





BAY SHORE-BRIGHTWATERS RESCUE AMBULANCE

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### Why God made EMTs

When God made EMTs, He was into His sixth day of overtime. An angel appeared and said, "You're doing a lot of fiddling around on this one." God said, "Have you read the specs on this order?"

A EMT has to be able to carry an injured person up a wet, grassy hill in the dark, dodge stray bullets to reach a dying child unarmed, enter homes the health inspector wouldn't touch, and not wrinkle his uniform."

"He has to be able to lift three times his own weight. Crawl into wrecked cars with barely enough room to move, and console a grieving mother as he is doing CPR on a baby he knows will never breathe again."

"He has to be in top mental condition at all times, running on no sleep, black coffee and half-eaten meals, and he has to have six pairs of hands."

The angel shook her head slowly and said, "Six pairs of hands...no way."

"It's not the hands that are causing me problems," God replied.

"It's the three pairs of eyes a medic has to have."

"That's on the standard model?" asked the angel.

God nodded. "One pair that sees open sores as he's taking vitals, always wondering if the patient is HIV positive." (When he already knows and wishes he'd taken that accounting job)

"Another pair here in the side of his head for his partner's safety. And another pair of eyes here in front that can look reassuringly at a bleeding victim and say, "You'll be alright ma'am when he knows it isn't so."

"Lord," said the angel, touching His sleeve, "rest and work on this tomorrow."

"I can't," God replied.

"I already have a model that can talk a 250 pound drunk out from behind a steering wheel without incident and feed a family of five on a private service paycheck." The angel circled the model of the Paramedic very slowly. "Can it think?" she asked.

"You bet", God said. "It can tell you the symptoms of 100 illnesses; recite drug calculations in its sleep; and continue CPR nonstop over terrain that any doctor would fear... and it still keeps its sense of humor."

"This EMT also has phenomenal personal control. He can deal with a multi-victim trauma, coax a frightened elderly person to unlock their door, comfort a murder victim's family, and then read in the daily paper how EMTs were unable to locate a house quickly enough, allowing the person to die. A house that had no street sign, no house numbers, no phone to call back."

Finally, the angel bent over and ran her finger across the cheek of the EMT.

"There's a leak," she pronounced.

"I told You that You were trying to put too much into this model."

"That's not a leak," God replied, "It's a tear."

"What's the tear for?" asked the angel.

"It's for bottled up emotions, for patients they've tried in vain to save, for commitment to that hope that they will make a difference in a person's chance to survive, for life."

"You're a genius!" said the angel.

God looked somber. "I DIDN'T PUT IT THERE" He said.

# WILLIAM FROEHLICH 30



**Dear Members;**

I hope that your holidays were joyous, and I wish you all nothing but good wishes for the New Year. The year of 2012 has been an amazing year for BSBRA on so many levels, and I can only imagine what will have in store for us.

We finished off the year of 2012 with a total of 4001 recorded calls (via MedCom), with only 47 of those calls which were mutual aided to neighboring agencies. Therefore, we finished last year with a 1.17% mutual aid rate, the lowest in the town. This number does not take into effect any of the TAC stats at this time. You should all be proud of the hard work that you have put forth in order to help BSBRA have another successful year. Great job by all!

I would like to thank the Captains and the Chief's for the work they have done over the past year. You have all done an amazing job coordinating the crews for your days, and have always been there to help out each other. The teamwork that is exhibited on a daily basis is noticed not only by me, but our neighbors to the North, East and West. I ask that you all keep up the great job, and do the best to fill those duty slots.

I would fall short if I was not to send a big thank you out to our membership as well. We as officers realize that we are successful in large part to your dedications to the communities we serve and the members of those communities. I ask that all members continue to listen up and pay attention to the emails that go out in regards to crew status. With all things that have been going on, it is becoming increasingly difficult to get crews. Please continue to do your part in order to make us a success.

There are a few issues that I would like to address in regards to crew status and pager responses. We have compiled what we believe to be a current list of members who have been issued pagers. We have also looked back over the past 6 months, and found that very few of you whom have been issued pagers, are actually calling in when a signal 3 goes out. As a matter of fact, the number of members that do this on a consistent basis is 6. Although we have not had many issues with this over the past 7 years, it has become somewhat of an issue at this time. We are asking that anyone that has been issued a pager to please CALL IN when there is an alarm as long as you are available. We will document your call on the log sheet, and we will allow you to use this on your time card. I understand this may cause some issues for those of you that are dispatching; however, I feel it important for members to use the equipment that they have been issued. The Chiefs will evaluate the response on a monthly basis. In the event that there are two consecutive months of no call in's for a member that has a pager, you will be stripped of your pager. That pager will be re-issued to someone that can respond accordingly. This is going into effect immediately.

