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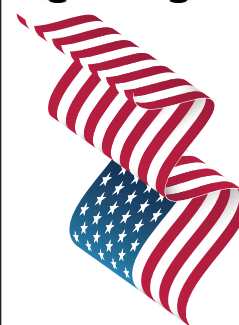
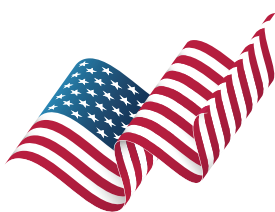
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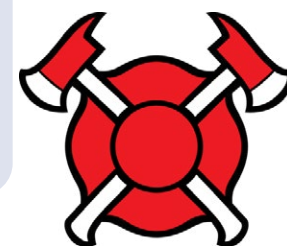
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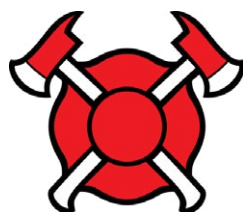
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# Celebrating first responders

BY ANTHONY MORGANO

Volunteering your free time to helping people is no small thing. It is not something that everyone can do. The hours of training and practicing along with the late-night calls interrupting your sleep schedule can seem daunting. However, the camaraderie and the found family of the fire department and among first responders in general make it worth it.

After having spent the past five years in the fire service, taking classes and earning certifications, my confidence has increased along with my hours of training.

Being called to an emergency to mitigate it or make the situation better however we can is such

a fulfilling experience. Gathering the tools in my toolbox to be able to help on a scene and do something instead of just standing by is an incredible feeling.

Despite the fear you might have of joining your local department, I would urge everyone to give it a shot. Joining the fire service gave my life a new meaning that I did not know it needed until I was there.

Along with the training and responding, my department also participated in the 2024 Sullivan 180 Healthiest Fire Department Challenge. Getting together with everyone to work towards a goal outside of training meant a lot to me, and spending time hanging out with, and learning from, the other members of the department

is something that I will hold near and dear to my heart forever.

As the various departments make their way through Livingston Manor on September 7, make sure to take a moment and reflect. Each one of them dedicated years of their lives to be a part of something greater than themselves. They serve and protect the various communities, working alongside one another on large-scale incidents.

However, each responder is an individual, many with stories similar to mine. They all have families and lives outside of fire calls and turnout gear, and each brings a unique set of skills and personality to their department.

The fire service is welcoming, if you ever feel that you would



like to add to these departments' storied histories, reach out, stop by on a drill night or ask a member that you know some questions about what it's like being a first responder.

Maybe it's the calling that you didn't know was there waiting for you.

