

North Queensbury Volunteer Fire Co.

Locally owned and operated since 1948



75th Anniversary Celebration

North Queensbury Volunteer Fire Co.

Locally owned and operated since 1948

The first meeting to organize the North Queensbury Volunteer Fire Company was held in the old District #5 schoolhouse on Ridge Road on Sept. 24, 1948. The meeting was attended by the following 18 men:

Douglas Webster

Dean Howland

Elmer Wood

Edward Williamson

Percy Denton Junior

Ralph Hill Sr.

Donald Crawford

Walter Snyder

Murray Crannell

Ralph Been

Alfred Van Horne

Raymond Walkup

Fred Durkee

Ralph Hill Jr

Henry Osterhoudt

Neal Schoonover

Scott McLaughlin

Fred Vaughn



North Queensbury Volunteer Fire Co.

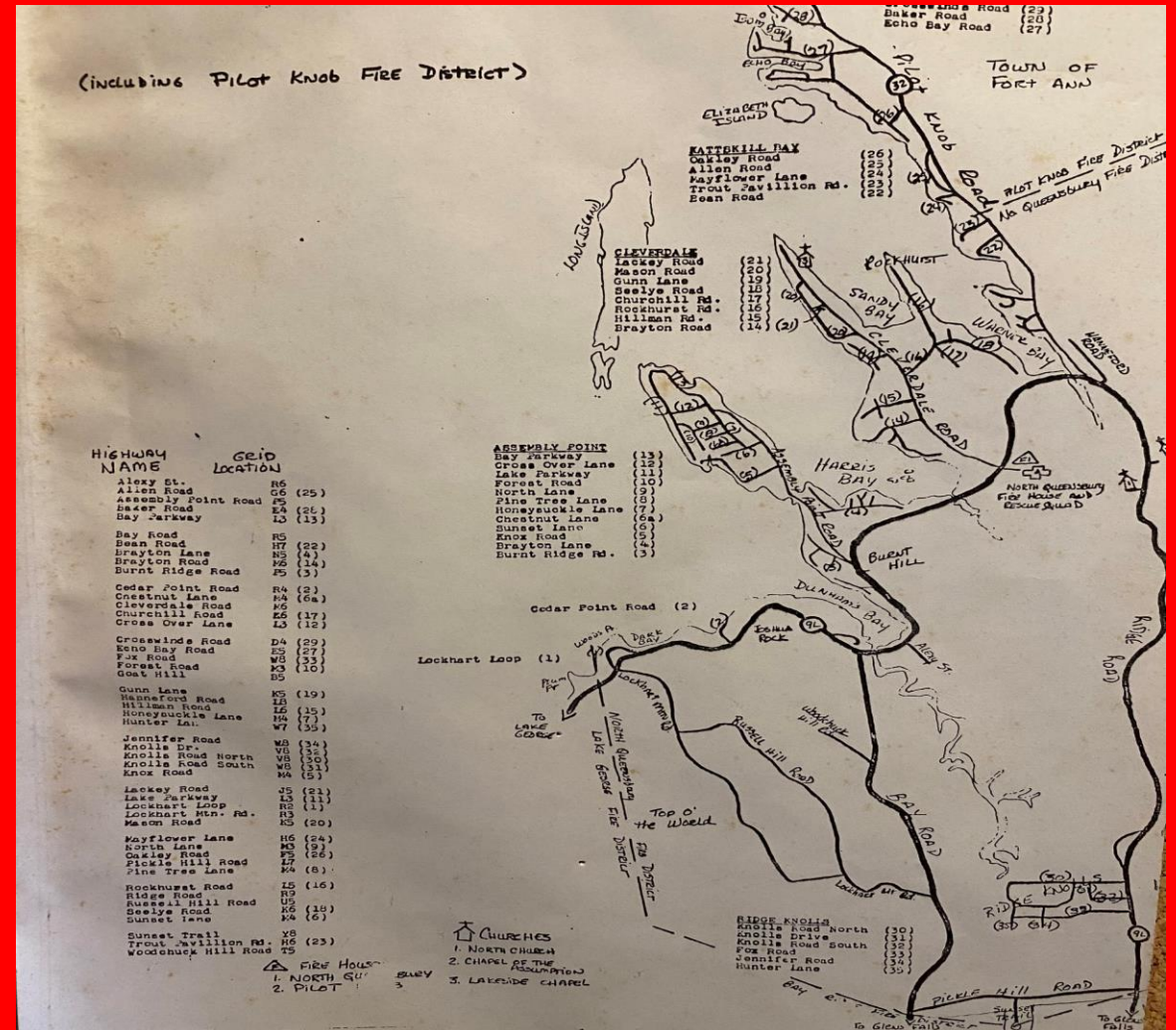
Locally owned and operated since 1948

The Fire District was decided upon and a set of by-laws was drawn up. Over the following month 21 more members signed on and a 5,000 square foot landsite was donated by Robert LaPan. At the October 24th meeting the first slate of officers were elected.

President: Ralph Been
Vice President: Leander Dickinson
Secretary: Henry Osterhoudt
Treasurer: Alger Mason

Chief: Robert LaPan
Assistant Chief: William Brenm

Director: Fred Vaughn
Director: Vernon West
Director: Dean Howland
Director: Douglas Webster
Director: William Henderson
Director: Arthur Freelov



North Queensbury Volunteer Fire Co.