Another issue that we as officers faced this past month was charges stemming from a Driver Review Committee. It was noted that misleading statements were made on paper, which was used during an official investigation for an accident that occurred. Unfortunately, this did not fair well for the member, and actions were taken which have never been taking before. Please let this serve as a warning to ALL MEMBERS, officers included. NOT ONE PERSON IN THIS ORGANIZATION IS ABOVE THE BY-LAWS OR SOP'S. If something is done that is in violation of the By-Laws or SOP's and you are implicated in such actions, please tell the truth. Do not feel as if you can side step any by-law without being caught. Be the bigger person and admit your faults and take the penalty, whatever that will be. Lying during an official investigation will not help your situation, and the penalties will be much stiffer. Not only do you hurt yourself and your reputation, but you hurt the membership of this organization; an organization that was founded by the hard working people of this community and have written the by-laws to preserve the sanctity of their commitment. Do not disrespect them, and do not disrespect this agency.

I have developed a new PCR committee that has been working hard going through all of the PCR's and putting them in order. I would ask that you read their report in the Signal 19, and please adhere to the changes that will be coming up. It is imperative that we work together on this.

Otherwise, please keep up the great work, and keep listening to the pagers. All of us have proven that team work is the only way to be successful. Please do your part and keep BSBRA the best in the Town of Islip!

# NOAH FISCH 32

Hello Everyone,

First of all Happy New Year. I hope everyone had a great holiday season.

The mandatory trainings are now behind us and can now look forward to new trainings in the future. Please welcome all the new probies as they begin to ride. Please make them feel at home and like part of our family.

If you are in the process of getting cleared, Please let me know if you would like to go over your evaluations so we can discuss your progress.

For the time being, BOD Secretary Steve Fishman is in charge of clearing ALS providers. If you would like to discuss your progress, please direct all evaluations and questions to him.

I have been approached by a few who need WMD awareness classes. One will be scheduled in the next 2-3 Months. The instructor was out of town doing Hurricane Sandy relief and should return soon.

Great Job getting the calls out.

Noah Fisch 2nd Assistant Chief @ bsbra

## JANUARY 2013'S CALENDAR

### MANDATORY PHYSICAL EXAM

**All members**

**Sunday, Jan. 6th 2012**

**HQ @ 0900 hours**

### INSTALLATION DINNER

**Saturday Jan. 19th 2013**

**Cocktail hour**

**@ 1800 hours**

### General Meeting

**To All Members**

**Monday, Jan. 7th 2013**

**HQ @ 2000 hours**

### OTHER TRAINING

**To Check for future trainings**

**please click [HERE](#)**

# NEW YOUTH SQUAD MEMBER



Hello, my name is Shayla Paoletti.

I am very excited to be joining Youth Squad this year! For the past couple of years I have been allowed to participate in the parades with YS with permission from the Chief. It was always very exciting for me. I could not wait to be old enough to become a YS member. My mom joined BSBRA almost four years ago and she told me all about the Youth Squad. At first when she told me about what she does on the ambulance, I thought that is gross, why would you do that kind of stuff? The more she got into it, the more I did too. I now want to become an EMT too.

This past year, I was asked to go to states with the YS. They needed me to be their patient. At first I was not sure if I should go because I did not know anyone, and no one knew me, but I went anyway. I was so excited to be a part of it. At first I was not feeling too comfortable but then Alyssa talked to me. She made me feel a lot better about things. If it wasn't for her I don't think I would be joining. I am happy to say I am now an official member of YS. I was very scared at first but now I have made a few new friends and I got close to them.

In the future I hope to become a pediatrician. I know that this is a great stepping stone for me to learn all about medicine, patient care and what it means to help others.

Once I am older I am plan on becoming a full member of BSBRA.....

Shayla Paoletti YS @ BSBRA

# CAPTAIN'S CORNER

## Sunday

[#54] By Felix Rodriguez \* Cell: (631) 813-5142 \* E-mail:[frodriguez@bsbra.org](mailto:frodriguez@bsbra.org)

All,

Thank you for coming down a helping out on Sunday's. I want to especially thank Sundays Crew Chief's for taking charge during my absence and all the officers that came down.

