

# *The* **FIVE TRUMPET**

New Jersey State Fire Chief's Association

*In Union There is Strength*  
Since 1905



*Journal*

## ***ANNUAL MEETING, SEPTEMBER 13TH.***

The annual membership meeting of the Association will be held at the Wildwood Convention Center on Thursday, September 13, 2018 at 1:00 pm. Registration will open in the adjoining corridor at 12:00 noon. This will be the final meeting for William Newberry as President.

The annual memorial service will be held and the roll of deceased members will be read and the memorial Maltese Cross will be lit. The Memorial Service will be conducted by Chief Joseph Pawlak.

Winners of the annual scholarships for college level education will be presented by Trustee Chairman Chief Frank Walters assisted by Volunteer Fire Insurance Service, (VFIS). representative Brian Wallace and Honorary NJSFCA Member Joe Giorgi.

The 2018 Scholarship Award Winners are Nicole Osadacz of Morganville, and Christopher Bodrato of Northvale. (Bergen County).

There were no Valor Award or Fire Chief of the Year Applications submitted for 2018. In addition there have been no Eagle Scout Citation requests so far in 2018.

To expedite the business of the meeting, the reports of the officers and committees will be available on line and there will be a meeting agenda available at the registration table.

One of the items on the agenda will be the nomination and election of officers. The two year terms of President, First Vice President and Second Vice President expire this year. William Newberry will be completing his second year as Association President and as per our By-Laws he is not eligible to run for another term. Vice President Ron Stokes has submitted his letter of intent to run for President. Robert Myers, Jr. has submitted his letter of intent to run for the Office of Vice President.

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William Smith has submitted his letter of intent and resume to run for the Office of Second Vice President.

Two 3-year terms of Trustees also end. Frank Walker, one of the two Northern Region Trustee's is completing his first term and is seeking re-election. Central Region Trustee Robert Burns is also up for re-election. There is an opening for a Southern Region Trustee. In addition nominations for all of the open positions can be accepted from those in attendance at this meeting.

The officers will be installed by Past Association President Lawrence Wood.

Light refreshments will be provided during the meeting through the courtesy of VFIS of New Jersey.

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### ***NOTE FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR***

We have added two new forms to help all our members keep us informed on any changes in their information, like address, e-mail, phone and rank. The forms are in the "Membership" bar on the left side of the front page of the web site. Go to the Membership page open it, go half way down you will see two new forms "Membership Up Dates ", one form is a printable and you mail in the other can be fill out on line and when you hit "SUBMIT" it will come to me. This will help us with the News Letter mailing and membership mailings. Keep your information up to date so we can keep you up to date.

The mailing list for the Five Trumpet Journal comes from the payed up members list each time it is sent out. Anyone who has not paid their dues for 2018 will not be receiving the next Five Trumpet Journal.

"PLEASE Note the pass word on the "njchiefs.com" web site will be changing the first of the year."

"The new pass word is on the back our 2018 Membership Card.

Hope to see everyone in Wildwood this September, if you have any questions I will be at the door of the Annual Meeting.

Robert Myers Jr.

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## **"The Patron Saint of New Jersey Politics is Judas"**

## **ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATION-FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

Here is information on representation from different parts of New Jersey for the New Jersey State Fire Chiefs Association. In order that the entire state of New Jersey shall be properly represented, geographically, the state shall be divided into three regions of seven counties each.

Region One will be those counties know in the northern part of the state: BERGEN, Essex, Hudson, Morris, Passaic, Sussex, Warren. The seven central counties: Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean, Somerset, Union shall be known as Region Two. The seven counties in the southern part of the state: Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, Salem shall be known as Region Three.

A President, First Vice President and a Second Vice President shall be elected to office and the Officer positions shall be divided equally among the three regions of the state and shall hold office for a two year term. These Officers may not be elected to successive full two year terms in the same office.

The Treasurer and Secretary shall hold office for a two year term and both offices are open for succession by the incumbent's.

There shall be a board made up of six Trustees; two trustees from each region of the state. The Trustees shall hold office for a three year term and two shall be elected at each Annual meeting. The Trustees may not serve for more than three full terms. Immediately following the Annual meeting, the Trustees shall meet and elect a Chairman from their number.

