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75th Anniversary Celebration
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
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
Drills were held regularly in conformance with state law.
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.
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.
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.
In 1949 a Dodge power wagon was acquired & equipped with a 500 gallon per minute pump, tank, hose and firefighting equipment.
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North Queensbury Firemen Receive New Truck

AUGUST 7, 1950

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

shown above with the North Queensbury Volunteer Fire Company's new truck are a group of members of the company, left to right, kneeling: Ed. Neal Schoonover, Gordon Rayton, Kenneth Fraser, 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 been in existence since 1948 and has served the community well in the past years. The new truck will further enhance their ability to respond to emergencies.

The truck is equipped with a Lyman pump, a 200-gallon booster tank, and a hose reel. The pump can deliver 1,500 gallons per minute, and the truck is capable of carrying 2,000 gallons of water.

The company was the second in the Town of Queensbury to receive a Class C-2 fire insurance rating, which means a substantial saving in fire insurance rates for residents of the district. It has about 80 active members.
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In 1955 a Ford 600 gallon per minute pumper was purchased.
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.
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.
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.
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Our current Chiefs and Administrative Officers:

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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
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Dive team
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Jim Schoonover Jr.

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

We all owe him our THANKS!
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.
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.
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.
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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.
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.
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.
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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.
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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.
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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 a major asset to the county-wide dive team.
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.
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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 FIRE

### STANDARD RESPONSE ORDER

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### 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
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- Request for Hovercraft: 126 & Hovercraft
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Boathouse saved, but 3 boats burn

North Queensbury firefighters saved a Katskill 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.
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Chimney fire:
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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.

Monty Calvert

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

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 Catskill 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...
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Electrical fire:
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