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 February 18, 2026  
 Member Bayview Hose Co. #3



**Ex Captain Arthur Hirsch**  
 January 26, 2026  
 Member Emergency Rescue Co.#9

**Ex Chief Lester Fieldsa**  
 November 16, 2025  
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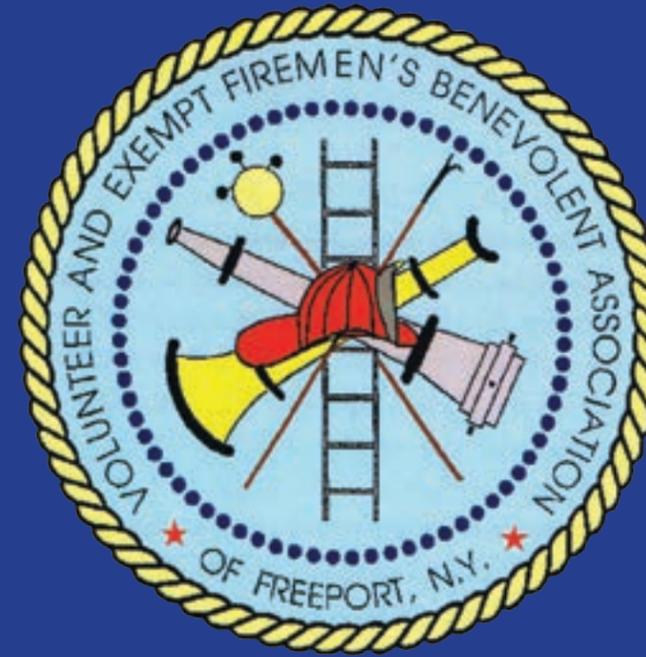


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**Benevolent Board of Trustees Elections**

The elections for the five offices of your Association will be held on Tuesday, April 28, 2026 at 8:00 P.M. The elections will be held **IN PERSON AND VIA ZOOM MEETING,** @ 416 ATLANTIC AVE. Freeport, New York **ZOOM INFORMATION WILL BE EMAILED PRIOR TO MEETING.** A Nominating Committee of three members has been appointed and any member who wishes to serve on the Board of Trustees should be guided by the following sections of our by-laws:

**Article 4 Section 12**

The president shall appoint three (3) members of the association to serve as the nominating committee at the January meeting of the board of trustees. All candidates shall submit to the nominating committee a signed, written letter of intent specifying the office sought and certifying as the qualifications of the candidate for the office pursuant to section 8 of article 5 not less than thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting in order to appear on the written or printed ballot. Nominations shall not be made from the floor during the annual meeting. The nominating committee shall report its recommendations at the board of trustees meeting on the third (3 rd ) Wednesday in April and also at the annual meeting of the association on the fourth (4 th ) Tuesday in April.

**Article 5 Section 8**

No person shall be eligible for any office of the association unless and until he shall have been a member thereof in good standing for five (5) consecutive years, except the office of administrative clerk or administrative bookkeeper. Those members who seek office must submit a letter which is postmarked by twelve midnight of March 28, 2026, addressed to the Nominating Committee 416 Atlantic Ave. Freeport, N.Y. 11520

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## President's Message

Dear Brothers & Sisters:

Sending prayers to you and your families, and hope all are doing well. Our next General Membership meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 28, 2026 at 8:00 P.M. **VIA IN PERSON AND ZOOM, DETAILS FOR SIGNING IN WILL BE EMAILED TO THE MEMBERSHIP WEEK PRIOR TO THE MEETING AND IS ENCLOSED INSIDE THIS NEWSLETTER.** As in the past, we will be serving dinner starting at 7 p.m. The election of the Executive Board will be held on that evening, as well as the honoring of Life Membership to the following members: **RAYMOND BURKART, JAMES FABRIZIO, ANDREW HARDWICK, JOSEPH HERRERO, NEIL NICHOLSON, STEVEN MOSKOWITZ, JOSEPH SANTORELLI.** **Congratulations to these members on attaining this achievement! I WANTED TO REMIND THE MEMBERSHIP OF CERTAIN INCREASES IN BENEFITS APPROVED BY THE BOARD EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025.**