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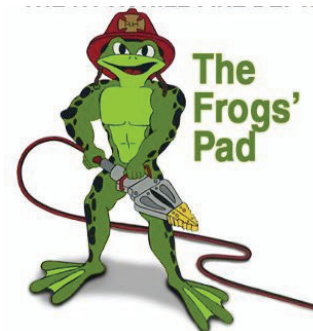
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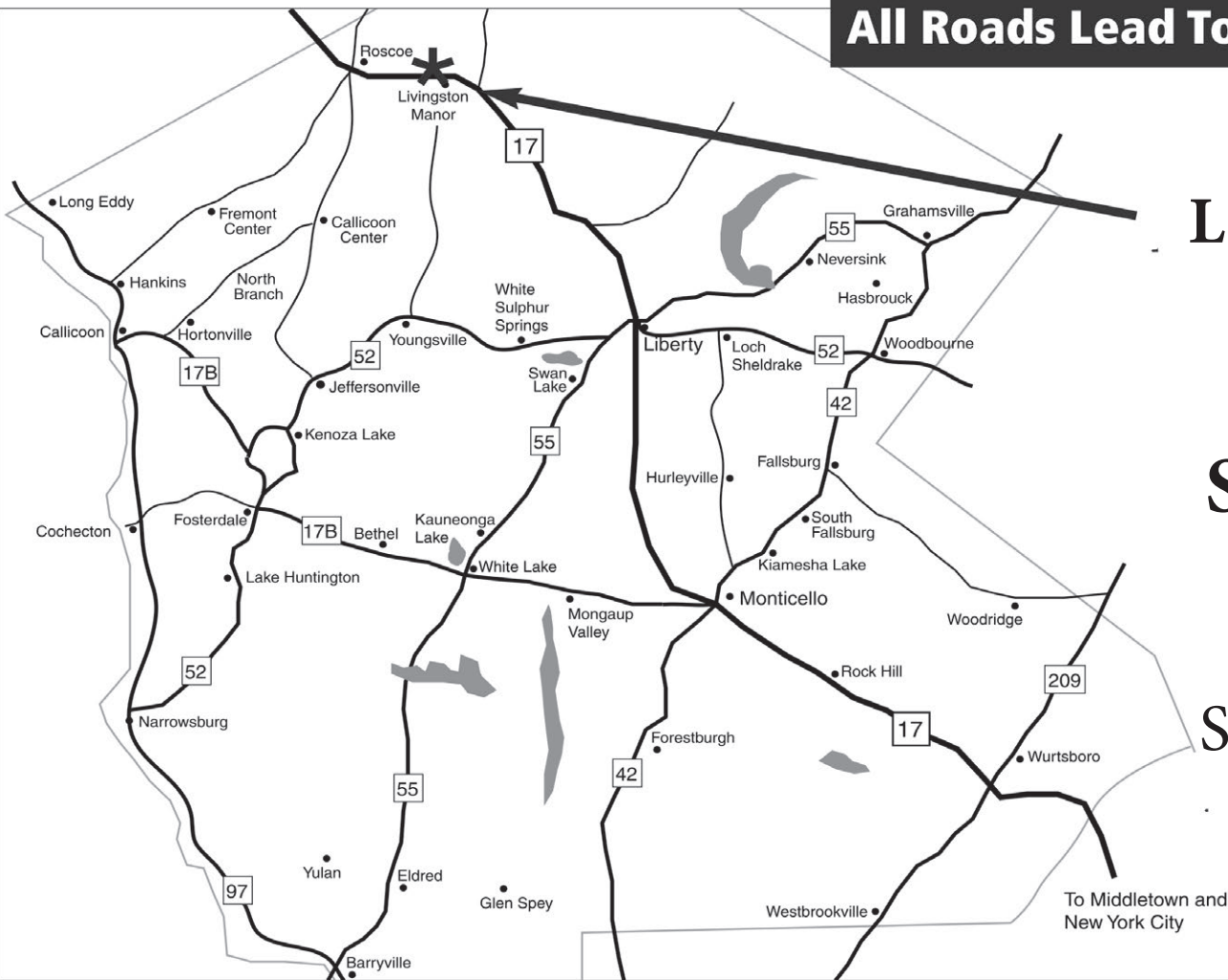
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**Saturday, September 7, 2024 Parade line-up**

**Escort Division**

(School Street – enter on Arts Boulevard)

1. Livingston Manor VFW Color Guard
2. SCVFA President (Chief Robert Trotti)
3. SCVFA Banner & Executive Officers
4. Saint Peters Drum Corp
5. Grand Marshal (Past Chief William Roser Sr)
6. Livingston Manor Fire Department  
Livingston Manor Fire Department  
Auxiliary  
Livingston Manor Apparatus
7. Pleasantville Fire Department
8. Orange County Pipe & Drum
9. Roscoe Rockland Fire Department  
Roscoe Rockland Auxiliary  
Roscoe Rockland Apparatus
10. Bethpage Fire Department  
Bethpage Apparatus
11. Beaverkill Valley Fire Department  
Beaverkill Valley Apparatus
12. Youngsville Fire Department  
Youngsville Apparatus
13. White Sulphur Springs Fire Department  
White Sulphur Springs Auxiliary  
White Sulphur Springs Apparatus
14. Jeffersonville Fire Department  
Jeffersonville Apparatus
15. Liberty Fire Department  
Liberty Apparatus
16. Callicoon Center Fire Department  
Callicoon Center Apparatus
17. Woodbourne Fire Department  
Woodbourne Apparatus
18. Loch Sheldrake Fire Department  
Loch Sheldrake Apparatus
19. Hancock Fire Department  
Hancock Apparatus

**Division 1**

(Rock Avenue & Pearl St. - enter on Main St.)

