

Presidents Message for January and February 2011

As we are digging ourselves out from three consecutive snowstorms your officers have been hard at work completing our agenda for the coming year. Our next meeting is set for February 9th at the Law and Public safety complex in Mahwah. Our co- hosts are County Fire Marshal Bryan Hennig and Chief Fire Instructor Larry Rausch. Our Presentation for this meeting will be by Signal link technologies.

We are constantly looking for new educational programs to present and we encourage you to submit your topics to us. Our schedule for the year is as follows;

**April 13th, Rochelle Park there will be a presentation by Associated Fire
June 8th, Closter, City Fire will be making a presentation
August 10th in East Rutherford, there will be a presentation on Stand By Power systems
October 12th is the Annual Dinner at Seasons
December 14th, Cresskill, there will be a presentation on the benefits of GIS**

January is that time of the year where we are in the process of making our annual budget requests to our municipalities. Now is the time for you to process your membership dues for our association. As with any organization, dues are our lifeblood and we need yours. Please download the renewal application from the website and submit it with your check or voucher. Please do not wait. In the past, members have been paying at the annual dinner. I would like to have all the dues paid for by April 30th. Our corporate/associate member dues are also due. If you speak to a corporate member/associate member, please remind them of their obligation to this association. Now is also the time to solicit new corporate/associate members. I would like to welcome as new corporate members, New Jersey Fire Equipment and City Fire Equipment Co., Inc.

As I have said at every meeting this is your association and we all need to work for the association. We are the biggest in the State and we have two of our own as Vice Presidents of the State Association. No other County Association can make that statement. Please sign up for a committee, some involve work others involve a simple statement at a meeting but in either case please sign up. Here is the committee list;

**Auditing
By-Laws
Educational
Legislative
Poster Contest
Merchandise
Scholarship
Awards**

**Fire Safety Trailer
Annual Dinner**

Finally, All working Fire Officials/Marshals are to submit their Annual report to the Division with the certification page no later than January 31, 2011. If you are experiencing difficulties in completing the form, you must contact the Division before January 31.

I look forward to seeing you at the February meeting and as always I can be reached at 201-321-9550.

**Thomas E. Simpson
President**