- 1. INCREASED THE AMOUNT OF REIMBURSEMENT TO COMPANIES FOR FUNERAL COALITION UP TO \$ 500.00 (NON 2%)**
- 2. INCREASED THE VISION CARE UP TO \$ 500.00 EVERY 2 YEAR CYCLE.**
- 3. INCREASED THE DEATH DISABILITY BENEFIT UP TO \$ 11,000. I Would like to stress that the death disability is not an automatic insurance payout (by law we are not allowed to do this) but it is a way to assist the families of our members pay portion of what the New York State Comptroller classifies the "ULTIMATE DISABILITY"**
- 4. FOR THE SECOND YEAR IN A ROW, WE PAID DUES TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION TO BE MEMBERS OF F.A.S.N.Y. UNDER THE NAME OF THE VOLUNTEER & EXEMPT FIREMENS BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION OF FREEPORT N.Y. I KNOW THERE WERE A FEW GLITCHES IN THE SYSTEM, WHICH WERE CORRECTED, ANY QUESTIONS IN REGARDS TO MEMBERSHIP IN F.A.S.N.Y. YOU CAN CONTACT US OR CALL FASN Y DIRECTLY AT 518-434-0987 \*\*\* PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR DUES HAVE BEEN PAID BY THE BENEVOLENT AND WHEN YOU INQUIRE FOR YOUR FASN Y ID# YOU ARE UNDER THE BENEVOLENT UMBRELLA, NOT INDIVIDUAL COMPANY OR THE FREEPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT. IF YOU STILL HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS PLEASE EMAIL US AT [FREEPORTFIREBENEV@GMAIL.COM](mailto:FREEPORTFIREBENEV@GMAIL.COM)**
- 5. HEARING AID BENEFIT- AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$ 7,500.00 EVERY 10 YEARS, AFTER INSURANCE. ( MEMBERS NEED PRE APPROVAL AFTER SUBMITTING DISABILITY APPLICATION).**

We also, as previously mentioned, a few years ago we started a program with a new administrator for our vision care program to increase the vision care benefits to our members (NOW UP TO \$500.00 out of pocket expenses every 2-year cycle) and offer discounts to their families, the new cycle started on 01/01/25, and ends on 12/31/26 the current cycle, we have assisted 45 members with reimbursements of \$20,128.94. One more item in regards to the vision care program, since we started this program in 1993 over 865 members were reimbursed an amount close to \$261,967.55. We will continue to work with and assist our members that are sick or that are in need, in any way possible.

With our current fiscal investment status, and our 2% monies as of January 2026 we still will have approximately \$1,340,000 to use for the benefits and their families. The board remains steadfast on providing as many benefits that can be provided to members and their families, within reason

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and under the guidelines set forth by the N.Y.S Comptroller. As mentioned last meeting. We received a 33 % percent increase of 2% monies from the state department of taxes and finances. We currently are averaging over \$300,000 a year collected in 2% monies. Treasurer Robinson will present a detailed report at the meeting. **IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ON BENEFITS OR ASSISTANCE THAT WE CAN PROVIDE TO THE MEMBERSHIP, DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT US. OR YOU CAN CONTACT YOUR COMPANY LIAISONS LISTED BELOW.**

TRUCK CO. -TONY FIORE, ENGINE CO.- DAVID BAER, HOSE 1-TIM JONES, HOSE 2-BRIAN NICHOLSON, HOSE 3- ERIC ROBINSON, HOSE 4-TOM RAYNOR, HOSE 5 ALPHONSE HARDWICK, EMERGENCY CO. -ED FRIEDMAN.

Check out our website, [FREEPORTFIREBENEV.COM](http://FREEPORTFIREBENEV.COM) for any application forms you may need, or updated news via links associated with the fire service. We have received many positive reviews about the website and we are working with our administrator to keep our members spread across the country updated and informed of latest of what is happening with the Benevolent and the Freeport Fire Department, so if you have not logged onto the website please do so and let us know what you think. Also, trustee Nicholson has informed me, that we have approximately 463 members living across the country, belonging to this Association. Please keep our records up to date, with notification of any changes to ADDRESS, PHONE, EMAIL ETC. you can make those updates on our website **AT [FREEPORTFIREBENEV.COM](http://FREEPORTFIREBENEV.COM) OR OUR EMAIL @ [FREEPORTFIREBENEV@GMAIL.COM](mailto:FREEPORTFIREBENEV@GMAIL.COM). WE HAVE MADE THIS REQUEST IN THE PAST, BUT THIS PAST YEAR WE HAD SEVERAL MEMBERS NOT NOTIFY US OF CHANGES, AND WE HAD TO DO EXTENSIVE RESEARCH TO FIND LOCATIONS OF OUR MEMBERS. REMEMBER WE DO A FEW NEWSLETTERS A YEAR, EMAIL BLAST FROM THE ASSOCIATION TO KEEP OUR MEMBERSHIP UPDATED AND SEND OUT YEARLY PLANNERS IN DECEMBER.**

*Hope to see you at the General Membership meeting on April 28TH. 2026.*

Fraternally yours,

*David Baer*

David Baer, President

## BELOW IS THE INFORMATION FOR THE ZOOM INVITE FOR THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING.

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