

## **Bureau of Fire Public Safety Meeting – December 2025**

I hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving.

We have been very busy with structure fires, motor vehicle accidents, and weather-related calls. I want to thank all EMS, Fire, Police, 911, as well as DPW, DOT, and Highway Departments for their cooperation and teamwork in keeping our first responder and communities safe.

I attended the Regional Fire Administration Conference at the NYS Fire Academy and brought back a great deal of information to share with our Fire Departments, including:

- a. The new National Emergency Response Information System (NERIS) fire-reporting requirements taking effect January 1, 2026.
- b. Updates on the Volunteer Firefighter Cancer Disability Benefit Law and related reporting.
- c. High School Training Initiatives, including the rollout of Basic Exterior Operations Courses in schools.
- d. Discussions on Fire Mobilization and Mutual Aid, including responses provided to our County and our mutual-aid support out of County.

We are working with the County Planning Department on the update to the Hazardous Mitigation Plan.

Recently had a Regional meeting with Red Cross and New York State Office of Emergency of Management Partners discussing response and resources provided during fires and disasters.

Training is going well as we wind down for the year. We have just completed a basic firefighting class, we have several fire officer classes running and scheduled now and into the new year. Winter course planning is currently underway.

I would like to wish everyone a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season, whatever you are celebrating.