

Supervisor's Report

Copake owes a lot to our firefighters

At a Special Board meeting on July 20, 2021 Deputy Supervisor Richard Wolf introduced a Resolution honoring the members of the Copake Fire Department #1 and the Craryville Fire Department. The Resolution, which passed unanimously, particularly mentioned the fact the Departments had pumped out dozens of basements between July 16, and July 18. The resolution mentioned further that these first responders are "unsalaried volunteers- and work tirelessly and selflessly to keep all of Copake residents safe"

I suspect that many, especially new residents to the area, do not stop to consider that our local fire departments are totally volunteer. Their service to this community is selfless, courageous, and critical to the health and wellbeing of our Town.

In addition to saying thank you, I also want to say congratulations- to Former Chief and now Assistant Chief of the Copake Fire Department, Randi Shadic. In July, Assistant Chief Shadic was honored by the Columbia County Volunteer Firefighters Association (CCVFA) and received their prestigious CCVFA Firefighter Lifetime Achievement Award. To engage with Assistant Fire Chief Shadic is to be immediately impressed by the expertise, professionalism and humility of this good man. We are proud and thankful, that he is one of ours. Thank you and congratulations to Assistant Chief Randi Shadic.

I urge all who live here in Copake to support our Fire Departments through donations. And for those who are able, consider volunteering with these courageous community minded individuals.