Locally owned and operated since 1948

Drills were held regularly in conformance with state law.



North Queensbury Volunteer Fire Co.

Locally owned and operated since 1948

A building committee was appointed & plans to acquire a 1916 American LaFrance fire engine owned by Granville A. Beals of Assembly Point.

This fire engine has a chain drive very similar to a bicycle.

It was kept in Al Van Horne's garage until a firehouse was built.

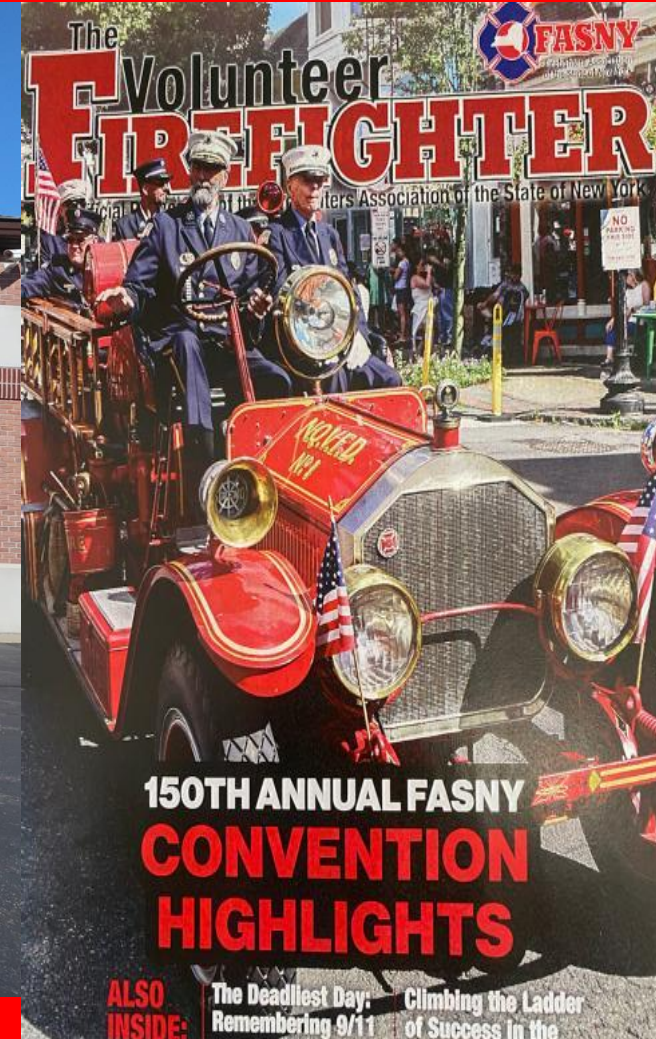


North Queensbury Volunteer Fire Co.

Locally owned and operated since 1948

The LaFrance was last used in the winter of 1956 for a fire in South Glens Falls.

Currently, the LaFrance is kept in reserve, maintained by the membership in running and driving order and enjoyed at parades and other special events.



North Queensbury Volunteer Fire Co.

Locally owned and operated since 1948

Ground was broken November 1st, 1948 for a 30 X 35 cement block building from plans drawn by J. Arthur Norton.

The firehouse was nearly completed April 22nd, 1949 and the first meeting in the new firehouse was held.

The firehouse was built by the members, themselves, under the direction of a hired foreman.



North Queensbury Volunteer Fire Co.

Locally owned and operated since 1948

In 1949 a Dodge power wagon was acquired & equipped with a 500 gallon per minute pump, tank, hose and firefighting equipment.



North Queensbury Volunteer Fire Co.

Locally owned and operated since 1948

POST STAR
AUGUST 7, 1950

North Queensbury Firemen Receive New Truck

Shown above with the North Queensbury Volunteer Fire Company's new truck are a group of members of the company. Left to right, kneeling, Lt. Neal Schoonover, Gordon Wakeley, Fred Vaughn, Richard Brayton, Kenneth Frasier, Second Assistant Chief Douglas Webster, President Irving Keyworth, Chief Robert LaPan, Claude Ward, Secretary Henry Osterhoudt. Standing, at left, First Assistant Chief Leander Dickinson and Ben Harris; at right, Gordon Webster and Captain Wayne Ricketts.

The North Queensbury Volunteer Fire Company has formally accepted a new fire truck purchased from the Ford Garage Co., Inc., Glens Falls Dodge and Plymouth dealers, and the apparatus has been placed in service.

The truck, a Dodge "power wagon," gives the company its second piece of equipment. The first, an American LaFrance pumper of 500 gallons per minute capacity, was found to have limitations in its ability to move over rough, wet ground and reach property in out-of-the-way places such as the banks of Lake George and cottages and homes in the woods around the lake.

Therefore, directors of the company presented their idea of a four-wheel drive truck to the membership and after much discussion it was decided to purchase a truck from the Glens Falls concern, through Gordon Wakeley, sales manager, and Ben Harris, truck manager.

