Mission Statement

To encourage cooperation and preserve the rights and privileges of auxiliaries of the volunteer fire service in the State of New York by increasing membership, organizing new auxiliaries and supporting legislation beneficial for all volunteer firefighters.

To support the Firemen’s Home, along with programs on fire education, prevention and awareness proposed by the volunteer firefighters in the State of New York.

We will accomplish this mission with constructive, educated support of the Fire Service and united cooperation between all auxiliaries local, county, and statewide.

Vision Statement

We will be strong and determined in our achievement of the ideals of the volunteer fire service in the State of New York.

If an auxiliary or individual wishes to join LAFASNY, go to www.fasny.com; under ‘about Members, just click on Ladies Auxiliary of FASNY. Any current officer listed on that website will gladly tell you when and where our next meeting is.

Ladies Auxiliary
Of the
Firemen’s Association of
the State of New York

Charter President
Ella Ernst
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**THE THIRTEEN POINTS OF LAFASNY**

1. To engender a fuller spirit of cooperation, social ability and helpfulness between the various Auxiliaries of the Volunteer and Exempt Firefighters in the State of New York.

2. To maintain and preserve your rights and privileges as the spouse, widow/widower, parent, child, siblings and grandchildren of a volunteer firefighter.

3. To educate your members, as a body, to the aims and ambitions of your local auxiliaries.

4. For the purpose of conducting membership drives to increase membership of Auxiliaries in sections, where, at present, also to promote the organization of county-wide auxiliaries.

5. To sponsor and fight shoulder-to-shoulder with your fire departments for the enactment of laws beneficial to the volunteer firefighters, both active and exempt.

6. To guard against all unjust acts introduced in the legislature seeking to deprive the volunteer firefighter of their rights and privileges as now enjoyed after long and faithful service.

7. To encourage the adoption of a suitable, inexpensive uniform in order that auxiliaries may show their strength publicly in parades, social gatherings, etc.

8. To conduct Memorial Services annually for the deceased members of all auxiliaries.

9. To hold a Convention in the month of August at the same time and in the same city as the Firemen’s Association of the State of New York, but in a different hall, to be conducted for and by the Auxiliary.

10. Officers shall be elected annually at the Convention, said officers to hold office for one year, with exception of Directors.

11. Officers to be publicly installed in proper manner, and with full, impressive ceremonies. It would e a good policy to invite prominent firematic officials and other civic, political and fraternal leaders.

12. **Class A Membership:** Individual membership to be open to the spouse, widow/widower, parent, child, siblings, and grandchildren of a volunteer firefighter, active or exempt, who has served in a volunteer fire department in the State of New York. It is not necessary that the volunteer or veteran firefighter be a member of the Firemen’s Association of the State of New York, nor shall it be necessary that the Person seeking membership be a member of any local Auxiliary. But no person expelled from a local auxiliary shall be eligible to membership. This method will encourage people to organize auxiliaries where at present they do not exist, and will also have a tendency to increase the membership of the local auxiliaries. Members must be at least eighteen years of age.

13. **Class B Membership:** Auxiliary membership shall consist of duly elected delegates from the local auxiliaries. Any local Auxiliary in the State of New York may become a member of this Auxiliary upon the payment of an initiation fee and annual dues as otherwise provided in these By-Laws. Every local auxiliary becoming a member of this Auxiliary shall be entitled to choose one delegate to represent such local auxiliary at the convention and every person so elected as a delegate, shall upon expiration of their term of one year, be entitled to continue such membership by the payment of annual individual membership dues, waiving initiation fee, such delegate having the qualifications for individual membership.

**FIREMEN’S HOME BIRTHDAY PARTIES**

Birthday parties at the home began in 1980 by then President Dorothy Szczublewski to honor the residents of the Home on their birthdays. On the last Wednesday of each month, the committee gathers at the Home to celebrate the honorees of that month. Each month is a different theme and has different entertainment. This committee has become a mainstay of LAFASNY. The residents look forward to the party and the entertainment no matter what it is.

If you are ever in the area of the Firemen’s Home (located at 125 Harry Howard Avenue, Hudson, New York) on the last Wednesday of the month, please stop by and join the festivities. You will enjoy visiting with the residents, the committee and having a bit of ice cream and cake.

**LAFASNY MEMBER RECOGNITION AWARD**

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Firemen’s Association of the State of New York has instituted an Award honoring a Fire Department Auxiliary member or members from New York State. The purpose is to recognize publicly LAFASNY’s appreciation of those persons who have shown special loyalty and outstanding support by utilizing their abilities, showing their support of the Fire Service and demonstrating outstanding leadership qualities in achieving the aims and objectives of their local, county and sectional auxiliaries and/or LAFASNY. This award has been established to recognize the quality of achievements, not length of service.

This award is given annually at convention. The person nominated must be a member or retired member in good standing of a fire department Ladies Auxiliary.