

# OLD FORGE

## FIREFIGHTERS DRILL SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 11TH-14TH, 2025



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THE ADIRONDACKS ORIGINAL AND BEST FIRE SCHOOL IN ITS 58TH YEAR!





# OLD FORGE

## EVENT SCHEDULE

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2025**

**13:30-17:30 271 GOLF TOURNAMENT (THENDARA G.C.)**  
**15:30-20:30 REGISTRATION**  
**18:30 9/11 MEMORIAL SERVICE**  
**20:00-23:00 BLOCK PARTY & MUSIC BY JAMIE LOSON**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH, 2025**

**07:30-19:30 REGISTRATION**  
**08:30-10:15 PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTING A TRAINING PROGRAM**  
**08:30-10:15 WAREHOUSE FIRES**  
**08:30-15:30 PROPANE EMERGENCIES & LIVE BURN**  
**08:30-10:30 FIRE BEHAVIOR**  
**08:30-15:30 WATER SPRINKLER TRAILER (PART 1)**  
**12:15-13:15 LUNCH**  
**13:00-14:30 ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION: ISSUES FACING THE FIRE SERVICE**  
**13:00-15:30 DEALING WITH METH LAB EMERGENCIES**  
**13:00-15:30 WATER SPRINKLER TRAILER (PART 2)**  
**14:00-16:00 VENDOR APPRECIATION NIGHT**  
**(ENJOY APPETIZERS WHILE MEETING OUR VENDORS WHO SUPPORT THIS EVENT!)**  
**16:30-17:30 JUNIOR PUSH BALL**  
**17:30-18:30 ADULT PUSH BALL**  
**20:00-00:00 BAND: HOT KOGEN**

On behalf of the organizing committee, I would like to extend a warm welcome to each of you as we gather for our 58th annual Old Forge Firefighter's Drill School. This event is an incredible opportunity to hone our skills, share knowledge and foster a sense of camaraderie that is so vital to our profession. Every year, we strive to provide a challenging yet supportive environment where firefighters of all levels can learn, grow and improve their abilities, and this year will be no different. The drills and training exercises have been carefully designed to test our abilities, enhance our response times and ensure we are prepared for any emergency situation that may arise. I encourage you to take full advantage of the resources and expertise available here, whether you're here to refine your techniques or learn something new, we all share the same mission: to serve and protect our communities to the best of our abilities. Thank you for your commitment to this vital work. I look forward to a successful and rewarding drill school experience with all of you - Stay safe and keep learning! Be Kind,  
Dawn Schweinsberg  
Committee Chair



**ATTENTION FIREFIGHTERS  
ATTENDING FIRE SCHOOL  
2025**

All participants involved in any training or activities during Fire School Weekend – September 11–14, 2025, are required to complete a Hold Harmless Agreement prior to participation.

Download the form here:  
<https://bit.ly/3FWfkeP>

Or use the QR code at the bottom of this page.

Please bring your completed form with you to registration. No form = No participation.

Help us keep things running smoothly and safely—thank you for your cooperation!



# OLD FORGE

## EVENT SCHEDULE

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH, 2025**

<b>07:30-15:30</b>	<b>REGISTRATION</b>
<b>08:30-15:00</b>	<b>YOUTH TRAINING</b>
<b>08:30-10:15</b>	<b>NATIONAL GRID: FIRST RESPONDER UTILITY SAFETY TRAINING</b>
<b>08:30-10:15</b>	<b>SWISS ARMY ENGINE OPERATIONS</b>
<b>08:30-11:30</b>	<b>TRAFFIC INCIDENT MANAGEMENT</b>
<b>08:30-11:30</b>	<b>COMMANDING IN WATER RESCUES</b>
<b>09:00-12:00</b>	<b>SUBURBAN TACH/HOUSE FIRE</b>
<b>15:00-16:00</b>	<b>PARADE</b>
<b>19:00-20:00</b>	<b>AWARDS CEREMONY</b>
<b>20:00-00:00</b>	<b>BAND: 315</b>

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH, 2025**

<b>12:00</b>	<b>OLD FORGE FIRE DEPARTMENT BIG BUCKS DRAWING</b>
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## Old Forge Fire School