There shall be a Board of Directors which shall consist of the President, First and Second Vice Presidents, the Treasurer, the Secretary, Trustees, and the Immediate Past President. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meeting of the Association and the Board of Directors. In the absence of the President the First Vice President shall perform all the duties of the President and designate and act as his/her representative, and, it shall be the duty of the Second Vice President to act in the capacity of the First Vice President when that officer is not present, and assume all of the duties of that office.

This information is brought to your attention as this is a Presidential Election year. (2018).

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**“Command is a Lonely Place”  
General Colin Powell**

## IFF COMMENT

# Challenge and inspiration in the fire service



## Dr. Burton A. Clark, EFO

National Fire Academy (ret.) Researcher and author on the American Fire Culture.

**A**t my first fire I almost killed another firefighter. I was ashamed of myself, sick in the stomach because I didn't know what I was doing and I was dangerous. Two years later I graduated with the highest academic score from the District of Columbia Fire Department Recruit Class 249, because the fire service is a life-and-death occupation with no room for error."

That is the first paragraph in the introduction to my book *I Can't Save You, But I'll Die Trying: The American Fire Culture* published in 2015 by Premium Press America, Nashville, Tennessee. The fire was in 1970, but it took me 20 years to understand the importance of that first fire ground experience in terms of how it challenged me and inspired me to do better my entire career.

The people and events in our life are what challenge and inspire us to do better. This innate human desire is what helps us evolve and prosper as a species. We are inspired to create new science, technology, engineering, and math which results in economic, social, political, and technological change for all our cultures. But, with that change comes opportunity and danger at the individual, family, community, state, and global levels. Uncontrolled fire is one of those dangers to humans.

There have been leaders that challenge us and inspire us to do better.

In 1830, Chief James Braidwood, Edinburgh Fire Service, Scotland, wrote the first book in English for the fire service on apparatus, training, and responding to fire. In the preface he also wrote "...in the hope of inducing others to give further information on the subject." He was challenging others to write about the fire service. I think Chief Braidwood would like my book.

The idea the fire service needs to be studied, practiced, and researched at the doctoral level was first observed in 1868 by Sir Eyre Massey Shaw, Fire Chief of the London Fire Brigade, after he visited major fire departments in the United States and made several observations, including the following:

"When I was last in America, it struck me very forcibly that, although most of the chiefs were intelligent and zealous in their work; not one that I met made even a pretension to the kind of professional knowledge which I consider so essential. Indeed, one went as far as to say that the only way to learn the business of a fireman was to go to fires—a statement about as monstrous and contrary to reason as if he had said that the only way to become a surgeon would be to commence cutting off limbs without any knowledge of anatomy or of the implements required."

Chief Shaw was correct, the fire service which is a life and death discipline must be researched, studied, and practices at the doctoral level of professionalism. Unfortunately, to date there is no such study program in the higher education community. But, it is being worked on by the US Fire Administration Fire and Emergency Service Higher Education Committee. Who will be the first firefighters in the 21st century to complete PhDs in fire service studies? What will be their research topics?

Professor Frank Brannigan, my fire science teacher in the mid-70's, had us predict the potential impact of a jet plane hitting the World Trade Center. Our conclusion was a pancake collapse of

the structure because the jet fuel would overload the fire sprinkler system and the heat would weaken the steel supports to a point of failure. Brannigan was teaching us society creates the environments we the fire service must react to when the emergency happens. We need to have a greater voice upfront if we want to reduce the fire loss of the 21st century. Just reflect on what society has asked the fire service to respond to: Beverly Hills Supper Club Fire, Chernobyl, 9/11, Station Night Club, Fukushima, Tehran High-Rise, Port of Tianjin, Grenfell Tower, 2017 California Wild Fire, and Miryang South Korea hospital fire 2018 to name a few. Every Nation can readily identify their fire disaster.

During a kitchen table debate about higher education in 1976 I was arguing firefighters' need to be become more educated. The majority said it was not needed to ride the back step of the pumper. I countered with, "If we become more educated maybe we will kill fewer firefighters." My Lt. replied, "Firefighters have to get killed; it's part of the job." I have challenged that premise for 30 years and it inspired much of my fire service study, research, teaching, and writing. But, even today, in 2018, some of our colleagues believe if a firefighter is not willing to die for the job they are not real firefighters.

