

**League of Women Voters of New Castle
2017 Voters Guide for New Castle Fire District No. 1
Board of Fire Commissioners Elections**

The Fire District has a myriad of statutory responsibilities including the levying of taxes for the purpose of providing fire protection for the residents of the District. The Fire District budget is used to provide the Chappaqua Fire Department the funding necessary for equipment, apparatus, training, day-to-day operations, maintenance and repair of District facilities, amongst other specialty matters. *(from the NCFD #1 website. Further information about New Castle Fire District No. 1 and the Chappaqua Fire Department can be found at the end of this Voters Guide.)*

Seat 1: 5-year term, 1/1/2018 – 12/31/2022

Seat 2: 4-year term (to complete the 5-year term), 1/1/2018-12/31/2021

Election: Tuesday, December 12, 2017 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the Bedford Road Firehouse located at the intersection of Routes 120 and 117

Absentee Ballots: Absentee Ballots are available for this election. See details at the end of this Voters Guide.

Note: The League does not support or oppose any candidate. All candidates were provided with the questions for this Voters Guide and the candidates themselves supply all candidate information. The League takes no responsibility for the content or accuracy of the responses.

Seat 1

Term: 5 years; volunteer position

Candidates: Brian Jabloner and Charles Rauch

Brian Jabloner

Charles Rauch



1. Biographical Information:

Current FC Board position (if any): Commissioner, 1 term (5 years)

Current FD position (if any): N/A

Education: City College

1. Biographical Information:

Current FC Board position (if any): This is my first time running for the New Castle Board of Fire Commissioners

Current FD position (if any): My current position within the Fire Department is Interior Fire Fighter and Safety Officer

<p>Residence: New Castle; 17 years Occupation: NYPD (retired), Current position: Construction Management Current and Prior Civic and Volunteer Service: Volunteer Firefighter (CFD), Police Officer (NYPD), EMT</p>	<p>Education: Major in Economics and Minor in Accounting Residence: Chappaqua Resident for ~8 years Occupation: I am presently an independent consultant for the financial industry and my career spans the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Global Banking – servicing large mutual funds ii. Hedge Funds – positions held in operations, financial accounting, trading and technology iii. Global Prime Brokerage – provided liquidity and leverage to hedge fund clients with a focus on derivatives, worked as an internal consultant for Hedge Fund startups. I worked out of the New York, Toronto and London offices iv. Consulting Firm Partner – Built from an existing accounting technology based advisory firm advising hedge fund clients. My partners and I expanded the services offering to technology implementations across all aspects of the business including the management company. We also specialized in hedge fund startups where we worked with the business partners on overall budgets and planning, acquiring office space, work with architects for planning office layouts, manage negotiations with vendors. I co-authored an industry standard annual book on Hedge Fund and Private Equity Fund Administrators. v. Private Equity – Managed the pricing and valuations process for the largest private equity firm in the world vi. Independent Consultant in Private Wealth Management – I manage accounting, trading, pricing and valuations of an alternative assets fund strategy. <p>Current and Prior Civic and Volunteer Service:</p>
<p>2. What do you think is the most important issue facing the Fire District Commissioners and how would you propose addressing it?</p>	<p>2. What do you think is the most important issue facing the Fire District Commissioners and how would you propose addressing it?</p>

The most important issue facing the Commissioners currently is infrastructure expansion vs. cost. We need to make sure we have enough skilled firefighters to respond given the proposed equipment and facilities acquisitions and improvements. This needs to be considered prior to committing to significant investment.

There are actually 2 important issues facing the Fire Commissioners.

- a. Make sure that the firefighters and personnel are properly equipped and cared for to do their job safely on and off the fire ground. This includes:
 - i. All gear is up to date and in proper order
 - ii. All gear is maintained and working properly as designed by the manufacturers specifications
 - iii. Ensure when gear breaks, is out of date or is taken out of service there is a direct replacement or if it can't be immediately replaced it is properly documented and sent out immediately for repair and it gets back into service as soon as possible
 - iv. All of the trucks and the equipment on the trucks are fully equipped and in proper working order. When a truck is out of service, take the necessary steps to make sure the truck is immediately repaired and placed back in service as soon as possible.
 - v. Make sure that the annual detailed budget allocated to firefighter gear and equipment is both reasonable and viable
 - vi. Ensure all processes, procedures and documentation are up to date and followed in accordance with NFPA standards, OSHA and PESH
 - vii. Address all personnel issues that are brought before the Board of commissioners.
- b. Short term remediation of the Animal Hospital property:
 - i. Keep open lines of communication with the community and town hall on decisions that are being made and steps on how to proceed with the remediation of the building and the property
 - ii. Minimize the impact and risk to the community from the demolition process
 - iii. Understand all costs involved in the project and that the project remains on budget
 - iv. Make sure that the project has all of the necessary insurance coverage
 - v. Understand and minimize all environmental risks for the short and long term