# JUNIOR FF ACTIVITIES

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH, 2025**

<b>07:30-08:00</b>	<b>*REGISTRATION (NORTH STREET PAVILION)</b>
<b>08:00-08:10</b>	<b>*MORNING MEETING</b>
<b>08:10-09:00</b>	<b>SESSION 1</b>
<b>09:00-09:10</b>	<b>BREAK/ROTATION</b>
<b>09:10-10:00</b>	<b>SESSION 2</b>
<b>10:00-10:10</b>	<b>BREAK/ROTATION</b>
<b>10:10-10:50</b>	<b>SESSION 3</b>
<b>10:50-11:00</b>	<b>BREAK/ROTATION</b>
<b>11:00-11:50</b>	<b>SESSION 4</b>
<b>12:00</b>	<b>LUNCH AND CERTIFICATES</b>

**\*AT REGISTRATION AND MORNING MEETING JUNIOR FIREFIGHTERS WILL BE BROKEN INTO TEAMS AND WILL ROTATE LEARNING STATIONS. THESE STATIONS WILL INCLUDE: LIFENET, INITIAL FIRE ATTACK, RESCUING A DOWNED FIREFIGHTER, SEARCH AND RESCUE TECHNIQUES, AND EMS.**

**BE SURE TO ENTER YOUR JUNIOR TEAM FOR OUR PUSHBALL  
ON FRIDAY AT 16:30!!!**





# INTERESTED IN BEING A FEATURED PRESENTER AT THE 2026 OLD FORGE FIRE SCHOOL?

As we gear up for another great year at the Old Forge Fire School, we're already looking ahead to 2026! We're seeking experienced and passionate instructors to be featured presenters at next year's event.

If you have valuable knowledge, skills, or experiences to share, this is a great opportunity to contribute to firefighter training, connect with others in the fire service, and make an impact.

Scan the QR code below or visit this link:

<https://bit.ly/3FI15u1>

to learn more and express your interest. We'd love to hear from you!



## MEET THE INSTRUCTORS:

**CHIEF MIKE BIVIANO**



**DAVE DENNISTON**



**JERRY KNAPP**



**ED MANN**



**TONY MCINTYRE**



**CHIEF TONY SEGE**



**JON SHEPARD**



**JOHN PITMAN**

**NYS POLICE**

**SYLVAN BEACH DIVE TEAM**

**CHIEF SAM USBORNE**



# CLASS DETAILS

## PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTING A TRAINING PROGRAM (DAVE DENNISTON)

This course reviews best practices for creating a robust training program in a volunteer fire department. You will learn how to ensure your training program produces positive outcomes, accomplishes training goals, and prepares members to run safe and effective operations.

## WAREHOUSE FIRES (ED MANN)

This class will help you better understand the significant challenges large warehouse fires pose due to their unique structural, operational, and material hazards. Effective fire protection design, robust water supply systems, and coordinated fire service operations are crucial to managing these incidents. Case studies will be used to highlight the importance of pre-planning, and training to mitigate risks and ensure safety. By understanding these special problems and learning from past incidents, firefighters and officers can develop more effective strategies to combat large warehouse fires and minimize their impact.

## PROPANE EMERGENCIES & LIVE BURN (JOHN PITMAN)

This class will review: physical properties and characteristics of propane and the importance of remembering them during a propane emergency; methods to control propane vapor when released into atmosphere; firefighting techniques utilized to mitigate leaking propane as well as fires involving propane. *Turnout gear required. Limited Enrollment.*

## FIRE BEHAVIOR (CHIEF SAM USBORNE)

Understanding fire behavior and building construction as it relates to the fire service is arguably the most important aspect of our job. In this program, firefighters will observe changes in fire behavior from the outside while typical fireground actions are simulated. Firefighters will recognize the vast difference in fire dynamics with the synthetic fuels used in homes today versus the fuel the fire service is using in training towers. This two-hour training includes a classroom presentation, followed by an interactive demonstration using a 10-square-foot dollhouse prop. The unit provides a safe, inexpensive way to discuss fireground strategies/tactics to improve firefighter safety and victim survivability.

## WATER SPRINKLER TRAILER PART 1 & 2 (JON SHEPARD & CHIEF MIKE BIVIANO)

Overview of Fire Alarm and Fire Sprinkler Systems: Understand the basic system types and how they function. Hands on Experience and practical training with real equipment. Classroom instruction as well as hands on portion in the on site fire protection lab.

## METH LAB (NYS POLICE)

Combining classroom lecture and training with the NYS Mobile Meth lab, this class will help first responders identify and react to emergencies that involve methamphetamines and other dangerous chemicals.

## ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION: ISSUES FACING THE FIRE SERVICE

Join members from six different departments as we have a group discussion about difficulties facing departments such as recruitment, retention, requirements, and what it means to be a first responder in today's fire service.





# CLASS DETAILS

## **NATIONAL GRID: FIRST RESPONDER UTILITY SAFETY TRAINING (TONY MCINTYRE)**

Developed with the assistance of local fire-fighting professionals, National Grid offers training that provides emergency response personnel with the information they need to safely identify and respond to incidents that may involve electric power lines and other utility facilities. The training will include Pipeline Safety Compliance (811), Live Line demonstration and Downed Power Line Presentation.

## **SWISS ARMY ENGINE OPERATIONS (DAVE DENNISTON)**

We use our engine on just about every run we go on, but is every run the same? In this course we will explore the workhorse of our fleets, the engine, and discuss ways to optimize how your engine crew responds to various runs. We will share some tried and true procedures, and maybe even invent some new ones, as you network with fellow firefighters from various departments. *Turnout gear required. Limited Enrollment.*

## **TRAFFIC INCIDENT MANAGEMENT (TONY SEGE)**

This Presentation will address new NYS laws and review those laws that are current in effect as they apply to the authority of the Fire Police Officer and/or Firefighter conducting traffic control. The discussion will focus its attention on the Fire Police Officer's role, complacency on the job that can cause injury, understanding highway safety, taking into account the many factors that impact traffic flow and traffic management.

## **COMMANDING IN WATER RESCUES (SYLVAN BEACH FD)**

The program we will be providing at the Old Forge School encompasses a little bit of everything our team has to offer. The first part of the course will include classroom time to discuss rescues, identify the type of equipment needed in various situations, flood types, fire suppression on a water vessel, and general safety of water emergencies. The second part of the course will be hands-on skills of throw ropes, assisting a victim from the water, and potential fire suppression. *Personal Flotation Device Required. Limited Enrollment.*

## **SUBURBAN TACH/HOUSE FIRE (JERRY KNAPP)**

This program is broken down into several classroom sections.

Introduction and how to use \$20,000,000 worth of research conducted by Underwriters Laboratories specifically on house fires to improve strategic and tactical operations (size up, search, rescue, fire attack and ventilation).

Basement fires: Case studies of successful operations and where others led to line of duty deaths.

First floor fires: This section provides a thorough update on modern fire dynamics so firefighters can apply the proper tactics.

Second floor fires: Case studies and updates on tactics for search/rescue and dangers of modified single family homes

Attic Fires: New nozzle techniques for attic fires

Fire Envelopment: Explanation new tactics necessary for this situation



**OLD FORGE FIRE DEPARTMENT  
116 FULTON STREET  
OLD FORGE, NY 13420**

**TRUCK MUSTER**

**WANTED LITTLE MO'S & BLITZ BUGGY'S**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2025**

**12:00 – 6:00 PM**



**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**(315) 369-3838  
TOWHADIRECTOR@GMAIL.COM**



# REGISTRATION

PRE-  
CONFERENCE

**\$60**

\$75 AT THE DOOR

Name:

Fire Department:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Class Time	First Choice	Alternate pick, in case first choice is full
Friday, AM		
Friday, PM		
Saturday, AM		

**\*ALL ATTENDEES MUST WEAR WRISTBANDS TO ATTEND CLASSES!**

Mail Completed forms by *August 31 2025* to:

Old Forge Fire School  
PO Box 1170  
Old Forge, NY 13420

Please attach a copy for each individual attendee

## SHIRT PRE-ORDER



Pick-up available only!

Please send separate checks with registration / pre-order shirts  
Payment and order form must be sent by **AUGUST 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2025**

Name:

Department:

**SHORT SLEEVE**

**\$25**

Quantity:

Size:

Total:

**1/4 ZIP**

(FRONT LOGO ONLY)

**\$36**

Quantity:

Size:

Total:

**CREWNECK SWEATSHIRT**

**\$50**

Quantity:

Size:

Total:

**\*\*\* FOR SIZE 3X OR 4X ADD \$3 PER SHIRT \*\*\***

**REGISTRATION + SHIRT TOTAL:**



**Fire School**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH, 2025

# PARADE ENTRY FORM

Saluting Officer:

Department Name:

Contact Person:

Department Mailing Address:

