

# MENDHAM FIRE DEPARTMENT

## MENDHAM INDEPENDENT HOOK & LADDER COMPANY

### MENDHAM HOSE COMPANY No. 1

115TH ANNUAL DINNER | OCTOBER 28, 2023 | THE BLACK HORSE TAVERN



Craig Bellamy, Tom Porter, and Tom Berenbak celebrated 50 years of service in 2022





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## 115th Annual Dinner of the Mendham Fire Department The Black Horse Tavern

Tonight we are welcomed by the **Black Horse Tavern & Pub**—a long-time loyal supporter of the Mendham Fire Department—we hope that you enjoy your evening and find the food delicious.

This evening's music is provided by Sound Defying Entertainment.

Be sure to thank our **Dinner Committee**—Bill Crutchlow, Tony Telloni, Joe Eible, and Michael Orgera.

### **6 SERVICE STRIPES & AWARDS**

Pages 6, 8, 10 for Awards earned in 2019, 2020 and 2021, respectively.

### **7 ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP**

Pages 7, 9, 11 for Membership stats for 2019, 2020, and 2021, respectively.

### **12 LEADERSHIP**

Line and Administrative Officers of the Mendham Fire Department.

### **14 SUPPORT MEMBERS**

Honorary, Auxiliary, Junior Firefighters, Wardens and Retired Members.

### **16 FIRE CHIEFS**

The 52 members who have served as Chief, some more than once.

### **18 IN MEMORIAM**

Our comrades who have gone before.



# DINNER PROGRAM

**Welcome:** President, Ex-Chief Joseph Eible, Jr.

**Silent Tribute To Those Comrades Who Have Gone Before & Invocation:** Firefighter Andrew Speigel (pp 18 - 19)

**Toast to The Ladies:** Chief Michael Orgera

**Introductions of Invited Guests:** President Eible

**Introduction of Fire Department Guests:** Chief Orgera

**Introduction of Officers & Presentation of Badges:** Chief Orgera (pp 16)

**2022 Fire Department Service Awards:** Chief Orgera (p 10)

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# PRESENTATION OF SERVICE STRIPES

The following are awarded for service through 2022. A gold bar is awarded for each 5 years of service. A gold star is also presented for each 25 years of service. A silver or gold watch is also presented for 25 and 50 years respectively.

## **60 YEARS OF SERVICE**

John Deighan

## **50 YEARS OF SERVICE**

Craig Bellamy

Thomas Porter

Thomas Berenbak

## **40 YEARS OF SERVICE**

Benjamin Jenkins

## **5 YEARS OF SERVICE**

Matthew Marino

Casey Warcola

# ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP: 2022

In 2022 the Mendham Fire Department responded to 178 fire calls.

Member	I.H. & L	Hose Co.	Ex-empt	# Fires	% Mtgs	Member	I.H. & L	Hose Co.	Ex-empt	# Fires	% Mtgs
J. Deighan	10/62	1/63	1970	12	92	M. Marino	8/17	9/17		96	100
C. D. Crotsley	3/64	7/64	1971	0	25	C. Warcola	8/17	8/21		6	67
C. Bellamy	1/72	5/72	1979	56	83	M. Sheppard	2/18	7/19		3	33
T. Porter	5/72	6/73	1980	140	100	R. Euvino*	4/18	12/20		37	17
K. Betz	11/76	5/77	1984	78	92	A. Fitzpatrick*	4/18			0	0
B. Jenkins	9/82	4/83	2006	0	83	S. Day*	8/18	4/21		14	17
J. Eible, Jr.	6/88	1/91	1999	3	83	L. Telloni	8/18	9/21		0	67
M. S. Bruin	11/93	12/93	2007	22	33	A. Spiegel	9/18	10/18		10	92
E. Tencza	2/94	6/95	2006	4	83	M. DiIorio	11/18	12/18		140	92
M. Orgera	7/96	7/98	2005	119	100	W.J. Crutchlow	3/19	9/21		23	42
C. Nelson	5/98	8/00	2012	0	42	J. Grecco	8/19	10/22		75	67
D. Fitzpatrick*	4/99	5/99		0	0	A. Parrinello*	8/19	6/22		13	42
Th. Gilligan	3/01	2/03	2010	0	8	R.J. Bruin	11/19			50	42
C. Borchard	6/03	6/03	—	11	42	B. Mascioni	8/20	9/20		7	33
O.W. Crutchlow	11/04	11/04	—	23	83	B. Cavuto	9/20	10/20		67	33
J. Small	12/06	1/07		0	50	P. Cole	9/20	10/20		3	58
P. Betz*	4/07	4/09		0	17	E. Vongas	9/21			16	42
G. Wiatroski	11/07	1/10		42	83	J. Meenan	11/21			12	75
R. Hauser	6/08	6/08	—	2	42	P. Rooney	6/22			14	33
T. Telloni	8/08	12/14	—	0	92	A. Grecco	10/22			5	8
P. Ferrara	10/08	11/08	—	0	67						
An. Cascais	9/11	12/11		0	0						
Al. Cascais*	11/11	5/13	—	12	33						
L. Engelhardt*	5/12	1/14	—	0	0						
M.J. Bruin*	3/14	2/16		18	50						
T. Mitchell	1/15	2/15		36	92						
G. Lynch	7/15	8/15	—	88	42						
Ma. Bruin*	11/15	12/17		5	0						
R.P. Bruin*	9/16	9/19		2	8						
D. Swift	9/16	10/16	—	31	100						
J. Cillo	10/16	11/16	—	0	17						
M. DiMaio	12/16	8/17		46	50						

