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## **WALKILL RESIDENT JOSEPH KELLY ELECTED 2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT OF NYS FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION**

**WALKILL, NEW YORK (SEPTEMBER 3) – Joseph F. Kelly, a resident of Walkill in Ulster County, has been elected Second Vice President of the Firemen's Association of the State of New York (FASNY), which serves as the voice of the 100,000 volunteer firefighters and emergency medical technicians in the Empire State.**

“I have served through the ranks, from firefighter to chief to Commissioner, and even as a certified first responder,” said Kelly regarding his election. “As 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of the largest and most prestigious volunteer firematic organization, I will listen to the concerns of our firefighters and EMT personnel, and commit myself to ensuring that their voices are heard by the decision-makers in Albany and on the local level.”

Besides his extensive experience with the volunteer fire service, Kelly also spent 28 years as a member of Walkill's volunteer ambulance squad. His first-responder know-how goes back to his decorated combat medic days in Vietnam with the 1/7<sup>th</sup> U.S. Cavalry, First Air Cavalry Division.

Kelly was recently elected to his post at FASNY's 136th annual convention, held in the city of Rochester.

Kelly is a past president of the Hudson Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association and is the vice-chair of its legislative committee. He has served as past president of the Ulster County Volunteer Firefighters Association, and he was a two-term councilman on the Town of Shawangunk Town Board.

With FASNY, Kelly serves as Chairman of the Training and Education Committee, and is a former chairman of FASNY's EMS committee.

Kelly was born in the Bronx and moved to Walkill with his family before he turned one year old. He currently lives with wife of 39 years, Mary. Kelly recently retired from IBM, where he was an award-winning manager for nearly four decades.