



# HUNTINGTON

## FIRE DISTRICT NEWS

Serving the Huntington Community Since 1843

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### COMMISSIONERS' CORNER

The Board of Fire Commissioners believes it is important to keep our constituents informed on the workings of the Huntington Fire District and the Huntington Fire Department. This was previously accomplished through information in local newspapers and/or attendance at monthly Board meetings. More recently, our newsletter has been mailed to every District resident several times per year.

Now with the assistance of the officers and members of the Huntington Fire Department, we have taken another giant step to connect with the residents of the District. We are happy to announce that our new website was launched on April 17, 2017.

The address of the website is [huntingtonfiredept.org](http://huntingtonfiredept.org). The objective of the website is to inform residents of the specific roles and responsibilities of the District and Department, the various units of the Department and their leaders and members. The site will alert the public to upcoming District and Department events and contains information on firematic incidents and the Department's workload. There will also be a section that displays the District's long history. Please visit soon!



## JOINING & SERVING: AN UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE



**A** Fire Department is a living, breathing service organization made up of living, breathing individuals who are drawn together by a sense of dedication to the community. As a volunteer organization where call volume is always increasing, your Huntington Fire Department continually seeks qualified recruits. Recently, we reached out to the community, and the community has responded decisively. This recent recruitment effort has attracted four new recruits eager to be of service.

- The satisfaction of helping your neighbors and giving back.
- Training to become a NYS Class A firefighter, Engine Chauffeur or other advanced levels of certification.
- LOSAP (Length Of Service Award Program).
- Parades and fire service functions that whole families can enjoy.

And in addition to the sense of community service, new recruits develop close bonds amongst the membership that is found virtually nowhere else.

As Chief Cukro pointed out in Huntington Fire District News Volume 7 Number

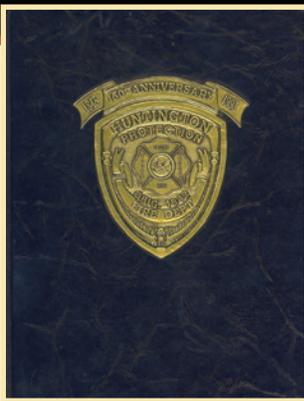
2 issue, our volunteers come from all walks of life, and there are many benefits to joining.



*"We hope you will join our new recruits and become part of our team."*

Our 174th Annual Installation Dinner, L to R 3rd Asst. Chief Scott Dodge, 2nd Asst. Chief Brian Keane, Asst. Chief Rob Conroy, Chief Jesse Cukro.

# HISTORY IN THE MAKING 175



The Huntington Fire Department is one of the oldest and most respected departments on Long Island, dating from the pre-Civil War times of John Tyler, the 10th U.S. President. Our heritage is approaching a new milestone...175 years... and in late 2018, you will be able to view the last 25 years of that history in a newly updated, special commemorative yearbook!

It will supplement and update the 150th anniversary yearbook, itself over 200 pages, with color photos that document departmental activities, events and people. This will be a historical treasure and part of a celebration that

will include an Anniversary Parade and much more to be announced.

The 150th anniversary yearbook was produced at a time when digital was in its infancy. This go around, Ex-Chief John McCrickert Jr. and the Anniversary Book Committee will have all the modern design and editing advancements to conserve time and energy and to make production seamless! Future newsletters will advise of sponsorship opportunities, so be on the lookout.

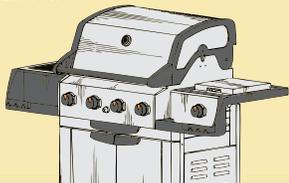
And if you have HFD-related photos, let us know, and we may include them in this new issue.



## SAFETY TIPS PROPANE GRILL SAFETY

Never take propane grill usage, storage and transportation lightly. Hundreds of fires and injuries occur annually from gas grill fires and explosions\*.

- 1 Start right. Obtain propane only from reputable compressed gas suppliers.
- 2 Before filling, check propane cylinder for damage.
- 3 Always check for leaks when replacing cylinders. Never use a grill until all leaks are repaired.
- 4 Check burner tubes regularly for blockages.
- 5 Make sure all connections are secure BEFORE turning on the gas.
- 6 Keep the lid open when starting. Gas can accumulate and may cause an explosion when ignited.
- 7 Never store propane cylinders indoors or near any heat source.
- 8 Never transport or store propane cylinders in the trunk of your automobile.
- 9 Always shut off the propane fuel at the grill AND the bottle.
- 10 If there is a fire involving the tank, evacuate immediately and call 911.



