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Supporting Those Who Serve.

OUR PEOPLE. OUR DEPARTMENTS. OUR COMMUNITIES.



Photo: Le Roy Ambulance Service

Across Western New York, service starts with people who care about their neighbors.



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VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT

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Helping Our Fire Companies Grow

A new connection between residents who want to help and the local fire companies that need them.

A PLACE FOR MORE PEOPLE TO SERVE

Every company has different needs. Every volunteer brings something.

WNYIA's free recruitment referral program helps residents explore service and helps fire companies explain their opportunities. Active firefighting is one path; companies may also offer exterior-only, EMS-only, fire police, social or house, auxiliary, junior and Explorer roles.

The program supports a company's own recruitment efforts. Participation requires no advertising purchase, and each company retains responsibility for eligibility, applications, training and membership decisions.

FOR FIRE COMPANIES

Build a useful company profile.

Use the company form to describe your membership categories, current needs, minimum ages and training expectations. Include residency requirements and any exceptions for people who work in your district or live nearby.

Meeting and training nights help residents understand the commitment. A designated contact gives WNYIA someone to work with when a possible fit emerges.

After submission, WNYIA follows up within 5–10 business days to review participation. Company contact details are not published as part of the program.

FOR INTERESTED RESIDENTS

Explore where you could fit.

No previous experience is needed to explore opportunities. The interest questionnaire asks about the activities that appeal to you, existing skills, training interests, availability and the time you may be able to give.

Share your community and ZIP code, and name a preferred company if you have one. Junior, cadet and Explorer interests are welcome; each company sets its own age and participation requirements.

This is an introduction to service, not a fire-company membership application or a promise of placement.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

1 REVIEW
WNYIA compares a resident's interests, location and availability with participating companies' opportunities.

2 INTRODUCE
With the resident's permission, WNYIA helps make a connection so both sides can discuss the possibilities.

3 GET STARTED
The company explains its process, expectations and training. The resident decides whether to take the next step.

YOUR INFORMATION. YOUR CHOICE.

Residents can allow sharing with suitable companies, ask WNYIA to check with them first, or request information only with no sharing. Completing the questionnaire does not sign you up for marketing or incident alerts. Contact admin@wnyincidentalerts.com to correct or withdraw your information.

FIRE COMPANIES: ENROLL NOW

November 1 is the target for public outreach, subject to readiness. Companies can also request a membership-meeting visit through the form.

Scan to participate. Questions?
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Company enrollment

Resident interests

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PEOPLE BEHIND THE ALERTS

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The People Behind WNYIA

Meet Chief Operating Officer Matt Delre, whose roots in the fire service helped shape a commitment to supporting Western New York.



Photo provided by Matt Delre.

LEADERSHIP SPOTLIGHT

Matthew “Matt” Delre

Chief Operating Officer | Tonawanda

Matt grew up in Akron and moved to Pembroke after high school. Being around the fire service with his father led him to become a firefighter on his 18th birthday. He began with Pembroke Fire District and now serves with Ellicott Creek Fire Company.

His career has included the Batavia Muckdogs, an associate degree in criminal justice at Genesee Community College, and EMS work at Mercy Flight EMS. He now works in EMS at a Buffalo copper plant.

HOW WNYIA BEGAN FOR HIM

Matt started Genesee County Fire Wire to help keep the community informed. Working with Brian, he saw an opportunity to reach more people and support communities beyond Genesee County.

WHY HE KEEPS GIVING BACK

Helping people is the measure.

Matt wants WNYIA to be known for the positive difference it makes for first responders and their neighbors. He sees incident information as one part of that work, alongside recruitment, public education, community events and support for local departments.

Different backgrounds belong.

He values the perspectives volunteers bring. Fire and EMS experience can be useful, but people without that background also contribute skills, ideas and time.

Looking toward the future

Matt hopes to strengthen volunteer recruitment and retention, build relationships with agencies, and bring residents and first responders together.

“One thing I have stayed true to is all I want to do is to be able to help as many people as I can.”

OFF DUTY

Time with his fiancée, Stephanie, and volunteering at the firehouse. Coffee, summer and late nights. A Bills game over a quiet Sunday. Someday, a trip to Italy to explore his family roots.

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COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

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A Small Team. A Strong Commitment.

Le Roy Ambulance Service brings professional EMS care, close working relationships and a community-minded approach to Genesee County.