The truck was sent to the Hanney Reel Company of Westerlo to be outfitted according to specifications submitted by Fire Chief Robert LaPan and the directors. It is equipped with an Oberdorfer pump, an electric-powered reel capable of holding 750 feet of 1 1/2-inch hose, two reels, also electric-powered, each holding 250 feet of three-quarter inch booster hose, a 300-gallon booster tank, five brass Indian tanks, one front and one rear intake ports, one 1 1/2-inch discharge on each side, one 42-foot three section magnesium extension ladder, one magnesium roof ladder, one Hale portable pump, four sections of 2 1/2-inch clamp-type suction hose which also fit the portable pump, a 280-foot winch, two portable dry cell lamps, flashlights, rubber coats, boots, helmets, hose adapters, pike poles, axes and other small equipment.

The Oberdorfer pump will produce 800 pounds pressure, governed at 150 pounds to produce 150 gallons per minute.

The company was the second in the Town of Queensbury to receive its charter and the first to obtain a Class C-2 fire insurance rating, which means a substantial saving in fire insurance rates for residents of the district. It has about 60 active members.

NORTH QUEENSBURY GETS
NEW FIRE ENGINE

North Queensbury Volunteer Fire Co.

Locally owned and operated since 1948



North Queensbury Volunteer Fire Co.

Locally owned and operated since 1948



North Queensbury Volunteer Fire Co.

Locally owned and operated since 1948

In 1955 a Ford 600 gallon per minute pumper was purchased.



North Queensbury Volunteer Fire Co.

Locally owned and operated since 1948

In 1955 the firehouse was widened to twice its original width and a second story added in 1962.

An annual smorgasbord dinner was held at the firehouse to finance purchase of equipment and the second story was utilized to accommodate these dinners.

The entire membership would work for a week in preparation and we would make almost \$1,000.00 for the effort.



North Queensbury Volunteer Fire Co.

Locally owned and operated since 1948

Rescue Squad established 1949

In 1949 equipment was acquired and a rescue squad was formed as a part of the Company.

The first ambulance was acquired in 1959 and replaced in 1961.

Needless to say these vehicles were far from new but served our purposes well.

Ralph Hill Sr. Was the first Rescue Squad Captain and served many years as a dedicated first-aider.

Today the Rescue Squad is a separate but associated organization and the training and abilities make the members proficient at their skills and many lives have been saved by their efforts.

Many of the members participate in both firefighting and rescue squad work. The Fire Company assists the Rescue Squad in emergency situations such as motor vehicle accidents and water, ice or mountain rescues.



North Queensbury Volunteer Fire Co.

Locally owned and operated since 1948

In the early 1990s it became obvious that our present firehouse was not only inadequate but did not meet OSHA and other mandates.

The Fire Company selected Richard Jones & Associates as the architect to design the new firehouse.

Peter Carr, Peter Frederick & Jim Schoonover with secretary Vern Burkhart started meeting with the architect early in 1993, meeting almost weekly until in August 1993 plans were finalized.

Construction started shortly thereafter with work progressing thru the winter. Our current building was completed in early '94.



North Queensbury Volunteer Fire Co.

Locally owned and operated since 1948

Our current Chiefs and Administrative Officers:

Chief: Jeff Baertschi
1st Asst. Chief: Frank DeNardo
2nd Asst. Chief: Evan Donegan
3rd Asst. Chief: Jason Halliday
4th Asst. Chief: Pete Carr

Fire Police Capt.: Hal Halliday
Safety Officer: Greg France
EMS Officer: Dave Nowak

President: Todd Mahony
V. President: Lisa Munzenmaier
Secretary: Steve Aiello
Treasurer: Tim Collins
Chaplain: Dave Aust

Board of Directors:
Dan Davies
Greg France
Jason Halliday
Fred McKinney
Dave Nowak
Dave Wilcox

North Queensbury Volunteer Fire Co.

Locally owned and operated since 1948

Our current members:

Gerald Bielak
Paul Callahan
Todd Chamberlin
Torin Davies
Frank DeNardo Jr.
Joe Family
Howard Fischer
Larry Fischer
Pete Fraser
John Fuller
Charles Gales

Sameh Ghobrial
Jon Halliday
John Hodgkins
Andrew Jeckel
Nick Jeckel
Cayden Johnston
Ray Kraft
Paul Lindsey
Patty Mahony
Trevor Mann
James Mitchell

RJ Moon
Charly Munzenmaier
Rob Nonni
Stevin O'Brien
Ken Rohne
Rick Salerno
Jim Schoonover Jr
Jim Schoonover III
Pete Smith
Chris Swinton

North Queensbury Volunteer Fire Co.

Locally owned and operated since 1948



Current members

North Queensbury Volunteer Fire Co.

Locally owned and operated since 1948



Dive team

North Queensbury Volunteer Fire Co.

Locally owned and operated since 1948

Jim Schoonover Jr.

- With North Q from the beginning
- Past Chief
- Made thousands of calls
- Great Guy

We all owe him our THANKS !



North Queensbury Volunteer Fire Co.

Locally owned and operated since 1948

Our equipment:

E-325 (Engine 325)

Is a 1999 Saulsbury/Spartan pumper rescue truck powered by a 430-hp Detroit Diesel Series 60 engine. It features a 1,500 GPM pump and carries 1,000 gallons of water as well as class A-B dual foam system.

E-325 serves as our first due attack engine.



North Queensbury Volunteer Fire Co.

Locally owned and operated since 1948

Our equipment:

E-326 (Engine 326)

Is a 2010 twin-axle Pierce powered by a 515 HP Detroit diesel engine. It carries 2,000 gallons of water, a 2,000 GPM pump, 10,000 watt generator, an extendable light tower and rescue equipment.

