

**NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHAPLAINS**  
**43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Chaplains Training Conference**  
**April 26 – 29, 2009 - NYS Academy of Fire Science**  
**Montour Falls, New York**

Dear New York State Chaplains,

The New York State Academy of Fire Science at Montour Falls, NY will provide the backdrop for this year's Chaplains Training Conference. We have had many wonderful conferences at the Academy and look forward to their hospitality again this year. Please remember, this is an Academy. There is no maid service. You will have to make your own bed with clean linens provided by the Academy. This is also a non-smoking facility.

Like previous years, rooms must be reserved under the following conditions:

1) Room reservations must be submitted with the enclosed reservation form, PREPAID in advance by check or money order, made payable to the *New York State Association of Fire Chaplains*. PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE NYS ACADEMY OF FIRE SCIENCE DIRECTLY. All reservations must be submitted through our Association by April 1, 2009. Cancellations will be accepted until April 10, 2009, without penalty. Reservations that are not canceled by this date will forfeit the prepaid fees.

2) Handicap accessible rooms are available upon request.

3) Check in time is 2:00 p.m. on the day of arrival. **Check out time is 8:00 a.m. Wednesday.** Please note that this check out time is earlier due to new classes coming in to the academy after our conference.

**4) All rooms are equipped with (two) single beds. Because of availability, we have to put two Chaplains per room. If you feel it is necessary for you to have your own room, you will need to make reservations at a nearby hotel. See attached sheet for a list of hotels.**

The entire conference including rooms for Sunday, Monday and Tuesday night and all meals which includes: all meals on Monday and Tuesday and breakfast and lunch on Wednesday for a total package cost of \$185.00 per person. Spouses are encouraged to attend at the reduced rate of \$ 100.00 for the above package.

There is an elevator in the hotel. We will accommodate our seasoned veterans on lower floor rooms (where available). Other off-site housing suggestions may be obtained by contacting the Housing Chairman. All requests for information must be obtained and prepaid housing forms must be submitted to:

**NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHAPLAINS**  
**Rev. Art Miner, Housing Chairman**  
**PO Box 71**  
**Rome, NY 13442-0071**  
**Phone: (315) 335-0048**

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**ROOM RESERVATION FORM**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ SEX: Male Female

SPOUSES NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
(If attending with you)

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

FIRE DEPT \_\_\_\_\_

**CONFERENCE HOUSING PACKAGE**

Enclosed is my payment for the conference package which includes HOUSING AND MEALS:

Member Only Package = \$ 185.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Member & Spouse Package = \$ 285.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**CONFERENCE MEALS ONLY PACKAGE**

Enclosed is my payment for the conference MEALS ONLY package:

Member Package = \$ 100.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse Package = \$ 100.00 \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \_\_\_\_\_ CHECK \_\_\_\_\_ MONEY ORDER \_\_\_\_\_

(Please check all that apply)

\_\_\_\_\_ I need a handicap accessible room.

\_\_\_\_\_ Please pick my roommate for me.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will share a room with \_\_\_\_\_

(Please put additional comments or special circumstances on reverse side of this form)

New York State Association of Fire Chaplains  
Annual Training Conference Agenda  
Montour Falls, New York  
April 26 - 29, 2009

April 26, 2009 – Sunday

12:00 – 6:00 PM – Arrival & Tourist Time  
5:00 – 7:00 PM – Registration and Dinner on your own.  
7:00 – 9:00 PM – NYSAFC, Inc. Annual Meeting and Election of Officers

April 27, 2009 – Monday

7:00 – 7:45 AM – Breakfast  
8:00 – 8:30 AM – Devotions  
8:30 – 12:00 PM – “The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Firefighters” – Part 1  
12:00 – 12:45 PM – Lunch  
1:00 – 5:00 PM – “The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Firefighters” – Part 2  
5:00 – 6:00 PM – Free Time  
6:00 – 7:15 PM – NYSAFC Banquet  
7:30 – 8:30 PM – Memorial Service

April 28, 2009 – Tuesday

7:00 – 7:45 AM – Breakfast  
8:00 – 8:30 AM – Devotions  
8:30 – 12:00 PM – “The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Firefighters” – Part 3  
12:00 – 12:45 PM – Lunch  
1:00 – 5:00 PM – “The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Firefighters” – Part 4  
5:30 – 6:15 PM – Dinner  
7:00 – 9:00 PM – “Devotion to Duty vs. Devotion in Duty” - Rev. Wayne Jagow

