



FIREFIGHTERS CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

Summer 2019

Annual Golf Outing And Your Donations Help Support Our Mission

Our annual golf outing was held on June 17th at the beautiful Town of Oyster Bay Joe Colby Golf Course in Syosset, New York. It was another successful and enjoyable outing. We want to thank our golf committee, sponsors and golfers for their support. It takes all three components to bring it to fruition. The proceeds from the golf outing and our annual dinner are a vital part of our fund raising. The other vital part, is you. The donations that we receive from across the nation enable us to succeed in our mission to provide much needed financial assistance to individuals who have been affected by a fire or disaster, to support other disaster or prevention related charities and institutions, and volunteer fire departments. Your financial gift will help us to aid the thousands of victims across the country needing some of life's basic necessities. Our support services are only made possible through the generosity of caring and concerned people like you!



Fire Departments in the United States respond to a home fire every 86 seconds. That's over 1,000 fires a day. House fires can occur for a variety of reasons, but many are preventable. Unattended cooking is the leading cause of home fires, accounting for over half of them, followed by heating equipment, electrical malfunction, intentional fires and smoking materials. While home fires are not 100% preventable, you can reduce the risk by following some simple guidelines:



- Install and maintain smoke alarms on every floor and within every bedroom. Test Monthly.
- Never leave food cooking unattended.
- Avoid using portable and fixed space heaters as heating equipment.
- Have a fire plan that gets you out of the house in less than 2 minutes and practice it.

For more fire safety and other health related safety tips visit our web site at www.ffcf.org

According to the NFPA every 24 seconds, a fire department in the USA responds to some type of fire somewhere in the nation. That is an amazing statistic that certainly reinforces the need for your contributions and support. Please help us continue to assist our nations fire departments and organizations as they strive to keep us safe.

Our Mission

Assist the victims
of fire and disaster

Aid children in need

Provide grants to
charitable
organizations

Support programs
for Fire Safety
and First Aid
Education

Support Volunteer
Fire Departments

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President's Message

I want to thank all of you that have donated to our organization and/or attended or sponsored one of our events. Your support is vital to our existence. As our cover article points out: a fire department in the United States responds to a fire every 24 seconds. Obviously anything we can do to eliminate these fires is very helpful. We all know that there will always be fires and support will always be needed for those affected. We of course will continue to assist fire victims throughout the country. We will also support the fire departments and community organizations with our grants. Our grants go throughout the country, many to small rural fire departments who really need assistance. It never ceases to amaze me, when I read their thank you letters, how they utilize the funds. Many use it to get staple supplies for their firefighters: LED Flashlights, fire extinguishers, fire foam to name a few. Many use them for community awareness/education, helping to spread the word about fire safety (wilderness, home, business, community). Many use them to purchase AED's and smoke alarms to keep their community members safe. I am very proud that we were able to provide these grants. The grants are always used by the grantees to improve their department and community, to keep their members and the community members safe. It is vital that we continue to receive your support. Please help spread the word and allow us to continue with our mission.

Sincerely,
Frank R. Tepedino, President.

9/11 Victim Compensation Fund

by Thomas M. Sabellico, Esq. , New York Counsel to FFCF

On July 29, 2019, Pres. Donald J. Trump signed the 9/11 Victim Compensation Fund bill into law during a ceremony in the State Dining Room.

The fund was created to provide compensation to anyone who suffered physical harm or was killed as a result of the terrorist-related aircraft crashes of September 11, 2001 or the debris removal efforts that took place in the immediate aftermath of those attacks. Without reauthorization, the funding was set to run out in December 2020.

Congress voted overwhelmingly to approve legislation that permanently replenishes the 9/11 victims compensation fund. The Senate passed the bill, while the House had previously passed the bill, 402-12. The Act extends the Fund's claim filing deadline from December 18, 2020, to October 1, 2090, and appropriates such funds as may be necessary to pay all approved claims. The Victims Compensation Fund remains fully operational.

