

Secretary's Musings

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2008 Training Conference

The 2008 Conference is ready to happen. The 42nd Annual Training Conference will be hosted by the Huntington Manor Fire Department in Huntington Station, Long Island. In this mailing you will find the registration and agenda information. Our main training will be on "Comprehensive Acute Traumatic Stress Management" taught by Mr. Raymond Shelton, Ph.D. There will also be a session for New Chaplain Training along with the Annual Memorial Service, Banquet, and Annual Meeting. A side trip to JFK Airport is also being worked on but the Pope's trip to New York is playing havoc with plans. Hopefully things will work out or a nice replacement will be worked out.

NOMINATIONS

The following people have been nominated for the following offices:

Chief Chaplain:	Mr. Richard Holst
1 st Deputy Chief:	Rev. Barrie Lyn Foster
2 nd Deputy Chief:	Deacon James Hanly

Directors: Term Expires 2011	
Region 4 - Central:	Rev. Bryan Chapman
Region 5 - West Central:	Mr. Don McGlooin
At-Large:	Rev. James VanHouten

As always, nominations may be made from the floor of the meeting. If a person is nominated for a region director, that person must reside in that region.

NIMS COMPLIANCE

All members are urged to be trained in NIMS Courses 100, 200, & 700. Courses 100 & 700 are introductory courses and Course 200 is a more detailed class. All firefighters are to be trained to this level. Please send copies of your certification to the Executive Secretary.

In Memory

This year at our Memorial Service, we will remember the following members who have passed away:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Department</u>
Rev. Nelson R. Elliott	2/16/07	Sanford
Mr. Francis X. Lucas	4/21/07	Wantagh
Mr. James Newsom	5/17/07	Gordon Heights
Mr. James Watson	5/24/07	Hagerman
Deacon L. Douglas Fletcher	6/19/07	Malta Ridge
Mr. Richard G. Wissmann	6/23/07	East Northport
Mr. Edmund F. Jankowski	7/17/07	Union FC
Father J. Gregory Brennan	8/17/07	Allegany
Deacon John B. Munnick, Jr.	11/6/07	Port Chester
Mr. Christian J. Becker	12/27/07	Hudson Valley
Mr. David L. Catalano	1/3/08	Highland Hose
Mr. Bernard M. Ofenloch	2/19/08	Hicksville

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 23, starting at 9:00 a.m. at the Huntington Manor Fire Department. If you are unable to attend the conference but are free for the meeting, please stop by and participate in the business of the association.

DUES

All dues for 2008 are due. Please pay your dues promptly if you have not yet paid them. Upon reception of your dues, a new Membership ID Card will be mailed to you. If you have not yet sent a photo in for the previous card, please email one to nysafc@optonline.net or mail one Executive Secretary. Failure to send a photograph will result in a card being sent without a photo.

