

# Safety News from Northport Fire Department

By Jim Mahoney

## 124<sup>th</sup> Annual Installation

Northport Fire Department held its 124<sup>th</sup> annual installation dinner earlier this month. Department, Company, Squad and Ladies Auxiliary renewed their oaths of office. Departed members from the previous year were remembered. The annual firefighter outstanding service awards as well as firematic milestones were also recognized. Veteran firefighter Peter Nolan was the evening's Master of Ceremonies and moved the program along with his keen timing and wit. Fire Safety Officer and Commissioner Paul Latuso served as the chaplain and offered very appropriate prayers.

Northport Fire Department Officers for 2013 are:

Chief Christopher J Hughes

1<sup>st</sup> Asst Chief Joseph Pansini

2<sup>nd</sup> Asst Chief Bradford Wine

Co-Secretaries Donna Drew and John Michels

Treasurer Nicholas Hughes

Asst Treasurer Peter Nolan

Hook & Ladder Company No. 1 Officers for 2013 are:

Captain Terence McNally

1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant John Latuso

2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant William Varese

Secretary Eric Bruckenthal

Treasurer Peter Nolan

Engine Company No. 1 Officers for 2013 are:

Captain John Hughes

1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant William S Forster

2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Douglas Pyne

Secretary William Marsden

Treasurer Michael McCormack

Rescue Squad Officers for 2013 are:

Captain David Lindley

1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant William Engellis

2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Vivian Danzi-Jacobsen

Secretary Elizabeth Schinella

Treasurer John Michels

Fire Police Squad Officers for 2013 are:

Captain William Hill

1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Frank Endee

2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Antonio Graziano

Secretary/Treasurer Donald Freed

Ladies Auxiliary Officers for 2013 are:

President Barbara Sheridan

Vice President Cathy Mancino

Secretary Regina Hill

Treasurer MaryEllen Ramonetti

Chaplain Donna Drew

Firefighters having passed away in 2012 were remembered. They are Thomas O. Mitman, George Parezo, Frank Rypka and Ladies Auxiliary member Marion Bornkamp.

### **Firematic Milestones**

30 Years: Thomas Dolan, Timothy Drew, William Engellis, Tod Thonger

35 Years: Richard Koch, Terry Koch, John Michels, Nicholas Prochilo

40 Years: Donald Bornkamp, James Mahoney, Theodore Unkel

50 Years: Louis Dahl, Raymond Maloney, Paul Scherer

55 Years: Richard Lewisy

Outstanding and devoted service to the department and community were:

Hook & Ladder Company: Louis Dahl & Raymond Maloney

Engine Company: Theodore Unkel

Rescue Squad: Donald Freed

Fire Police Squad: Paul Scherer

Department: Donald Freed

Donald Freed responded to 114 fire alarms and 339 ambulance calls – a total of 453 emergency responses in 2012.

Congratulations to all of the award winners and best wishes to all the officers for the coming year.

### **Pool Safety**

Most people become pool safety conscious as the warm weather approaches. Pool safety really must be a year round concern to homeowners. Earlier this month a 7 year old girl and her 5 year old brother drowned in a neighbor's pool in Central Islip. Any break in a fence surrounding a pool will enable youngsters to enter and with many cases a fatal ending. Anticipation and prevention of unauthorized use of pools is a must!

When pools are in use on scene adult supervision must always be present. There will be more emphasis on pool and beach safety to come in the May Safety News column. Also next column will feature details on the 2013 Firemen's Fair and the 2014 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration plans for the department.