E-326 serves as a major fire attack vehicle and provides mutual aid support.



North Queensbury Volunteer Fire Co.

Locally owned and operated since 1948

Our equipment:

E-327 (Engine 327)

Is a 2002 Ford / Saulsbury engine. It carries 200 gallons of water, 30 gallons of foam and is equipped with a 1,000 gallon per minute pump and light tower.

E-327 serves as a water supply engine at a lake or pond to refill tanker trucks.



North Queensbury Volunteer Fire Co.

Locally owned and operated since 1948

Our equipment:

R-125 (Rescue 125)

Is a 1996 Saulsbury/Volvo Heavy Rescue truck. The unit is powered by a 270 HP Volvo engine, has twin light towers and seating for 12 firefighters. It carries EMS equipment and a variety of hydraulic extrication tools, including the jaws-of-life.

R-125 is used for motor vehicle accidents, ice and water rescues, rope rescues and other specialized incidents.



North Queensbury Volunteer Fire Co.

Locally owned and operated since 1948

Our equipment:

R-126 (Rescue 126)

Is a 2019 Ford F-350 with a custom rescue body built by Stonewell Manufacturing. It carries a full complement of EMS equipment including a LUCAS CPR machine as well as small tools and traffic control equipment.

R-126 is the first due EMS response vehicle and provides support for fires, rescues and traffic control incidents.



North Queensbury Volunteer Fire Co.

Locally owned and operated since 1948

Our equipment:

R-127 (Rescue 127)

Is a 2016 BRP 6-wheel Outlander powered by a Rotax 1000 engine. Equipped with a hard top cargo box, a GPS system and both front and rear power winches, the all-terrain vehicle also carries Stokes basket and rope rescue equipment.

The 6-wheeler is used for rescue operations in areas inaccessible by other vehicles. Equipped with an Apache 360 LT track system in winter, R-127 can undertake ice and snow rescues.



North Queensbury Volunteer Fire Co.

Locally owned and operated since 1948

Our equipment:

R-128 (Rescue 128)

Is a 1997 Grumman Olsen / Chevrolet step van equipped with dive gear, SCUBA and other water and ice rescue equipment.

Its primary purpose is to get divers and their gear to the scene of water / ice rescue and recovery operations.



North Queensbury Volunteer Fire Co.

Locally owned and operated since 1948

Our equipment:

T-429 (Tanker 429)

Is a 2018 Rosenbauer / Freightliner tanker with a 1,750 GPM pump, 2,000 gals of water, large quick dump valves on 3 sides, 2,700 gallon portable tank, top mounted deck-gun, attack and supply lines and portable pumps.

It provides a portable water supply for fighting fires where there is no available water source.



North Queensbury Volunteer Fire Co.

Locally owned and operated since 1948

Our equipment:

MR-2 (Marine Rescue 2)

Is a 2009 27' Boston Whaler Challenger fire rescue boat powered by twin Mercury 250 HP outboard engines. The boat is equipped with day / night GPS and radar navigation systems, a 800 GPM water supply, firefighting deck gun and SCUBA equipment.

MR-2 is used to fight fires on boats and shoreline structures and to undertake marine rescue operations on the lake. It serves as major asset to the county-wide dive team.



North Queensbury Volunteer Fire Co.

Locally owned and operated since 1948

Our equipment:

Dux Boat:

Is a 2005 16' inflatable rescue boat powered by a Yamaha 25 HP outboard engine.

It provides support for water rescue incidents.



North Queensbury Volunteer Fire Co.

Locally owned and operated since 1948

Our equipment:

Hovercraft:

A SCAT Hovercraft powered by a two-stroke Rotax engine.

It is used for flat ice and water rescues.

Currently available for sale as our new hovercraft should arrive by the end of August.



North Queensbury Volunteer Fire Co.

Locally owned and operated since 1948

NORTH QUEENSBURY FIRE STANDARD RESPONSE ORDER

TYPE OF ALARM

APPARATUS RESPONSE ORDER

Structure and Unknown Alarms in District	325(2 Interiors), 326, 429, MR2, 125, 327, 126
EMS Assist	126(With CFR OR EMT), 125
Motor Vehicle Accident with PI	125, 326, 126, 325
Vehicle Fire	325(2 Interiors), 326, 125, 429
Grass & Brush Fire	327, 429, 126 w/6x6 Trailer
Wires Down	327, 126
Mountain Rescue Calls	126 w/6x6, 125
Carbon Monoxide Alarms (CO)	126, 125, 325(2 Interiors), 326
Hazardous Materials Spills/Incidents	326(2 Interiors), 125, 126
Good Intent	Based on OIC' Requests

MUTUAL AID RESPONSE

Stand-By/Engine to Scene/ Fast Team	Engine 326 (4 Interior Firefighters)
Tanker Request	429, 326
Brush Fire	327, 429, 126 w/6x6
MCI or Rescue Call	125, 326, 126 w/6x6

NQVFC WATER/MARINE RESCUE RESPONSE

Water/Ice Rescue on LG	MR2, 126 w/ Hovercraft, Dux Boat 125
Dive Call on LG (2 Divers)	MR2, 128, 126 & Dux Boat, 125
Water/Ice Rescue off LG	128, 126 & Dux Boat, Hovercraft, 125
Dive Call off LG (2 Divers)	128, 126 & Dux Boat
Request for Hovercraft	126 & Hovercraft
Request for "Inflatable"	126 & Dux Boat



North Queensbury Volunteer Fire Co.

