



GRAND OPENING CEREMONY
SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 2006



The
Francis X. Pendl
Nassau County
Firefighters
Museum &
Education Center

Our Mission

The Nassau County Firefighters Museum and Education Center provides a unique setting for the preservation and interpretation of our local volunteer fire services heritage via the collection, restoration, and exhibition of historic and contemporary firematic memorabilia and equipment. The visitor experience at the Center increases public appreciation and awareness of the fire services in Nassau County and stimulates volunteer recruitment in local departments. A major goal of the Center is to educate and inform the public about fire safety and prevention and to display the proud history of volunteer firefighting in Nassau County.



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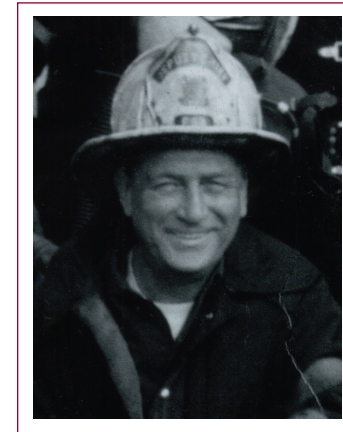
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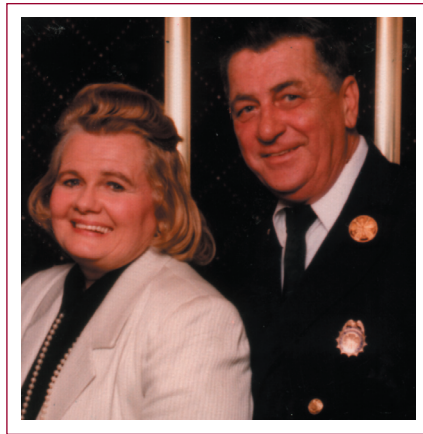
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"All those who have an opportunity to serve their fellow man... have a moment that will last a lifetime. We, the first responders, are the fortunate ones."



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A MESSAGE FROM

Mrs. Mary Jane Pendl

Thank you for having been a witness to the Francis X. Pendl philosophy of life. LOVE...

His love of family, friends, the Fire Service, country and the very important undertaking... preserving the history of fire-fighting.

Public safety and the education necessary for both young and old, became paramount to him. Through LOVE he was able to move ahead. His twelve children and their wonderful spouses, his grandchildren and I are so indebted to all who made this day possible.



Ground Breaking Ceremony at Museum site - August 2005



Museum under construction - January 2006



Pushing equipment inside - April 2006



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Fire Museum at the Fire Service Academy - July 1988



Banner Raising at Museum site - June 1999



Work Detail inside the Museum



WELCOME FROM
Angelo Catalano

Today is a very special day for the Nassau County Fire Service. This museum is a labor of love that we have been working on for the past twelve years. Our goals were simple: we wanted to preserve the traditions of the volunteer fire service of Nassau County while creating an education center for all the residents of the County. Today all of our dreams have come true. No words can describe the work that went into this endeavor, and this is why we invited you to take part in the grand opening. We want you to see for yourself what seventy-one fire departments can do when we all work together.

The entire fire service and I owe a sincere thank you to our County Executive, Thomas Souzzi and State Senator Charles Fuschillo for believing in our mission and helping us achieve our goals.

Frank, the Dream has come true.

*Angelo Catalano
Chair, Board of Directors*

A special thanks to the Grand Opening committee who worked so hard to make today possible

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Baldwin Fire Department
Bayville Fire Department
Bellerose Fire Department
Bellerose Terrace Fire Department
Bellmore Fire Department
Bethpage Fire Department
Carle Place Fire Department
East Meadow Fire Department
East Norwich Fire Department
East Rockaway Fire Department
East Williston Fire Department
Elmont Fire Department
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Floral Park Fire Department
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Fire Department
Freeport Fire Department
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Hewlett Fire Department
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Inwood Fire Department
Island Park Fire Department
Jericho Fire Department
Lakeview Fire Department
Lawrence-Cedarhurst Fire Department
Levittown Fire Department
Locust Valley Fire Department
Long Beach Fire Department
Lynbrook Fire Department
Malverne Fire Department
Manhasset-Lakeville Fire Department
Massapequa Fire Department
Meadowmere Park Fire Department

Merrick Fire Department
Mineola Fire Department
New Hyde Park Fire Department
North Bellmore Fire Department
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Fire Company
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South Farmingdale Fire Department
South Floral Park Fire Department
South Hempstead Fire Department
Stewart Manor Fire Department
Syosset Fire Department
Uniondale Fire Department
Valley Stream Fire Department
Wantagh Fire Department
West Hempstead Fire Department
Westbury Fire Department
Williston Park Fire Department
Woodmere Fire Department

Mineola Volunteer Ambulance Corps

Schedule of Events

10:00 AM - Doors open for a sneak preview of the Museum
11:00 AM - Parade
12:00 PM - Grand Opening Ceremonies and Ribbon Cutting

Program

Welcome

Michael Ornauer, Master of Ceremonies

Salute to the Flag

Kevin McElynn, Chair - Grand Opening Committee

National Anthem

Kevin Covais, American Idol Contestant

Invocation

Father Kevin Smith

Chair's Welcome

Angelo Catalano, Chair - Board of Directors

History of the Museum

Mary Jane Pendl

Introduction of Dignitaries

Michael Ornauer

God Bless America

Nikki Blonsky, Junior Firefighter

Honorary Speakers

*Peter T. King, Member, US Congress
Charles J. Fuschillo Jr., New York State Senate
Thomas R. Suozzi, Nassau County Executive*

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Angelo Catalano

Benediction

Nassau County Chaplain

Closing Remarks

Michael Ornauer

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Deputy Director



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2 Turnout Gear & Equipment

4. Escape, Rescue, & EMS

3 Fighting Vehicles

1 Putting Out the Fire



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North Fork
Fire Safety Educator

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