his Celebration of Life on May 11, 2024, there were members of so many fire departments from all over New York State that attended it was amazing. They shared memories of Tony and his friendship. Tony was also a mentor to new members of our department right down to his own family, his son, grandson and daughter-in-law who are all active members with the OFFD.

Tony touched so many lives in today's fire service all in a positive way. We all gained knowing Tony, he never turned anyone away. He was loved by all and he shared his love with all of us and the fire service.

So, we have to say goodbye to our dear friend Tony Tormey. We all thank you for your dedication to the fire service, we thank you for mentoring us thru the years, we loved sharing stories with you over a beer or two, but most of all, we thank you for your friendship to all of us. We will continue our work just like you taught us. Now, you rest in peace and let us take it from here our friend.

2024 SPONSORS



LETTER FROM FASNY

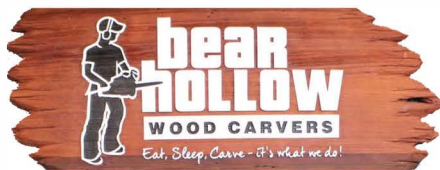
On behalf of the Firefighters Association of the State of New York (FASNY), I welcome you to the 57th Annual Old Forge Fire School. Over the next few days, you will experience a unique opportunity to train and network with fellow firefighters from around New York. We are proud to be a long-time partner of the Old Forge Fire Department and contribute to making this event better every year.

In the fire service we often say, "train the way you fight". The caliber of the instructors at the Old Forge Fire School will certainly enable you to do just that. Gain as much knowledge as you can and take that knowledge back to your department. Sharing that knowledge makes us stronger as a fire service and better able to protect our communities.

If you would like to know more about FASNY, or how to become a member, stop by our booth. Stay safe and have some fun while you learn.

Sincerely,

Eugene Perry
First Vice President



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BLOCK PARTY

DON'T MISS OUT ON ALL THE MUSIC, FOOD, & FUN!

Thursday, Sept. 12th, 2024
7:00 PM | @ The Fire Station
MUSIC BY: FREDDY AND THE BELIEVERS



REGISTER ONLINE @ [FASNY.COM/OLD-FORGE-FIREFIGHTERS-DRILL-SCHOOL](https://fasny.com/old-forge-firefighters-drill-school)
CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT: \$20/PERSON



PRE-ORDER A 2024 FIRE SCHOOL SHIRT

Pick-up available only!

*Please send separate checks with registration / pre-order shirts
Payment and order form must be sent by August 21st, 2024.*

Name:

Department:

Short Sleeve Quantity: Size: Total:

Long Sleeve Quantity: Size: Total:

Sweatshirt Quantity: Size: Total:

This year our theme is “**Protecting the Adirondacks**”. As the volunteer fire service in NYS has changed drastically over the last 15 years, we here at the Old Forge Fire Department have once again partnered with our friends from FASNY as we understand the importance of bringing the Fire / EMS community together for our valuable training, which will help you protect your community and ours, when needed.

PRE-ORDER PRICING:

SHORT SLEEVE: \$20

2XL & 3XL: **\$23**

4XL & 5XL: **\$25**

LONG SLEEVE: \$25

2XL & 3XL: **\$28**

4XL & 5XL: **\$30**

CREW NECK SWEATSHIRT: \$30

2XL & 3XL: **\$33**

4XL & 5XL: **\$35**

HOODED SWEATSHIRT: \$35

2XL & 3XL: **\$38**

4XL & 5XL: **\$40**



Return to: FASNY Office at 107 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 12210
Make checks payable to: FASNY - Drill School



Saturday, September 14th, 2024 | 3:00 PM

PARADE ENTRY FORM

Saluting Officer:

Department Name:

Contact Person:

Department Mailing Address:

Department Phone:

Department Email:

We will will not bring a marching band

We will will not bring apparatus

Our Ladies Unit will will not be marching

Our Junior/RAM Unit will will not be marching

We will will not be bringing antique apparatus

If yes, please describe:

Mail completed forms by August 31, 2024 to:
FASNY Office at 107 Washington Avenue,
Albany, NY 12210

PETE DROMMS' PUSHBALL TOURNAMENT ENTRY FORM

Friday, September 13th, 2024

In order to play Pushball, your department **MUST** be registered for Fire School, attend classes, and march in the parade!

Bring your own turnout gear & helmet.

Please Select: Junior Pushball (4:30 PM) Adult Pushball (5:30 PM)

Department Name:

Contact Person:

Department Mailing Address:

Department Phone:

Department Email:

Return to: FASNY Office at 107 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 12210
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PRE-REGISTER AT \$75 PER PERSON

57th Annual Firefighters Drill School

September 12-15, 2024

**Registration form and check must be postmarked by August 21st to register at the discounted rate of \$75 per person. After August 21st, you must register on site.*

Online Registration Available Here



FASNY Discounted Pricing: \$50

*Must be a member in good standing with a valid FASNY ID number.

For \$15 annually,
become a FASNY
Member today



Name:

Fire Department:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Are you a FASNY Member? If yes, ID #:

Please select the Friday and Saturday classes you'd like to attend:

1.

(Alternate pick, if first choice is full)

Friday Class:

- Crisis Management The First 5 Minutes! Propane Live-Burn Fire Behavior
 Fireground Operations on Main Street

2.

(Alternate pick, if first choice is full)

Saturday Class:

- Grant Writing Lake Water Rescue Hunter Rescue Tanker Shuttle PTSD in the Fire Service & EMS

***ALL ATTENDEES MUST WEAR WRISTBANDS TO ATTEND CLASSES!**

Please attach a copy for each individual attendee

of attendees:



\$75 per person

\$50 per FASNY Member



Total \$

Please text Jack at 315-369-8754 with any members who passed away in 2023/2024.

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Make checks payable to: FASNY - Drill School



3rd Annual Old Forge Fire School **GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**Thursday, September 12th, 2024 | @Thendara Golf Course
Registration & Lunch Starting @2:00 PM**

Price Includes Lunch, Skins & Cart | Shotgun Start @ 3 PM | 18 Team Limit, Sign-Up Now!

Pre-registration required as teams are limited to 4 person scramble

Price: \$75/Person
\$50/One Sponsorship Hole Sign & \$75/Two

Captain's Name:

Contact Information (Cell):

Email:

Team:

***All payments MUST be made prior to the tournament.**

Return to: FASNY Office at 107 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 12210
Make checks payable to: FASNY - Golf Tournament