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TO: OFPC Staff
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FROM: Bryant D. Stevens
State Fire Administrator

SUBJECT: Funeral Arrangements
Matthew J. Porcari
Owego Fire Department

Funeral services for Firefighter Matthew J. Porcari of the Owego Fire Department have been finalized.

Calling hours will be held from 12:00pm – 4:00pm on Saturday, January 26, 2013 at the Owego Middle School Gym (3 Sheldon Guiles Blvd., Owego, NY 13827). The Funeral will be held on Sunday, January 27, 2013 at 2:00pm at the Owego Middle School Auditorium with a reception after the service in the School Cafeteria. Parking for personal vehicles is available on school property. Personnel should arrive by 1330 hours.

A static procession of apparatus is being requested for Sunday, January 26, 2013. Apparatus will be directed to line North Avenue (St Rte. 96) from Main Street to Talcott Street. Apparatus is requested to be in position by 1330 hours. One Piece of Fire Apparatus is being requested from each Fire Department in Chemung County, Tompkins County, Broome County, Susquehanna County, PA, and Bradford County, PA, if possible on the day of the funeral. Shuttle service from the staged apparatus locations to the services and back will be provided. Operators may remain with their vehicle and warming areas will be available.

All Tioga County Fire Departments are being asked to bring the apparatus of their choice on the day of the funeral if possible.

The procession from the school to the funeral home will be restricted to family members and members of the Owego Fire Department and invited agencies only. All other agencies are asked to remain at the school for the reception.

All agencies participating in the Calling hours and/or the Funeral are being asked to contact the Tioga Bureau of Fire by January 26 with details of responding personnel. Please contact Deputy Fire Coordinator Frank Okrasinski at (607) 727-8070 (cell), (607)-687-6782 (fax) or e-mail: frank@okrasinski.com.

Lodging Information will be posted on the department website at www.owegofire.com.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Firefighter Porcaris' family and the members of the Owego Fire Department.

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