  

<b>Auxiliary Members</b>											
G. Grobels	9/11	—	—	4	67						

\* Indicates Leave of Absence

Fires on are represented above by total-number instead of a percentage, this is done to help illustrate just how active our department has become—and how dedicated our members continue to be. In all, our members volunteered for: 178 emergency calls, 7 service calls, 12 business meetings, and 37 drills in 2022.

# FIRE DEPARTMENT LEADERSHIP

## **2022 LINE OFFICERS**

Chief: Michael Orgera

Deputy Chief: Gregory Wiatroski

Asst. Chief: Michael S. Bruin

Safety Officer: Thomas Berenbak

## **STAFF OFFICERS**

Capt. Gary Lynch

Chaplain: Fr. Michael Drury

## **ENGINEERS**

Engine 1: Matthew Marino

Engine 2: Matthew DiIorio

Quint 3: Thomas Porter

Command 4: Junior Firefighters

Rescue 5: Gregory Grobels

## **2022 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS**

President: Joseph Eible, Jr.

Vice President: Michael J. Bruin

Secretary: Craig Bellamy

Treasurer: Paul Ferrara

Asst. Treasurer: Anthony Telloni

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Thomas Gilligan

Joshua Small

Alexander Cascais





*“What you do has far greater impact than what you say.”*  
— Stephen Covey



Mike DiMaio, Matt Dilorio, Sean Day, Dan Swift, and Joe Grecco, August 2, 2022.

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## **HONORARY MEMBERS**

### **CHAPLAIN**

Fr. Michael Drury (1984)

### **AUXILIARY MEMBERS**

Gregory Grobels (2011)

Sean Curtis (2019)

## **JUNIOR FIREFIGHTERS**

Robert Bruin

Austin Fitzpatrick

Jack Meenan

Evan Vongus

# INACTIVE MEMBERS

Inactive-exempt members of the Mendham Fire Department.

Member	JOINED	RETIRED
E. Bailey	1963	1979
W. Betz, M.D.	1973	1982
B. Ellman	1977	1986
E. Snyder	1964	1990
R. Kraft	1975	1991
R. Raymond, Jr.	1979	1991
J. Dangler	1980	1991
M. Nelson	1981	1993
K. Morei	1973	1993
W. Schreiner	1978	1994
J. Egan	1980	1996
J. Hoffman*	1977	1996
Don. Gesell	1963	1997
M. Moro	1988	2000
C. DePew	1994	2002
M. Berenbak†	1988	2004
E. Bellamy†	1996	2004
D. Murphy†	1997	2004
Dou. Gesell	1986	2006
J. L. Smith*	1987	2013
R.M. DeNicola*	1996	2020
C. Grebenstein	2004	2020
T. Berenbak*	1972	2022
R. Orgera	1992	2022
P. Taylor	2000	2022

\* = Served as Chief

† = Rescue Squad Only Member



## *A Firemen's Prayer*

*When I am called to duty, God  
whenever flames may rage,  
give me the strength to save some life  
Whatever be its age.*

*Help me to embrace a little child  
before it's too late,  
or some older person  
from the horror of that fate.*

*Enable me to be alert  
and hear the weakest shout,  
and quickly and efficiently  
to put the fire out.*

*I want to fill my calling  
and give the best in me,  
to guard my neighbor  
and protect his property.*

*and if according to my fate  
I am to lose my life,  
Please bless with your  
protecting hand  
my children and my wife.*



