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**RAPIDS VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY TO PARTICIPATE IN STATEWIDE
"RECRUITNY" OPEN HOUSE WEEKEND APRIL 26 AND 27**

Lockport, NY — As part of the annual RecruitNY statewide initiative, the Rapids Volunteer Fire Company will open its doors so residents can learn how they can serve their volunteer fire department.

Volunteer fire departments across New York state have been faced with decreased membership and increased call volume. Like most volunteer fire departments, the Rapids Volunteer Fire Company needs to bolster its ranks so it can continue to provide the optimum level of protection for its residents.

As part of RecruitNY Weekend, the Rapids Volunteer Fire Company will open its doors on Sunday April 27, 2025 from 10:00AM until 2:00PM. This event will be hosted at our Station 2 located at 6131 Old Beattie Rd in Lockport. It will join hundreds of volunteer fire departments across New York to raise public awareness regarding the need for volunteers and to highlight the rewards of being a member of a volunteer fire department.

Throughout the day, the Rapids Volunteer Fire Company will conduct tours of the station and apparatus, allow visitors to try on gear, demonstrate firefighting activities, provide information, and address questions on becoming a member. These activities give visitors a taste of what it means to be in the fire service. Volunteer firefighters will also be on hand to discuss the requirements and rewards of joining. All are welcome and encouraged to attend, including families with children.

"We welcome the community to join us during RecruitNY Weekend," said Fire Chief Michael Moore. "This is an excellent opportunity for people to meet their local volunteer firefighters and learn more about the fire service. We are always looking for new members, and it is our hope that after meeting us, more people will be interested in becoming part of our family."

The Firefighters Association of the State of New York (FASNY) is committed to assisting New York's 1,700-plus volunteer departments connect with their communities and have sufficient members to protect them properly. Established in 2011, RecruitNY is an undertaking of FASNY. It is made possible by the continuing support and generosity of Lincoln Financial Group (LFG). In 2012, LFG announced the introduction of a new National Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) HEROPLUSSM Program. A first of its kind, LOSAP was designed for individual fire and emergency services departments to help recruit, retain, and reward dedicated volunteers with a program that will help boost their retirement readiness.

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