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SARATOGA COUNTY OFFICIALS CELEBRATE RETIRING COUNTY FIRE COORDINATOR AT WALKOUT CEREMONY

BALLSTON SPA, NY -- Saratoga County officials today held a "walkout" ceremony to honor long-time Saratoga County Fire Coordinator Ed Tremblay, who retired after 29 years of dedicated service to the County.

Edward Tremblay was appointed Saratoga County Fire Coordinator in 1995. During his 29 years with Saratoga County, he coordinated innumerable firefighter classes and fire investigations and oversaw the deployment of County based assets to multiple major disasters.

Ed established the County HazMat Team in 1999 and facilitated construction of a new burn building at the Fire Training Center in 2001 and its replacement, which is scheduled for construction in 2025. Coordinator Tremblay served in multiple major incidents including the 1998 tornado, annual ice storms, blizzards, and both Superstorm and Hurricane Sandy.

He chaired the Volunteer Chiefs Committee for the New York State Association of Fire Chiefs and was president of the State Fire Coordinators Association from 2017-2020. Ed is a life member of the West Crescent Fire Department, previously serving as chief for six years.

Board of Supervisors Chairman Phil Barrett (Clifton Park) presented Ed with a proclamation at the May Board Meeting to honor and commend him for his 29 years of faithful County service.

Chairman Barrett said, "On behalf of the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors, I offer our deep gratitude to Ed for his loyalty, dedication, and hard work over the past 29 years. As Saratoga County Fire Coordinator, he has had a positive impact on Saratoga County government and on the lives of Saratoga County residents. We wish Ed the best in his retirement."

Saratoga County Sheriff Michael H. Zurlo said, "As the county's Fire Coordinator, Ed has been a dedicated and integral member of our team, providing training opportunities for volunteer firefighters and responding to major weather events throughout the county for nearly three decades. On behalf of the Saratoga County Sheriff's Office, I wish Ed well in his retirement."

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Saratoga County Director of Emergency Management, Andre. M. Delvaux said, "After 29 years of unwavering dedication, Ed Tremblay is stepping down as Saratoga County Fire Coordinator. The Office of Emergency Management extends its heartfelt gratitude for Ed's tireless service in safeguarding our communities. His leadership and commitment have been instrumental in ensuring the well-being of our firefighters and the residents they protect. We wish him all the best in his well-deserved retirement!"

The ceremony was attended by several Saratoga County employees including members of the Saratoga County Sheriff's Office, Office of Emergency Management, local elected officials including members of the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors, Senator James Tedisco, and representatives from Assemblywoman Mary Beth Walsh's office, volunteer fire and EMS agencies from throughout the county, New York State Police and the New Yorks State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services.

The Saratoga County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is a multi-disciplined agency responsible for coordinating the County's response to natural disasters, weather emergencies, and other large-scale events. The OEM works collaboratively with local municipalities, state and federal agencies, and private sector partners to ensure the safety and well-being of Saratoga County residents.

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