AGENCY SPOTLIGHT | TOWN AND VILLAGE OF LE ROY

Le Roy Ambulance Service

Founded in 1970 • Career responders, volunteer community leadership

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EMPLOYEES	FULL TIME	VOLUNTEER DIRECTORS	RESPONSE VEHICLES

Le Roy began as a volunteer service and gradually transitioned to career staffing. Chief of Operations and paramedic Destin Danser reports that all responders are now career staff, with nine volunteer directors overseeing the business side.

The team primarily serves the Town and Village of Le Roy, while regularly providing mutual aid across Genesee County and surrounding communities. Danser says the agency's small size helps every employee feel known and valued.



Agency website photograph.

READY FOR THE NEXT CALL

Equipment, training and teamwork

The fleet includes two ambulances and an ALS response SUV, equipped with cardiac monitors, mechanical CPR devices, medications and advanced life support equipment. The ambulances carry powered stretchers and loading systems.

Certified new hires complete an agency training program before working independently. Providers also have a voice in evaluating new clinical tools and practices.

BEYOND THE CALL

The agency offers CPR, Stop the Bleed, Narcan and first aid education, sometimes hosts EMT classes, and works with local police, fire and school officials on emergency planning.

PROUD TO SUPPORT LE ROY

WNYIA was proud to sponsor the Le Roy Ambulance Service golf tournament this year. Supporting local fundraisers helps us give back to the agencies serving our communities.

“We take pride in making sure that nobody is treated like they're just a number.”

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RAVEN: Stay Connected

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Your community. Your choices.

RAVEN puts WNYIA incident information within reach on iPhone and Android. Follow the places that matter to you, whether that is home, work or a nearby community.

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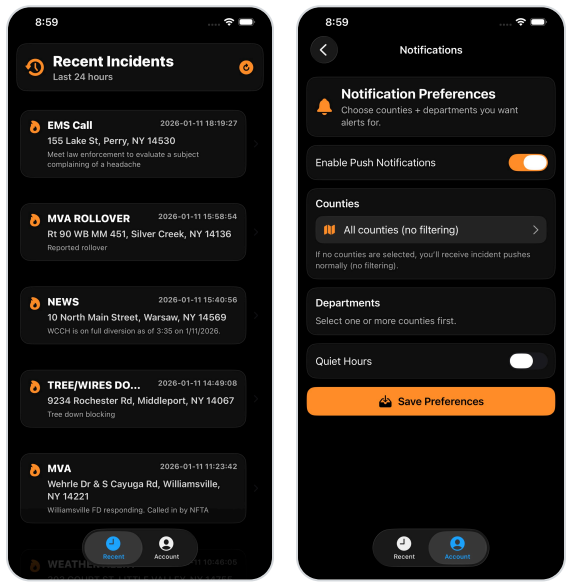
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SOFTWARE DEFINED RADIO

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Help Us Hear More of WNY

A small indoor space, power and high-speed internet could help improve local radio coverage.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR RECEIVER LOCATIONS

A place to listen.
A stronger local connection.

WNYIA is looking for firehouses and other suitable locations to host equipment that receives local emergency-service radio traffic. A good location can help us hear communications that are difficult to receive from farther away.

WHAT IS SOFTWARE DEFINED RADIO (SDR)?

Think of it as a radio connected to a computer.

A receiver picks up publicly available radio communications. Software on the computer processes those signals, and a high-speed internet connection carries the audio into WNYIA's network.

You do not need to know radio software or buy equipment to start the conversation. We are looking for a suitable place to put the equipment and a willing host.

WHAT A HOST PROVIDES

Space, power and internet.

We only need a small, secure space for a computer, an electrical outlet and a connection to your high-speed internet.

The computer uses an indoor antenna. Nothing needs to be run outside, and no outdoor antenna is needed.

WHAT WNYIA PROVIDES

The equipment and a conversation.

WNYIA provides the computer and indoor antenna at no cost to your company. Before moving forward, we review reception, equipment placement and permission to use the site with you.

We can also discuss access to our feeds as part of the partnership.

WHY LOCATION MATTERS

Radio reception changes from place to place. Distance, terrain and buildings can affect what a receiver hears. Additional locations give us more opportunities to improve coverage where reception is limited.

A site does not need to be selected in advance to be worth discussing. Tell us where you are, and we can review whether it could help.

Ask about hosting

COULD YOUR LOCATION HELP?

Let's talk about it.

Fire companies can scan the code and select the radio-project interest option on our company form. For another possible location, email us with the community and type of building.

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Expressing interest simply asks us to contact you. It does not commit you to hosting equipment.

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Support That Stays Connected

WNYIA merchandise, volunteering and community participation help sustain the work of supporting those who serve Western New York.