I want to reiterate the importance of keeping the ambulances clean inside and out at all times. It does not take much for this to happen. And hour out of a six hr tour is not much to ask.

Take pride.

Happy New Year. Blessings to you all and your families.

## Monday

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Report Submitted

## Tuesday

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Happy New Year everyone!

I would like to start off thanking everyone who has helped me out on Tuesdays, especially during the two major holidays. I truly appreciate it more than you know.

Tuesdays have been extremely light. I do not have any set crews, from midnight to midnight. I do have a tech/driver and a couple of probationary members on the 1800-0000, but the rest is basically a gamble on who comes down. In the morning, if I have a paid employee, they do not come in until 0800. I really need those of you who can help out during any of these hours to do so. I believe the success of this department comes down to you, the members. You guys are the ones that get these calls out. I know it is tough to put personal differences aside at times, and there may be someone here you do not care for. However, our main purpose here is to take care of the community when they call on us. Additionally, I am really going to need help at the end of the month and the next four months. I go back to school on Jan.

22<sup>nd</sup> and unfortunately, my nine-hour clinical is on Tuesdays. I tried for a different day but no luck.

Stop me if you've heard this before...the cleanliness of the building. I came in one Tuesday to find a pizza box on the floor of the crews lounge in front of the T.V. Dishes constantly left around the lounge or in the sink. This is completely unacceptable. You know who you are, and the officers know who you are, that is doing this on a constant basis when you are in the building. Enough is enough. We are all adults and capable of picking up a dish. Or a pizza box. Please take personal responsibility and pride in our building and help to keep it looking good.

Finally, beyond all that, I think you are all amazing. You selflessly give your time to make BSBRA a better place. Each and every one of you does your best to make us a success. I want you to know that although it may not be shown to some of you on an individual basis, you really are appreciated.

We had a busy year last year and I am sure we are going to be just as busy, if not busier in this up coming year. Keep up the fantastic work and thank you for being here.

# Wednesday

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# Thursday

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# Friday

[#52] By Alex Mullin \* Cell: (631) 872-8152 \* E-mail:[amullin@bsbra.org](mailto:amullin@bsbra.org)

Hello everyone. Hope you all had a nice holiday. Fridays are going smooth. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has come down and given a great deal of their free time to help us get the job done on Fridays. There were some busy days but we got everything covered promptly and efficiently thanks to you. You're only as good as the people you have to help you get the job done and you should all be proud. If anyone needs any help with anything where i can be of some assistance, with regards to training or any issues you may have concerning this department, please don't hesitate to reach out to me. That's all for this month. Here's to a good new year for all of us.

# Saturday

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# COMPANY SECRETARY

## INTERIM STATUS

Good Evening Members,

It's that time again, at the January Officers Meeting the officers will be going over call in and interim status for the next three months. All members looking to request call in status are asked to submit a letter to the officers before the Officers meeting which is scheduled for January 18th at 1900hrs.

Those members that are at school are asked to submit school schedules along with a letter requesting interim status.

If you were previously on Call In or Interim and do not submit a letter you will be held to the duty roster and must complete a 6hr consecutive duty slot as per the by-laws

Please contact one of the Chiefs with any questions.

Also, Please remember to sign in for all you do here at BSBRA. If you miss a duty slot please remember to fill out an excuse form within the 30 day time frame. Its only January and already some members are on the verge of finding themselves not eligible.

Thanks :)

Respectfully, Robert Dean Company Secretary @ BSBRA

## GOOD & WELFARE

### PASSING'S

Life Member George Mayott's brother Frank passed away in December. Our condolences to George and his family.

\*\*\* If you have changed your address or phone number, please email Robert Dean at [rdean@bsbra.org](mailto:rdean@bsbra.org).

## PCR COMMITTEE

Hello All,

There have been a few things that we have noticed while sorting though the mounds of calls that we have on a monthly basis. We are asking for your help in the following ways:

- 1) Please secure all important pieces of paper (ie: PCR and Tube placement forms, or RMA, or EKG strips) together with tape or staple in the upper left hand corner.
- 2) Please ensure that the run numbers are placed on ALL Sheets and strips.
- 3) Make sure that when leaving the hospitals, you have a signature on the back of the PCR. This is a required aspect of the continuity of patient care.
- 4) ALS PROVIDERS: please make a copy of your ET tube placement sheet, and put that with your PCR. Please make sure that the original is placed in the Chief's Mailbox so that it can be sent to county as per their requirement.

