

Columbia County Fire Chiefs' Association
General Meeting March 15, 2022 19:40

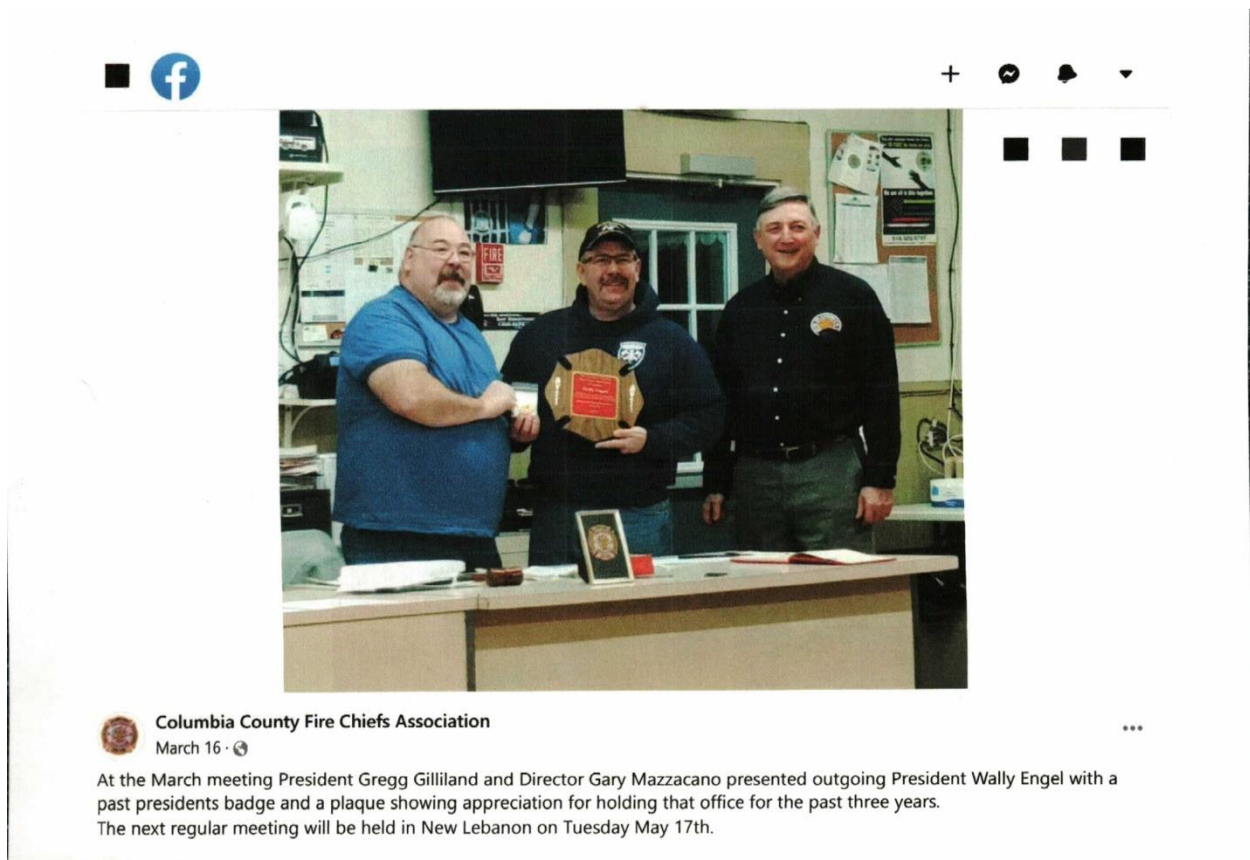
Meeting was called to order by the President, Gregg Gilliland.

Welcomed by Becraft Past Fire Chief, Gary Mazzacano.

Minutes: A motion to accept the reading of the minutes of January 18th, 2021, Wally Engel/Art Sherman - Carried.

Gary introduced Sheriff, Don Kraft and Under-Sheriff Jackie Salvatore They presented their ideas of combining training, outreach programs, and a training session in April.

Gregg presented Past President, Wally Engel with a plaque and badge of appreciation for his years of dedication to the fire service and the Chiefs' Assoc.



Membership: Applications have been received from 4 firefighters. Laura Foster made a motion to accept the application of Jeff Johnson, second by Wally Engel, also to accept the application of Steven Houghtling, second by Gary Mazzacano, plus a motion by Charlie Seid, to accept the application of Scott Wilson, 2nd by Wally Engel, and the application of Adam Cozze, was second by Wally Engel. The secretary cast 1 ballot for the 4 applicants' approval. All in favor, none opposed - Carried.

Sunshine: Wally stated Dave Chapman is hospitalized again due to problems following surgery.

Scholarship: No applications were received. Laura Foster reported that the Firefighters' Scholarship program is being revised.

