

BROOME COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

BROOME COUNTY, NEW YORK

MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Broome County Firefighters' Association held their annual Memorial Service on Friday, October 9, 2009, at the Ouaquaga United Methodist Church in Ouaquaga, NY. Honored were members of local fire companies who have died in the past year.

The service was officiated by Chaplain Dean Horton who was assisted by Rev. Dan Baker, Rev. Shields and Chaplain (west Corners) Bob Abbey. Stephanie Horton assisted with music for the service.

Broome County Fire Coordinator Brett Chellis also spoke about the New York State Memorial Service which was held last week honoring all New York Firefighters who have died in the line of duty. Two firefighters from our area were added to the roll. Ryan T. Barker from the West Hill Fire Department (near Elmira) was killed on July 8, 2008, when returning to the station, the fire truck lost control and overturned. The name of Frank P. Berlin from the Endicott Fire Department, who died on November 14, 1942, of a heart attack at a fire, was also added to the New York State Firefighter Memorial.



This year's Memorial Roll:

Apalachin Fire Company

**Victor R. Bird
Bernard Bailey**

Castle Creek Fire Company

William James

Chenango Fire Company

**Arthur Kopyar
Robert Mathewson**

Chenango Bridge Fire

Donna Smith

Choconut Center Fire Company

**Ralph Smith
George Harendza**

Endwell Fire Department

Douglas M. Lippy

Hillcrest

William Spring

Ouaquaga Fire Company

Tom Billingerie

Port Crane Fire Company

James Patrick Connors

Port Dickinson Fire Company

**John P. McNeish
Joseph R. Kelleher
Donald H. Chandler**

Town of Binghamton Fire Co.
Walter Aldrich
Daniel Strnatka, Jr.

Union Center Fire Company
Daniel Sabol

Vestal Fire Department
George Abbott
Earl Babcock
Phyllis Babcock
Frank Fitzsimmons

West Colesville Fire Company
James K. Boyce, Jr.

West Corners Fire Company
Robert V. Tingley
Dawson Herbaugh

West Windsor Fire Company
Donald Brooks
Joseph Gustainis
Jim Willis

Whitney Point Fire Company
Ralph Wilcox

Windsor Fire Company
Charles English
Edward Manchak