Who and what have challenged and inspired you? Whether you are the new recruit, the senior firefighter, an officer, or the Chief you can always find a way to do better.

Tell your story, because the next question will be answered by others in the 21st century. Who and what have you challenged and inspired – to do better?



*Thank you to Dr. Burton A. Clark for providing the article and William Smith for contacting Dr. Clark*

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***Eastern Division of the International Fire Chiefs  
2019 Annual Conference  
New Jersey May 10-12***

Leadership is based on Knowledge

The New Jersey EDIAFC Conference will be held at Hightstown Engine Company Number 1, at 140 North Main Street, Hightstown New Jersey 08520.

The conference will begin on Thursday Evening at 7:00 PM-10 PM.

Vendors Night

Friday all day from 7:30-4:30 (Conference Opening, Introduction, Memorial Service, Keynote Speaker, Membership Meeting, and Speakers.

Friday Evening 6:30-10:30 Annual Dinner

The Installation of Officers, and Valor Awards Presentation.

Recognition of EDIAFC Members with Forty Years or more.

Saturday 7:30-4:30 Speakers Programs and Membership Meeting.

This conference is being sponsored by The New Jersey Fire Service  
In honor of President James Yates, West Windsor Fire & Emergency Service.

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The conference will showcase all New Jersey Speakers to provide variable lessons in Leadership, Setting Standards, and Health and Safety

The Hotel and Conference site are very close together and are located in the center of the New Jersey right off exit 8 on the New Jersey Turnpike

Conference reservations will open September 15, 2018, and close on April 17, 2019  
On the EDIAFC's Website please pay by credit or debit card

Conference Pricing:

Full conference activities \$150.00 /per person (includes the dinner on Friday night)

Partners Program \$75.00/ per person (includes two-day trips and dinner on Friday night)

Dinner only on Friday night \$75.00/ per person.

Hotel Pricing

Hotel rate: Including taxes \$114.63/per night (Double Occupancy 1 King or 2 Queens)

Reservation cut off date April 17.2019

Check-in 3:00 PM and Check out 12:00 noon

Individuals will be responsible for all hotel charge

Holiday Inn East Windsor, 399 Monmouth Street East Windsor N.J. 08520

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“If you put out the fire...  
you don't have to jump out the window”

LT. Andy Fredricks

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“If you become wise,  
you will be the one to benefit,  
If you scorn wisdom, you will be the one to suffer”  
Proverbs 9:12

## ***FIRE SPRINKLER FACTS:***

Modern homes are built using lightweight construction and are filled with furnishings made of synthetic materials. Lightweight construction and synthetic furnishings burn hotter and faster than older home construction. Modern homes burn eight times, 800% faster than older homes. Residents typically only have three minutes after the smoke alarm goes off to get their family out safely.

Approximately 3,000 people die in fires in the United States every year. 80% of the fire deaths occur in single family homes. One home fire is reported every 85 seconds. One person is injured in a fire every 33 minutes. One person dies in a fire every 162 minutes. Home fires resulted in \$9.5 billion in property damage in 2013.

In homes with fire sprinklers, the average property loss is cut by nearly 70% compared to a home without sprinklers. It was reported that homes with fire sprinklers report an average property loss of \$2,166. After a fire compared to more than \$45,000. In an unsprinklered home.

Nationwide average cost for a residential fire sprinkler system is 1-15% of the total home construction cost. Visit [nfsa.org](http://nfsa.org) to ensure you get a licensed fire sprinkler contractor to assist you. Often as an incentive for customers, insurance companies offer discounts ranging from 5% to 25% off the fire portion of homeowner premiums.

Many municipalities offer homebuilders incentives to install sprinklers, such as allowing more residential units, longer dead ends, reduced street width, increased hydrant spacing and many other benefits that save money and increase builder profits. The automobile industry will require backup cameras by 2018 in all vehicles in an effort to prevent the 210 deaths resulting from back up accidents. Fire sprinklers can provide protection to the approximately 3,000 people, mainly children, elderly and disabled, who die each year in home fires.

Three out of every 10 households will experience a fire. While only a few grow large enough to summon the fire department, don't liver on luck- include fire sprinklers in your home. Fire is devastating to people's lives when they are burned. The costs of care is extremely high causing physical, emotional, and financial burdens to all.