# FIRE CHIEFS

Chief	YEARS
J. M. Hoffman	1905 - 1907
F. Freeman	1908
F. R. Guerin	1909 - 1910
C. H. Day	1911 - 1915
F. Freeman	1916 - 1918
F. Groendyke	1919 - 1920
F. R. Guerin	1923 - 1924
G. Delp	1925 - 1926
C. M. Day	1930 - 1931
G. Thompson	1932 - 1933
V. Garabrant	1934 - 1935
W. Rockafeller	1936 - 1937
J. Sullivan	1938 - 1939
C. Morei, Jr.	1940 - 1941
E. Watkins	1942 - 1943
C. Guerin	1944 - 1945
W. Menagh	1946 - 1947
J. Gunther	1948 - 1949
R. J. Clark	1950 - 1951
J. T. Lewis	1952 - 1953
H. Dean	1954 - 1955
P. Parillo	1956 - 1957
J. Dormer	1958 - 1959
F. Crammer	1960 - 1961
H. Traut	1962 - 1963
R. Sanderson	1964 - 1965
J. O'Keefe	1966 - 1967
R. Snedaker	1968 - 1969
W. Shank	1970 - 1971
John Grassi	1972 - 1973
E. G. Barnes, Jr.	1974 - 1975
C. Watkins	1976 - 1977
D. Smith	1978 - 1979

Chief	YEARS
E. Tully	1980 - 1981
C. D. Crotsley	1982 - 1983
J. Eible, Sr.	1984
C. Watkins	1985
E. Finlay	1986 - 1987
T. Berenbak	1988 - 1989
J. Hoffman	1990 - 1991
T. Porter	1992 - 1993
F. Scharfenberg	1994 - 1995
T. Porter	1996
R. Raymond, Sr.	1996 - 1997
W. R. Menagh	1998 - 1999
J. L. Smith	2000 - 2001
J. Eible, Jr.	2002 - 2003
T. Berenbak	2004 - 2005
M. Orgera	2006 - 2007
E. Tencza	2008 - 2009
M. S. Bruin	2010 - 2011
R. DeNicola	2012 - 2013
C. Nelson	2014 - 2015
M. S. Bruin	2016 - 2021
M. Orgera	2022 -





Chief Michael Orgera, with family, is sworn in for his second term as Chief by Mayor Christine Serrano-Glassner.





### Comrades Who Have Gone Before

\* = Charter Member  
 † = Rescue Squad Only Member

Member	YEARS	Member	YEARS
Edward Farrell*	1905 - 1920	Charles Freeman*	1905 - 1943
George S. Beavers	1905 - 1922	Frank Groendyke*	1905 - 1943
Henry Riker*	1905 - 1922	Leo Robinson*	1905 - 1943
E. S. P. Bretherton	1905 - 1925	Caleb O. Lindsley*	1905 - 1944
John M. Hoffman*	1905 - 1925	George E. Sutton	1916 - 1944
Caser Peterman	1920 - 1929	John O. Smith*	1905 - 1945
Arthur B. Crane*	1905 - 1930	C. Madison Day	1914 - 1947
Frank F. Woodruff	1913 - 1930	Frank E. Tiffembac*	1905 - 1947
Amzi Chambers	1914 - 1930	James Sullivan	1927 - 1948
George Delp*	1905 - 1931	Edward L. Baird*	1905 - 1949
Everett L. Garabrant*	1905 - 1934	Jerry Emmons*	1905 - 1949
J. Smith Gunther	1905 - 1935	Edwin Watkins	1922 - 1950
Silas Thompson*	1905 - 1935	G. Elmer Thompson	1923 - 1951
Clarence McMurty*	1905 - 1936	Harvey Ammerman	1923 - 1952
Charles Rupp*	1905 - 1936	Gerald T. Panella	1942 - 1954
John S. Beavers*	1905 - 1937	Willard Carley	1942 - 1954
James C. Menagh*	1905 - 1937	Gus L. Day	1928 - 1954
Frederick R. Guerin*	1905 - 1938	Carl Zanders*	1905 - 1955
John S. Tiger*	1905 - 1938	Chauncey Guerin	1931 - 1958
Aaron V. Apgar	1905 - 1939	Floyd Garabrant	1930 - 1958
Charles H. Day*	1905 - 1939	Joseph Fondaco	1950 - 1962
J. Wesley Garabrant*	1905 - 1940	Charles Morei, Jr.	1959 - 1963
Frank Freeman*	1905 - 1940	John Apgar	1942 - 1966
Arthur Chambers	1926 - 1941	H. Bockoven	1923 - 1967
William DeVore*	1905-1941	C. Bretherton*	1905 - 1967



