



Floral Park Fire Department

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To: Village Board
From: David Maickel, Chief of Department
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Subject: Annual Fire Report

Mayor Dominick Longobardi, Deputy Mayor Kevin Fitzgerald, Trustee Dr. Lynn Pombonyo, Trustee Archie Cheng, Trustee Frank Chiara, Members of the Village Administration, Chiefs, Members of the Department, Residents and Guests.

I stand before you tonight extremely honored and humbled as Chief of the Floral Park Fire Department to give my final report for the year 2018-2019.

This is the status of our department:

Membership:

The Department currently has 182 members consisting of the following:

Active membership is 151 including 109 firefighters and EMS, 25 Ex-Chiefs, 4 Honorary Chiefs, 13 Probationary members

28 Associates Members
3 Chaplains

This year we swore in 8 new members and had 6 resignations.

Alarms:

For the year:

EMS Calls: 905

Fire Calls: 224

Auto Accidents: 41

Hazmat/Hazmat related: 8

Carbon Monoxide Alarms/incidents: 44

Mutual Aid to other towns: 83

Total Calls: 1,305

This year total fire loss is approximately \$125,000.00.

Training:

From the first moment we are sworn in, hands-on training begins and never stops. All firefighters participate in monthly drills as well as many hours of hands on training, and annual department operations training at the fire academy in Bethpage. On the EMS side, the commitment is just as great if not greater. Our EMT's put in hundreds of hours in the classroom as well as take a NYS test just to get their certification. Each year they spend numerous hours at continuing medical education classes as well as regular drills.

All members participate in periodic department drills, drills with other departments, an annual MOBEX drill where we interact with FDNY and an annual battalion drill in Nassau County. This year our members accumulated 4918 man hours of training; a testament to their professionalism and dedication. Thank you to Chief McAlister, Chief Naughton and their committee for all their hard work and dedication to the training program.

Probationary Training:

We have our specialized in house program to train our new members on how Floral Park operates and get them familiar with our equipment. Thank you to Chairman William Hecker and his committee for all their hard work and efforts with our new members.

Purchasing:

This year there were 57 purchase orders and 148 vouchers processed. Thank you to Village Administrator/Treasurer Gerry Bambrick and Village Deputy Treasurer Kathleen Mack for all your help and assistance with our purchasing needs.

Medicals and Fit Testing;

Each year our members are required to take an OSHA medical and interior fire fighters are required to be fit tested for their SCBA mask. Thank you to Chief McAllister and William Hecker for overseeing these and ensuring our members are current.

Radios:

Radio communications are an ongoing problem. We constantly strive to find solutions and improve on what is our most important piece of equipment: our ability to communicate. We were advised that a grant had been secured to purchase new portable radios. It is currently awaiting approval from Nassau County.

Equipment:

The Department has the following inventory of vehicles:

- 2015 Ford 450 Ambulance
- 2004 Pierce 95ft Tower Ladder
- 1984 Salisbury Heavy Rescue
- 2002 Spartan Salisbury Engine
- 1997 Spartan Salisbury Engine
- 2018 Ferrara Engine
- 2018 Ford Transit Van
- 2003 Chevy Express Van
- 2009 Ford Expedition
- 2008 Ford Expedition
- 2009 Chevy Tahoe
- 2013 Chevy Tahoe
- 2016 Chevy Tahoe
- 2017 Chevy Tahoe
- 1931 American LaFrance Antique

Work Orders:

This year 59 vehicle work orders and 14 house work orders. Thank you to Superintendent Steve Siwinski, Deputy Superintendent Kevin Ginnane and all the village mechanics for all your hard work and dedication to this.

Pump, Ladder, and Hose Testing:

All ladders and hoses were tested as required. Any damaged hose was removed and replaced. All three engines had their annual pump test.

Explorers:

Our explorer program continues to thrive under the leadership of Chief Florio, Ex-Captain Georke, their advisors and members. At this time there are 11 Active members and five advisors.