LISTEN IN • THE PODCAST

10-75: The Box

With Matthew Delre

Take a few minutes to explore the fire service through audio. The podcast includes *Firehouse Language*, presented by Western NY Incident Alerts.

These short episodes are another way to get familiar with the language of emergency response. WNYIA's Firehouse Language series helps explain emergency terminology and the fire service for the community.

Look for **10-75: The Box** by Matthew Delre, or listen through the link below.

Listen: podimo.com/en/shows/10-75-the-box

THE WALL OF GRATITUDE

Your message matters.

The tribute connects Western New York and Kinsale, Ireland, through emergency-service patches and personal messages of remembrance and thanks.

A donation is not required to leave a message.

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FROM THE WNYIA SHOP

Patches with a connection to service

Browse the current collection in **our Square patch shop**. If several catch your eye, contact WNYIA before checkout to ask about a bundle price.







Selection and availability may change.

CUSTOM WORK FOR YOUR DEPARTMENT

Explore WNYIA merchandise and custom engraving for department gifts, memorials, milestones and personal keepsakes. Visit the shop for available items and current ordering details.

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COMING IN 2027

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The WNY Firefighters' Ball

A new tradition of fellowship, recognition and support for our fire-service community.

FIRST ANNUAL • COMING IN 2027

An evening for the people who serve our communities.

Dinner. Music. Recognition.

WNY Incident Alerts is planning the first annual WNY Firefighters' Ball: an opportunity to come together, recognize service and support the work we do across Western New York.

OPEN TO EVERYONE

Bring your company. Bring your friends.

The Ball is open to everyone who wants to celebrate and support our regional fire-service community. Firefighters are encouraged to attend in dress uniforms, if permitted by their department.

We look forward to an evening of dinner, music and recognition, with opportunities to connect with friends and colleagues from across the region.

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

Help make the first Ball a success.

As plans take shape, we will be seeking support in three areas:

Award nominees

Input from fire companies about people whose service deserves recognition.

Sponsorships

Business sponsors who want to help bring this first event to life.

Silent auction

Donated items, gift cards and experiences from local businesses.

HOSTED BY AND BENEFITING WNY INCIDENT ALERTS

A celebration with a purpose.

Net proceeds will support our continued education and outreach, and financial and material assistance to fire departments across the region.

DATE, LOCATION & DETAILS COMING SOON

Watch WNY Incident Alerts for announcements about the venue, date, tickets and ways to participate.

Interested in helping? Contact **admin@wnyincidentalerts.com**.

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Around Western New York

Fall fundraisers and community gatherings, beginning the last week of October.

OCTOBER 25–31

OCT 25 — **Wellsville Duke Hose Company Chicken BBQ**
12:00 PM | Duke Hose Company, Wellsville

OCT 31 — **French Toast Breakfast**
8:00 AM | Hartland Vol. Fire Co., 8945 Ridge Rd.

OCT 31 — **Bergholz Halloween**
4:00 PM | Firehall, 724 Monroe St., Bergholz

OCT 31 — **Trunk or Treat**
5:00 PM | Falconer Fire Department, Falconer

November 2026

NOV 1 — **November Cash Raffle begins**
All month | Ellicott Creek Volunteer Fire Company, Amherst

NOV 14 — **Pre-Holiday Craft & Vendor Show**
10:00 AM | Town of Pembroke Community Center, Corfu

NOV 21 — **East Otto Fire Dept. Sportsman Raffle**
6:30 PM | East Otto Fire Department, East Otto

NOV 22 — **Christmas & Holiday Meat Raffle**
2:00 PM | South Lockport Fire Company, 5666 S. Transit Rd.

NOV 28 — **Holiday Market for Special Olympics NY**
12:00 PM | Knights of Columbus, 36 Pierce Ave., Hamburg

EVENT LISTING DISCLAIMER

Unless specifically stated, WNYIA is not affiliated with, involved in, or responsible for a submitted event. All times are Eastern. Confirm details with the host before traveling.

Events + submissions

FULL EVENT LIST + SUBMISSIONS

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Honoring Those Who Served

Members of the Western New York fire-service family who answered their final alarm.

AUGUST–SEPTEMBER 2026 | LIFETIMES OF LOCAL SERVICE

We remember the responders, retirees and auxiliary members whose service helped strengthen our communities.

Clifford N. “Ink” Mattison Jr.

ALMA FIRE DEPARTMENT | AUGUST 11

A former chief and department member whose service was rooted in the Alma community.

Michael E. Brown

AKRON FIRE COMPANY | AUGUST 24

An exempt member who served as an EMT and remained a familiar face in the Akron community.