Thanks to the NATIONAL FIRE SPRINKLER ASSOCIATION for these Fire Sprinkler Facts and for more info go to [nfsa.org](http://nfsa.org).



Chiefs;

Hopefully you are enjoying your summer and staying safe in the heat. As our annual meeting in the Wildwoods is quickly approaching, I wanted to take a moment and thank you for the opportunity to serve as your President. Being first elected to the executive board in September 2012, and moving up the ranks to President two years ago, I have seen our association continue to move forward.

The overhaul of our membership records system, including the addition of a Membership Coordinator to our staff as well as the implementation of an electronic membership database, has helped us ensure a much easier renewal process. By revamping this process, it has resulted in membership dues being paid in a timelier fashion, reducing late renewal payments.

As the association works to attract younger membership, the NJSFCA rolled out a Facebook page to increase our presence on social media. I encourage you, as well as prospective members, to visit this page to learn more about our association. Back by popular demand is our annual training program taking place the morning of our meeting in Wildwoods. After a brief hiatus last year, we have brought the program back as a result of our members interest. We are anticipating a great turnout this year and look forward to continuing the program into the future.

These are just a few of the items we have accomplished over the last few years. I am pleased to know that the incoming president and his executive board will continue moving the organization forward. It has truly been a pleasure serving as your President for the last two years. I wish you all the best and continued safety as you lead our fire service forward.

Sincerely,

William G. Newberry  
President ('16-'18)

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**“ There are two things that  
you never want to see made...sausage and  
Legislation in New Jersey”**

# CLASSES ARE BACK IN WILDWOOD!!!

New Jersey State Fire Chiefs Association will be hosting a class

## **STRATEGY & TACTICS: PRIVATE DWELLINGS**

PRESENTED BY: Safety & Survival Training

Date: Thursday September 13, 2018

Time: 8:30am to 11:30 mam

Where: Convention Hall in the NJSFCA meeting room

Credits: Division of Fire Credit is available

Price: Members FREE, with preregistration

Members at the door \$20.00

Nonmembers \$20.00 with preregistration

Nonmember at the door \$25.00

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Cut along line

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## ***SIGNAL 10-75-(FIREMATIC INFORMATION)***

### ***ALL HANDS WORKING***

- August 19: Millville, NJ 38th Annual Glasstown Antique Fire Brigade Muster & Flea Market  
Info @ [www.gafb.net](http://www.gafb.net).
- September 13: NJ State Fire Chiefs Annual Training: 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 am.  
Wildwood Convention Center. CEU's HAVE BEEN GRANTED!
- September 13: NJ State Fire Chiefs Annual Meeting: 1:00 p.m.  
Wildwood Convention Center, Wildwood, NJ. Info at 201-438-2603.
- September 13: NJ Fire Safety Commission Meeting: Wildwood Crest Fire Dept.  
Wildwood, NJ 10:00 a.m.
- October 7: Emmitsburg, MD 37th Annual National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend.  
Schedule @ <http://tinyurl.com/k3z4dfh>. [www.firehero.org](http://www.firehero.org).
- October 14: Newton, NJ 10th Annual Fall Foliage Muster /Public Training Academy,  
114 Morris Turnpike. Info @ 973-948-7897 or [lbono@sussex.edu](mailto:lbono@sussex.edu).
- October 21: Allentown, NJ. NJ Fire Museum & Fallen Firefighters Memorial is holding the  
2nd Open House. Info @ <http://www.njfiremuseum.org>.
- October NJ State Fire Chiefs Executive Board Meeting: 7:00 p.m.
- November 8-11: IAFC Symposium in the Sun at Hilton Clearwater Beach, Clearwater, FL  
Info at: [iafc.org/events/event](http://iafc.org/events/event).
- November 15: NJ Fire Safety Commission Meeting: Atlantic City Convention Center.  
Atlantic City, NJ 10:00 a.m.
- November 17: Pennsylvania Fire Emergency Services Institute Annual Conference & Dinner  
at Harrisburg.
- December 2: CLAFAA meet at Repaupo Fire Museum, Swedesboro, NJ

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

- April 13-14, 2019: Allentown, PA. Union Historical Fire Society Spring Melt Fire Memorabilia  
Auction and Flea Market. Info at: <http://www.unionhistoricalfiresociety.com/>.

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