1. Honor Guard
2. Marshal (Past Chief Guy Carlson)
3. Brasskill Band
4. Rock Hill Fire Department  
Rock Hill Auxiliary  
Rock Hill Apparatus  
Rock Hill Ambulance
5. Wurtsboro Fire Department  
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6. Bloomingburg Fire Department  
Bloomingburg Apparatus
7. Summitville Fire Department  
Summitville Apparatus
8. Hurleyville Fire Department  
Hurleyville Auxiliary  
Hurleyville Apparatus
9. Swan Lake Fire Department  
Swan Lake Apparatus
10. Neversink Fire Department  
Neversink Auxiliary  
Neversink Apparatus
11. Mountindale Fire Department  
Mountindale Apparatus
12. Claryville Fire Department  
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13. Hortonville Fire Department  
Hortonville Apparatus
14. Port Jervis Fire Department  
Port Jervis Apparatus
15. Cooks Falls/Horton Fire Department  
Cooks Falls/Horton Apparatus

**Division 2**

(Old Route 17 - Enter from Flats - Exit 97)

1. Honor Guard
2. Grand Marshal (Past Chief Tom Kelly Sr.)
3. Broome County Celtic Pipe & Drum
4. Monticello Fire Department  
Monticello Auxiliary  
Monticello Apparatus
5. Fallsburg Fire Department  
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6. Woodridge Fire Department  
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7. Grahamsville Fire Department  
Grahamsville Apparatus
8. Kauneonga Lake Fire Department  
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9. Smallwood/Mongaup Valley Fire Department  
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10. White Lake Fire Department  
White Lake Auxiliary

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11. Callicoon Fire Department  
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**Division 3**

(Old Route 17 - Enter from Flats - Exit 97)

1. Honor Guard
2. Grand Marshal (Past Chief William Roser Jr)
3. Saints of Swing
4. Ellenville Fire Department  
Ellenville Apparatus
5. Lumberland Fire Department  
Lumberland Apparatus
6. Highland Lake Fire Department  
Highland Lake Apparatus
7. Highland Ambulance Service
8. Lake Huntington Fire Department  
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16. Mechanicstown Engine & Chemical Co.1  
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Mechanical Band



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RRFD's Dusty Bury was one of several grand marshals of last year's parade.



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Members of the White Sulphur Springs Fire Department march in the 2023 SCVFA Parade.



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Above: Ten-year-old Mya Castro readies her camera to capture her family marching in the parade.



Left: Fenix escorted her owner Katy Kozachuk, a member of the Fallsburg Fire Police.

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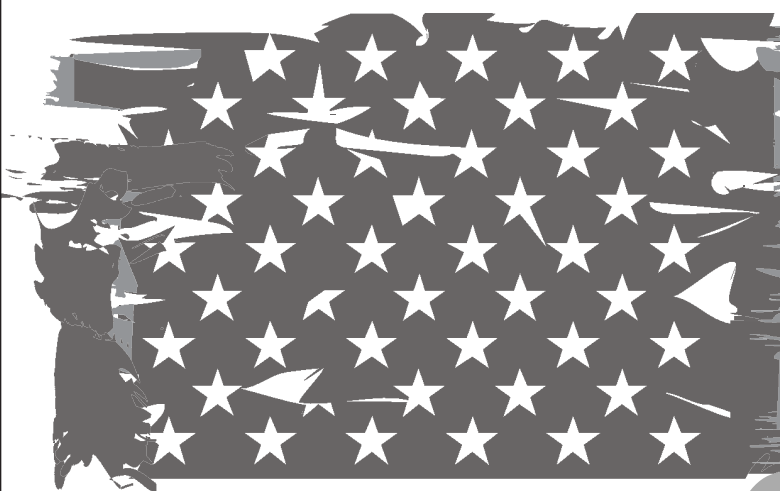
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**Gracie Ivory, at left**

*“My husband, Chris, is in the Livingston Manor Fire Dept. He was a past chief. They do a lot for the community and are very busy. I know they work with the school also for safety week.”*

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The Livingston Manor Fire Department has used this firehouse since the 1950's, and it will be the end of the SCVFA Parade route on September 7.

