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MR. PIENKOWSKI: Ladies and gentlemen,
please take your seats so we can get started.

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MR. MCCONVILLE: Everybody have a seat.

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Good morning.

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AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good morning.

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MR. MCCONVILLE: Welcome to the closing
session of the 144th Convention of the Firemen's
Association of the State of New York.

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The exits are located to your rear and
front. If there is an alarm, it will be
announced from the dais. I expect that you will
follow directions from the podium and exit the
ballroom in an orderly fashion.

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At this time I would ask that you silence
your cell phones, and also please, there will be
no food or drinks allowed in the meeting room
during the morning session, as well as the
awards' ceremony.

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Please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance
led by Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms, Donald J.
Farrell, and remain standing for the invocation
by Chaplain Wayne F. Jagow.

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(Whereupon, the Pledge of Allegiance was
recited.)

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(Invocation by Reverend Wayne F. Jagow.)

MR. MCCONVILLE: Thank you, Wayne.

Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms, do we have a quorum? Donny, where are you?

MR. FARRELL: Yes, we do.

MR. MCCONVILLE: We have a quorum. Thank you.

I call the closing session of the 2016 Annual Meeting to order. At this time, I would like to introduce Tim Boel, Education and Training Specialist from VFIS for the purpose of a presentation.

Tim is an education specialist for VFIS education and training, a subsidiary of Glatfelter Insurance Group. His responsibilities include coordination and delivery of education and training programs, curriculum development, and information analysis in the state of New York. Tim is a member of many emergency service organizations including New York State Association of Fire Chiefs, FASNY, Rensselaer County Association of Fire Chiefs, and NFPA, to name a few. He also served as Chairman, Vice Chairman, and committee member of the New York

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State Association of Fire Chiefs' Public
Education Committee.

Tim recently retired from a long career as
a 911 supervisor for East Greenbush Police
Department, having served for 35 years. He is
also a 40 year veteran of the East Greenbush Fire
Department in upstate New York, having held the
offices of Chief, President, and Commissioner.
Tim has instructed throughout the northeast a
number of emergency command, management live
fire, and risk interdiction programs at various
levels for police, fire, and EMS, throughout the
northeast.

It is our honor to bring Tim to the podium.
He's going to speak about our fall program for
training for FASNY members. Tim, welcome.

(Applause.)

MR. BOEL: Mr. McConville, thank you very
much. A great opportunity to spend a lot of good
time, a lot of quality people here at the 144th
conference. I know yesterday weathering the golf
course was an event, that's for sure. VFIS is
proud to be partner with the Firemen's
Association of the State of New York. It

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2 provides some of the training that is needed
3 across the state. Last year the program that was
4 conducted was received very well that the need at
5 the time, which is what your education committee
6 and VFIS works to strive for, and that's
7 providing you the programs that are needed with
8 the industry standards and at the time of need to
9 be proactive not reactive.

10 This program that's been developed for this
11 year we worked hard with your education committee
12 to develop this concept. The name of this
13 program is "Riding the right front seat," duties
14 and responsibilities of the people that ride that
15 right front seat. A lot of times we look at some
16 of the different tasks that are given to
17 different folks that ride emergency vehicles to
18 the scene of an incident. The driver, their
19 responsibilities are focused, and they should be.
20 They have an awesome responsibility to pilot that
21 vehicle safely from point A to point B, without
22 many distractions, because that's what causes
23 problems from a driving perspective. A lot of
24 times I go to a lot of fire stations around the
25 state and around the country, and I see riding

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2 positions assigned tasks, strategic goals
3 assigned tasks for that seated position. What
4 assigned tasks do we really look at sometimes for
5 the person that rides the front seat? When we
6 developed this program, we really looked at the
7 problems and pitfalls that we had on what would
8 we ask that person to do that rides in the right
9 front seat? Handle the strategy and tactics that
10 are coming in front of them for when they arrive
11 on the scene. What can they do to assist the
12 driver to arrive alive with the crew? Those are
13 monumental decisions to make. How many times --
14 I've done it for many years myself -- do you get
15 in the cab as a driver and the person that jumps
16 in the cab with you may or may not be the person
17 qualified, or we haven't provided the training
18 they need to occupy that front seat, and then we
19 ask them to do a lot of tasks that they may not
20 be able to do because we've never given them the
21 training to do it. This program's designed to do
22 that. It's motivative, innovative, interactive
23 program that's designed to give that person the
24 knowledge, skill, and perspective of what we
25 expect from them when they take on the task

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2 occupying the front seat, right front seat of an
3 emergency vehicle. A lot of things are going to
4 be addressed. The idea of arriving alive with
5 your crew, training, cultural issues as to what
6 is expected of the crew when they arrive, how to
7 manage the tasks that are asked of them, so it
8 should be a pretty riveting program. Last year
9 the effective modern fire department program was
10 well received. This program I'm sure will be
11 just as well received because it's needed
12 training. Jessica Kirkland in the education
13 committee is doing a great job managing the
14 requests. If any of you haven't seen fire for
15 the program, that's the fire, it's out front,
16 please take one, and there's a check sheet and a
17 host request form right outside the front door.
18 Take a minute. If you have an interest of being
19 an host of the program, because we look at it,
20 FASNY looks at it, to strategically place them
21 around the state so people can easily and
22 effectively get to the program to get the
23 training they need. So please take an active
24 part in this program, because we think it will be
25 beneficial program for any member of your

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2 department, because it could be anybody. It
3 could be you. It could be the person that joined
4 your fire department two weeks ago. Look at the
5 resources that we muster on a first alarm
6 assignment. Sometimes we get strained with
7 availability, so we want to make sure we give the
8 people that are going to be in that job the skill
9 they need to do that job.

10 Thank you very much. Enjoy the rest of
11 your convention. President McConville, thank you
12 very much.

13 MR. MCCONVILLE: Thank you.

14 (Applause.)

15 MR. MCCONVILLE: That's our annual road
16 show, and you'll be seeing that in the magazine,
17 so call up and reserve your date.

18 Our next speaker, Kevin D. Quinn, Chairman
19 of the NVFC. Kevin Quinn joined the fire service
20 in 1976. He recently retired as a Deputy Chief
21 of the Union Fire District in South Kingstown,
22 Rhode Island, and has returned to where he began
23 in the volunteer fire service, actively
24 responding to fires and alarms with his original
25 station number three of the Union Fire District.

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2 Kevin is a past President of the Rhode Island
3 State Firefighter's League, Rhode Island State
4 Advocate of the National Fallen Firefighters
5 Foundation's Everyone Goes Home-Courage to Be
6 Safe Program, member of the foundation's Rhode
7 Island Local Assistance State Team, member of the
8 Hope Valley Hazmat Team, and a member of numerous
9 federal, state, and local exercise design
10 management teams. He served on the NVFC Board of
11 Directors for over 30 years and is currently its
12 Chairman. Kevin holds a Master of Science in
13 counseling and educational psychology and a
14 Master of Science in education.

15 Kevin has been a great advocate for cancer.
16 He's been a great advocate for the volunteer fire
17 service, not only with us here in New York state
18 and FASNY, but across the country. I mentioned
19 on Thursday that Brian Stevens is a cool guy,
20 well Kevin Quinn is a cooler guy. He's the
21 coolest guy I know.

22 Kevin, welcome to FASNY. Welcome to the
23 membership.

24 MR. QUINN: Thank you, President
25 McConville.

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(Applause.)

MR. QUINN: I think all the words that President McConville said I think a lot of mine is I'm a volunteer firefighter. I want to thank President McConville and President Pienkowski for inviting me and the leadership, David Quinn -- We're not related, by the way -- but thanks for having me come. I am honored to be here as part of your convention, the 144th convention.

I'm going to give you a lot of accolades here and go through a few critical incidents that we deal with on the initiatives on the national level, which filter down to the state and region and to your local levels as well. I think it's important to understand that this a great time to be a proud American. The reason for that is not so much the Presidential candidacy, but for the medals in Rio De Janeiro what we're doing in the Olympics and look at some of those great trials and tribulations those athletics have gone through. I don't know how many of you saw J.J. Watt on that dispatch, the national dispatch that came out two days ago. J.J. Watt is an NFL player, for those that don't know. He's a

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2 massive lineman. He chases the ball, as he said
3 in that video clip, and he basically went back
4 home to Wisconsin, to his hometown, and the
5 firefighters there put him through some training
6 that we do. They had gear, had his name on the
7 back. They had his name on his helmet, and then
8 they put him through the training that we go
9 through, each one of us, each one of us that are
10 firefighters, and they kind of work it through,
11 basically a PPA, a physical performance
12 assessment, and to look at him and to see this
13 massive man go through what we do, it was
14 impressive, because when he was done he was
15 exhausted. Now here's a professional athlete
16 that's probably -- there's no body fat on this
17 gentleman, but he realized that putting the gear
18 on in the heat of Wisconsin where he was and
19 going through the procedures and the training
20 that we do on a daily basis, and we ask our
21 firefighters and our volunteers to do on a daily
22 basis, it was impressive for him to sit back and
23 say, wow, all I do is chase a ball, you guys are
24 everyday heroes, and I can't believe what you do.

25 I want to say, I'm very proud to be an

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2 American. I'm even more proud to be an American
3 volunteer firefighter, and I want those that are
4 volunteers, or have been volunteer firefighters,
5 EMS providers, rescue workers, to stand up and
6 give yourselves a round of applause. Stand up if
7 you're a volunteer or ever were.

8 (Applause.)

9 MR. QUINN: Now those that did not stand up
10 are most likely the -- I met Virginia -- those
11 spouses and those behind the scenes, without you,
12 the family, the family of the volunteers, without
13 you, we don't exist. You are our backbone, so
14 please stand up.

15 (Applause.)

16 MR. QUINN: And with that said, we take a
17 look at what we do as a volunteer fire service,
18 and we are a family unit. We are the
19 brotherhood, the sisterhood in the volunteer
20 ranks. There's nothing that matches that ever,
21 whether it be in the state of New York, across
22 the country, across the world. I've been
23 fortunate to be able to visit a number of
24 countries and realize that that brotherhood and
25 sisterhood is there, and it's a bond that's

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2 genuine. So when we talk about being a volunteer
3 firefighter or we talk about being a career
4 firefighter, we talk about being a combination or
5 a pay per call, or whatever you're going to call
6 it, that's a bond that exists only in our field,
7 and when I was in a congressman's office not too
8 long ago, he said, when the fire service gets
9 together as a whole, then come and talk to me,
10 and I think I've seen that here in FASNY and in
11 New York where I sat around a couple of board
12 meetings listening to Presidents kind of lead
13 those meetings, and I see the fire police are
14 there, I see the fire chiefs are there, I see
15 FASNY is there. You're all collectively in the
16 same room unified, and that's critical, and on
17 the national level, we do the same thing. And I
18 think it's important for us to understand that
19 when we look at making changes, and change is
20 good, we also have to kind of look at our
21 traditions and what we're all about. We don't
22 want to lose tradition, but we do have to kind of
23 beyond where we are, and we have to look 50 years
24 from now, which many of us will not be on this
25 earth, but 50 years from now to protect the

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2 volunteer fire service. We have to kind of look
3 at that next generation. There's not a lot of
4 next generation in this audience right now, and
5 that's a problem, and I know that -- and I have
6 some slides. I'm going to go through these
7 slides shortly, but I know that recruitment and
8 retention is critical for us in the volunteer
9 ranks. A couple of numbers, it's on a slide, but
10 I want to highlight these two numbers. The
11 volunteers represented today, 69 percent of
12 America. Sixty nine percent of all firefighters
13 are volunteers. In New York I think the
14 percentage is somewhere in that zone. Most of
15 your state is by far volunteer firefighters. The
16 other number is the tax dollars that are saved on
17 a national basis per year, one hundred and forty
18 billion dollars a year. Most of our communities
19 cannot afford career firefighters. They cannot
20 afford to go through that whole process, so the
21 volunteer sector is critical, and what I'm doing
22 in my platform that I kind of look for on the
23 national level is I talk about the boots on the
24 ground. The boots on the ground volunteer
25 firefighter. I look at every community, and I've

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2 been to many, many, fortunately been to many,
3 many communities. Some are in dire need of
4 people. Some are in dire need of equipment.
5 Some of them are in dire need of just the basics,
6 but every one of those communities in New York
7 and beyond -- I call them, they're a galaxy of
8 stars -- every one of those volunteers, they're
9 stars in their community. They are the people
10 that are going to answer the call, and we on the
11 national level, we have to get some assistance to
12 those that are in most need, and some of the
13 imitatives that I'm looking at, I'm looking at
14 training, and that right hand seat is a perfect
15 example of training. Our next generation of
16 firefighters are multitasking individuals that
17 are high caliber individuals that want to learn
18 and participate and engage, but we have to teach
19 them differently. I could teach this audience
20 Powerpoint, and I have a few slides, but when I
21 teach my new generation firefighters, I go into
22 the apparatus room, pull out the trucks, and we
23 kind of go in a half circle standing up. We're
24 not sitting in chairs. These new learners learn
25 differently. I take my lesson plan of 10 or 12

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2 items, I cut them up, literally cut them up in
3 strips, and I pass the strips out to each one of
4 the members that are participating in a class,
5 and then I start off by having that person read
6 that first one, number one, and they read it off,
7 and if it's a question, they'll answer it. If
8 they can't answer it, the group's going to
9 answer. My lesson plan I don't teach that way.
10 It's a different style of teaching, because it's
11 a different style of learning. We are fire
12 service leaders have to understand the next
13 generation firefighter learns differently, so
14 we're looking at different techniques to kind of
15 make things happen, because it brings excitement.
16 It brings a different view for them, and they're
17 going to want to be a part of that. If we try
18 to -- and I know I can relate to every one of you
19 that's been in this position -- for 40 years I've
20 been going to a monthly meeting, our monthly
21 meetings, the last Monday of every month. Yours
22 might be something else. You all know what I
23 mean. That monthly meeting is the same. I was
24 talking to Wayne about this earlier this morning.
25 Wayne was in a meeting. I'm not sure, the

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exempt, whatever, and they were trying to change the time of the meeting from 8:00 to 7:00, and it took 20 years, he told me, to do that.