Locally owned and operated since 1948



North Queensbury Volunteer Fire Co.

Locally owned and operated since 1948



North Queensbury Volunteer Fire Co.

Locally owned and operated since 1948



North Queensbury Volunteer Fire Co.

Locally owned and operated since 1948



North Queensbury Volunteer Fire Co.

Locally owned and operated since 1948



North Queensbury Volunteer Fire Co.

Locally owned and operated since 1948



Boathouse saved, but 3 boats burn

North Queensbury firefighters saved a Kattskill Bay boathouse from total destruction Saturday night as fire destroyed three lake craft.

Personnel in two boats from the Lake George Park Commission and the Warren County Sheriff's Department also fought the blaze at a boathouse owned by Waldo Ross.

The fire alarm was called in by Howard Fischer, second assistant chief of North Queensbury, after customers at Fischer's Marina spotted the blaze in the boathouse on Pilot Knob Road.

The North Queensbury Fire Company responded with four trucks and 22 firefighters and were able to save the boat dock, and prevent fire from spreading to an adjacent boathouse six feet away, reported North Queensbury Chief Larry Fischer.

The fire chief said two motorboats and a canoe were destroyed by the fire, which is believed to have been caused by a short-circuit in electrical lighting wire in the boathouse.

The Pilot Knob Fire Company remained on standby at North Queensbury fire house during the Saturday night blaze.

North Queensbury Volunteer Fire Co.

Locally owned and operated since 1948

Chimney fire:



North Queensbury Volunteer Fire Co.

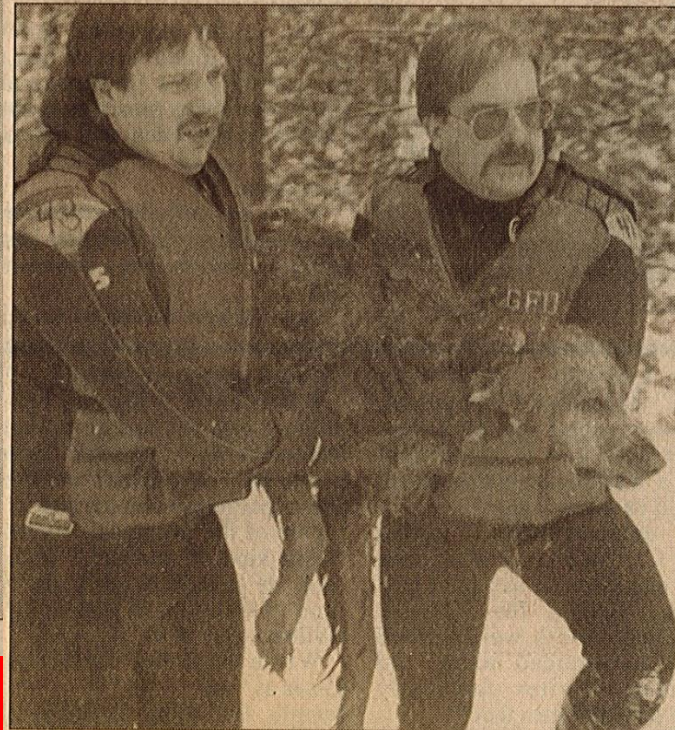
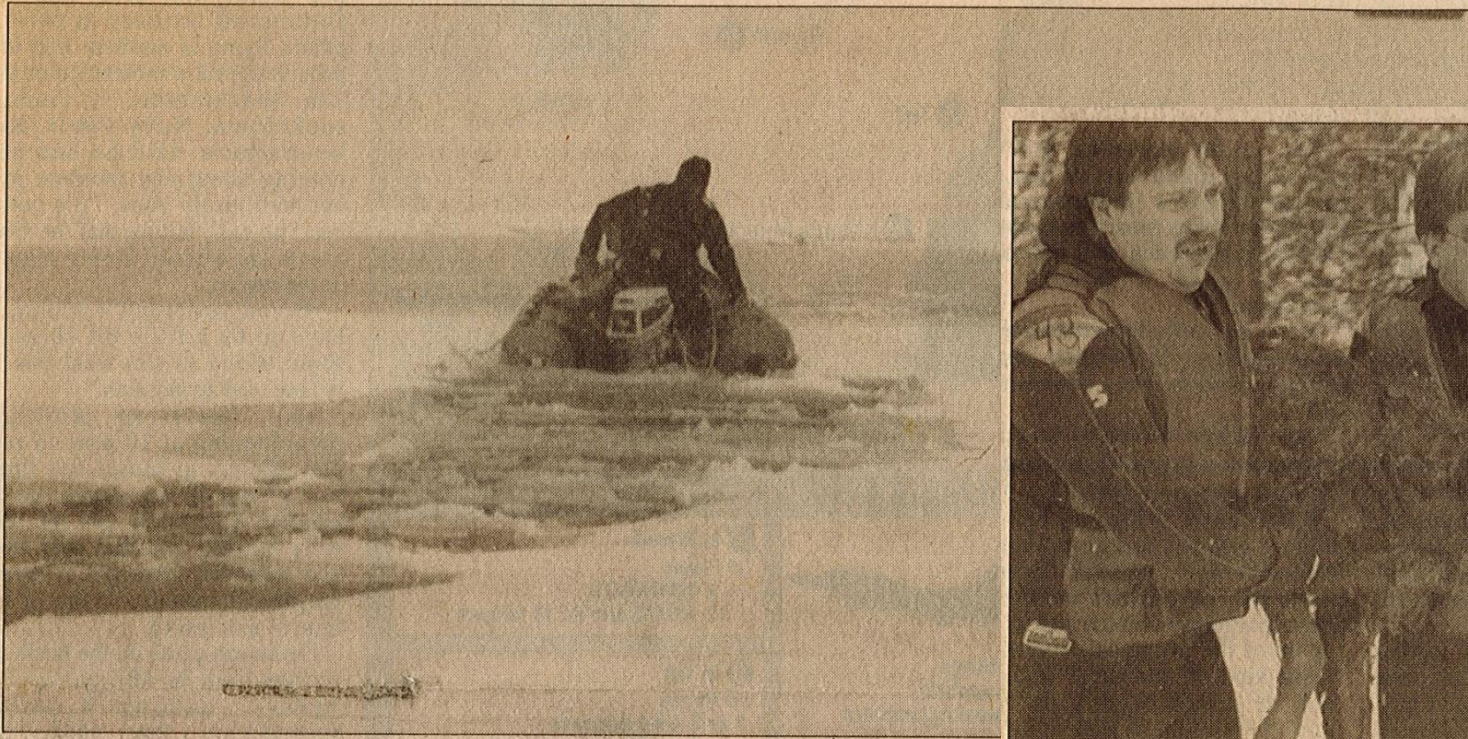
Locally owned and operated since 1948