Parades:

The department participated in two parades this year: July 4th Stewart Manor parade, the Nassau County Parade in Hicksville.

Fire Prevention:

Our fire prevention is always ongoing through both inspection and education. Our formal inspection program has our members go business to business to inspect and review what if any hazards exist and point these out to the business owners. This also gives us the opportunity to learn ~~about~~ what goes on in these businesses, and preplan buildings for that unfortunate event should there be a fire. All this information is then entered in our red alert system. This year the department conducted 363 inspections. Thank you to Chief Bennett for all your hard work organizing and overseeing this very important and time consuming task.

The education side involves formal programs as well as every day calls. When we enter a house or business, we are able to look and see if extinguishers and alarms are present, and see if they are up to date, and if they are being maintained. It is still all too often we enter a home and there are no smoke detectors, and no carbon monoxide detectors present. We talk to the home owners about this and stress the safety issues and need for them. We also conduct firehouse tours and welcome groups such as the boy scouts and girl scouts, school children, and also visit groups in town. We show them the equipment we have and how we operate, as well as provide handouts. This year we coordinated 7 separate tours between schools and various community organizations. Thank you to Chief Dodson for all your efforts to make this a success.

None of this well-oiled machine happens without many people involved and I would like to take a moment to thank some people.

Mayor Longobardi and Board of Trustees: thank you for all you have done and continue to do to support us. It is greatly appreciated.

Commissioner McAllister: it has been a pleasure working with you and the entire Police Department. Thank you to all your officers and staff for a great job and their support.

To Gerry Bambrick, Susan Walsh, and the entire staff at Village hall: thank you for all your hard work and help. You make the day to day things happen and it is very much appreciated.

To Chief O'Grady and Chief Wakely, Thank you for all your hard work in the office, you guys are the back bone of the office.

To Chief Longobardi and FF Paul Pinto, Thank you for the hard work you do.

To Chief Bennett, Chief Naughton, Chief Florio, and Chief Longobardi thank you for all your guidance and showing me the ropes as I made my way up the line to Chief. It was a pleasure working with you.

To My Staff: Sal, Pat, Mike, and Jep. What a great year it's been! I can't thank you enough for all you did this year!! I know you guys will continue to do a great job. I couldn't have asked for a better staff!! Brian welcome aboard, I know you'll do a great job.

To my family: I'd like to thank my mother and father for starting me on this ride 49 years ago. My kids: Gianna and Nicholas thanks for always dealing with me running out at the most inopportune times. And most importantly my Chief—my wife Gina. Thank you for always supporting me and being my rock. I couldn't have done this without you!! I love you guys.

Lastly I would like to thank my warriors: you truly make this department the best there is. Your dedication and hard work shows in everything you do. I can't thank you enough for allowing me the honor of being your chief. I will forever be honored. The village is truly blessed to have you.

Mayor Longobardi, Board of Trustees, it is my Honor to introduce an amazing group of dedicated gentlemen, the newly elected Chief's Staff of the Floral Park Fire Department for the 2019-2020 year:

4th Assistant Chief Brian Hamerman from the Reliance Engine Co #2

3rd Assistant Chief James Dodson from the Alert Engine Co #1

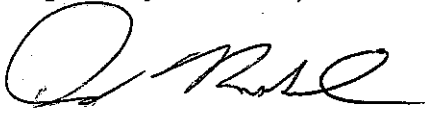
2nd Assistant Chief Michael Saville from the Hook and Ladder Company #2

1st Assistant Chief Patrick McAllister from the Active Engine Co #3

Chief of Department, Chief Salvatore Arrigo from the Rescue Company #1

Mayor Longobardi, I have one final order to my warriors: HYDRATE, HYDRATE, HYDRATE and HTFU!!! I now respectfully request to be relieved of my duties as Chief of the Floral Park Fire Department

Respectfully Submitted,



David Maickel
Chief of Department

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