Fire Safety Trailer: Gregg stated there is still a decision to be made as to whether to repair, replace or do away with the safety trailer. He suggested hiring someone to file for a grant. Dick Howard suggested seeking help through political channels. Laura Foster suggested we acquire pricing costs of both repair and replacement. She also state there is a new inflatable safety house and that should be looked into also. Dick Howard will be investigating these ideas.

Fair: There is a joint committee with CCVFA made up of Kyle Wilber, Eric Barns, and Gregg Gilliland to review use of the EMS Services both at the fairgrounds.

Burned -out-victims-fund: Gregg will purchase additional gift cards.

FAB: Garry Mazzacano reported they are awaiting the results of the use of posters and brochures from the recruitment campaign also they have applied for a grant from Greene County Bank. Their next meeting will be March 22.

**COLUMBIA COUNTY
OFFICE OF FIRE COORDINATOR
CC Fire Chiefs Directors Meeting 3/15/22
Coordinators Report**

January Activity Report
Assisted at 9 fire relayed calls
2 C&O calls
1 Haz Mat response

February Activity Report
Assisted at 7 fire related calls

Jan-Feb
Classroom training hours 275

School Schedule
Strategies @ Tactics T/TH started 3/1, 13 in the class
Aerial Devices set to start M/W 3/7
BEFO starts 3/22 M/W
Fire Police starts 4/12 T/TH

Classes scheduled through August 2022

5 Haz Mat team members heading to the academy in April
3 J-Fire members heading to the academy in April, as well.

Dedication and open house on Saturday, May 21, at 10am.

The coordinator would like to have a framed photo of each Fire Station to be displayed in the training facility.

He also stated there is a closet off the 2nd floor hallway for both CCVFA & CCFCA that will provide space for some files.

Treasurer's Report: Motion to accept the treasurer's reports of as read by the Gregg Gilliland. Gary Mazzacano/Charlie Seay - Carried.

Copies of these reports are attached to these minutes.

Communications: We received this year's application to place an ad in the convention yearbook. Wally Engel made a motion we continue using a ½ page, black & white ad at the cost of \$100.00. Art Sherman 2nd the motion -Carried.

We also received a bill for this year's NYSFCA dues of \$40.00. Motion to pay the bill Wally, second by Gary - Carried.

Old business: Gary stated, it is important we continue to promote attendance and recruitment. Sharing information among all fire companies whether it be about critiquing incidents, knowledge of purchasing equipment, or discussing methods to overcome manpower shortages will expand knowledge and save time & money.

Education and Training: We welcome input and ideas for training.

And ways to cover the costs of doing business.

A possible Golf Tournament was suggested.

For good of the Association

1st Friday every month till May 6th, Vern Higgins Sub Night in Philmont

Stuyvesant 3rd Friday every month till March 18th pizza & wings
Greenport Station #1 will be having a Soup Sampler March 25th
April 10th Ghent Company #1 will be holding an Easter Bunny Breakfast
May 7th Germantown Fire Company will be have their Chicken & Ribs dinner

The 50/50 was won by Mike Layman.

Next Directors' meeting April 19th at the training facility.
Next General meeting is May 17th at the New Lebanon Fire Station.

Motion to Adjourn Charlie Seay/Doug Garrison - Carried. 20:40

A moment of silence was held in inspect for Matt Larabee

Secretary,
Irene Huston

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Treasurer's Report

March 15th, 2022

General Fund

Checking Beginning Balance	\$13,222.19
Receipts	0.00
Disbursements	0.00
Interest Income	1.30
Checking Ending Balance	\$13,223.49

(Sunshine Fund in checking \$1,081.91)

(Fire Safety & Prevention in checking \$2,794.29)

Change Envelope	20.00
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Total General Fund	\$13,243.49
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Burned Out Victims' Clothing Fund

Checking Beginning Balance	\$57,723.24
Receipts	0.00
Disbursements	0.00
Interest Income	5.31
Checking Ending Balance	\$57,728.55

Total Burned Out Victims' Clothing Fund	\$57,728.55
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Total in all Accounts	\$70,972.04
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COLUMBIA COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES RESPONSE AND TRAINING FACILITY

DEDICATION AND OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2022

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

DEDICATION CEREMONY starts at 10:00 AM

DEMONSTRATIONS BY FIRE, EMS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES
OF THE FACILITY CAPABILITIES.