North Queensbury Volunteer Fire Co.

Locally owned and operated since 1948

Danger: Thin ice



Warning issued after accidents

By Don Lehman
Staff Writer

Local authorities warned residents to steer clear of ice on area bodies of water after two accidents Thursday, one of which resulted in four people being shipped to Glens Falls Hospital when their snowmobiles plunged through thin ice on Schroon Lake.

"I'm recommending people not go on the ice at all," Warren County Fire Coordinator Marvin Lemery said.

Four people visiting the Word of Life Bible Institute were taken to Glens Falls Hospital after the two snowmobiles they were riding on broke through the ice,

State Police said.

They managed to climb out of the water to stable ice, where fishermen took them to an ambulance waiting at the shore, said Trooper David Roy.

The four, who were from out of the area, may have suffered hypothermia, but their lives were not in danger, Roy said.

Also Wednesday, a Kattskill Bay family lost its dog despite efforts by the North Queensbury Fire Department's ice rescue team.

The dog, an 80-pound Irish setter, broke through thin ice about 150 yards from shore near

Monty Calvert

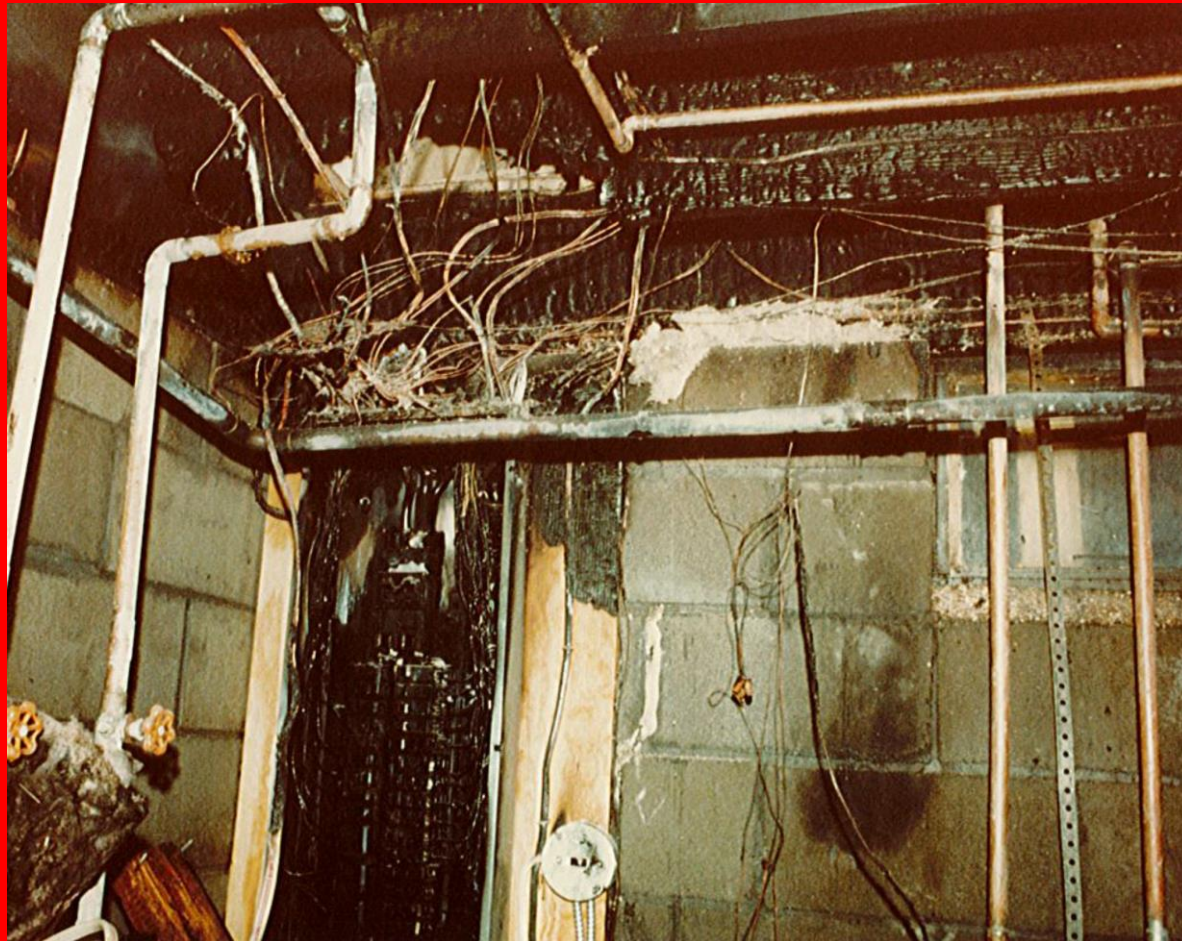
The dog was rushed to an ambulance, but later died.

