

50 YEAR MEMBER HONOREES

All photos by Hank Hawver

On April 1, 2016, at Five Mile Point Fire Station #1, the Broome County Firefighters' Association honored 25 members of the fire service who have devoted more than 50 years of service each.

Broome County Director of Emergency Service Jerry Marinich and Broome County Executive Debra Preston were also on hand as awards and 50 year pins were handed out to the honorees.

ROBERT BURROWS: Robert Burrows joined the Ouaquaga Fire Company back in 1953. During his 63 years he has served as chief, assistant chief, lieutenant and captain. He was also Fire District Treasurer for 50 years. Bob is still actively involved in the fire company, currently serving as Assistant Treasurer.

GREGG COOK: Gregg has been a member of Endwell/O. L. Davis Fire Company since 1965. Gregg has served in many positions including Assistant Chief and he is currently a fire company trustee. After 51 years he remains very active with the fire company and is still an interior firefighter. In 2015 he volunteered over 800 hours for calls, trainings and other fire department work. Gregg also serves as the Broome County haz mat captain.

EARL DRURY: Earl has been a member of the fire service since 1949 and has over 67 years of service. He was a member of the Maine Fire Company for 39 years and joined Port Crane in 1988. Earl has been President of the Fire Company and has served as Med Team Captain and Lieutenant. He is currently a member of the Board of Directors and is still an active member of the Port Crane med team as well as instructing first aid and CPR classes. In recent years Earl has chaired two truck committees and is dedicated to fire prevention and education, each year teaching fire safety to home schooled children. Earl is also an active member of the Broome County Firefighters' Association and regularly attends our meetings.



Bud Eaton of Chenango Fire receives his award for 57 years of service

ELWYN "BUD" EATON: Bud joined the Castle Creek Fire Company in 1959 where he served in many offices including Chief of the department. In 2010 Castle Creek merged with Chenango Fire

Company and Bud is still active, currently serving as a board member, fire police lieutenant and safety officer for Chenango Fire with 57 years of active service.

EDWARD EGAN: Ed joined the Five Mile Point Fire company back in June 1962 and in 1974 was named Five Mile Point's Firefighter of the Year.

Over his 54 years he has been Lieutenant, Captain, Assistant Chief, Financial Secretary and Treasurer. Ed remains an active member of the fire company, still attends training on a regular basis and rarely misses a meeting.

RUSSELL ESTUS: Russ joined the Hinmans's Corners Fire Company back in June of 1964. In 1985 Hinman's Corners merged with other fire companies to form the Chenango Fire Company. Russ has 52 years of active service having previously served as Fire Police Lieutenant and Board member. Russ remains an active member of the Fire Police.

ROY FYNBOE: Roy joined the Nimmonsburg Fire Company back in 1963 and became a member of the Chenango Fire Company in 1985 when the fire companies merged. During his 53 years with the fire company he has served in many capacities, both fire company and fire officer positions, including Chief, assistant chief, company president and treasurer.

PAUL GREGSON: Paul joined Vestal Fire Company #2 back in 1964 and in his 52 years has served as Fire Police Captain. He is still an active member of the Vestal Fire Police and regularly attends the meetings of the Broome County Firefighters' Association.

LEWIS HOFFER: Lew joined the Endwell/O. L. Davis Fire Company back in 1959 and has been an active member for 57 years. Lew was Assistant Chief for many years as well as serving as a lieutenant and safety officer. He served as Fire Commissioner until 2014 and is still an active fire company member and regularly attends the meetings of the Broome County Firefighters' Association.

RON LINFOOT: Ron joined Vestal Fire Company #1 in 1961 and served in several officer positions. He remains active with 55 years of membership.

LEROY "MIKE" LINVILLE: Mike joined the Chenango Bridge Fire Company in 1960, serving as Chief and Fire Company President among other offices over his 56 years as a member. Mike was very active with his fire company and regularly attended meetings of the Broome County Firefighters' Association. He served as our FASNY legislative representative right up until his death in March of 2015.

