

LOSAP

Length of Service Award Program

SLEEPY HOLLOW FIRE DEPARTMENT

- 100% Volunteer agency since May 26, 1876
- On call 24/7/365
- Responds to over 300 fire related emergencies a year
- SHFD has never had a benefit program for its volunteers

Recruit
Retain
Reward



SLEEPY HOLLOW AMBULANCE CORP (SHAC)

- Founded January 1967
 - Staffed 24/7/365 by volunteer driver's & EMTs
 - Responds to over 900 medical emergency calls a year
 - SHAC has never had a benefit program for its volunteers

During the COVID-19 pandemic both agencies continued their service to the residents. At the request of the residents, they brought smiles to the faces of over 45 residents during quarantined birthday celebrations and also celebrated all our local Moms and Dads.

VOTE YES ON OCTOBER 3RD, 2020

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT AND APPRECIATION FOR YOUR LOCAL FIRST RESPONDERS!

-Village of Sleepy Hollow-

Sleepy Hollow Fire Department

Fire Patrol Co. No. 1
Organized. 1876

Pocantico Hook & Ladder Co. No. 1
Organized. 1878

Rescue Hose Co. No. 1
Organized. 1887

Union Hose Co. No. 2 1876

Columbia Hose Co. No. 3
Organized. 1899



Organized. 1887
More than a Legend

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The Village of Sleepy Hollow Mayor, Board of Trustees, Sleepy Hollow Fire Department (SHFD) and the Sleepy Hollow Ambulance Corp. (SHAC) have collaborated to establish a Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) for our first responders.

New York State passed a law 30+ years ago that gave municipalities the ability to provide a Length of Service Award Program benefit for volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance Corp. volunteers. Volunteers are eligible for a Defined Benefit after five or more years of service, provided they comply with annual mandated service requirements, which are significant for each individual volunteer.

The Sleepy Hollow Fire Department has been a 100% volunteer agency since May 26, 1876. Our volunteers are on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year. Annually they respond to over 300 fire related emergencies and have been first responders to all types of emergencies in our community for over 144 years.

Sleepy Hollow Ambulance Corp. (SHAC), established January 1967, is also staffed 24/7/365, by volunteer driver's & EMT's. They average over 900 medical emergency calls a year. SHAC volunteers, like the SHFD, have not had the opportunity to benefit from a Length of Service Award Program, although they are eligible and deserving of this benefit.

An important factor for supporting this program is the Village's ability to recruit and retain our volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance Corp. staff. This benefit will provide a modest incentive to volunteers, for long-term service. We estimate the cost to fund a paid full-time Fire Department and Ambulance Corp. would increase Village taxes by more than 18%. The savings to Village taxpayers over the years has been significant.

The Village board believes that the time has come to support and fund a Length of Service Award Program for our Fire Department and Ambulance Corp. volunteers. Their continued service during the COVID-19 pandemic highlights the critical services these volunteers provide to Sleepy Hollow residents. In addition to keeping us safe and saving lives, they have been community stalwarts, supporting our residents during quarantine by participating in drive by acknowledgement celebrations and maintaining comradery within the community.

At our September 15th, Village Board meeting, we will have an informational session with Fire Department and Ambulance Corp. representatives to share the details of the LOSAP and answer any questions that Village residents may have.

On October 3rd, 2020, we will be holding a referendum to vote on establishing this much-needed program. Please show your support for your local first responders by voting "yes" for LOSAP!