April 29, 2009 – Wednesday

7:00 – 7:45 AM – Breakfast  
8:00 – 9:00 AM – Devotions  
9:00 – 12:00 PM – Free Time & Departure  
9:00 – 12:00 PM – BOD Meeting  
12:00 – 12:45 PM – Lunch

## ACADEMY OF FIRE SCIENCE

## AREA ACCOMMODATIONS

NAME	PHONE#	DISTANCE	MEALS
<b>ANCHOR INN</b> ----- Salt Point Rd Watkins Glen NY 14891	607-535-4159	5 MILES	NO
<b>BEST WESTERN MARSHALL MANOR</b> ----- Rt. 14 Watkins Rd Horseheads NY 14845	607-739-3891	9 MILES	YES
<b>BUDGET INN</b> ----- Rt 14 435 S. Franklin St Watkins Glen NY 14891	607-535-4800	3 MILES	NO
<b>COUNTY INN &amp; SUITES</b> ----- Interstate 17/86 Exit 42 Horseheads NY 14845	607-739-9205	15 MILES	NO
<b>ECONO LODGE ITHACA/CAYUGA MALL</b> ---- 2303 N. Triphammer Rd Ithaca NY 14850	607-257-1400	18 MILES	NO
<b>FALLS MOTEL</b> ----- 239 N. Genesee St Montour Falls NY 14865	607-535-7262	½ MILE	YES
<b>GLEN MOTOR INN</b> overlooking Seneca Lake----- Rt 14 N Watkins Glen NY 14891	607-535-2706	5 MILES	YES
<b>HAMPTON INN</b> ----- Interstate 17/86 Exit 43 Corning NY	607-936-3344	20 MILES	NO
<b>HAMPTON INN</b> ----- 337 Elmira Rd Ithaca NY 14850	607-277-5500	15 MILES	NO
<b>HARBOR HOTEL</b> (New Hotel) ----- First St Watkins Glen NY 14891	607-535-6116	4 MILES	YES
<b>HILTON GARDEN INN</b> near Arnot Mall----- Interstate 17/86 Exit 51 Arnot Rd Horseheads NY 14845	607-795-3500	15 MILES	YES
<b>HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS</b> ----- Jct Interstate 17/86 & Rt 14 Horseheads NY 14845	607-739-3681	15 MILES	Near By
<b>HOLIDAY INN ELMIRA (indoor pool)</b> ----- Interstate 17/86 Elmira Exit Water St Elmira NY 14901	607-734-4211	22 MILES	YES
<b>LANDMARK INN</b> ----- 2671 Corning Rd Jct Route 17/86&14 Horseheads NY 14845	607-796-2880	15 MILES	Near By
<b>LONGHOUSE LODGE MOTEL&amp;MANOR BB</b> --- Rt 14 & Abrams Rd Watkins Glen NY 14891	607-535-2565	5 MILES	NO
<b>MOTEL "6"</b> ----- Interstate 17/86 Horseheads NY 14845	607-739-2525	15 MILES	NO
<b>RELAX INN</b> ----- Rt 14 N Montour Falls NY 14865	607-535-7183	1/4 MILE	NO
<b>SENECA CLIPPER INN</b> ----- Rt 14 N Watkins Glen NY 14891	607-535-2441	3 MILES	NO
<b>SENECA LODGE</b> (closed winters) ----- Old Corning Rd Watkins Glen NY 14891	607-535-2014	4 MILES	YES
<b>THE CHIEFTON</b> ----- Rt 14 N Watkins Glen NY 14891	607-535-4759	3 MILES	NO
<b>THE INN AT GLENORA WINE CELLARS</b> --- Rt 14 Dundee NY 14837	607-243-9500 or 800-243-5513	11 MILES	YES
<b>VILLAGER MOTEL</b> ----- Rt 414 Watkins Glen NY 14891	607-535-7159	3 MILES	NO

Restaurants are available nearby these lodging facilities

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# Secretary's Musings

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## 2009 Training Conference

The 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Training Conference will once again take place at the Academy of Fire Science in Montour Falls. In this mailing you will find the registration and agenda information. The training will be called "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Firefighters." We are blessed to have two of our own chaplains trained in this topic, the Revs. Leon VanWie and Thomas Margrave. In cooperation with the New York State Association of Fire Chiefs and a SAFER grant, they have been trained in this "Signature Series" designed specifically for firefighters and based on Steven R. Covey's *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People*.