Robert Norman “Rob” Sparks

CONESUS FIRE DEPARTMENT / LIVINGSTON COUNTY EMS | AUGUST 28

Began in Conesus fire service, served Livonia EMS, and became a Livingston County EMS shift supervisor. Named NYS Paramedic of the Year in 2021.

Raymond W. Kline

LEWISTON NO. 1 FIRE COMPANY | SEPTEMBER 1

Remembered for his membership in Lewiston No. 1 and his longstanding ties to the Niagara County community.

Corey G. Ives

WILLING VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT | SEPTEMBER 2

A past member of the department and a longtime resident of the Wellsville community.

Thomas J. “Tom” Derrenbacher

UNION HOSE / DANSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT | SEPTEMBER 3

A life member of Union Hose who also volunteered in support of Dansville’s New York State Festival of Balloons.

Gary E. Milliman Sr.

WEST VALLEY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT | SEPTEMBER 8

Served as a volunteer firefighter and fire police member from 1994 to 2004. He was also a U.S. Navy veteran.

Walter J. “Wally” Donaldson

SWEENEY HOSE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY | SEPTEMBER 9

A member of Sweeney Hose and the North Tonawanda Firemen’s Benevolent Association.

Jean P. Watters

RESCUE FIRE COMPANY LADIES AUXILIARY | SEPTEMBER 9

An active auxiliary member who gave her time and support to the North Tonawanda community.

Raymond C. Barnard

NORTH GREECE FIRE DEPARTMENT / GREECE VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE | SEPTEMBER 10

A lifetime North Greece member who dedicated 20 years to Greece Volunteer Ambulance and also served in the U.S. Navy.

Lyman F. Sanford

RIDGEWAY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY | SEPTEMBER 13

Active in Ridgeway’s volunteer fire company for many years; also worked in maintenance at Medina Memorial Hospital.

David W. Meyer

EAST AURORA FIRE DEPARTMENT | SEPTEMBER 15

A past chief and lifetime member of the department, and a lifelong East Aurora resident.

William E. “Bill” Blizzard

CASSADAGA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT | SEPTEMBER 17

A life member and former EMT squad captain who also served on the Cassadaga Village Board.

HELP US HONOR EVERY MEMBER

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Ruth M. Hulshoff

ALEXANDER LADIES AUXILIARY | SEPTEMBER 17

A devoted auxiliary member who catered its banquets and also served Alexander as a town board member and supervisor.

Daisy E. Klein

EAST PEMBROKE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT LADIES AUXILIARY | SEPTEMBER 19

A longtime auxiliary member who held several positions and remained connected to the East Pembroke community.

Arthur R. Winslow

YOUNGSTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY | SEPTEMBER 20

A longtime member who served for many years as captain of the First Aid Team.

Charles E. “Charlie” Stark

ANGELICA HOSE COMPANY | SEPTEMBER 20

A past president of the company and U.S. Army veteran, remembered by the friends who gathered with him at the fire hall.

Daniel T. Vaught

UNION FIRE COMPANY | SEPTEMBER 22

A former chief and life member of the company, remembered by his family and the local fire-service community.

Gary W. Schade

SHAWNEE FIRE COMPANY | SEPTEMBER 25

A life member who served his community as a volunteer firefighter and fire police member.

Joan E. Paschka

ELLWOOD VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY LADIES AUXILIARY | SEPTEMBER 25

A life member of the auxiliary, remembered for her place in the local fire-service family.

Thomas P. Kenney Jr.

SNYDER FIRE DEPARTMENT | SEPTEMBER 29

An active life member with 60 years of service, including chief, fire commissioner, president and safety officer.

Steven M. Bogold

SCRANTON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY / HAMBURG WATER RESCUE | SEPTEMBER 30

Served more than 30 years as a Scranton firefighter and also served as chief of Hamburg Water Rescue.

James Paul “Jim” Drozdowski Sr.

LACKAWANNA FIRE DEPARTMENT | OCTOBER 6

A retired Lackawanna firefighter and U.S. Coast Guard veteran remembered for his service.

James E. Babcock

NIAGARA FALLS FIRE DEPARTMENT | OCTOBER 8

Served the department for 35 years, retiring as a captain in 1993. He also served in the U.S. Navy and Naval Reserve.

Scott P. Windover

WINCHESTER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT / WEST SENECA DISPATCH | OCTOBER 10

Served Winchester for 20 years, including as chief and secretary, and worked as a senior public safety dispatcher for West Seneca.

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