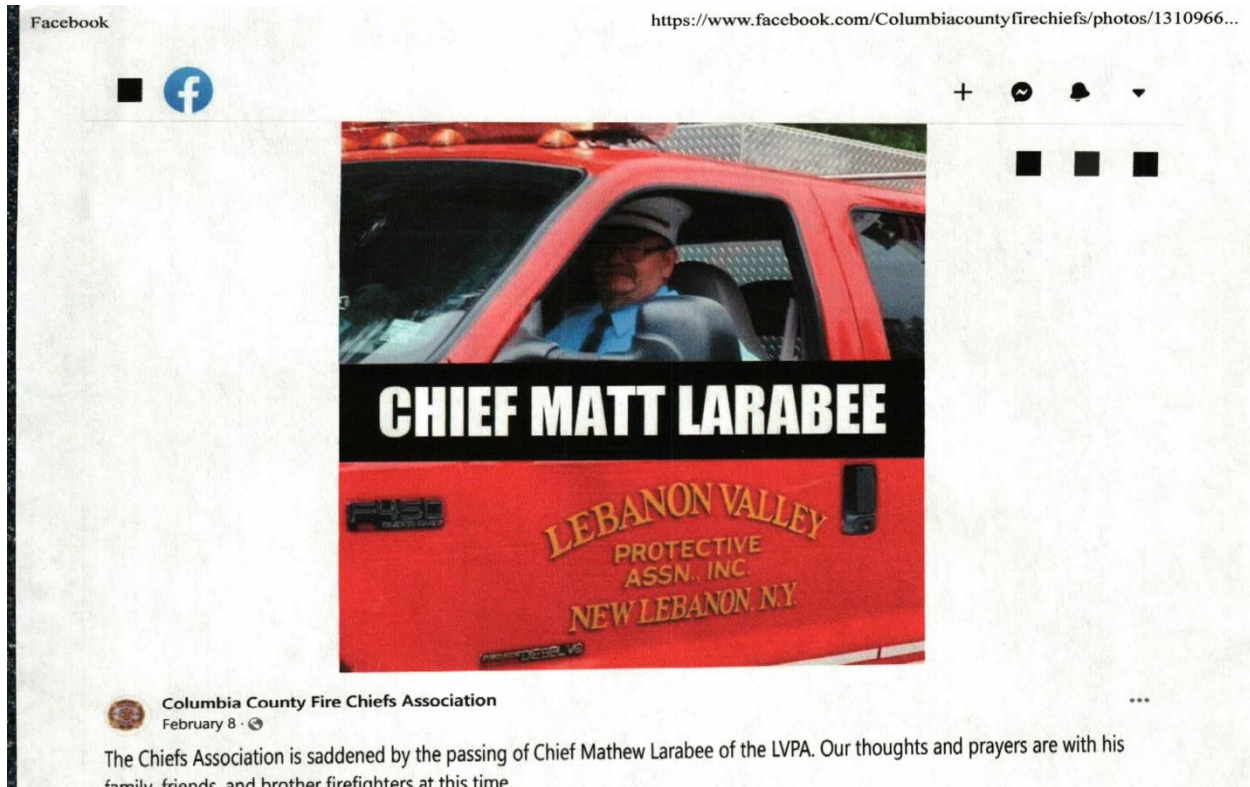
AGENCY INFORMATIONAL BOOTHS

TRAINING FACILITY EQUIPMENT VENDOR INFORMATIONAL BOOTHS

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

Please RSVP by April 21, 2022 to firecoordinator@columbiacountyny.com
or at 518-851-9362





Matthew Larabee

A longtime employee of his family's business, Larabee Fuel Co. in New Lebanon, N.Y., died at Berkshire Medical Center on February 7. He was 55.

Born August 21, 1966, in Pittsfield, Mass., to Malcolm and Susan (Miller) Larabee. He was a graduate of St Joseph's High School in Pittsfield.

As a youngster he collected funds for The Muscular Dystrophy Association, an effort that developed into an annual fundraiser. He presented his donation yearly on the Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon.

He was Chief of the Lebanon Valley Protective Association at the time of his death. A fire instructor at Montour Falls Fire Academy, he served on the Columbia Greene Regional Haz-Mat Team, developed and taught propane fire response training to other firemen, and instructed local schoolchildren about fire safety. He served on the town board, as Emergency Services Management Coordinator. He is survived by his parents, his wife Michelle, step-children Aaron, Rebecca, Megan, and Erin, his brother Scott and wife April, his sister Sena, his nephew Markos, and his niece Stacey.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Lebanon Valley Protective Association, PO Box 162, New Lebanon, NY 12125 for the building of a new firehouse that was a dream of Matt Larabee's.

Louis "Bud" Godfrey



Celebration of Life in loving memory of
Louis "Bud" Godfrey III



Please join us to celebrate the life of
Louis "Bud" Godfrey III
Saturday, May 14th
1pm-5pm

Fire Service will be held at 4pm
New Lebanon Fire Station
523 Route 20
New Lebanon, NY

Donations in Bud's honor can be made to the L.V.P.A.
PO BOX 162
New Lebanon, NY 12125