ROBERT MILLS: Bob joined Endwell/ O. L. Davis Fire Company back in 1956. He served as Captain of the Fire Police for over 30 years and just stepped down from that position two years ago. Bob still remains active in the fire company with 60 years of service.



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Irene Linville receives awards for her husband, Mike Linville, who passed away in 2015. Mike had 56 years of service and was a very active member of the Firefighters' Association.

ROBERT NASIATKA: Bob has been a member of Vestal fire company #1 since 1964 and is a Past Chief and Past Fire Marshal of the Vestal Fire Department. He remains active with the fire

ANDY NAZAK, JR: Andy has been a member of Vestal Fire Co #4 since 1961. Andy has been active for 55 years and currently serves with the fire police.

ROBERT RICE: Robert has been active in the fire service for over 57 years. He has belonged to fire companies in Tennessee, Ohio, Missouri, Kentucky, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. In New York he has belonged to fire companies in New Haven, Mexico, and most recently with Triangle and Ouaquaga Fire Companies.

CLARENCE "CORKY" ROGERS: Corky joined the Harpursville Fire Company back in 1965 and in his 51 years of membership has held most officer positions including Fire Commissioner at one time or another. He currently serves as a member of the Board of Fire Directors and Fire Police Captain; he is also active with the water rescue team.

GLENN SIMPSON: Glenn joined the Glen Aubrey Fire Company back in 1953 and has been actively involved for more than 63 years with the fire company.

MARGARET TREBILCOCK: In 1958 Margaret Trebilcock joined the Hinman's Corners Fire Department, and in 1985 with the fire department merger, she became a member of the Chenango Fire Company. Margaret has remained active with the fire company for more than 58 years.

RICHARD TREBILCOCK: Richard joined the Hinman's Corners fire company back in January of 1951 and became a member of the Chenango Fire Company when the companies merged in 1985. During that time he has held a number of offices including fire company president and currently serves as fire police captain with 65 years of service.

CARLE TRUMAN: Carle became a member of Vestal Fire Company #1 back in 1957 and has remained active for over 59 years. Carle has been the Town of Vestal Fire Marshal for many years. He is also very active in fire prevention and education activities for the

department. He often uses the Firefighters' Association's fire safety trailer at schools and other events to teach fire safety to children. Each year he is an organizer of the big fire safety event that Vestal holds each year to kickoff fire prevention week.

WES TYLER: Wes Tyler has been active in the fire service since 1950 when he became a charter member of the Westford, NY Fire Department. In 1956, Wes moved to Maine and has been active for more than 60 years. He served as a Fire Commissioner for the Maine Fire District until a couple years ago. Wes was an active member of the fire department and charter member of the Maine Fire Department Emergency Squad. He was very involved with the radio equipment and assisted in getting Broome County's communications off the ground. Wes was a past President of the Firefighters' Association and served as a Director until 2008.



Fire Coordinator Tom Vroman receives his award for 51 years of service from County Executive Debra Preston.

TOM VROMAN: Tom joined the Hillcrest Fire Company back in 1965 and has devoted 51 years of his life to the fire service. Tom became a career firefighter in Endicott in 1971 and prior to that time he spent four years in the Air Force Fire Department and worked as a forest fire observer for the DEC. Tom has been Broome County Deputy Fire Coordinator for 36 years. In January 2016 Tom was appointed Broome County Fire Coordinator.

GENE WAGNER: Gene Wagner joined Vestal fire company #1 in 1963 and has been active for 53 years. Gene has been involved in the New York State Volunteer Firefighters bowling tournament and chaired the tournament for Vestal and for many years. Gene remains active with the fire police, currently as a Fire Police Lieutenant. .

LEO WELCH: Leo Welch joined the Maine Fire Department in 1948 and in his 68 years has served as a firefighter, fire police captain, and Assistant Chief. Until recently he was a member of the Board of Fire Commissioners where he served as board secretary. Leo was instrumental in the restoration of Maine's beautiful antique truck, the first motorized fire apparatus in the Town of Maine.

ED ZIMMER: Ed Zimmer joined Vestal Fire in 1962 and served as Chief of the Department for many years, as well as holding other officer positions in his 54 years of membership. Ed continues to be active in the fire department.

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