See Ice: Back Page

North Queensbury Volunteer Fire Co.

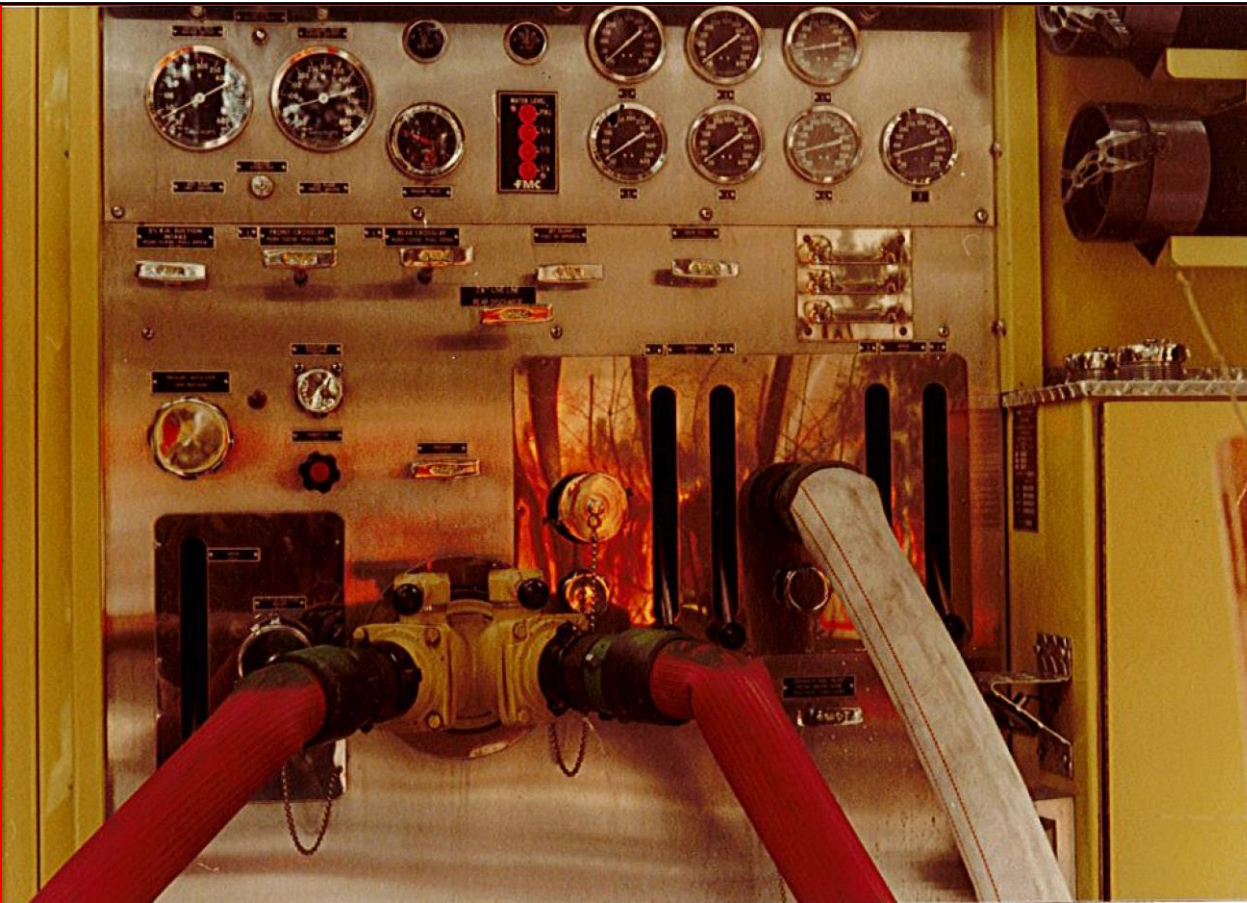
Locally owned and operated since 1948

Electrical fire:



North Queensbury Volunteer Fire Co.

Locally owned and operated since 1948



North Queensbury Volunteer Fire Co.

Locally owned and operated since 1948



Extrication drill

North Queensbury Volunteer Fire Co.

Locally owned and operated since 1948

Extrication



North Queensbury Volunteer Fire Co.

Locally owned and operated since 1948



North Queensbury Volunteer Fire Co.