(Laughter.)

MR. QUINN: Do you think the next generation of firefighters are going to want to sit there and try to listen to that? We're turning them off right from the get go. The local meetings have to change. They want training. They want training. They want training. Training is a good thing. We also have to change our regional, our county meetings, our state meetings, and the national meetings. So on the national level, I'm putting in operations into part of my board meeting. I have 98 board members, 49 states. Imagine 98 board members that I have to make sure that everybody's happy. I'm in charge of happiness.

(Laughter.)

MR. QUINN: Now those people are representing 49 states, two of their fires. I want to recognize Brian McQueen and David Jacobowitz, your representatives of the NVFC. Thank you both for what you do. I don't know if

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David Lewis from Maryland, he was here. I don't know if he's still here, David, but he's been here at this conference for five years or so because he believes in what you're doing in New York.

So what we have to do is we have to kind of -- We have to take these national initiatives and move them, and we have to move them for the betterment of the boots on the ground. So whether it be training, whether it be health, safety, and survival, and we get into -- as President McConville said -- the cancer in the fire service, two and a half times greater than the general population is what we have. Just think about this, all these years -- and I can't save you in here, because you're not the next generation -- I can't save you. We've done the damage. Like Donna talked about, the damage is done, but the people outside these walls, those millennials, those next generation, we can save them. We have to. It's our responsibility to carry the torch and change the behavior. What we have to do, just think about this, when you come out of a fire all those 48 years you did this and

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2 the first thing you do is you take your face
3 piece off. You probably took it off before you
4 did the overall, mostly did. And even some of us
5 when the first air packs came in, they were in a
6 plastic box, and they got stuck on the truck
7 without any training, and they sat there like
8 these newfangled units, and I remember, because I
9 was part of that as well, we did nothing with
10 them for months and months and months, and then
11 finally the Chief or somebody decided we have to
12 train these people on what the heck this thing
13 is. We had two of them in our station, we had
14 two packs. I don't know what you got, now these
15 air packs -- We were too salty. We were too
16 tough. Our egos were in the way. We didn't need
17 that crap. What did we do? Stuck your head out
18 the window if you needed air, get down on a hose
19 if you needed air. That's what we did. We in
20 this room did that. Well now air packs are
21 automatic, but what the problem is now is we've
22 got to make sure that they're on air throughout
23 overall, because that cancer in the fire service
24 is there, and we've got to monitor the air so
25 that it's clear, and when the officer or somebody

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2 says, all right, go off air, that's the time you
3 go off air, but what did we do after we came off
4 air? Took our helmet off and took our face piece
5 off. We then took that hood, and we put it
6 around our neck, and that's where it stayed. The
7 hood stayed around our neck. Why? Because
8 you're going to have to put it on because you're
9 going to get another bottle, get a quick drink or
10 get another bottle and get in there, and we
11 always did like four, five, or six bottles, not
12 the two bottle limit we really want to recommend,
13 so that hood sits here for, in my case, 40 years,
14 and I had a thyroid issue. Most of my thyroid is
15 out, because the absorption rate in the back of
16 my hand, the absorption rate is 200 percent. My
17 thyroid, my neck line, is 700 percent. Cancer in
18 the fire service of thyroid in particular is way
19 up there. Changing, not us, but those next
20 generation of firefighters, the behaviors, so
21 that we can make sure they're protected in the
22 long run. Cleaning the gear, making sure that --
23 You should never have a dirty face, ever. I can
24 remember when we had a, Providence, Rhode Island,
25 had a big case in the fire department of cyanide

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2 poisoning, and it was a big thing. It made the
3 national news, and there was a lot of research
4 done on that, and I remember having a
5 presentation by a captain out of Providence, and
6 I remember learning about this, stay it on the
7 air until the atmosphere is all cleared. I
8 learned that. The first fire we had after that,
9 not too long after, I was in rehab, and I blew my
10 nose on a tissue, and a lieutenant was with me as
11 well, he probably did the same thing right after
12 me, and we looked at the tissue expecting to see
13 all that dirt and grime coming out of our
14 nostrils, and it was clean. It was like that was
15 an epiphany, it was like, wow, this stuff is
16 pretty cool, but we have to change that for our
17 future generation, because we have to look 50
18 years beyond. Those next generations, those
19 millennials, are not going to have the knowledge
20 that we have in this room and beyond to make the
21 change happen. It's not cool to have dirty gear.
22 It's not cool to do all those things, so cancer
23 in the fire service, huge. Suicide in the fire
24 service, huge. We as the elders, we have to
25 kinda of make sure that we're protecting the

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behavior health of individuals.

I want to run through my slides. These are some of the things that we're working on, and I want to just kind of -- Do I have control of the slides?

UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL: You do.

MR. QUINN: Thank you. I want to take a look at the NVFC --

MR. MCCONVILLE: This is New York, we have this stuff so.

(Laughter.)

MR. QUINN: I know. We are the only national employees of the volunteer. The only one. We're it. I sit at the table with the seven sisters; the IFF, the I-Chiefs, the instructors, I sit at the table with them. We are their voice. I am your voice, and I need you. I need you bad. I need to know what the issues are from your end for New York and across the board. We do know the issues, and we're working hard. We did pass. We got legislative, it's almost signed. It will be signed on the VFA, the Volunteer Fire Act. We got a two million dollar increase. It doesn't sound like a

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2 lot on the national level, but we haven't had an
3 increase on any of our priorities in years, so
4 that's a big plus. We pushed hard for that.
5 Thanks to New York and Hannah, Congressman
6 Hannah, and all of you, and Brian McQueen, and I
7 don't know who else was involved, because I saw
8 the videos, I saw the postings and the pictures,
9 the cancer registry is a huge bill, and you guys
10 in New York champion that bill, so thank you for
11 that, and I believe we're going to get that
12 passed.

13 (Applause.)

14 MR. QUINN: When we take a look at some of
15 the other programs we have initiatives, and I
16 talk about family in the volunteer ranks, we've
17 got some great guys, family guys. We have so
18 many documents and literature and just position
19 statements on POCs and everything else. All of
20 that is available. It's available. My contact
21 will be at the end, and certainly I am here. My
22 cellphone is on my card. My email is on my card.
23 I will take a call from anybody, and I will act
24 on.

25 Take a look at the key issues. Volunteer

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2 recruitment, big issue. We have a -- You guys
3 have a great program, Recruit New York. I was
4 part of that discussion phase when you guys were
5 just talking about that, and I see it to
6 fruition, and it's a great program, and kudos to
7 you on that. We take a look at behavioral
8 health. I spoke about that. Cancer in the fire
9 service. We spoke about that. Legislative
10 advocacy, getting Congress to listen, and I wish
11 this was a Gibson, Congressman Gibson, I only
12 wish he would hang around for you. I really do.
13 Whether it be at the Governor's level or the
14 Congress level, but what a great man from what I
15 understand, and I'm not a politician. I have to
16 work with them, but I'm not a politician by any
17 means.

18 Training is key of what we do. These are
19 some of the numbers we look at. I said the two
20 numbers on that busy slide is 69 percent of our
21 firefighters are volunteers, and a 140 billion
22 dollars in tax savings across the nation.

23 Recruitment and retention. We have a
24 makemeafirefighter.org, and I want your
25 departments to be involved with that. Everything

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2 we have is free that I'm talking about. Now we
3 might have some things in our store, like David
4 has things in his store to sell, but we want to
5 get the resources out to those that need the
6 resources, but when you have a
7 makemeafirefighter.org, that campaign is to get
8 your department registered, and then there is
9 materials on there that's all free. You can
10 download materials. I think what we have to we
11 all have to mirror our populations in terms of
12 diversity. We have a lot of diversity in that
13 portal, and we're making sure that we have the
14 resources available so you can properly recruit,
15 and we will help you and assist you.

16 The other big thing that is not on that
17 list of initiatives is grants, grants. This is
18 really one of my highest priorities. When I read
19 grants with the DHS, DHE grants, Safer, you know,
20 whatever, fire prevention, sometimes some of you
21 can't write. I don't mean that to you
22 personally, but some of our firefighters that
23 submit proposals cannot write. It's not anything
24 against them, they do the best they can, like I
25 said, galaxy of stars. They can't write, and

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2 they can't follow directions. So I have a
3 program that I'm working on to get them the help
4 they need, because what's happening in the grant
5 world is they've written proposals over and over
6 and over and over, and what's happened, they've
7 been denied, denied, denied, denied, and then
8 they're done. I am so done. Here's the
9 government. They're here to help. They're not
10 really here to help. We're here to help. We're
11 going to find solutions to how to get those most
12 neediest departments to help their needs to
13 register a successful proposal and get them the
14 money. So makemeafirefighter. Let me just go a
15 couple of more slides here. That's the portal
16 for makemefirefighter.org. It's the
17 portal.NVFC.org. If you remember one dot.org,
18 it's NVFC.org, National Volunteer Fire Council.
19 The NVFC.org will get you everywhere.

20 We also have a program I was talking about,
21 share the load. We talked about suicide in the
22 fire service, big numbers. You wouldn't believe
23 it. I think Dave Jacobowitz you told me there
24 were 24 this year documented --

25 MR. JACOBOWITZ: In two months.

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MR. QUINN: Oh, in two months.

MR. JACOBOWITZ: June to the end of July.

MR. QUINN: June to July, 24 firefighters committing suicide in two months. That probably ranks up to -- I have been doing -- I don't know if you saw this -- 22 push ups, because in the military, veterans are committing 22 suicides a day. The fire service is not that far behind, and how does that rank? I remember a situation that a recruit class in Rhode Island, in the metro area, had a pact, in the recruit class they had a suicide pact of seven or eight of them, three of them committed suicide, in a recruit class. I can't explain why, but I can you tell you there's a problem in the fire service, and we have to address it. The share the load program is an 800 number that's answered by firefighters, 24/7/365. It's an award winning program that we have. We have cards, and it's just something you have to have. That information should be out there, so NVFC.org, pick up the share the load information. We have to protect our brothers and sisters. We're killing ourselves, literally. It's sad to say. EMS help line, that's the same

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2 thing, the 800 number to get you some help,
3 whether PTSD or you're drinking too much, and I'm
4 really concerned about some situations that I'm
5 aware of. We have to make sure that as chief
6 officers we get the information in hand. We had
7 a great presenter that the share the load saved
8 his life, literally saved his life. He's down in
9 Minnesota. He speaks for us on the circuit now.
10 It's a great story. Kind of like Donna tells you
11 her Donna story yesterday, one of my Rhode
12 Islanders.