There will also be a Tuesday evening session by Rev. Wayne Jagow, past chief chaplain called – "Devotion to Duty vs. Devotion in Duty" along with the Annual Memorial Service, Banquet, and Annual Meeting.

## Spouses' Event

A side trip for spouses is planned on Tuesday. If you are interested, talk to past Chief Bill Miles for further details. Don't forget to bring money for shopping. *Hint*

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## ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting will take place on Sunday evening, April 26, starting at 7:00 p.m. at the NYS Academy of Fire Science.

This is a new time and date for the meeting so please take note of the change. On the agenda is election of officers and 3 directors, some by-law changes, and general information about the workings of the association.

If you are unable to attend the conference but are free for the meeting, please feel free to stop by and participate in the business of the conference. Elections will also be held. The nominations are listed on a separate page in this mailing and by-law changes are included later in this mailing.

We look forward to everyone's participation.

## DUES

All dues for 2009 are due. If I have not received your dues as of March 5<sup>th</sup>, an invoice will be mailed to you. Please pay your dues promptly.

## New Chaplain Training

At the Board of Directors meeting, it was decided not to have the New Chaplain Training at the conference because of the topic being presented. The training will be available at regional meetings throughout the coming year. Please contact your regional director for the dates and times of this training.

## BY-LAW CHANGES

On a separate sheet are the by-law changes that will be brought to the membership at the annual meeting. The biggest change is the elimination of the mandate of at least one ordained clergy in the Chief or Deputy Chief positions and at least 5 directors to be ordained.

The second by-law change will be the elimination of the Life Member designation and replacing it with a 10-year membership recognition. The life membership designation has been a recognition award for the paying of seven consecutive years of paying dues. It does not mean a member ceases to pay dues, but just a simple recognition award. The reason for the change is to avoid confusion with other group and/or organizations definition of a life member and replace it with a recognition based on 10 years of service.

## THINGS TO DO

As you head out to Montour Falls, you may want to stop by the following:

Newtown Battlefield - A Revolutionary War battle on August 22, 1779

Elmira Civil War Prison Camp Site - A notorious site in which nearly 3,000 Confederate prisoners died between 1864-1865.

Mark Twain Study & Exhibit - The office where Mark Twain wrote Huckleberry Finn.

Woodlawn Cemetery - The graves of the 3,000 prisoners are buried there along with Mark Twain.

National Warplane Museum - The museum traces aviation from 1919 to the present with an emphasis on WWII, Korean, & Vietnam War era aircraft.

Montour Falls - Find the falls that gave its name to the village. Just one of 19 falls along the Watkins Glen Gorge.

Take time to enjoy the wonders of the area.

## Mailing Address



The mailing address for the Association is:

New York State Association of Fire Chaplains  
PO Box 241  
Old Westbury, NY 11568-0241

The web page and email address are:

[www.nysafc.org](http://www.nysafc.org)

[nysafc@optonline.net](mailto:nysafc@optonline.net)

**Agenda Items for New York State Association of Fire Chaplains, Inc.**  
**Annual Meeting**  
**April 26, 2009**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**I. Nominations for Officers and Directors**

Office	Candidate	Term Expires
Chief Chaplain	Mr. Richard Holst	2010
1 <sup>st</sup> Deputy Chief	Rev. Barrie Lyn Foster	2010
2 <sup>nd</sup> Deputy Chief	Mr. Ken Palmer	2010
Region 1-South Director	TBA	2012
Region 3-North Director	Rev. Arthur Miner	2012
At Large Director	Rev. Cynthia Huling Hummel	2012

**II. By-Law Changes**

1. **Eliminate the following phrase from Article VII, Section V** *“providing that among the Chief and Deputies, one must be a clergy person, in case of a function precluding a lay Chaplain”*
2. **Eliminate the following phrase from Article V, Section I** *“four (4) of whom may be lay chaplains.”*
3. **Change Article III, Section VI from:**

Any member in good standing for a period of seven (7) consecutive years shall become eligible for Life membership, upon approval of the Board of Directors. Past Chief Chaplains shall automatically become Life Members and ex-officio members to the Executive council.

**To:**

*Any member in good standing for a period of ten (10) consecutive years will receive a Ten Year Recognition Award.*