Locally owned and operated since 1948



North Queensbury Volunteer Fire Co.

Locally owned and operated since 1948



North Queensbury Volunteer Fire Co.

Locally owned and operated since 1948



North Queensbury Volunteer Fire Co.

Locally owned and operated since 1948



North Queensbury Volunteer Fire Co.

Locally owned and operated since 1948



North Queensbury Volunteer Fire Co.

Locally owned and operated since 1948



North Queensbury Volunteer Fire Co.

Locally owned and operated since 1948



North Queensbury Volunteer Fire Co.

Locally owned and operated since 1948



North Queensbury Volunteer Fire Co.

Locally owned and operated since 1948



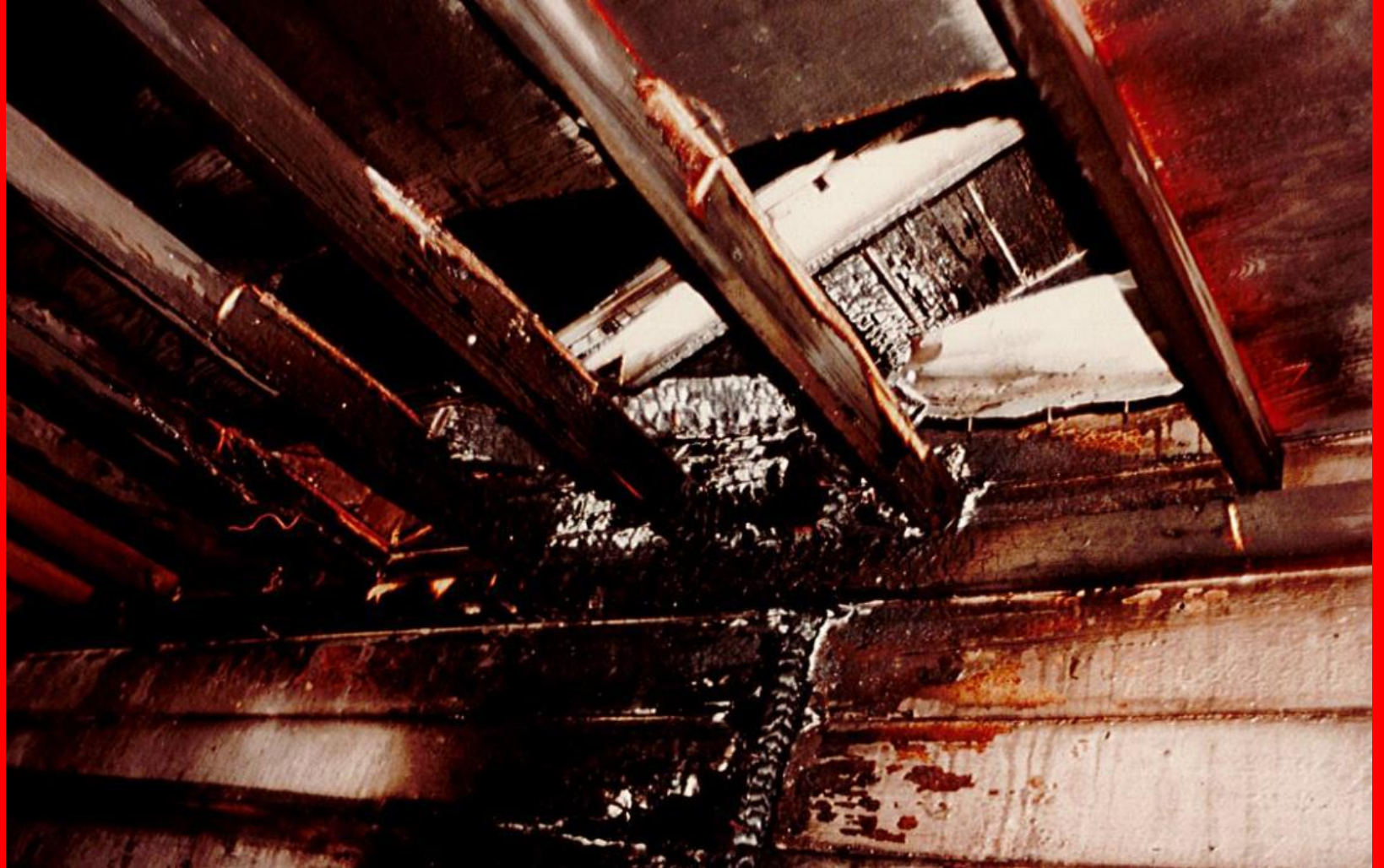
North Queensbury Volunteer Fire Co.

Locally owned and operated since 1948



North Queensbury Volunteer Fire Co.

Locally owned and operated since 1948



North Queensbury Volunteer Fire Co.

Locally owned and operated since 1948



North Queensbury Volunteer Fire Co.

Locally owned and operated since 1948



North Queensbury Volunteer Fire Co.

Locally owned and operated since 1948



North Queensbury Volunteer Fire Co.

Locally owned and operated since 1948



North Queensbury Volunteer Fire Co.

Locally owned and operated since 1948



North Queensbury Volunteer Fire Co.

Locally owned and operated since 1948



North Queensbury Volunteer Fire Co.

Locally owned and operated since 1948



North Queensbury Volunteer Fire Co.
Locally owned and operated since 1948

“We’re always here when you need us...”