13 All state membership. I am appealing to
14 you, the state of New York, FASNY, I am appealing
15 to you, is that a goal -- Remember what I said
16 about the Congressman, when you all get together,
17 get on the same page, come and talk to me, I need
18 you on the same page. I need your support. I
19 need your -- All state membership is \$15.00 a
20 person, which is like two drinks, I think, or
21 maybe if you're in an expensive place it might be
22 a drink and a half. Fifteen dollars a person to
23 be a member of the National Volunteer Fire
24 Council through the FASNY All State membership.
25 I need you and your members, and I especially

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2 need that next generation to be tuned in to what
3 we're doing, because we need to save their lives
4 in terms of cancer in the fire service, the
5 training, that right to be training, and all the
6 things that you're doing in terms of New York.
7 You guys have the best stuff. You have the home
8 away from home down at the Hudson. It's just
9 phenomenal. You have a museum with tradition. I
10 don't know of any other state that has it. Your
11 wife runs a great program over there. The
12 tradition that you have, I looked at your
13 magazine. I don't know what the oldest
14 department in the state of New York is, it's like
15 a 175 years or something. More? More than that?
16 Two hundred?

17 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Two hundred.

18 MR. QUINN: Two hundred. I looked at them
19 listed. I'm impressed, very impressed. I'm
20 impressed with the state of New York what you
21 have. I'm impressed with your Recruit New York.
22 I'm impressed with so much that you do. I'm not
23 impressed with the fact that we don't have the
24 next generation here in this room. We need to
25 get there. That's the challenge that we have,

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2 that recruitment, and I know DJ -- DJ, I'm going
3 to call on you, because I'm going to look for
4 that help, but I'm challenging New York, and all
5 the states, my campaign for this year through
6 2018 is to get 500 new members per state, so I
7 need 500 members, 500 of you or your department
8 members, to step up and become members of the All
9 State membership. Are you a card carrying member
10 of FASNY? Are you a card carrying member of the
11 NVFC? I'm talking about doing big changes.
12 Remember what I said about grants, cancer in the
13 fire service, we're working together, but I need
14 you. I need you.

15 And member benefits. Some of these
16 benefits you have more benefits. You have the
17 AD&D, you have a lot of other benefits. The
18 credit union, Knights of New York. We list the
19 FASNY Credit Union as a benefit, because we can,
20 as members of NVFC, join FASNY Credit Union, so
21 those are our benefits, but basically what I
22 wanted to do is appeal to you. I need your 15
23 bucks. I don't need it, the boots on the ground
24 need it. So if you can, go back to your
25 departments, go to our website, call me. I am

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2 going to leave some cards up on the little table
3 somewhere or on that piano. I will leave them on
4 the piano, because I don't want to interrupt, but
5 I congratulate you on the work you do. I thank
6 you for allowing me to be here, and I wish you
7 well and remain safe.

8 Thank you.

9 (Applause.)

10 MR. QUINN: I am going to ask both
11 Presidents -- and I feel like a thorn between two
12 roses here, sitting here -- but can I ask the two
13 Presidents to come forward, please.

14 (Applause.)

15 MR. QUINN: On behalf of the National
16 Volunteer Fire Council and all of the boots on
17 the ground, the one million plus. I know our
18 number is a little low, because we really don't
19 know how many we have, and I don't know what
20 active volunteer is here today with you, but on
21 behalf of the one million plus volunteers in the
22 nation and the NVFC, I want to present you with a
23 challenge coin from the NVFC, and also I want to
24 give you a patch from my department, because I am
25 a volunteer.

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(Applause.)

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MR. QUINN: Again, thank you all and what you do. Thank you for your service.

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(Applause.)

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MR. MCCONVILLE: Thank you.

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I want to go off script just a little bit,

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and on behalf of the FASNY leadership we want to

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thank all of you who helped us with the Whelan

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hands-on training, and the youth training down on

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the Hudson, without you folks doing that for us

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we could not do that, and we appreciate it, and

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we thank you, and we appreciate your

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participation in those events. They were all

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successful, and it was because of your input that

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that happened, and we thank you, and please,

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we'll see you again next year doing that in

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Syracuse, but thank you for all your support.

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(Applause.)

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MR. MCCONVILLE: So back to business.

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Kevin guy to the podium. Kevin, thank you. That

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was a great speech, and we should all join the

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doubt.

 Last year at the convention whoever was in the room, remember the motion that we wanted to organize a reorganization committee of FASNY. The three Presidents sat down. We did that. We set up the committee. They've been meeting since, I believe May or June, and at this time I would like to bring the Chairman of that committee up, Timothy Hannigan, for the purpose of a report on the FASNY reorganization committee. Let me just -- Timmy is an attorney with Hannigan Law Firm, PLLC, where he and his father, Terry -- I think a lot of you know Terry in the room -- practice civil litigation and provide legal counsel to fire and EMS agencies across the state. He is a volunteer firefighter for the Elsmere Fire Company A, Incorporated in Delmore, New York. He's a FASNY member and is a nationally certified fire service instructor. Tim is a graduate of Siena College, where is served as Captain of the Siena Men's Division One Lacrosse team, as well as the University at Buffalo Law School. It's a privilege. Really, Timmy has done a great job with this committee.

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He is in a room with 10 or 12 FASNY folks that are trying to do something, and Timmy has taken on that challenge, and hopefully by this time next year he will reach the goal with the committee. So with that, I bring Timmy to the podium.

(Applause.)

MR. HANNIGAN: Chief, I'm one of those millennials that need saving.

(Laughter.)

MR. QUINN: I know, I noticed.

MR. HANNIGAN: If you have any advice, let me know.

MR. QUINN: Just don't wear that hood around your neck.

MR. HANNIGAN: Mr. President, Mr. President, members of the Board of Directors, members of the Board of Trustees, good morning.

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good morning.

MR. HANNIGAN: While our committee has come to embrace our title, I think our name is somewhat of misnomer. It implies that reorganization of FASNY is needed or that our task as a committee is to build a brand new

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FASNY. Having recently concluded our July
monthly meeting, and we started in April --

(Laughter.)

MR. MCCONVILLE: Who's counting?

MR. HANNIGAN: The committee members.

(Laughter.)

MR. HANNIGAN: Having recently concluded
our July monthly meeting, our committee
recognizes that FASNY is as strong as ever as it
approaches its 150th year. Like the volunteer
firefighters we support, our association is in
rich tradition rooted in service to our members
and to our community that our committee is
mindful of and seeks to advance. Our committee
is guided by basic principles founded by Thomas
Jefferson, which is that government is strongest
when every man himself feels a part of it. With
that notable pursuit in mind, we have been asked
to review FASNY's current government structure
and operations through the lens of the
association's strategic plan. Our committee has
met on a monthly basis since our creation this
year. While we are still too early in our
process to make any formal recommendations, I am

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2 heartened by the discussions that have occurred
3 to date. I am confident that our committee
4 members, many of whom are among you in the
5 audience today, these guys, the directors or
6 members of the Board of Trustees, has the best
7 interest of FASNY in mind and anticipate making
8 our normal recommendations to the Board by the
9 time the convention in 2017 rolls around.

10 On behalf of the committee, I would like to
11 thank President McConville for entrusting us with
12 this important task, and we congratulate him on
13 his successful tenure as President.

14 Thank you.

15 (Applause.)

16 MR. MCCONVILLE: The first order of
17 business is the report of the Resolutions
18 Committee. At this time I bring Secretary John
19 S. D'Alessandro, Chairman; Director Edward Tase,
20 Jr., Vice Chairman; Director Robert H. Ottaviano,
21 Jr.; and Vice President of the Board of Trustees,
22 David S. Schmidt, members of the Resolutions
23 Committee, for the purpose of the resolutions
24 presentations.

25 MR. D'ALESSANDRO: Thank you,

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2 Mr. President. Just so everybody understands the
3 procedure, we're going to read each resolution,
4 the committee person reading the resolution will
5 move for the adoption of the resolution, and
6 we'll do them, probably in lots of three, and one
7 of the Presidents will then come up and ask for a
8 second for that block of resolutions.

9 So with that, move on to Resolution Number
10 One, Mr. President.

11 "WHEREAS, the 144th Annual Convention of
12 the Firemen's Association of the State of New
13 York is being held in the Town of Colonie, New
14 York,

15 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the
16 thanks of the Association be extended to the
17 elected officials, convention speakers, invited
18 guests, forum presenters, and representatives of
19 other fire service organizations in attendance."

20 Mr. Chairman, I so move the adoption of
21 Resolution Number One.

22 Resolution Number Two,

23 "WHEREAS, the 141st, 142nd, 143rd, and
24 144th Annual Conventions of the Firemen's
25 Association of the State of New York have been

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2 held at the Desmond Hotel and Conference Center
3 in the Town of Colonie, New York,

4 AND WHEREAS, this venue has accommodated
5 the needs of the attendees of those gatherings,

6 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the
7 thanks of the Association be extended to the
8 owners and employees of the Desmond Hotel and
9 Conference Center."

10 Mr. Chairman, I so move the adoption of
11 Resolution Number Two.

12 MR. SCHMIDT: Resolution Number Three,

13 "WHEREAS, Article II, Section 1.1, of the
14 By-Laws of the Association provides that the
15 membership shall have the opportunity to approve
16 or reject the annual budget for the Firemen's
17 Home at the annual meeting or convention.

18 AND WHEREAS, the Firemen's Association of
19 the State of New York Board of Directors has
20 submitted to this convention its budget for the
21 purpose of operating the Firemen's Home for the
22 fiscal year commencing October 1, 2016 and ending
23 September 30, 2017, in the sum of nine million,
24 four hundred twenty-five thousand, five hundred
25 and seventy-six dollars (\$9,425,576.00),

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2 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that there
3 be appropriated the sum of nine million, four
4 hundred twenty-five thousand, five hundred and
5 seventy-six dollars (\$9,425,576.00), for the
6 purpose of operating the Firemen's Home at
7 Hudson, New York, for the period commencing
8 October 1, 2016 and ending September 30, 2017."

9 Mr. Chairman, I so move the adoption of
10 Resolution Number Three.

11 MR. MCCONVILLE: You heard the reading of
12 Resolution Numbers One through Three.

13 Is there a second?

14 MR. BYRNES: Second, Mr. Chairman.

15 MR. MCCONVILLE: James Byrnes, seconds.

16 All in favor?

17 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

18 MR. MCCONVILLE: Opposed?

19 (No response.)

20 MR. MCCONVILLE: So moved.

21 MR. D'ALESSANDRO: Resolution Number Four,
22 "WHEREAS, it is said that every new
23 generation of the fire service stands on the
24 shoulders of the dedicated men and women who have
25 gone before them,

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AND WHEREAS, Robert N. McConville has given a lifetime of service to the volunteer fire service making it a better, safer and more respected profession,

AND WHEREAS, Robert N. McConville has strengthened the foundation of the fire service for the men and women who are yet to come,

AND WHEREAS, Robert N. McConville has greatly advanced the accomplishments and reputation of the Firemen's Association of the State of New York as its 77th President,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, (without a doubt), that Robert N. McConville shall take his rightful place among that special group of fire service leaders who have always put service above themselves to defend and protect the interests of the volunteer fire service,

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the officers and members of the Firemen's Association of the State of New York offer their heartfelt appreciation to Robert N. McConville, President of FASNYS, who has served this organization to the best of his ability and is leaving office at the conclusion of this convention,

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2 AND BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the
3 Association and Board of Directors welcomes his
4 participation, advice, and counsel, as he
5 continues his service as FASNY Past President and
6 the membership affords him a well deserved rising
7 vote of thanks."

8 Mr. President, I so move the adoption of
9 Resolution Number Four.

10 (Standing ovation.)

11 MR. PIENKOWSKI: You heard the reading of
12 Resolution Number Four by Secretary John
13 D'Alessandro. Secretary D'Alessandro also moved
14 the motion to adopt Resolution Number Four.

15 Do I hear a second?

16 MR. CARON: Mike Caron, second.

17 MR. PIENKOWSKI: Many a seconds.

18 All in favor?

19 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

20 MR. PIENKOWSKI: Any opposed?

21 (No response.)

22 MR. PIENKOWSKI: So carried.

23 (Applause.)

24 MR. TASE: Thank you, President McConville.

25 Resolution Number Five,

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"WHEREAS, the recent events across the nation have highlighted the danger and threats to the personal safety faced by our brothers and sisters in the law enforcement community,

AND WHEREAS, law enforcement officers in this state and throughout the nation are routinely called upon to serve and protect their fellow citizens by responding to horrendous events and acting heroically to save the lives of others,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the officers and members of the Firemen's Association of the State of New York that they declare their support and solidarity with the men and women who serve, or who have served, as law enforcement officers for their distinctive service and dedicated efforts, earning our highest respect and deepest gratitude for their efforts to upholding justice, enforcing the rule of law, and protecting the innocent."

Mr. Chairman, I so move the adoption of Resolution Number Five.

(Applause.)

MR. PIENKOWSKI: You heard the reading of

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Resolution Number Five by Director Tase and so moved; do I hear a second?

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Second.

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Hearing many seconds.