Should there be any questions, please contact us. We understand that there is a lot of paper work, and that we as an organization have lots of calls. It is imperative that we get this paper work in order for future use.

Sincerely, Alex Froehlich and Amy Cooper @ BSBRA

# BIKE COMMITTEE

Bike Team season begins once again in March. Please listen up for an announcement for an upcoming mandatory meeting for all B.T. members.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the B.T., please speak to either Kerri Paoletti or Joe Frisina.

Current members:

Please be sure that Kerri has your most current email address. The SOP's for our committee have been updated and will be emailed out in the beginning of January. If you would like a printed copy, please see Kerri.

We are looking forward to another great year!

Respectfully Kerri Paoletti Tuesday Captain @ bsbra

# LOSAP COMMITTEE

This is your final opportunity to receive credit for any Corps-related activities you participated in during 2012. This includes committees, stand-by's, fundraising, drills, special events, trainings (in-house and outside), parades, funerals, etc. Check your files (or piles) for any sign-in sheets that you may have forgotten to hand in. I CAN NOT take the information from the back of your time card; the Town of Islip REQUIRES a sign-in sheet for everything, with the exception of EMT classes. For any new or refresher BLS/EMT/Medic certifications, I MUST HAVE A COPY OF YOUR NEW

CARD in order to give credit. If you know you did an activity but you don't remember the date, contact me, I have the 2012 timecards. If you have any questions about your points, contact me. I'm usually in the building weeknights between 4-8 PM. I can be reached at [bspiegel@bsbra.org](mailto:bspiegel@bsbra.org) or at (631) 921-4481, or leave a note in the Board of Directors mailbox. **I must have all sign-in sheets by Tuesday, JANUARY 15, 2013.**

Barbara Spiegel & Chris Flick  
LOSAP Committee

# DINNER DANCE COMMITTEE

Hello,

Just a reminder that our postponed Installation Dinner Dance is on January 19, 2013. You MUST bring a valid photo Government issued ID with your date of birth on it if you choose to consume alcohol. You will be receiving a wrist band at the door after your ID is checked and verified by the Hyatt staff. You must keep this wrist band on for the duration of the night, as well as keep your photo ID with you as the Hyatt as told us they will be randomly checking ID's during the event.

If you are staying to partake in the hospitality room, you must keep your bracelet on you, as well as your photo ID. Their

bartenders, which will be staffing the room, will be randomly checking as well. Please consider a designated driver if you have not already made arrangements to stay at the hotel.

Underage drinking WILL NOT be tolerated, and is grounds for charges or termination from the department.

Please enjoy the night responsibly. The committee has worked incredibly hard in planning, and in re-planning this special night.

Jen and the Dinner Dance Committee

**From: Board of Directors**                   **Date: October 22, 2012**  
**To: All Members of Bay Shore Brightwaters Rescue Ambulance, Inc**  
**Subject: Policy Statement – Annual Department Physicals**

**Effectivity:**

This policy statement was duly enacted during the October 22, 2012 meeting of the BSBRA Board of Directors and is effective as of that date. There is no end date for this policy.

**Scope:**

In keeping with the goal of maintaining a world class rescue organization, the BOD has enacted a policy of requiring the membership receive annual physical examinations.

This policy is inline with our mission statement and is consistent with policies enacted in similar agencies in our area.

**Definitions:**

Dispatcher - Member that does not respond to ambulance calls or treats patients. As the name implies, dispatchers routinely staff and operate the radio console.

Members –All voluntary members and paid employees

Regular Rolling Member – any member authorized to respond to calls in any department vehicle.

Unfit – Term used to categorize members who are precluded from responding to ambulance calls and or treating patients either due to health issues or failure to comply with this policy.

Physical Examination – A medical health examination performed by the organization's authorized subcontractor. No other examination will be considered to determine status.

**Requirements:**

This physical examination is mandatory to all regular rolling members both volunteer and paid, and is provided free of charge. Physical examinations are performed in our building by an outside service and are available numerous times throughout the year.

All riding members must complete a physical exam by July 31<sup>st</sup> of each calendar year. Failure to do so will have the member's status changed to "Unfit" and will be precluded from responding to calls. An unfit status is equivalent to medical leave as defined in the by-laws.

