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# YOU'RE INVITED TO **RECRUIT NY WEEKEND**

## APRIL 22 & 23

Assemblyman Palmesano and Mike Rogers from Senator O'Mara's office attended the Corning Joint Fire District's annual Installation Banquet on February 25th and helped recognize long-time members for their years of service to the community.

Pictured are Mike Rogers, Dave Shafer (30 Yrs), Francis Mayer II (30 Yrs), Chief Mike Brenning (15 Yrs), Doug Knopski (48 Yrs), Gary Johnson (53 Yrs) and Assemblyman Palmesano. Also recognized at the event were James Johnson (55 Yrs), Harry Cross (40 Yrs) and Arnold Cross (40 Yrs).



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# Please Consider Joining *Your Help Is Needed!*

## *Did You Know...?*

- 🔥 Outside of NYC, nearly **80% of fire protection services are provided by volunteer departments.**
- 🔥 The state has **lost thousands of volunteer firefighters and EMS responders** in recent years, leaving a tremendous unmet need in our rural communities.
- 🔥 While the number of volunteer firefighters across New York State has significantly decreased, **the annual call volume has nearly doubled over the past 30 years**, from 750,000 to 1.4 million.
- 🔥 Since the COVID-19 pandemic, **approximately 30 volunteer ambulance corps closed their doors** due to the overwhelming loss of valuable, well-trained personnel.
- 🔥 Benefits for emergency volunteers include a **state income tax credit, a real property tax exemption, a length of service award program, and college tuition reimbursement** through the FASNY Help Program.
- 🔥 The annual cost on the property taxpayer of an all-paid fire service would be **\$4.7 billion.**

**Even if you can't make it to **Recruit NY Weekend**, please make sure to thank your local emergency service volunteers the next time you see them!**



*Assemblyman Palmesano with members of the Valois Logan Hector Volunteer Fire Co. at their annual banquet, 2023.*

*“I’ve often said that our emergency volunteers are the backbone of our rural communities. Thank you so much for all that you do to keep our neighbors safe and for protecting the property taxpayers of our state.”*

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