\*The Consumer Product Safety Commission

## Chief's Corner



*Hello Neighbors,*

It's finally springtime, and I hope everyone made it through the winter all right.

We were extremely busy with our annual recertification requirements, including our personal escape systems and SCBA (Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus).

Exciting things are happening at Leverich Place! We have finalized specifications on a new squad/engine (ETA early fall). We also acquired a used 75-foot tower ladder, which along with our 100-foot quint (pumper/ladder truck), will help us protect our ever growing commercial district. Firefighters will be busy training on the apparatus and learning new techniques. We also will start our annual chauffeur recertification on all the various apparatus.

### 175 Years in 2018!

When we're not busy training or responding to emergency calls, we have concentrated on our

milestone 175th anniversary. The committees have spent countless hours planning a public celebration to be held July 28, 2018. Mark your calendars! Our Museum Committee has been working vigorously to complete the HFD Museum along with the return of our completely refurbished original 1921 American LaFrance pumper. It was the first motorized pumper in the township of Huntington and also one of the first on Long Island. It was in service here until 1947. A private owner kindly donated this truck a few years back.

### Neighbors Helping Neighbors

We're always looking for new members. If you're interested in becoming part of one of Long Island's most historic fire departments, please stop in or email [hfdrecruitment@yahoo.com](mailto:hfdrecruitment@yahoo.com). Help us secure the future as we have done for the past 174 years!

*Yours truly,*

**Jesse Cukro**

**Chief of the**

**Huntington Fire Department**

# Looking Back



Paul Smith - Ed Leavy  
prepare for kitchen demo



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partment.



James Hallinan

## WE HAVE LIFT OFF! OUR FIRST WEBSITE HITS CYBERSPACE!

### Answering the Call of Duty

Huntington Fire Department volunteers have proudly served our community since 1843, regardless of emergency conditions, weather or danger.



Our Newsletter  
Fall 2016



District Map

### FEATURED NEWS

**Legal Notice to the Taxpayers of the Huntington Fire District - Minitor V Pagers**  
May 9, 2017 Minitor V Pagers  
[Learn more >>](#)

**New Website**  
We just launched our first website. Check back often for updates.  
[Learn more >>](#)

**Reprinted from the Village Tattler - Huntington FD Responds to Car into Huntington Harbor**  
By Steve Silverman April 10, 2017 The Huntington Fire Department was dispatched for a vehicle into Huntington Harbor on West Shore Road...  
[Learn more >>](#)

# COUNTRY MUSIC COMES TO HUNTINGTON AGAIN!



There will be one day soon when The Paramount isn't the best music venue in town! That day will be June 24 when the sixth annual Protection Hose Company #1 Hoe Down is happening at the Firehouse. Get it on your calendar and be there rain or shine for some great country music, barbecue style rib sticking food and the best boot stomping line dancing this side of Nashville! Plus a 50/50 raffle and assorted prizes in a Chinese auction.

- When:** 6.24.17 6:00pm - 11:00pm
- Rain:** No rain date. We'll have tents if the weather doesn't favor us.
- Tickets:** \$35 per person. [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com)
- Country fare menu:** Hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken, pulled pork, macaroni and cheese, beer and wine, soda and water.
- Band:** Whiskey Road

The Board of Fire Commissioners is extremely proud to announce that our very first website has hit cyberspace. You'll see it scale to your desktop, laptop, iPad or smart phone, and you can find it at [www.huntingtonfiredept.org](http://www.huntingtonfiredept.org). There is a lot of information there now, and we envision the site to be a living presence, a readily available communications channel that will advise the community of Board meetings, elections and special events. The site will receive continual updating.

Visit our pages and you'll see the past emerge in great old photos (Our History), and a list of Board of Commissioners dating to 1913. You'll see the present (Events, Newsletters, Recent Calls and Featured News) and also get a glimpse of the future in our Volunteering and Juniors pages. You'll see our organizational structure at-a-glance and meet our Commissioners and Chiefs.

There's also a wealth of helpful Safety information available. And being part of the Huntington Fire Department couldn't be easier. Just click on the Volunteer tab, and the form is right there for your convenience. We hope you join us!

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## Honoring Our Deserving Members



**Second Annual Clifford "Pop" Schwier Award Recipient: George Bodnar**

L - R 2nd Lieutenant Chris Amendolare, Ex Chief George Bodnar, Captain Sean Schwier, 1st Lieutenant John Mohlenhoff.



**Firefighter of the Year Award Recipient: Brian Riggs**

L - R Ex Chief Brian Riggs, Chief Jesse Cukro.