**Penalties for non-conformance:**

No member deemed unfit shall respond to ambulance calls or dispatch

No paid member deemed unfit can sign up for a duty slot, or work any shifts for the organization.

**Exempt:**

The following membership categories are exempt from this policy.

1. All current youth squad members
2. Life members that do not respond to ambulance calls
3. Paid members performing only clerical duties
4. Contractors
5. All members on leave are exempt from this policy for the duration of the leave. This policy must be satisfied prior to the completion of leave.

**Non-Exempt:**

The following categories must adhere to this policy.

1. All line officers, regardless of membership status
2. Board of Directors unless they are Life Members and do not respond on ambulance calls.
3. Members on leave are only exempt for the period of the leave.
4. Members on Interim status must adhere to this policy.

**Remediation:**

- A. If a member is determined to be "Unfit" resulting from the physical examination, the examination contractor will inform the organization of the unfit status only. The organization will not have any details pertaining to the member's health issues.
  - a. The unfit member can choose to discuss the medical issues with the organization's medical director. The organization's medical director will have the final say on the member's fitness status.
  - b. The unfit member can re-take the physical examination at any time. Only the latest physical examination will be used to determine status.
- B. If the member has failed to adhere to this policy, such member is precluded from responding to ambulance calls and is determined to be unfit.
  - a. The unfit member can take the physical examination at any time. Only the latest physical examination will be used to determine status.

**General Statements:**

- A. Any member deemed as "Unfit" will be placed on medical leave and must follow the by-laws pertaining to that status.
- B. Any discrepancy between this policy and the by-laws, this policy takes precedence.
- C. Members on suspension or leave are permitted to enter the building to have a physical examination performed.
- D. The organization's contractor may, from time to time, perform examinations at other locations. Members are allowed to take the examination at other locations only when administered by the organization's contractor.

# BSBRA DONATION 3-24-85



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# POSTED NOTES



Dear  
Kerri -

2012

Hope your holiday sparkles with joy!

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Have a wonderful holiday  
and a Happy New Year.

From  
Brownie Troop  
1414

Dear Kerri,



Hazel  
Thank you so much for speaking to us about first aid and giving us a tour of the ambulance corp!!

Merry Christmas  
Rose

Emma V.  
Merry  
Christmas

Laurel  
and the  
Buzzz Bees.  
They are our  
friends.

Kristal & Arez  
Isabella  
Gianna  
Emily  
Giaha  
Angelina  
Rosina O'Shea  
Bridget C.

Emma S., Girl Scout Troop 1414



# +The National Association of EMS Educators EMS Instructor Course Level 1

January 25-27, 2013  
in Partnership with  
Kingsborough Community College



Course Hours - 8 AM – 5:00 PM each day

## General Information

The NAEMSE EMS Instructor Course has been designed and developed as a result of the DOT/NHTSA National Guidelines for Educating EMS Instructors. This Course represents the didactic component and practical application of the education process necessary to become an EMS instructor. Enrollment will be limited to 100 participants. Individuals who attend the entire course and pass the post test will receive a Certificate of Course Completion from NAEMSE with CEU's which is accredited by the Continuing Education Coordinating Board for Emergency Medical Services (CECBEMS).

## COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

A portion of the course will be conducted online and includes educational material pertinent to the successful completion of the course

- Check here that you understand course requirement.

## Course Cost

**\$295 for NAEMSE Members**

**\$385 for Non-NAEMSE Members**

**Continental Breakfast & Lunch for all 3 days provided by  
Kingsborough Community College.**

## Course Location

Kingsborough Community College  
MAC Rotunda (2<sup>nd</sup> floor-M240)  
2001 Oriental Blvd.  
Brooklyn, NY 11235

## Lodging TBD

## Non Member Special Opportunity

For those who are not NAEMSE members, we are happy to offer you a special membership opportunity available only at this course. **Join NAEMSE and receive 18 months for the cost of a paid 1 year membership.** You will have full access to all services provided by NAEMSE. To take advantage of this offer, please see the NAEMSE staff member attending your course for an application and for additional information.

**\*membership application and payment must be returned to NAEMSE either at the course site or to the NAEMSE office within 1 week of course completion.**

## Registration

First Name	Last Name	NAEMSE Member#
Title	Company	
Address - check here if this is a home address <input type="checkbox"/>		
City, State Zip		
Phone	Fax	Email
\$295 for NAEMSE Members		
\$385 for Non -Members*		
\$ Total Fees Enclosed = _____		

Payments accepted by Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Check or Purchase Order.