All in favor?

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Any opposed?

(No response.)

MR. PIENKOWSKI: So carried. Thank you.

MR. SCHMIDT: Resolution Number Six,

"BE IT RESOLVED, that the officers and members of the Firemen's Association of the State of New York offer their heartfelt thanks to Philip "Butch" Grella, a member of the FASNY Firemen's Home Board of Trustees, who has served this organization to the best of his ability and is leaving office at the conclusion of this convention,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Association hopes to be able to call upon him in the future for advice and counsel."

Mr. Chairman, I so move the adoption of Resolution Number Six.

MR. PIENKOWSKI: You heard the reading of

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Resolution Number Six by Board of Trustee Vice

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President Dave Schmidt and moved; do I hear a

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AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Second.

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MR. PIENKOWSKI: Many seconds again.

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All in favor?

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AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

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MR. PIENKOWSKI: Any opposed?

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(No response.)

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MR. PIENKOWSKI: So carried.

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Butch, congratulations, and thank you for

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your tenure.

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(Standing ovation.)

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MR. TASE: Resolution Number Seven,

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"BE IT RESOLVED, that the officers and

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members of the Firemen's Association of the State

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of New York extend their sincere condolences to

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the family of Joseph Esposito of the Northport

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Volunteer Fire Department on his passing and

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offer their thanks for his service as a past

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member of the FASNY Firemen's Home Board of

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MR. OTTAVIANO: Resolution Number Eight,
"BE IT RESOLVED, that the officers and
members of the Firemen's Association of the State
of New York extend their sincere condolences to
the family of Richard B. Boyer of the Lake Placid
Volunteer Fire Department on his passing and
offer their thanks for his service as a past
member of the Association's Membership
Committee."

Mr. Chairman, I so move the adoption of
Resolution Number eight.

Resolution Number Nine,

"BE IT RESOLVED, that the officers and
members of the Firemen's Association of the State
of New York extend their sincere condolences to
the family of John J. Mulligan of the Washington
Hook and Ladder Company Number One on his passing
and offer their thanks for his service as a past
member of FASNY's Public Relations Committee."

Mr. Chairman, I so move the adoption of
Resolution Number Nine.

MR. KLEIN: You've heard the readings of
Resolutions Seven, Eight, and Nine; is there a
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MR. PERRY: Eugene Perry, second.

MR. KLEIN: Eugene Perry seconded it.

All in favor?

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. KLEIN: Anybody opposed?

(No response.)

MR. KLEIN: Resolutions are carried.

Thank you.

MR. D'ALESSANDRO: Resolution Number 10,

"BE IT RESOLVED, that the officers and members of the Firemen's Association of the State of New York extend their sincere condolences to the families of Jack Rose (Mount Marion Fire Department), Lawrence G. Sesso (Sayville Fire Department), Barry G. Miller (Bergen Fire Department), Theodore A. Stafford (Sag Harbor Fire Department), and John Scott (Tioga County Bureau of Fire) on their passing,

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that we extend our eternal respect and gratitude to our brothers who made the ultimate sacrifice while protecting their communities."

Mr. Chairman, I so move the adoption of Resolution Number 10.

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MR. MCCONVILLE: You heard the reading of
Resolution Number 10; do I have a second?

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MR. RUSTIN: Second.

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MR. MCCONVILLE: Robert Rustin seconds.

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All in favor?

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AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

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MR. MCCONVILLE: Any opposed?

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(No response.)

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MR. MCCONVILLE: So ordered.

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MR. D'ALESSANDRO: Mr. President, that

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concludes the report of the Resolutions

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MR. MCCONVILLE: Thank you, John, and thank

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the committee. Thank you.

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The next order of business is the election

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of unopposed candidates for office.

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I once again call on Secretary D'Alessandro

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to cast the affirmative ballots. John?

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MR. D'ALESSANDRO: I have been directed as

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Secretary to cast a single affirmative ballot for

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each unopposed candidate.

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Pursuant to the Nonprofit Revitalization

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Act of 2013, all of the candidates have completed

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I hereby cast a single affirmative ballot for each of the following, effective immediately following the recess of the 144th Annual Meeting:

Kenneth M. Pienkowski, President for a two year term.

Steven E. Klein, First Vice President for a two year term.

John P. Farrell, Jr., Second Vice President for a two year term.

Michael R. Caron, Director for a five year term.

Eugene J. Perry, Jr., Director for a five year term.

David F. Schmidt, Trustee for a five year term.

Frederick J. Griffiths, Trustee for a five year term.

James A. Interdonati, Trustee for a five year term.

MR. MCCONVILLE: At this time I call upon James Pienkowski to come forward to install the newly elected FASNY Presidents, Directors, and Trustees. James, come on up.

Will the newly elected FASNY Presidents,

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Directors, and Trustees please come to the dais and be seated. You will be asked to stand during the installation with a family member or your friend. Once you have been installed, please remain seated on stage.

I call Trustee Elect David F. Schmidt, along with Jane Trombley; Frederick J. Griffiths, along with his wife Janet; and James A. Interdonati, along with his wife Jane, to step forward to the podium, please.

The installing officer for the morning, James Pienkowski. I don't think I have to tell you who he is. I've heard about this gentleman for about six years from Ken while we were travelling on Route 90 and on Route 87 and all over the state of New York, and it's a pleasure to meet James this morning and have him as the installing officer. So please, welcome James Pienkowski.

(Applause.)

MR. J. PIENKOWSKI: Good morning, gentlemen. Congratulations. If you could all raise your right hands and repeat after me.

(Whereupon, the Oath of Office was

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administered to the above-mentioned Officers by
James Pienkowski.)

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MR. J. PIENKOWSKI: Congratulations.

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(Applause.)

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MR. MCCONVILLE: Congratulations.

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James, I bring Trustee James Interdonati to
the podium for his speech.

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MR. INTERDONATI: Good morning.

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I want to congratulate Butch Grella for
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2 Home. He has served the members of the home
3 unselfishly, giving countless hours of his time
4 to ensure the needs of the members of the home
5 were met. Butch also spent many hours arranging
6 for perspective members entry into the home.
7 Despite many personal hardships, Butch still
8 maintained a high degree of energy and dedication
9 to the home and its members.

10 Butch, we all thank you for your 10 years
11 of selfless service.

12 (Applause.)

13 MR. INTERDONATI: I would be remiss if I
14 didn't thank those individuals who placed their
15 confidence in me to take on this position. First
16 and foremost, I want to thank my wonderful wife,
17 Jane, of 32 years, who has supported me in all of
18 my firematic endeavors. I would also like to
19 thank Steve Klein, Lee Tucholski, and Ed
20 Sendlenski of the Nassau County Steering
21 Committee who encouraged me to run for this
22 position. I would also like to thank the Port
23 Washington Fire Department for their support and
24 all those across the state who voted for me.

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and tirelessly with the other trustees and the Board of Directors to continue to make the Firemen's Home our home away from home.

Thank you once again for affording me this opportunity.

(Applause.)

MR. MCCONVILLE: I bring to the podium Trustee Frederick J. Griffiths for his acceptance speech.

MR. GRIFFITHS: Thank you. Good morning, President Bob, President Ken, President Steve, President Elect J.B.

Good morning to all of you, Reverend Clergy, Trustees, Directors, members, and guests. I am extremely proud to stand before you as a Trustee of your Firemen's Home in Hudson, New York. To the members in the audience, I cannot thank you enough for allowing me to serve as a Trustee for the past five years, representing the welfare of the residents of the home and to serve you my brother and sister firefighters.

I want to thank my long time friend, John Montrose, fellow firefighter, past Trustee and past President of the Trustees for his

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2 introduction. I thank those at the Central New
3 York Firemen's Association for selecting me for
4 another term, another five year term as a Trustee
5 for the home and have confidence that I can do
6 the job. I also want to thank the New York Mills
7 Fire Department members, the Herkimer County
8 Volunteer Firemen's Association, for their
9 support. I want to thank everyone that signed my
10 petition. I really appreciate the amount of
11 signatures that I did receive. I want to thank
12 all the individuals, fire companies, county
13 organizations, sectional organizations for their
14 support these past five years; and Bob, without a
15 doubt, my most sincere thank you to my friend, my
16 partner, my wife of 45 years, Janet, for all the
17 support she's given me. I want to thank my sons,
18 Kevin, here in New York state, and Todd and his
19 wife Noreen and their children in Texas.

20 In closing, when I was first sworn in as a
21 Trustee, I took an oath to solemnly swear that I
22 would support the Constitution of the United
23 States, the Constitution of the State of New York
24 continue, the Constitution and the Bylaws of the
25 Firemen's Association State of New York. I

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pledged faithfully to discharge the duties of the office of Trustee. Today I want to say to you I feel I have upheld that oath, and now, God be willing, I will continue to do so.

I told everyone five years ago that I had taken a similar oath when I enlisted in the United States Navy and those vows have continued to be my creed and my guidance. Along with the earlier oath taken to serve my country, the Firemen's Association of the State of New York, and the Firemen's Home, I shall continue to ready to discharge my duties as your Trustee again.

Thank you for this honor.

(Applause.)

MR. MCCONVILLE: We have the new President of the Board will come to the podium, David Schmidt President of the Board of Trustees for his acceptance speech.

MR. SCHMIDT: Thank you, Mr. President.

I would like to thank my good friend, Reverend Wayne Jagow, for my introduction the other day. I would also like to thank you for the opportunity to serve another five years at the premiere facility called the FASNY Firemen's

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Home. During my first five years I have made many new friends in the hope they help raise the standard of care to our residents at an even higher level. I look forward to continuing this process with my fellow Trustees' assistance. Together we'll continue to be a home away from home.

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Thank you.

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(Applause.)

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MR. MCCONVILLE: I call FASNY Director Elect Eugene J. Perry, Jr., and his son Patrick to step forward to the podium.

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MR. J. PIENKOWSKI: Good morning, Mr. Perry.

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If you would raise your right hand and repeat after me. I, state your name, do you solemnly swear.

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MR. PERRY: I, Eugene J. Perry, Jr., do solemnly swear.

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MR. PERRY: To uphold the Constitution of the United States.

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MR. PERRY: The Constitution and laws of the State of New York.

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MR. PERRY: The Bylaws, rules, regulations, and Code of Ethics.

MR. J. PIENKOWSKI: Of the Firemen's Association of the State of New York.

MR. PERRY: Of the Firemen's Association of the State of New York.

MR. J. PIENKOWSKI: And faithfully pledge to discharge the duties.

MR. PERRY: And faithfully pledge to discharge the duties.

MR. J. PIENKOWSKI: Of the office of which I have been elected.

MR. PERRY: Of the office of which I have been elected.

MR. J. PIENKOWSKI: And to protect the men and women of the volunteer fire service.

MR. PERRY: And to protect the men and women of the volunteer fire service.

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MR. PERRY: To the best of my ability, so help me God.

MR. J. PIENKOWSKI: Congratulations.

MR. PERRY: Thank you.

(Applause.)

MR. MCCONVILLE: I call Director Perry to the podium for his acceptance speech.

MR. PERRY: Good morning.

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good morning.

MR. PERRY: Reverend Clergy, President Pienkowski, Vice Presidents Klein and Farrell, Directors, Trustees, members and guests, words cannot express the confidence you have placed in me as a Director of the Firemen's Association of the State of New York. These past three years have been a great learning experience for me, and I am prepared to take on the next set of challenges before this association.

I pledge to continue to work tirelessly for the Presidents, the Board of Trustees, the Board of Directors, to keep FASNY in the forefront on the most important issues that affect the volunteer fire service. Together with our

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2 legislative committee and our representatives
3 from ASA, we will advance our agenda which
4 protects and supports our members, with our
5 number one priority being expanded cancer
6 coverage. We will not rest until our friends in
7 government come to the realization that the
8 volunteer firefighters of New York state should
9 and deserve the same protection from this deadly
10 disease as our paid partners already enjoy.

11 I want to thank immediate past President
12 Bob McConville for giving my introduction speech.
13 I congratulate him on his term as President and
14 wish him good luck in all future endeavors. Bob,
15 you are my mentor, my strongest critic, and a
16 good friend. President Peter Cincotta and the
17 members of the Suffolk County Volunteer Firemen's
18 Association, thank you for your confidence and
19 support over the years. I cannot forget the
20 officers and members of the Van Guard Hose
21 Company Number One of the Patchogue Fire
22 Department who supporting me from the start.

23 Last, but certainly not least, I must thank
24 my family. My wife, Kathy, and my sons, Patrick
25 and Christopher, have been my strongest

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supporters. I thank you for always standing behind me even when it was very tough to do. I love you, and your support means the world to me, and I love you all very much.