Department Phone:

Department Email:

We will ☐ will not ☐ bring a marching band

We will ☐ will not ☐ bring apparatus

Our Ladies Unit will ☐ will not ☐ be marching

Our Junior/RAM Unit will ☐ will not ☐ be marching

We will ☐ will not ☐ be bringing antique apparatus

Mail Completed forms by *August 31 2025* to:

Old Forge Fire School

PO Box 1170

Old Forge, NY 13420

If yes, please describe:

# PETE DROMMS' PUSHBALL TOURNAMENT ENTRY FORM

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH, 2025

In order to play Pushball, your department **MUST** be registered for Fire School, attend classes, and march in the parade!  
**Bring your own turnout gear & helmet.**

Please Select: ☐ Junior Pushball (4:30 PM) ☐ Adult Pushball (5:30 PM)

Department Name:

Contact Person:

Department Mailing Address:

Department Phone:

Department Email:

Mail Completed forms by *August 31 2025* to:

Old Forge Fire School

PO Box 1170 Old Forge, NY 13420



# Believe 31 and Believe 271 Golf Tournament for a Cure

## REGISTRATION

*"No One Fights Alone"*



**NINE HOLE TOURNAMENT - LIMITED TO 18 FOURSOMES -**

### DATE:

SEPTEMBER 11, 2025

### TIME:

1:30 - REGISTRATION  
1:45 - LUNCH  
3:00 - SHOTGUN START  
5:30 - AWARDS

### LOCATION:

THENDARA GOLF CLUB  
151 5<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
THENDARA, NY 13472

### QUESTIONS:

JON BARRETT  
(315) 952-4631  
JON\_BARRETT@CICEROFIRE.COM

### SPONSORSHIPS:

- ☐ BEVERAGE CART - \$200.00  
☐ LUNCH - \$100.00  
☐ ONE SIGN - \$50.00  
☐ TWO SIGNS - \$75.00  
☐ OTHER SPONSOR

### CONTESTS (MEN & WOMENS):

LONGEST DRIVE

CLOSEST TO THE PIN

### ALL PROCEEDS:

All Proceeds to benefit  
believe 31 and believe 271 as  
we assist our brother and  
sister firefighters battling  
cancer or other life  
threatening illnesses.

[WWW.BELIEVE31.ORG](http://WWW.BELIEVE31.ORG)

[WWW.BELIEVE271.COM](http://WWW.BELIEVE271.COM)

COMPANY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

## REGISTER YOUR TEAM TODAY!

### FOURSOME:

TEAM NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PLAYER # 1: \_\_\_\_\_

PLAYER # 2: \_\_\_\_\_

PLAYER # 3: \_\_\_\_\_

PLAYER # 4: \_\_\_\_\_

### INCLUDED:

**NINE HOLES - GREEN FEE - CART FEE - LUNCH**

### PAYMENT:

**ALL PAYMENTS AND REGISTRATION FORMS  
SHOULD BE MADE OUT TO **BELIEVE 31** AND  
MAILED TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS BELOW:**

**BELIEVE 31  
GOLF TOURNAMENT  
8377 BREWERTON ROAD  
Cicero, NY 13039**



## IN MEMORIAM SUBMISSION FORM

AS PART OF OUR ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE AT FIRE SCHOOL ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2025, WE HONOR THE MEMORY OF FIREFIGHTERS WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR. PLEASE PROVIDE THE NAMES OF ANY DEPARTMENT MEMBERS WHO HAVE PASSED BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 1, 2024, AND AUGUST 31, 2025. IF YOU WOULD LIKE A PHOTO AS PART OF OUR PRESENTATION PLEASE SEND A

.JPEG TO [PRESIDENT@OFFD.ORG](mailto:PRESIDENT@OFFD.ORG)

### FIRE DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

FIRE DEPARTMENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PERSON: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

Name	Rank/Title	Years of Service

(ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NEEDED.)

### SUBMISSION INFORMATION

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: **AUGUST 31, 2025**

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO: OLD FORGE FIRE SCHOOL PO BOX 1170 OLD FORGE, NY 13420 . IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS,

CONTACT PRESIDENT RICHARD MATHY VIA EMAIL: [PRESIDENT@OFFD.ORG](mailto:PRESIDENT@OFFD.ORG).

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US HONOR THE SERVICE AND SACRIFICE OF OUR FELLOW FIREFIGHTERS.



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