### \*Payment must be received no later than 2 weeks prior to the course.

Make checks payable to NAEMSE and mail to 250 Mt. Lebanon Blvd. Ste. 209 Pittsburgh, PA 15234 - Phone: 412-343-4775 - Fax: 412-343-4770

*Credit card number needed to guarantee registration unless Check or PO accompanies registration form.*

Credit Card Number:

Credit Card Type: [ ] Visa [ ] MasterCard [ ] AmEx      Expiration Date:      Security Code (back of card):

## LICENSE INFORMATION IS REQUIRED TO RECEIVE CEU's FOR COURSE

License #	License State	License Expiration
License Type	NREMT # (if applicable)	NREMT Expiration

### Cancellation Policy:

2 Weeks (14 days) prior to course date: No refund will be issued but registration payment can be held for another course within a one year period. An additional fee of \$50 will be assessed for re-registration.

Send cancellation notifications to [naemse@naemse.org](mailto:naemse@naemse.org) within the time periods noted above.

- Check here to indicate that I understand this cancellation policy.

# 2013 NEW YORK STATE TECHNICAL RESCUE CONFERENCE

MARCH 8-10, 2013 • NYS ACADEMY OF FIRE SCIENCE, MONTOUR FALLS, NY

## OPEN TO ALL FIRST RESPONDERS

The Technical Rescue Conference will Include  
Workshops on the Following Technical Rescue Topics:

- Swiftwater Rescue/Water Rescue
- Rope Rescue/ Confined Space
- Structural Collapse Rescue /Trench Rescue
- Vehicle/Machinery Rescue
- Technical Rescue Incident Management

### Preconference Events Friday March 8, 2013:

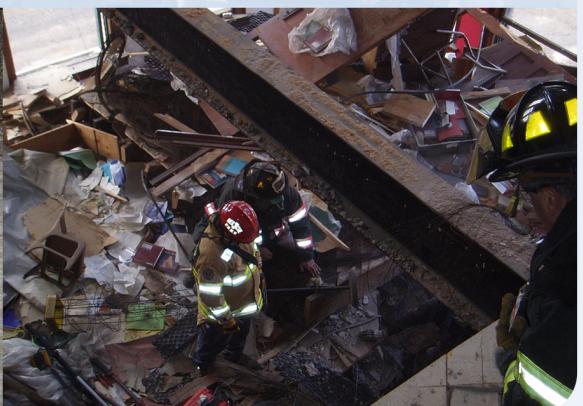
- Annual Technical Rescue Leadership Forum  
Open to team leaders of technical rescue teams  
– limited to 2 per team – OFPC approval required
- Technical Rescue Skill Refresher Programs

### Costs:

**Registration Fee: \$25 NYS Resident / \$50 Out of State**

**Lodging at Academy of Fire Science: \$40 per day (including meals)**

**Register Now!**



# CASH STIPEND AVAILABLE TO FIRE AND EMS VOLUNTEERS IMPACTED BY HURRICANE SANDY



We always speak of how the volunteer services are like a family, and here's some proof that we on Long Island have family ties that extend across the nation. The National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) makes a \$250 disaster-relief stipend available to volunteer firefighters and EMS personnel who have incurred substantial losses from a state- or federally declared disaster – and you may qualify. The stipend is being offered through the NVFC's Volunteer Firefighter Support Fund, made possible by contributions from individuals and organizations throughout the United States.

Did you or anyone in your department sustain an uninsured loss of \$5,000 or more as the result of Hurricane Sandy? Then you need to visit <http://nvfc.org/about-us/support-the-nvfc/nvfc-volunteer-firefighter-support-fund> and complete the online application. To be eligible you must be an active volunteer, rescue worker or EMS provider, and be an individual or department member of the Firemens' Association of the State of New York (our state's NVFC member organization).

If you were fortunate enough to have gotten through Sandy with little or no damage, please be sure to make any volunteers you know who may qualify aware of this offer.

Sincerely,  
Ryan Murphy  
Volunteer Programs Coordinator  
Fire, Rescue & Emergency Services



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# JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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## BAY SHORE- BRIGHTWATERS RESCUE AMBULANCE

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Bay Shore, NY 11706

*"If any officer wants to add any information in the next edition of "Signal19"*

*Please email us at [signal19@bsbra.org](mailto:signal19@bsbra.org)*