Member	YEARS
James Gunther	1928 - 1968
G. Parillo	1942 - 1969
C. Barnett	1940 - 1969
J. Ammerman	1930 - 1970
W. Rockafeller	1920 - 1970
Clarence Blaine	1943 - 1971
Walter Gunther	1926 - 1971
Robert Ohweiler	1947 - 1971
Howard Dean	1931 - 1971
William Shank	1947 - 1971
Eric Zelif	1913 - 1973
Albert Lang	1948 - 1973
William Day	1950 - 1973
Charles Morei, Sr.	1930 - 1974
Dave Marsh	1938 - 1974
Raymond Marsh	1918 - 1975
Vernon Garabrant	1922 - 1975
William Menagh, Sr.	1927 - 1976
Frank Kaercher	1945 - 1977
Charles R. Day	1931 - 1979
Phillip Parillo, Sr.	1943 - 1980
John Morei	1948 - 1980
David O'Keefe, Sr.	1953 - 1981
Stewart Cowell	1968 - 1981
Eugene Coyle	1947 - 1982
Robert Phillips	1969 - 1984
Robert Bowen	1959 - 1984
Jacob T. Lewis	1939 - 1985
Donald LeMonnier	1951 - 1985
Walter Rentsch	1937 - 1985
Kenneth Oppel	1955 - 1987
Lester Freeman	1950 - 1987
Frank Prior	1935 - 1989
Arthur Thompson	1955 - 1989
Robert Day	1949 - 1989
Richard Clark	1935 - 1990
Harold Crane	1932 - 1990
John Dormer	1939 - 1990
Harold Trandt	1942 - 1991
Richard Finlay	1942 - 1991
Cyril Lounsbury	1938 - 1991
Leonard Fooshkill	1981 - 1993
Orville Garabrant	1941 - 1994
Joseph Eible, Sr.	1973 - 1995
Ralph Kagan	1939 - 1995
Carey Watson†	1989 - 1996

Member	YEARS
John Grassi	1953 - 1996
Walter (Ike) Cramer	1934 - 1997
Peter Kenny	1987 - 1998
David Haslam	1969 - 1998
William Wertz	1948 - 1999
Edward Swanson	1960 - 1999
Albert W. Freeman, Jr.	1940 - 1999
Robert Tracy	1977 - 1999
John O'Keefe	1948 - 1999
Fred Crammer	1944 - 2000
Richard Sanderson	1950 - 2001
David O'Keefe, Jr.	1956 - 2001
Edwin DeVeore	1942 - 2001
Edward Tully	1954 - 2002
Roland Bruin	1977 - 2003
Robert Snedaker	1951 - 2004
John Swanger	1964 - 2005
J. Cal Hoffman	1976 - 2005
Edward Finlay	1972 - 2006
Edward Thomas	1957 - 2007
Robert Raymond, Sr.	1968 - 2008
Charles Watkins	1962 - 2008
William R. Menagh	1954 - 2008
Joseph Murphy	1968 - 2008
Donald Day	1949 - 2010
Earl G. Barnes, Jr.	1960 - 2011
Donald Smith	1959 - 2012
Regis Lippert	1970 - 2012
William Conover	1950 - 2013
Joseph Grassi	1952 - 2013
Donald Rae	1961 - 2015
Frederick Watkins	1961 - 2016
Willard Bergman	1952 - 2016
Leiber Panella	1958 - 2016
Philip Parillo, Jr.	1956 - 2016
Edward Ammerman	1966 - 2017
R. Thomas Crammer	1958 - 2018
Louis Esposito	1962 - 2018
Robert K. Bretzger, Sr.	1976 - 2019
Robert Collins	1995 - 2020
Jack Smith	1964 - 2020
Frank Peters	1960 - 2020
Richard Apgar	1967 - 2021
Gerard Dolan	1995 - 2021
Michael Ackerman	1983 - 2021
Nufuri Fornaro	1962 - 2022



# THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

On behalf of the officers and board of directors, I'd like to thank you for joining us this evening as we celebrate 117 years of volunteer service in the Mendhams. The hard work and dedication of our membership is testament to what a wonderful organization the Mendham Fire Department is. We'd also like to thank our friends and families, for without your continued support and sacrifices our Department wouldn't be able to provide the exceptional service that we do.

Finally, join me in congratulating my friends and comrades-in-arms who are receiving service stripes this evening, congratulations gentlemen.

Sincerely,

Ex-Chief Joseph Eible, Jr., President  
Mendham Fire Department