Thank you again for your support and the support of the volunteer fire service for New York state.

(Applause.)

MR. MCCONVILLE: I now call FASNY Director Michael R. Caron, along with his wife, Renee, to step forward to the podium.

MR. J. PIENKOWSKI: Good morning.

MR. CARON: Good morning.

MR. J. PIENKOWSKI: If you would raise your right hand and repeat after me.

I, state your name, do you solemnly swear.

MR. CARON: I, Mike Caron, do solemnly swear.

MR. J. PIENKOWSKI: To uphold the Constitution of the United States.

MR. CARON: To uphold the Constitution of the United States.

MR. J. PIENKOWSKI: The Constitution and laws of the State of New York.

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MR. CARON: The Constitution and laws of the State of New York.

MR. J. PIENKOWSKI: The Bylaws, rules, regulations, and Code of Ethics.

MR. CARON: The Bylaws, rules, regulations, and Code of Ethics.

MR. J. PIENKOWSKI: Of the Firemen's Association of the State of New York.

MR. CARON: Of the Firemen's Association of the State of New York.

MR. J. PIENKOWSKI: And faithfully pledge to discharge the duties.

MR. CARON: And faithfully pledge to discharge the duties.

MR. J. PIENKOWSKI: Of the office of which I have been elected.

MR. CARON: Of the office of which I have been elected.

MR. J. PIENKOWSKI: And to protect the men and women of the volunteer fire service.

MR. CARON: And to protect the men and women of the volunteer fire service.

MR. J. PIENKOWSKI: To the best of my ability, so help me God.

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MR. CARON: To the best of my ability, so help me God.

MR. J. PIENKOWSKI: Congratulations.

MR. CARON: Thank you.

(Applause.)

MR. MCCONVILLE: I now call Director Michael Caron to the podium.

MR. CARON: Good morning.

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good morning.

MR. CARON: President McConville, First Vice President Pienkowski, Second Vice President Klein, immediate past President Jim Burns, CO David Quinn, Secretary John D'Alessandro, Reverend Jagow, remaining members of the diocese, trustees, members, and guests, it's hard to believe that it's been three years since I stood before all of you and accepted the obligation of fulfilling Ken Pienkowski's term, which became vacate with the untimely death of our very good friend, Rich Webster. At that time I made a commitment that I would take this position very seriously and always work for the best interest of all of you, our FASNY family. Hopefully I've proven that through my actions and my deeds over

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2 the years. I'd like to take this opportunity to
3 thank the past President of OCVFA, Gordy Kotars,
4 for that wonderful nominating speech, also all
5 the officer, directors, and members of OCVFA for
6 their support in confidence in me to not only
7 represent them, but all of FASNY.

8 I would like to thank all the sectionals
9 for their support as well. I want to thank all
10 of our FASNY Officers and Directors and the
11 unbelievable FASNY staff. It's been great
12 working with all of them these past three years.

13 President McConville, it's been a pleasure
14 working with you, and I look forward to working
15 with the President Elect, Ken Pienkowski.

16 I would be remiss if I didn't take this
17 opportunity to thank my lovely wife, Renee. She
18 has supported me without question regardless of
19 the endeavors I've undertaken for the past 36
20 years, and words can't describe what that means
21 to me. Thank you, Renee.

22 As we all work together to keep moving
23 FASNY forward, I'm excited to be part of this
24 challenge over the next five years.

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(Applause.)

MR. MCCONVILLE: Before we go on, I've been pondering over here, and Chairman Quinn mentioned it took 20 years to change the time from 8:00 to 7:00. I would just said the meeting starts at 7:00 central time.

(Laughter.)

MR. MCCONVILLE: That's all, just make it central time, but anyway, moving on.

I call FASNY Second Vice President Elect John P. Farrell, Jr., and his wife, Marilyn, to step forward to the podium.

MR. J. PIENKOWSKI: Good morning, President Farrell.

MR. FARRELL: Good morning.

MR. J. PIENKOWSKI: If you would raise your right hand and repeat after me. I, state your name, do you solemnly swear.

MR. FARRELL: I, John Farrell, do solemnly swear.

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MR. J. PIENKOWSKI: The Constitution and laws of the State of New York.

MR. FARRELL: The Constitution and laws of the State of New York.

MR. J. PIENKOWSKI: The Bylaws, rules, regulations, and Code of Ethics.

MR. FARRELL: The Bylaws, rules, regulations, and Code of Ethics.

MR. J. PIENKOWSKI: Of the Firemen's Association of the State of New York.

MR. FARRELL: Of the Firemen's Association of the State of New York.

MR. J. PIENKOWSKI: And faithfully pledge to discharge the duties.

MR. FARRELL: And faithfully pledge to discharge the duties.

MR. J. PIENKOWSKI: Of the office of which I have been elected.

MR. FARRELL: Of the office of which I have been elected.

MR. J. PIENKOWSKI: And to protect the men and women of the volunteer fire service.

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MR. J. PIENKOWSKI: To the best of my ability, so help me God.

MR. FARRELL: To the best of my ability, so help me God.

MR. J. PIENKOWSKI: Congratulations.

(Applause.)

MR. MCCONVILLE: It is a pleasure to bring for the first time your new Second Vice President to the podium, John Farrell.

(Applause.)

MR. FARRELL: Good morning.

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good morning.

MR. FARRELL: Reverend Clergy, President Pienkowski, Vice President Klein, Board of Directors, Board of Trustees, delegates, and most of all, the membership of FASNY, I thank you for giving me this opportunity to serve you in the capacity of Second Vice President. Past President Gunnar Nielson, thank you for introducing me on Thursday.

During your time as President of FASNY, you are the one who travelled and inspired my generation to exceed in the fire service and join

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2 organizations such as FASNY. The three years as
3 a FASNY committee member, 13 years as a Trustee
4 of the Firemen's Home has given me the necessary
5 experience to meet tomorrow's challenges in this
6 position. I deemed it necessary this past spring
7 to travel to each sectional organization not only
8 to introduce myself but mostly to connect with
9 those firefighters that are boots on the ground.

10 I look forward to working hand in hand with
11 all the parties to continue the fight for the
12 well being of our firefighters and their needs.
13 My being here did not just happen. Most work was
14 done on my behalf by individuals and
15 organizations that urged me on. To the officers
16 and the members of the Hudson Valley Volunteer
17 Firemen's Association, I thank you for your
18 continued support, not only now, but over the
19 years. You were best, and I am proud to be a
20 member of such an outstanding organization.

21 A special thanks to all the organizations
22 and departments throughout the state that
23 endorsed me. I would be remiss if I did not act
24 and say thank you to the so called royal order of
25 the riff-raffs who have been my firematic friends

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for so many years. I truly appreciate your continued support, but most of all, your friendship.

To the officers and members of the Green County Volunteer Firemen's Association, the Fire Police Association, and Fire Chiefs, I thank you for the support as well, and back at home in the Town of Athens, my fire company, West Athens Lime Street Fire Company, thank you for all your support throughout the years, but most of all, the outstanding leadership and your response that you give to our citizens within the West Athens Lime Street Fire District. It's second to none. Keep up the excellent job.

And now to my family, which is very dear to me, Tim, Michelle, John, Joe, Brian, and Larry, and their families, thank you for the understanding for the many activities that I have missed over the years and probably will continue.

Most of all, I am extremely proud of you all being active members of the fire service. All of you continue to give back to the community, and isn't why we're all here today.

And now to my partner for 41 years, my

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2 wife, Marilyn. As I had stated while travelling
3 around the state this past spring, it actually
4 took a good year and a half to come to the
5 decision working with my wife to move forward in
6 this position as Second Vice President. Marilyn,
7 you are the rock of the family who has always
8 inspired me to move forward, to reach new goals,
9 never settle on anything less, and make the best
10 in life. I thank you for who you are.

11 In closing, I would like again pledge to
12 you that I will perform my duties as Second Vice
13 President to my fullest ability and always be
14 available to listen to your concerns.

15 I thank you for allowing me to serve. Stay
16 safe.

17 (Applause.)

18 MR. MCCONVILLE: I now call FASNY First
19 Vice President Elect Steven E. Klein and his
20 grandson Christopher to step forward to the
21 podium.

22 MR. J. PIENKOWSKI: Good morning, Mr.
23 Klein.

24 MR. KLEIN: Good morning.

25 MR. J. PIENKOWSKI: If you would raise your

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MR. KLEIN: I, Steven Klein, do solemnly swear.

MR. J. PIENKOWSKI: To uphold the Constitution of the United States.

MR. KLEIN: To uphold the Constitution of the United States.

MR. J. PIENKOWSKI: The Constitution and laws of the State of New York.

MR. KLEIN: The Constitution and laws of the State of New York.

MR. J. PIENKOWSKI: The Bylaws, rules, regulations, and Code of Ethics.

MR. KLEIN: The Bylaws, rules, regulations, and Code of Ethics.

MR. J. PIENKOWSKI: Of the Firemen's Association of the State of New York.

MR. KLEIN: Of the Firemen's Association of the State of New York.

MR. J. PIENKOWSKI: And faithfully pledge to discharge the duties.

MR. KLEIN: And faithfully pledge to discharge the duties.

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MR. J. PIENKOWSKI: And to protect the men
and women of the volunteer fire service.

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MR. J. PIENKOWSKI: To the best of my
ability, so help me God.

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MR. J. PIENKOWSKI: Congratulations.

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(Applause.)

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MR. MCCONVILLE: It is an honor to bring
forth to the podium for the first time the First
Vice President of the Firemen's Association of
the State of New York Steven Klein.

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(Applause.)

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MR. KLEIN: Thank you, President Bob. When
I first started doing this I could carry Chris
like James is carrying Cooper over here. So this
is what you have to look forward to.

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(Laughter.)

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2 MR. KLEIN: Reverend Clergy, President
3 McConville, President Elect Pienkowski, honored
4 guests, and my brothers and sisters in the FASNY
5 family, it is both an honor and privilege to
6 stand before you to accept the position of First
7 Vice President. This is the fourth time that
8 I've had to thank you for having confidence in me
9 to serve this great organization. Twice I was
10 able to thank you for electing me Trustee of the
11 Firemen's Home. The third time was when you
12 chose me as your Second Vice President. Today I
13 am here again to thank for pushing me a little
14 further up the chain of command.

15 My two years as Second Vice President was
16 an incredible learning experience under Bob and
17 Ken. Bob has done an excellent job as your
18 President. His leadership and his un-tireless
19 dedication will be missed. Ken also has been a
20 great mentor to me in the past two years, and I
21 know he will do a fantastic job as your newly
22 elected President.

23 Since I decided to run for Trustee of the
24 Firemen's Home some years ago, my personal
25 commitment has always been to serve the FASNY

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membership to best of ability. As my journey with FASNY has moved me along, my enthusiasm to serve has continued to grow. Sometimes I'm a little too enthusiastic.

(Laughter.)

MR. KLEIN: For that I guess I should apologize, but I'm not going to.

(Laughter.)

MR. KLEIN: At the same time my appreciation for my brothers and sisters in the fire service has also grown strong.

In closing, I would like to thank officers and members of the Oceanside Fire Department, and particularly Terrace Hose Company Number Three for their undying support.

I also want to offer a special thank you to my son Kevin -- I don't know where he comes up with all the nice things, but usually when we're home he doesn't say those things --

(Laughter.)

MR. KLEIN: (Continuing) -- but anyway, for his great introduction speech.

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for me.

Finally, as many of you know, I often travel with my grandsons, Chris, Kevin, and Liam -- Sheriff Liam last night.

I thank you. I think I am the only FASNY official to travel with a posse.

(Laughter.)

MR. KLEIN: As I begin the next chapter of my FASNY journey, I want to reiterate my commitment to all of you, and thank you again for all your time. Thank you very much.

(Applause.)

MR. MCCONVILLE: It is my honor to call FASNY President Elect Kenneth M. Pienkowski, along with his wife, Barbara, to step forward to the podium.

(Applause.)

MR. J. PIENKOWSKI: Dad, thank you for asking me to be your installing officer today. It has been my honor to install you, your Vice Presidents, and Trustees.

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MR. PIENKOWSKI: I, Kenneth Pienkowski, Jr., do solemnly swear.

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MR. J. PIENKOWSKI: The Constitution and laws of the State of New York.

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MR. J. PIENKOWSKI: And faithfully pledge to discharge the duties.

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MR. J. PIENKOWSKI: And protect the men and women of the volunteer fire service.

MR. PIENKOWSKI: And to protect the men and women of the volunteer fire service.

MR. J. PIENKOWSKI: To the best of my ability, so help me God.