# History of the Livingston Manor Fire Department

BY ANTHONY MORGANO

The Livingston Manor Fire Department has a storied history, which includes hosting the first ever SCVFA County Parade.

The department began all the way back in 1891, after a chimney fire began while spectators were watching winter flood waters form an ice jam along the Willowemoc River.

Dr. Dekay's house on Pleasant Street had sparks erupting out of the chimney, leading many to rush to the scene. Upon arrival, the fire had burned itself out, but the idea to start a Fire Club was just reaching its incipient stage.

The group formed the original "Manor Hose Company," which is now known as the Livingston Manor Fire Department.

Through fundraising efforts and community support, the first firehouse was built around the turn of the century. It was erected next to the Masonic Lodge by the firemen. The building, which still stands today, is now the Livingston Manor Free Library.

The O&W brought many to Livingston Manor during this time, and the town continued to grow as new residents and businesses were drawn to the area.

In 1910, the Manor Hose Company purchased a new hook and ladder rig and horse drawn wagon to be used for fires. The ladder wagon was pulled by the team of horses owned by Milt Ward.

To notify the firefighters of a fire call, someone would notify the extra steam engine operator to sound the steam whistle. This would alert the firefighters and the

town that something was on fire, and would lead to Ward's horses racing off the hill into town.

Years later, in 1917, Livingston Manor purchased the first motorized pumper in Sullivan County, which could deliver a steady stream of water to a fire. The pumper was delivered on a flat car on the O&W train to Liberty.

In 1923, a second company began - one for each side of the train tracks. The Hoos Truck Company was incorporated in January 1924, and joined with the Manor Hose to become the Livingston Manor Fire Department.

By the late 1940's, the Livingston Manor Fire Department had added additional apparatus to their fleet, including two 1947 Mack Type 45 pumpers and a 1942 American Indiana.

A decade later, the O&W was no

longer in business, and a new firehouse was built on Upper Main Street, where it remains today. The original firehouse was donated to the library to use.

The department started into an early version of the modern fire service, in which training, equipment and resources have advanced into the present day. The equipment is currently on a 20-year replacement cycle.

In 2016, both Manor Hose Company #1 and Hoos Truck Company #2 decided to merge into one company. The companies already shared a building and went together for calls, making the merger beneficial to both the community and the department who could now function as one company. The company is now known as the Livingston Manor Fire Department.



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Organized in 1926 the Sullivan County Volunteer Firefighters Association (SCVFA) has served as a communication and interactive organization dedicated to the enhancement of the volunteer fire service throughout Sullivan County.

The objects of the organization shall be the advancement, instruction and protection of the interests of the fire service in general, throughout the County of Sullivan as well as promotion and strengthening of their bonds of unity and the encouragement of social, instructional and firematic activities.

The SCVFA also renders assistance and encouragement to those activities that will enhance the efficiency and the welfare of firefighters throughout Sullivan County.

IS THERE A  
**FIRE**  
IN YOU?

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## FEED THE FIRE IN YOU...

Volunteer now to make a difference in your community.

### The Sullivan County Volunteer Firefighter Association

welcomes you in joining your local fire department to become a part of the firefighter family and become a part of history and tradition.

### REWARDS

- Make lifelong friendships
- Receive tuition reimbursement from FASNY Higher Education Learning Plan
- Learn leadership skills
- Obtain new and practical skills and receive training with life-saving equipment and technology

For more information on how you can become a volunteer firefighter please contact us at

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