



Fire Island Pines Volunteer Fire Department
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Dear members of the Pines Community;

The Fire Island Pines Fire Department is here to protect both you and your property.

On June 16th we saw a tragic loss of four homes but also an effective stop of further damage. Our hearts go out to those homeowners who lost their residences during that early Friday morning fire. Our Department made its best efforts aided by the other Fire Island community fire departments and several from the mainland. We had a total of 118 firefighters battling the blazes by the time it was all over. Given the high wind conditions we were fortunate to be able to stop the blaze where we did with only a few minor injuries to firefighters and no loss of life. Brookhaven fire marshals and the SCPD arson squad both returned reports to us showing an undetermined cause of the incident.

In a reversal of many years of diminished membership we are fortunate to have been able to recruit seven possible firefighters into our Department in 2017. These individuals are going through training now and a probationary evaluation to qualify for their full firefighter status. I encourage others who may be interested in joining and becoming a firefighter to contact us. We also have service opportunities in our Auxiliary group that does not involve direct firematic activities. If you have time to lend a hand you are welcome to enquire about these Auxiliary volunteer options. More information is on our website www.fipfd.org

We had a "blow-out" Community BBQ this July which was more than double the size of the prior year's event. We hope you enjoyed this free event.

For 58 years we have enjoyed the backing of the Community here in the Pines and hope to retain your trust and support. In 2018 after nine years as an Officer and Chief of your Department I am stepping down and you may welcome Chief Joe Geiman who is returning to the Chief's role – one which he previously served in 2009 and 2010. Thank you and let me know if you have any questions. You may reach me at DeptChief@fipfd.org or mobile (917) 297-2066.

Sincerely,

Michael Greenberg
Chief
Fire Island Pines Fire Department