MR. PERRY: To the best of my ability, so help me God.

MR. J. PIENKOWSKI: Congratulations.

(Standing ovation.)

MR. MCCONVILLE: Me and Kenny have been travelling around the state for the last four years, but the last two months we've been a few places going to the sectional conventions. I have stated unequivocally, without a doubt, that Kenny is going to be great President of FASNY. He will be a great leader, and you should be proud that you have elected him President, and it's an honor and a privilege. He's like my best friend now, and we've been travelling together, and I want to bring him to the podium. It's an honor to bring to you for the first time the

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President of the Firemen's Association of the
State of New York Kenneth Pienkowski.

(Applause.)

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Good morning.

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good morning.

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Thank you President
McConville. President McConville, Vice President
Klein, Second Vice President Elect John P.
Farrell; my good friend, Reverend Wayne Jagow,
members of the Board of Directors, members of the
Board of Trustees, ladies, gentlemen, members of
FASNY, and honored guests in the room this
morning, I stand in front of you at the 144th
Annual Convention to accept the position of
President to which you have elected me. There
are many people that assisted me in getting to
this position that I need to thank, but first I
want to pledge to you, the FASNY membership, that
I look forward to continuing leading FASNY to be
the premiere firefighters' association in the
nation.

Our forefathers brought FASNY to where it
is today because they had a vision and a
commitment to make that vision a reality. Since

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2 forming the organizations in 1872, we have come a
3 long way, and we continue to move forward. The
4 FASNY Firemen's Home, the FASNY Museum of
5 Firefighting, the FASNY office complex in
6 downtown Albany are just a few of our
7 accomplishments. Yet, let us not forget that
8 none of this could be achieved without the full
9 support of you, the membership of FASNY. As
10 FASNY continues to grow and advance in a positive
11 direction, the officers still want and need to
12 hear from you, the member. As your Presidents
13 travelled across the state during the past year,
14 it was always nice to hear positive comments,
15 suggestions, and concerns. FASNY will continue
16 to work for the single most important goal to
17 advocate for the members we represent so they
18 better protect the communities that they serve.
19 Towards this goal, FASNY will continue to address
20 the recruitment problem that many organizations
21 struggle with daily. The recruitment and
22 retention committee is always open for
23 suggestions that you would like to share.
24 Recruit New York weekend for 2017 will be April
25 29th the 30th, and it is never too early to start

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your planning.

One activity that we must be do a better job at is our ability to connect with our elected officials on issues of importance. This truly is an area where the strength of the fire service comes from the grass roots. Unfortunately, when we ask our members to contact their elected representatives, we have constantly fallen short. Throughout the year we use our CapWiz system to send out email alerts asking first responders across the state to make their voices heard. Of 10,000 alerts sent, barely 10 percent respond, considering that all we are asking an individual to do is to insert their name and address and hit send. It is no surprise that our political strength is not where it could be. How can we get legislation passed when your elected officials are not hearing you. Our legislative committee, legislative representatives, Albany's strategic advisors, work diligently to get beneficial legislation passed and to stop legislation that would have a negative impact on the fire service. This year our biggest challenge was the presumptive cancer coverage for

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2 volunteer firefighters. Again, passed the Senate
3 for the second year, but stalled at the local
4 government's committee in the assembly, even
5 though that more than 70 assembly members are
6 sponsors of this bill. This is not acceptable.
7 With over 100,000 volunteer firefighters and EMS
8 personnel across New York state, we need to be
9 heard, and we need to be seen. The first
10 responder community needs to become strong, and
11 we do this by each and every one of you getting
12 involved with your county, sectional, and state
13 association. They can only work for you if you
14 are working with us.

15 The FASNY Officers and Board of Directors
16 will continue to move our organization forward
17 and work for what is right for the volunteer fire
18 service and the public we protect. Our work is
19 never completed, and the energy, drive, and
20 determination of the FASNY family will only grow
21 stronger.

22 I would like to say thank you to the
23 sectional organizations and county organizations
24 and firefighters across the state for their
25 endorsements and encouragement.

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I would like to express my deepest appreciation to a great friend, Chief Brian McQueen, for introducing me for my third and final run on the FASNY ladder. Chief, you are a true friend, and thank you for everything you have done for me as the Central New York Firemen's Association Steering Committee Chairman.

I would like to thank my son Jamie for being with us this morning. It was truly an honor to have you install me as President.

I would also like to thank the Onondaga County Volunteer Firemen's Association for all their support over the many years of my involvement and my activities in seeking offices and associations.

I look forward to working closely with my Vice Presidents, the Board of Directors, the other fire service organizations, and most importantly, you, the member. I also pledge to work with the Board of Trustees for the betterment of the FASNY Firemen's Home. While we have come a long way, there are many more things we need to accomplish. We will do this by

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working as a team.

I would like to offer special thanks to the members that have accepted committee appointments and look forward to working with them. Remember, you are our eyes and ears in the field.

I would also like to express my appreciation to the great staff at the FASNY office under the leadership of our CAO, Chief David Quinn, for all their hard work and dedication.

Lastly, I would not be accepting the office of President this morning if it wasn't for the full support I've received from my lovely wife, Barb. Behind every good man there is a strong and supportive wife. Believe me when I make that statement.

Again, I would also like to thank my son Jamie and my grandson, Cooper, and my daughter, Jennifer, for their support and understanding. I love you, Barb.

Thank you. God bless, and please, stay safe.

(Standing ovation.)

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Thank you.

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MR. MCCONVILLE: Folks, we want to thank you for being on the dais and being part of the program, and at this time, it's time to move along.

Thank you. Thank you all.
Congratulations, and good luck.

(Applause.)

MR. MCCONVILLE: At this I call upon Sergeant-at-Arms Kenneth J. Holmes, Sr., for his report.

MR. HOLMES: Mr. President, one of the duties that are given to the Sergeant-at-Arms during a convention are counting the number of people in attendance at each section.

Thursday, Memorial Service, 321. Opening session, 225. Thursday afternoon seminar, Two Percent, 202. Friday, hands-on training, 43. 8th Annual Youth Day, 59 kids, 21 advisors. Fire Service Preventing Member Derailment, 131. Stages of Teen Development, 131. Active Shooter Managing an Incident Before, During and After, 140; and today's final session of the 144th Convention is 183.

Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms Donald Farrell

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2 would like to thank President McConville for
3 allowing us to serve FASNY for the past year.
4 Mr. President, it has been a honor and a
5 privilege. I would also like to thank Donald
6 Farrell for his time as Assistant
7 Sergeant-at-Arms, and I look forward to serving
8 President Pienkowski, Vice President Klein, and
9 Vice President Farrell, and the Board of
10 Directors next year.

11 That's my report, sir.

12 MR. MCCONVILLE: Thank you, Kenny. You and
13 Donald have done a great job, and we appreciate
14 it, and you certainly deserve a round of
15 applause.

16 (Applause.)

17 MR. MCCONVILLE: I call to the podium our
18 good friend, he's the Chairman of the FASNY
19 Gerald J. Buckenmeyer Scholarship Fund, Director
20 Brian F. McQueen. Brian?

21 At this time we call upon anyone who wishes
22 to make a donation to the Gerald J. Buckenmeyer
23 Scholarship Fund. Come forward, please.

24 Brian McQueen.

25 (Applause.)

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2 MR. MCQUEEN: We would like to thank
3 everybody for their scholarship donations. A
4 couple of things we did what I failed to mention
5 the other day when I was at the podium is that
6 it's not the only scholarships we give are those
7 graduating seniors that are junior firefighters
8 who are involved in our EMS, but this year,
9 thanks to the staff of FASNY and to you, we were
10 able to award three scholarships to the
11 employee's family members that are going on to
12 post secondary education as well. Thank you very
13 much. This is only going to grow to be something
14 that is going to be a remarkable part of the
15 FASNY family.

16 Mr. Burns, I guess you're up, buddy.

17 MR. BURNS: Mr. Burns was my father.

18 (Laughter.)

19 MR. BURNS: I am here representing the past
20 Presidents of this association representing our
21 Chairman Carl Veltri and our Treasurer Mike Wutz.
22 On behalf of the past President's association, I
23 have this check for the scholarship fund of
24 \$1,500.00.

25 MR. MCQUEEN: Thank you.

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(Applause.)

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Representing the Executive Council of the Firematic organizations of Nassau County, I have a check for the scholarship fund of \$500.00 with glee.

(Applause.)

MR. MCQUEEN: Thank you.

MR. ROTHDIENER: Tom Rothdiener, President of the Central on behalf of Central New York we would like to present this check to you for \$500.00.

MR. MCQUEEN: Thanks, Tommy.

(Applause.)

MR. MACK: Bruce Mack from Western would like to present this check to you for \$500.00.

MR. MCQUEEN: Thank you.

(Applause.)

MR. CARON: Mike Caron, President of Onondaga County Volunteer Firemen's Association, it is my pleasure and honor to present you a check for \$500.00 from our association as well.

MR. MCQUEEN: Thank you very much.

(Applause.)

MR. MCQUEEN: Thank you so much for all of

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2 the donations, and just one other thing,
3 yesterday we were able to have 34 for the FASNY
4 and New York State Fallen Firefighters and the
5 National Volunteer Fire Foundations Fallen
6 Firefighter's Golf Tournament. Thank you so much
7 for your participation. Next year it will be
8 August 11th with a 12:00 tee time. It will be at
9 the Drumlins Country Club, and you will hear a
10 lot more about it, but that's just a fantastic
11 turnout. We were eight forces more than last
12 year, so thank you very much.

13 (Applause.)

14 MR. MCCONVILLE: I don't know how many of
15 you remember back when Gerry was President and he
16 started the scholarship fund, and we used to
17 place a big white sheet out in the middle of the
18 room like we had last night at the hospitality
19 room, and people would throw quarters and
20 dollars, and that's how we started the
21 scholarship fund, and then Gerry brought out the
22 boot, and we did the boot and the hydrant and a
23 fake Dalmatian dog and all that kind of stuff,
24 and that's how we started the scholarship fund,
25 and we started with a thousand dollar award, and

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2 now we're up to a \$1,500.00 award. It's amazing,
3 and it's all because of you folks out here, and
4 it's a great thing, and you should be very proud
5 of that. And certainly FASNY is very proud of
6 all those young people that we put on and go on
7 to college and maybe join the volunteer fire
8 service and continue to be great people in their
9 communities, and it's all because of folks like
10 you, and we thank you from the bottom of our
11 hearts.

12 (Applause.)

13 (Whereupon, there was a brief recess for a
14 fire alarm within the building.)

15 MR. MCCONVILLE: I call Marc Kasprzak,
16 Chairman of the Emergency Medical Services
17 Committee, and Andrew E. Pilecki, Chairman of the
18 Firefighter of the Year Committee, to the podium
19 for the purpose of conducting the FASNY Heroes'
20 Award Ceremony.

21 Folks, please take a seat. We're going to
22 start.

23 MR. PILECKI: Good morning, everybody.

24 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good morning.

25 MR. PILECKI: Once again, good morning,

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everybody.

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good morning.

MR. PILECKI: The item that previously happened was not in the program.

(Laughter.)

MR. PILECKI: Once again, thank you very much, and the best of the morning to all of you. President McConville, Vice President Pienkowski, Vice President Klein, FASNY Officers, LAFASNY Officers, Reverend Clergy, delegates, members, and distinguished guests. I would like to welcome everyone to the 2016 FASNY Heroes' Award Ceremony, sponsored by VFIS. It is truly an honor to stand here before you this morning as Chairman of the Firefighter of the Year Committee and to present the combined awards for the 2016 EMS Provider of the Year and the 2016 Firefighter of the Year.

I would now ask the Sergeant-at-Arms to please assemble the FASNY Officers, our committee members, and our awardees.

At this time I would like to welcome the Color Guard of the Baldwin Volunteer Fire Company to lead the 2016 Firefighter of the Year and the

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2016 EMS Provider of the Year into the hall.
This morning our recipients are escorted by
President McConville, Vice President Pienkowski,
and Vice President Klein, also Joseph Giorgi from
VFIS, our sponsor, and the Firefighter of the
Year and the EMS Committee members. Everybody
please rise.

(Whereupon, bag pipes were played and the
recipients entered the convention hall.)

MR. PILECKI: Please be seated. At this
time it gives me great pleasure to turn this part
of the program over to the Chairman of the EMS
Committee, Mr. Marc Kasprzak, for the
presentation of the 2016 EMS Provider of the Year
Award. Marc?

MR. KASPRZAK: Thank you, Andy. Good
morning.

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good morning.

