



**Congratulations  
to the 2009  
Fire Service Community  
Achievement Award  
Winner!**



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FIRE SERVICE  
COMMUNITY  
ACHIEVEMENT  
PHILIP F. DeLORENZO**



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## FIRE SERVICE COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENT

Philip F. DeLorenzo is a 65-year member of the Piermont Volunteer Fire Department and a 41-year member of FASNY. He is an active member of Empire Hose Company No. 1. Phillip joined the volunteer fire service in 1943, was appointed acting chief of the Piermont Volunteer Fire Department in 1959 and was elected and served as chief from 1960 to 1961. In 1956 he organized the Piermont Fire Department underwater rescue diving team. DeLorenzo organized the Ex-Chiefs Association of the Piermont Fire Department in 1962. His total dedication and commitment to the Piermont Volunteer Fire Department and his community have never wavered in his 65 years of membership as he continues today to be an asset to the department.

DeLorenzo was elected president of both the Rockland County Fire Chief's Association and the Rockland County Volunteer Firemen's Association. He was active on several committees, enrolled in various fire safety and training courses, and involved in many projects in Rockland County including the Rockland County Fire Services Museum. DeLorenzo served as a trustee to the Rockland County Cemetery and was eventually elected Vice President of the Rockland County Cemetery Board. DeLorenzo was also an active member in the New York-New Jersey Firemen's Association and was elected president in 1994 until 1995.

DeLorenzo is a veteran of World War II serving in the United States Coast Guard. He spent his many years in Piermont working in the maintenance department of the Rockland Psychiatric Center for 30 years, as building and zoning inspector, Police Commissioner, Public Safety Officer, Training Officer, Arson, Building Construction and Code Enforcement Officer and village trustee are all highly regarded positions he has held. DeLorenzo graduated from both the National Fire Academy and the New York State Fire Academy. He holds a certificate in Public Safety from Mercy College and is also an instructor at the Rockland County Fire Training Center.

In 1947, DeLorenzo married his lifelong friend, Rachael. Together, they raised three children, Philip, Susan and Phylis. Rachel passed away in 1972; DeLorenzo later married his present wife of 34 years, Dolores, a widow herself. He became a father to four other children, Mary, Barbara, Jeanne and Matthew.

The accomplishments that DeLorenzo has achieved are many. He strived to put volunteerism and community spirit ahead of his personal interests. There is no one more deserving of the special recognition that comes with the FASNY 2009 Fire Service Community Achievement Award than Philip F. DeLorenzo.

*Letter of recommendation submitted by Piermont Volunteer Fire Department president Lawrence Goswick and department chief Daniel Goswick.*

### PAST FIRE SERVICE COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENTS

<b>Year:</b>	<b>Name:</b>	<b>Fire Department:</b>
1994	Joseph B. Kuhn	Penfield Fire Company, Inc.
1995	Gus Wehrlin	Farmington Volunteer Fire Association, Inc.
1996	Richard F. Laitenberger	Union Hill Fire Department
1997	William J. Reilly	West Babylon Fire Department
1998	William A. Wutz	Hutchinson Hose Company
1999	Robert V. Lyon	Setauket Fire Department
2000	No Award Given	
2001	Bernard O. Monson	Albertson Hook & Ladder, Engine & Hose Company No. 1
2002	James Mahoney	Northport Fire Department
2003	No Award Given	
2004	John S. DaVanzo	Mineola Fire Department
2005	Joseph E. Sills, Jr.	A.H. Wicks Engine & Truck Company
2006	James Crowley	Woodstock Fire Co. No. 4
2007	Warren J. Rathke	Wright's Corners Volunteer Fire Co.
2008	Thomas P. Sullivan	Mombasha Fire Company