Supervisor Romaine and Councilwomen Kepert and Bonner Celebrate with the Ridge Fire Department at their 73rd Annual Installation Dinner

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Councilwoman Kepert, Councilwoman Bonner, and Supervisor Romaine present a proclamation to award winners at the Ridge Installation Dinner

Farmingville, NY - On March 22, Supervisor Ed Romaine, Councilwoman Jane Bonner, and Councilwoman Connie Kepert attended the Ridge Fire District's 73rd Annual Installation Dinner at Majestic Gardens in Rocky Point. At the event, Certificates of Congratulations from the Town Board were presented to the honorees, including:

Years of Service

36 Years of Service to the Ridge Fire Department (50 years overall): William Sagan
Members with 40 Years of Service: Pete Cuti, Ex- Chief John Mirando, Jr.
Members with 35 Years of Service: Pasquale Pirozzi, Jr.
Members with 30 Years of Service: Rosario Lobcchiaro
Members with 10 Years of Service: Steven Barnes, Walter Gordon
Members with 5 Years of Service: Douglas Foy

Honorees:

New Chief of Department: Steven J. Gray
Outgoing Chief: John Mirando III
Outgoing Captain: Kevin Leedham
Fire Fighter of the Year: Stan Klein
Probationary Member of the Year: Brian Brooks
Rescue Member of the Year: Pete Cuti, Paul Halbert

Supervisor Romaine said, "Every day, lives are saved because of the unselfish efforts of our volunteer firefighters. I commend the members of the Ridge Fire Department for their service to the community and honor them for the time that they put in doing such a difficult and dangerous job."

"It is always a pleasure to join the Ridge Fire Department at their Annual Installation Dinners and to honor the men and women of the department who are dedicated to keeping their communities safe," said Councilwoman Connie Kepert. "Congratulations to all of the deserving honorees at this year's event."

Councilwoman Bonner said, "Since 1941, the Ridge Fire Department has embraced the true spirit of volunteerism and has done an exceptional job of protecting the surrounding areas. It was a true honor to be on hand to show my appreciation for all of the members of the department, both new and old."

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