MR. KASPRZAK: President McConville,
President Elect Pienkowski, Vice President Klein,
Vice President Elect Farrell, FASNY Officers,
LAFASNY Officers, Reverend Clergy, delegates,
members, and distinguished guests. This year the
FASNY EMS Committee consisted of the following

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2 members: Vice Chairman, Meryl Montrose from St.
3 James in Suffolk County; Arthur McRobbie from
4 Colton, St. Lawrence County; Royer Pfersick from
5 Rush and Monroe County, Michael Quinn from East
6 Fishkill in Dutchess County, David Simmons from
7 Walton in Delaware County, David Van Slyke from
8 Jamesville and Onondaga County, and I'm Marc
9 Kasprzak, the Chairman, from downtown Shawnee in
10 Niagara County. Our committee liaisons from the
11 Board of Directors is Santo Chan Rivera from
12 Napana in Ulster County, along with our committee
13 resource from the Board of Directors Michael Reid
14 from Merrick in Nassau County.

15 This year the EMS Committee received a
16 total of six applications for consideration for
17 this year's EMS Provider of the Year Award. All
18 the committee members received a packet, which
19 contained the applications for each member to
20 read and score, after which the EMS Committee met
21 to select their award winner.

22 Ladies and gentlemen, it's my pleasure to
23 introduce to you the 2016 FASNY EMS Provider of
24 the Year, Firefighter EMT Riley DeJong from the
25 Lewisboro Volunteer Ambulance Corps and the

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Bedford Hills Volunteer Fire Department.

(Applause.)

MR. KASPRZAK: At this time I would like to ask Riley to please remain standing as I read excerpts from the nomination letter that was submitted by Lewisboro Volunteer Ambulance Corps Lieutenant James Reilly.

"On the evening of February 3, 2015, a commuter train on the Metro North's Harlem Line out of Grand Central Station struck a passenger SUV at a train's crossing near Valhalla, New York, killing six people and injuring 15 others, including seven which were in very serious condition. The crash was the deadliest in Metro North's history, as well as the deadliest such crash in the United States since the June, 2009, Washington Metro train collision that killed eight passengers and injured 80. The driver of the SUV was caught inside the railroad crossing gate when it descended and was wedged against the rear of the vehicle. The driver of the vehicle, she attempted to rectify the situation by crossing the tracks instead of backing up. The driver of the vehicle, along with five train

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2 passengers were killed when the SUV was struck by
3 the oncoming train. The impact of the collision
4 tore loose more than 450 feet of the third rail
5 for the train, which after piercing the SUV, went
6 through the front car of the train and broke into
7 sections.

8 Riley DeJong, who was 19 years old at the
9 time and had just received a New York State basic
10 EMT certification, was returning from classes in
11 Manhattan and was seated in the front car of the
12 train. The front car immediately began filling
13 with smoke, fire, and fuel fumes from the burning
14 SUV and was occupied by the dead and dying
15 passengers. Miraculously Riley was unhurt during
16 the crash and immediately started triage and
17 providing lifesaving aid to the wounded
18 passengers prior to the arrival of other EMS
19 first responders. She removed belts from fellow
20 wounded passengers and instructed an uninjured
21 woman to make a tourniquet out of one belt while
22 Riley made one from another. Together they
23 provided hemorrhage control and treated a man
24 with a double partial leg amputation. She then
25 provided first aid to the wounded, continued

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2 triage, and instructed others around her on
3 caring for the wounded. She maintained patient
4 contact and care for the double amputee victim
5 until EMS arrived, at which point she helped
6 package and transfer him to the ambulance. After
7 the patient left, she then rode on a Valhalla
8 ambulance to the Westchester Medical Center
9 treating two patients in route to the hospital.
10 Nine patients total were transported to the
11 medical center.

12 In summary, I quote from the New York State
13 Executive Chamber Certificate of Recognition
14 awarded by Governor Andrew Cuomo, "demonstrating
15 great calm and courage to help to extinguish the
16 fire and remove several victims to safety
17 providing care in the ambulance to Westchester
18 Medical Center as well. You have earned the
19 appreciation of a grateful community and the
20 respect and admiration of all New Yorkers. I
21 commend your bravery, resourcefulness, and quick
22 thinking."

23 Riley DeJong's performance speaks for
24 itself. I submit this application on behalf of
25 Lewisboro Volunteer Ambulance Corps Board of

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Trustees, its Captain, Officers, and members."

I will now call upon the Regional Vice President of the Volunteer Fire Insurance Services, Mr. Joseph Giorgi, to present the 2016 FASNY EMS Provider of the Year plaque to Firefighter/EMT DeJong.

(Applause.)

MR. GIORGI: Congratulations to you.

MR. KASPRZAK: I now want to call upon President McConville to present the Medal of Valor to Firefighter/EMT DeJong.

MR. MCCONVILLE: I don't know if any of you have seen it up close, this medal is unique, and it's uncommon. We do not just give it to anyone.

Riley, on your courageous act, it is an honor to place this upon you and wear it proudly for the great act of courage upon you.

MS. DEJONG: Thank you.

(Standing ovation.)

MR. KASPRZAK: I now want to call upon President Elect Pienkowski to present the uniform award bar to Firefighter/EMT DeJong.

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Riley, congratulations. It gives me great honor to present you with your

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uniform bar that you wear on your Class A, Class B uniform, or your uniform of the day when you're working. Again, congratulations for what you've done.

MS. DEJONG: Thank you.

(Applause.)

MR. KASPRZAK: And now, introduce Vice President Klein, to present a monetary award to Riley.

MR. KLEIN: This is not the first time I've been able to present an award to Riley. She's won a number of other awards, rightfully so. Ninety-nine percent of the time when we respond to an alarm we have a few seconds or minutes to get our thoughts in order, a little mental preplan. You know you're going to something, but when you are at an incident when it happens, you really don't have a lot of time to think, and for a person as young as Riley was when she did this, just fresh out of EMT school, to react the way she did and use the resources that were available on hand to save people's lives, when we fight for cancer support and health in the fire service, these are the people we're doing it for.

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Riley, it is my great pleasure to present -- This is my last chance giving out money today.

(Laughter.)

MR. KLEIN: I am so happy to present this to you. Enjoy it, and keep up your success and good health.

MS. DEJONG: Thank you.

MR. KLEIN: Thank you so much.

(Applause.)

MR. KASPRZAK: Now at this time I would like to give Riley a few minutes to say a few words. Riley?

MS. DEJONG: Hello everybody.

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Hello Riley.

MS. DEJONG: Thank you for being here. I just want to say that I am truly honored to be receiving this award from my fellow emergency service providers, and I wanted to say that I feel like the emergency services are made up of some of the most selfless people that I have ever met and have the honor of working next to. It's a service that truly leads by example, and had I not had the leadership going up through the ranks

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of starting as an Explorer in the Bedford Hills
Fire Department and then moving on to get my EMT
with LVAC, I don't know that I would have had
the, not only the training, but just the stories
and the examples to live by, and I am truly
honored to be here and to have used my skills in
order to help others, so that's about it.

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(Standing ovation.)

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MR. KASPRZAK: I would now like to call
back up President McConville and Mr. Giorgi to
present the agency plaque to Lieutenant James
Reilly of the Lewisboro Volunteer Ambulance
Corps.

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MR. MCCONVILLE: Good morning, sir.

Congratulations.

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MR. REILLY: Thank you very much.

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MR. MCCONVILLE: It is an honor and a
privilege -- No, no, not yet.

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(Laughter.)

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MR. MCCONVILLE: We want everybody to see
it.

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(Laughter.)

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MR. MCCONVILLE: We certainly want you to

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2 place this in a prominent place in your ambulance
3 garage where everybody can see it. Hopefully the
4 public will recognize what Lewisboro has done and
5 the great people and the training that you have
6 in your organization. You should be very proud,
7 sir.

8 MR. REILLY: Thank you very much. I
9 appreciate it. Thank you, sir.

10 (Applause.)

11 MR. REILLY: May I say something?

12 MR. MCCONVILLE: Without a doubt.

13 (Laughter.)

14 MR. REILLY: This is a very high risk you
15 putting an Irish man in front of a microphone.

16 (Laughter.)

17 MR. REILLY: I won't abuse the privilege
18 other than telling you how privileged I am to be
19 here with Riley, obviously, and also in a room
20 full of firemen. I have to call my brother
21 later. He's retired down in Georgia. He did 30
22 years in Engine 65 down in Times Square, and he
23 still listens to scanners down in Georgia without
24 seeing much going on, but I was remarking to one
25 of the fellows at breakfast that last night we

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2 had a motor vehicle accident a few cars along the
3 guardrail, and we had six people from LVAC
4 working the scene, two crew Chiefs and four
5 Junior members. The average age of the call was
6 19, and these people -- Imagine the scene
7 interface with the fire department. It was so
8 smooth and subdued and professional, and Riley
9 exemplifies everything that we work on in the
10 ambulance corps.

11 Thank you so much for the honor for me and
12 the corps and for Riley.

13 (Applause.)

14 MR. KASPRZAK: Thank you, Jim.
15 Congratulations.

16 Once again, I would like to congratulate
17 our winner on the great job that she performed,
18 and at this time I would like to turn the program
19 back over to the Firefighter of the Year
20 Committee Chairman Andy Pilecki for the
21 Firefighter of the Year presentation. Thank you.

22 MR. PILECKI: Thank you for a great
23 presentation, Marc. I would also like to
24 congratulate Riley for an outstanding job as
25 being named the 2016 EMS Provider of the Year.

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This year's Firefighter of the Year
Committee consists of the following members:

Our co-Chairman is Mr. Tom Pasquel, of
Ossining, New York, Westchester County. Our
Secretary is Mr. James Darcey of East Merrick in
Nassau County. Mr. Peter Holmes of Rome, New
York, located in Oneida County; Mr. Lawrence
Hall, Jr., of West Carthage in Jefferson County.
William Murray of Bay Shore of New York in
Suffolk County; Delbe Spath of Wallkill, New
York, in Ulster County; and I'm Andy Pilecki of
Pendleton, New York in Niagara County. Our
committee liaison from the Board of Directors is
Mr. Mike Caron of Elbridge in Onondaga County.

Ladies and gentlemen, it is my distinct
pleasure to introduce the 2016 Firefighter of the
Year, former Captain Frederick Kopf, from the
Baldwin Volunteer Fire Company.

(Applause.)

MR. PILECKI: At this time I would ask that
Fred please remain standing as I read the letter
that was submitted by then Chief Karen Bendel of
the Baldwin Volunteer Fire Company.

"On the fourth of July, 2015, at 23:37

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2 hours, the Baldwin Fire Department was alerted to
3 reported smoke coming from an apartment at 21 Old
4 Mill Road in Baldwin, New York. This location,
5 21 Mill Road, is a multiple dwelling apartment
6 complex with 29 units, 150 occupants, which
7 covers 26,000 square feet. Additional
8 information was then received by multiple callers
9 of heavy smoke in the complex. The first alarm
10 of assignment consisted of two ladder companies,
11 one rescue, four engines, and one advanced life
12 support ambulance from the Baldwin Fire
13 Department. On arrival of Chief Bendel, a signal
14 10, which designates a working structure fire,
15 was transmitted. Nassau County Police on scene
16 were now reporting people trapped in apartment 17
17 on the second floor. The following are actions
18 of Firefighter Fred Kopf of Hook and Ladder
19 Company Number Two. Fred is a 28 year veteran of
20 the Baldwin Fire Department and has spent all 28
21 years assigned to Ladder Company Number Two. On
22 his arrival at the scene in his private vehicle,
23 Fred was dressed in his protective uniform and
24 responded with his unit. He then met up with
25 Deputy Chief Mike Jaslow at the command post.