Rep. Peter T. King and John Feal, both of whom have been honored by FFCF for their work, along with comedian Jon Stewart, were all leaders in the effort to set up long-term funding for those sick with World Trade Center-related illnesses. Stewart and dozens of first responders appeared before Congress to lobby in favor of making the fund permanent.

Anyone who suffered harm or died as a result of the attacks on The World Trade Center, the Pentagon and Pennsylvania that occurred on September 11, 2001, or their personal representative can file a claim. Claims can be filed online at www.vcf.gov, or forms can be downloaded from that website and submitted to the Fund, or forms can be obtained by calling the Fund at 1-855-885-1555.

Save The
Date

8th Annual
Dinner Gala
11/21/19

Close Your Door

Fires Are Getting Faster, But You Can Get Ahead



Do you know that today, if your home broke out in fire, you would have less than three minutes to escape safely?

Forty years ago, a person had about 17 minutes to escape a burning home. Evolutions in furnishings, homes incorporating more open layouts, and lightweight construction materials, allow fires to spread much quicker.

But luckily, the simple action of closing your bedroom door before going to sleep can help slow the spread of smoke, heat and fire.

UL's Fire Safety Research Institute launched the "Close Your Door" fire PSA (public service announcement) to get this important fire safety tip out to as many families as possible.

Join the cause by taking the pledge and spread the word about the importance of closing your door!

<https://Closeyourdoor.org>

**When in doubt, get everyone out!
Close doors behind you
and call 911.**

We Get Letters

Thank you so much for the grant awarded to the Leominster Housing Authority. We appreciate this charitable act and we look forward to providing our residents with AED's (automatic external defibrillators).

Adam Gauti
Assistant Executive Director
Leominster House Authority

On behalf of the Santa Clara County FireSafe Council (SCFSC) and the communities we serve, we extend our thanks for your generous contribution. The SCFSC is public benefit corporation composed of public and private agencies, companies and individuals that share a common, vested interest in preventing and reducing losses from wildfires. Our mission is "Mobilizing the people of Santa Clara County to protect their homes, communities and environment from wildfires." We appreciate your support to sustain our FireSafe council and continue to protect Santa Clara County. We greatly appreciate your commitment and contribution.

Gary Sanchez
President

First and foremost, thank you for your generous grant. We will be using the grant money to purchase some much needed LED Flashlights for each of our volunteer firefighters. These flashlights will help keep our firefighters safe while they continue to serve our community. On Behalf of Chief Keith Beck, The Iberia Joint Fire District board and our firefighters we thank you for your continued support of our organization.

Benda D. Miller
Iberia Joint Fire District
Fiscal Officer

Words cannot express our overwhelming amount of love and gratitude for the outpouring of love and support shown for our Princess Warrior Isabella. These last few months have challenged our Princess Warrior and we know she unfortunately will have many more to face in the coming months, but we know we couldn't have made through this time without all your continued love, support and kind words. We thank you from the bottom of hearts for your grant.

Michelle, Justin, Isabella & Joseph Inzerillo and Families

On behalf of the Ellis Grove VFD, I would like to thank you very much for the grant check sent to our department. The money sent will be used to help upgrade our outdated fire extinguishers. This money is much appreciated and for our small department will help more than words can explain. Once again, Thank You.

Michael Jacksin
Chief
Ellis Grove Fire Department

We at the City of Forsyth Fire Department want to express our gratitude for the receipt of the grant to help the members of our community. We will use these funds to purchase smoke alarms to be distributed to the households within the city of Forsyth. This will enable us to provide a level of safety within these households so that the occupants will have an early warning device should fire breakout in their home. After all a working smoke alarm saves lives and with the grant we will be able to distribute them to more families within the community.

David Herndon, Fire Chief
City of Forsyth



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Firefighters Charitable Foundation

Annual Dinner Gala

November 21, 2019

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