



**The 2022 Columbia County Volunteer Firefighters Association  
Lifetime Firefighter Achievement Award is presented to:**

**President Richard 'Dick' Howard**

Richard Howard, universally and affectionately known as 'Dick' was nominated by the Philmont Fire Company #1. He is a life member of the fire company after having joined there in 1976. Dicks service to the community started many years before, when he joined the J.W. Hoysradt Hose Company #8 in 1952.

During his lifelong service to the community, he served in many roles in the fire service, from junior officer up through Assistant Chief. In his more than 70 years of service to many communities he has served on the board of trustees and most notably his position as the Captain of the Fire Police, which he serves honorably.

Mr. Howard is a member and Past President of the Hudson Mohawk Volunteer FF's Association.

Most members and fellow firefighters will recognize Dick from his continued dedication to the Fire Services booth at the Columbia County fair. Many years ago Dick took over the task of ensuring the booth is run and staffed properly. He became the face of the fair at the fire services booth.

Mr. Howard's list of accomplishments and services to the community is long. Like many others receiving recognition tonight, Dick is one of the greats!

Mr. Howard, the CCVFA and this committee commend you, for your decades of service and dedication to not only the Philmont Fire Department, but to the entire fire service in Columbia County.

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