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2 Chief Jaslow reported to him that he is receiving
3 reports confirming a person is trapped on the
4 second floor. Kopf then requested the Chief's
5 self-contained breathing apparatus, as well as
6 his hand light and proceeded to begin a primary
7 search of apartment number 17. On arrival at the
8 front door of the apartment in the courtyard,
9 Kopf met the engine with a dry line waiting for
10 water. He then entered the staircase to the
11 second floor. At the top of the staircase he met
12 up with a Nassau County Police Department officer
13 that indeed confirmed that a victim was still
14 inside an apartment. That police officer told
15 Kopf he had to leave due to the high heat and
16 smoke. Kopf next entered the fire room, which
17 was the living room, to start his search. There
18 he met two members operating with water cans with
19 no success. The fire was now rolling up the
20 walls. He told the two members that he was
21 passing the fire room to search the rear of the
22 apartment and communicated the importance to
23 those two individuals to notify them if they
24 would leave that fire room. Kopf passed the fire
25 room with no line in place for protection to

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2 search. He entered the kitchen, then the
3 bathroom, and finally deep in the apartment to
4 the bedroom. The fire now behind him was rolling
5 across the ceiling in the living room. While
6 making his way to the bedroom, the heat was
7 worsening and the visibility was now close to
8 zero. Here he encountered the family pet that
9 had already succumb to the high heat and smoke.
10 On entering the bedroom, he was hindered by a
11 high volume of storage plastic bags full of items
12 and also a vacuum blocking the door. Finally,
13 forcing passed the door, he began to sweep the
14 room on his stomach. He was able, after much
15 difficulty and two sweeps of that room, to locate
16 the victim against a rear wall under a protruding
17 air conditioning unit wrapped in a quilt. With
18 little strength left, Firefighter Kopf was able
19 to drag that victim towards the door of the
20 apartment. Unfortunately, the door had closed
21 during the search. He was then able to pull that
22 victim away from the door, open it back up again,
23 and drag the victim down the hallway to the
24 kitchen. Kopf now could hear the engine
25 operating the line in the fire apartment. He had

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2 little energy left, and he was yelling down the
3 hall for assistance. He called out twice, and
4 nobody answered. He then cracked open his face
5 piece and gave one attempt yelling for Tom
6 Ryley's name to a voice he recognized through all
7 that smoke. Firefighter Tom Ryley of Ladder Two
8 and Joseph Gerbino, also of Ladder Two, made the
9 hallway and took over for Kopf in the removal of
10 the victim from that apartment. Under extreme,
11 hazard conditions, Firefighters Ryley and
12 Gerbino, assisted by Firefighter Edward Moore,
13 from Truck Number One, in the difficult removal
14 of the victim, passed the fire room and down the
15 stairs to the courtyard. With little left but
16 just instinct, Kopf was totally exhausted, but he
17 returned to the cluttered bedroom for one more
18 quick search before meeting his fellow members at
19 the base of the stairs. Members of the
20 department met this crew at the bottom of the
21 stairs and in the courtyard to assist with
22 handing off the victim to EMS personnel. This
23 firefighter negotiated the fire apartment at zero
24 visibility, blistering heat, and without the
25 benefit of a partner to carry out this successful

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2 rescue. Due to the eminent life threat to the
3 victim, he knowingly passed the fire room without
4 the protection of a hand line in a rapidly
5 deteriorating environment.

6 During the course of the rescue, Fred Kopf
7 exhibited remarkable courage, determination, and
8 skill to ensure the solution, which directly
9 resulted in saving a human life. Fred Kopf acted
10 in the highest traditions of the fire service and
11 without regard for his own personal safety.

12 For his actions above and beyond the call
13 of duty, we submit former Captain Firefighter
14 Kopf to be recognized as the Firefighter of the
15 Year."

16 At this time I would call upon Mr. Joseph
17 Giorgi, Regional Vice President of VFIS, to
18 present the association plaque to Frederick Kopf.

19 (Applause.)

20 MR. PILECKI: Ladies and gentlemen, this is
21 the highlight of this entire awards' ceremony.
22 Right now I'm going to ask our President, Robert
23 McConville, to step forward and convey the
24 prestigious Medal of Valor to former Captain
25 Frederick Kopf.

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(Applause.)

MR. MCCONVILLE: Frederick, this is a unique award. Like I said before, it's uncommon. This is the 61st year that FASNY has been awarding this Medal of Honor. It's a small group. It's the hall of fame of firefighting in New York state. You should be very proud. We are very proud of your accomplishment. We are proud of the use of your training and expertise, and to save a life in New York is above and beyond the call of duty. Congratulations. Wear this with pride. You did a great job, my man.

(Standing ovation.)

MR. PILECKI: Our next presenter, President Elect Kenneth Pienkowski, I am going to ask to present Fred Kopf with the awards bar.

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Thank you, Chairman Pilecki. As I sat there and listened to Andy read the letter that was submitted for you, there's three words that size up why you're deserving of this award. You had the determination. You had the courage, but most importantly, you had the skill and determination to rescue that lady and save her life.

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2 Fred, on behalf of all the members of the
3 Firemen's Association of the State of New York,
4 it gives me great honor to present you with your
5 award bar for your Class A uniform. Wear it
6 proudly, and most of all, you're very deserving
7 of this award. Fred, congratulations.

8 (Applause.)

9 MR. PILECKI: Fred, you're not done yet.
10 Vice President Klein, I would ask you to step
11 forward and present Fred with the monetary
12 donation on behalf of the association.

13 MR. KLEIN: So, Fred, how does it feel to
14 be on the other side of the cameras? For those
15 of you who don't know it, not only is Fred a
16 career firefighter and a volunteer, he is also
17 probably one of the biggest buffs, and when
18 anybody has a fire anywhere around Baldwin, and
19 Oceanside is a little close to Baldwin, Fred is
20 there with his camera snapping away, and I can't
21 think of anybody who really exemplifies the fire
22 service as much as Fred. He lives and breathes
23 it. What he did is proof of his training and
24 dedication. Fred, I hope there's enough to take
25 this row of motley men in the front row out to

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(Laughter.)

(Applause.)

MR. PILECKI: I know Fred has a few words to tell us. So, Fred, it's all yours.

MR. KOPF: Very few. I only found out a few minutes ago so. I just want to thank FASNY, the committee, the awards' committee, the Executive Board. To be honored by your peers is beyond anything a firefighter or anyone expects. It means a lot more, especially coming from firefighters. So I would like to thank everybody on the FASNY Board and the awards' committee for that. My family on ladder two for making the trip up here. I've been in the company 29 years. I probably would not have done what I did without the training I received from them, and everybody stay safe. Thank you very much. I'm very honored and very humbled.

(Applause.)

MR. PILECKI: We do have one more presentation to be made at this point in time. I'm going to call upon President McConville and Mr. Giorgi to come forward and present the

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Departmental flag to Chief Michael Jaslow of the Baldwin Fire Department.

(Applause.)

MR. MCCONVILLE: Chief, congratulations. I know these three gentlemen here right in the front from Baldwin, and I notice you have some other members here from Baldwin Fire Department. You folks should be very proud. Tommy, I know you a long time, and it's a great honor to be part of this award for the service that the Baldwin Fire Department has given to the residents of your district. You should be very proud. I've been at your firehouse numerous times --

UNKNOWN MEMBER: Doing what?

(Laughter.)

MR. MCCONVILLE: Probably promoting FASNY, but please, place this in a prominent place in your fire hall, and show it proud. Congratulations, Chief.

(Applause.)

CHIEF JASLOW: I'll make this short and sweet, mostly short. Thank you FASNY for the Firefighter of the Year Committee. For the

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award, thank you very much. Congratulations to Freddie, firefighter of the year; and Riley, congratulations, EMS provider of the year.

Thank you. Stay safe.

(Applause.)

MR. PILECKI: Thank you, Chief.

I now am going to call upon our liaison to the Firefighter of the Year Committee, Mike Caron, to make a presentation.

MR. CARON: Fred Kopf, would you come up here for a second. Typically we would offer this to your wife, Terri, but unfortunately, she wasn't able to make the journey with you today. We are happy to hear that she is back home and doing well.

MR. KOPF: Thank you.

MR. CARON: And we hope that you will accept this on her behalf and make sure that she gets it.

MR. KOPF: Thank you.

(Applause.)

MR. PILECKI: Once again, I would like to congratulate our winners on a great job. I would also ask that both the EMS and the Firefighter of

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the Year applications will be submitted to the Eastern Division of the International Association of Fire Chiefs for their consideration in both categories on the National level.

We will also add the Firefighter of the Year and the EMS Provider of the Year, boards and books, at the FASNY Museum of Firefighting updated with this year's winners. All of those members and/or companies who were nominated for this year's award will receive a Certificate of Merit from the Firemen's Association of the State of New York.

I would like to thank several individuals for their assistance in putting this program together. First of all, the Color Guard from the Baldwin Fire Department. Nice job, gentlemen. Thank you.

(Applause.)

MR. PILECKI: Our 2016 general convention team. If it wasn't for them, I'd be fired by now. Thank you very much.

(Applause.)

MR. PILECKI: Our bagpiper who led us in and will be leading us out, Mr. William Monroe.

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(Applause.)

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MR. PILECKI: And finally, to Mr. Joseph Giorgi and the staff from VFIS for again sponsoring our program this year, thank you very much.

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(Applause.)

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MR. PILECKI: President McConville, I would like to thank you for reappointing our entire committee for this past year. It's been a great pleasure working with all the members of both committees. If I have missed somebody, I do apologize.

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The deadline for submission for next year's award we have set the date of March 15, 2017.

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At this time I would ask the committee members to begin to escort our recipients from the convention hall.

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President McConville, this concludes the 2016 Awards Ceremony.

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Thank you very much.

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(Applause.)

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(Whereupon, bagpipes were played and the recipients were escorted from the convention hall.)

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MR. MCCONVILLE: Please be seated. We just have a couple of more items, and then we are done. Please be seated.

Announcements: Board of Trustees Reorganization meeting will be at the Shaker Room at 1:00 p.m.

FASNY Board of Directors Reorganization meeting will be in Fort Orange Five at 1:00 p.m.

Are there any other announcements from the floor at this time?

(No response.)

MR. MCCONVILLE: Kenny, do you have something to announce?

MR. PIENKOWSKI: President of Suffolk County Volunteer Firemen's Association Peter Cincotta, please make your way to the podium, along with First Lady Virginia McConville.

Before President McConville closes the 144th Convention of FASNY, serving as your Convention Chairman, I would like to thank you all for being here. I would like to thank everybody for their full cooperation and all the running around that they have done this week to make sure this convention was a success. And

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without a doubt, this convention, I thought, was a success.

(Applause.)

MR. PIENKOWSKI: I know a lot of us have been here since Monday morning nonstop.

(Applause.)

MR. PIENKOWSKI: When you do a convention, there's a lot that goes on, a lot of speakers, a lot of other activities for entertain for you, and unfortunately, just like anything we do in the volunteer fire service, there are glitches. Please understand. If anybody has any concerns about future conventions, please see next year's Convention Chairman, past President McConville.

(Laughter.)

MR. PIENKOWSKI: At this time I would like to call to the podium the President of the Suffolk County Volunteer Firemen's Association, Peter Cincotta and Jerry Owenburg.

MR. CINCOTTA: Thank you, President Pienkowski. Good afternoon, everyone. Everybody in the room knows me. I am up here today because two years ago our friend, our past President of Suffolk County, a good guy, a good President,

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2 Vice President to FASNY at that time, was elected
3 to the position of President of the Firemen's
4 Association of New York. He's one of very few
5 people that have come from Suffolk County to hold
6 that position. He's one of the very few people
7 to now be called past President of the Firemen's
8 Association, but like someone said earlier today,
9 behind every good man is a greater woman. So I
10 have with me today past President Jerry Owenburg
11 and past President Gene Perry.

12 Virginia, on behalf of our association
13 these are for you (Indicating). Thank you for
14 two years.

15 MRS. MCCONVILLE: Thank you.

16 MR. CINCOTTA: I just wanted to say to her
17 thank you for two years of taking care of Bob,
18 bringing him home safe, and bringing him back to
19 Suffolk County and Selden.

20 Thank you all. Have a good afternoon. Get
21 home safe.

22 (Applause.)

23 MR. MCCONVILLE: Any other announcements?

24 AUDIENCE MEMBER: One quick --

25 MR. MCCONVILLE: Yes, sir.

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AUDIENCE MEMBER: At the conclusion of this, would all members of the Nassau County Firemen's Association please move to the left hand side of the building for some photos.

Thank you.

MR. MCCONVILLE: Last bit of business, I ask for a motion declaring the 144th Annual Convention of the Firemen's Association of the State of New York adjourned.

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: So moved.

MR. MCCONVILLE: All in favor?

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. MCCONVILLE: Any opposed?

(No response.)

MR. MCCONVILLE: So carried.

We look forward to seeing everyone in Syracuse next August; and as always, stay safe. Thank you.

(Applause.)

MR. PIENKOWSKI: Without a doubt.

(Whereupon, the convention was concluded.)

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I, JAMIE J. WOODARD, a Court Reporter and Notary Public, for and within the State of New York, do hereby certify:

THAT the above and foregoing contains a true and correct transcription of the proceedings held on August 13, 2016 at the Firemen's Association of the State of New York Annual Convention, Albany, New York, and were reported by me.

I further certify that I am not related to any of the parties to this action by blood or by marriage and that I am in no way interested in the outcome of this matter.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 31st day of January, 2017.

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