	<p>vi. Ensure the demolition company is working with and following the EPA standards for remediation of the building for pollution and contaminants on the property and all federal and local permits are in place prior to beginning the project</p>
<p>3. How would you propose communicating with Fire District residents about upcoming votes and decisions? I would like the BOFC to designate an individual to spearhead communication with our residents through email, social media, signage, print and a much-needed overhaul of our website (and the CFD's) to make it more user friendly and update it more regularly. I would love to tap into our tech savvy students, our firefighters and our residents who have website building skills and utilize their help in becoming more transparent.</p>	<p>3. How would you propose communicating with Fire District residents about upcoming votes and decisions? Communication with the community is a very important topic for the Board of Fire Commissioners. The Board will continue to use many reasonable means as possible such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Written notifications in key places in town such as the Library, Town Hall and the train station b. Continue to make use of the internet such as placing notifications on the various existing Facebook pages, the Town Hall website, the weekly Executive Town board Newsletter and the Chappaqua FD website and the NCFD1.org website. c. For extremely urgent and potentially dangerous matters I would include phone broadcast text messages and expand the list of residents that provide their information to town hall.
<p>4. How many Board of Fire Commissioner meetings have you attended or watched in the last year, either in person or online? As a Commissioner, I attended all meetings except one special meeting that was missed for a work conflict.</p>	<p>4. How many Board of Fire Commissioner meetings have you attended or watched in the last year, either in person or online? I have watched several online meetings. There are many instances where there is a house duty running concurrent with the meeting schedule or I get called into service to respond to a fire call</p>

Seat 2
Term: 4 years; volunteer position
Candidates: Edwin Frank and Terence Hoey

Edwin Frank



Terence Hoey



1. Biographical Information:

Current FC Board position (if any): N/A

Current FD position (if any): N/A

Education: B.S.M.E. Pratt Institute, NY, M.S.M.E. Pratt Institute, NY

Residence: Full-time resident of New Castle for 30 years; registered to vote in New Castle

Occupation: Engineer: Over forty years of engineering, design and consultation experience including inspection of homes and buildings including apartment buildings, industrial buildings, office buildings, retail spaces, etc. This experience would be beneficial with the impending demolition of the Chappaqua Animal Hospital and future potential expansion of the Bedford Road Firehouse. I offer a skill set not presently available on the BOFC.

Current and Prior Civic and Volunteer Service:

Member: CFRAH (Chappaqua For Responsible Affordable Housing). Purpose is to focus on concerns related to the construction of the CONIFER affordable housing project. We gather and share information regarding the project's safety issues for future residents, mitigation of hazardous materials released while excavating a location noted to be a toxic waste site and significant concerns about traffic, HVAC, and proximity to Saw

1. Biographical Information:

Current FC Board position (if any): None

Current FD position (if any): None

Education: *partial list provided

ASIS International, Attained all ASIS Board Certifications (referred to as the Triple Crown), Certified Protection Professional (CPP®), Professional Certified Investigator (PCI®) and Physical Security Professional (PSP®), 2016

University of Pennsylvania, The Wharton School, Aresty Institute of Executive Education, Wharton/ASIS Program for Security Executives, 2014

Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC), ASIS International and Federal Protective Service (FPS) Physical Security Academy (PSA), 2007

Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC), Basic Police Course 403, Class Leader and President, Academic Achievement Award, 2004

U.S. Navy Senior Enlisted Academy (SEA), Class 94, Brown Group, Honor Graduate, 2000

<p>Mill Parkway exit and Metro-North Railroad tracks.</p> <p>Member: New Castle Community Inclusion & Diversity Committee: Created to assure fair and equal treatment for all residents and access to all resources the town offers. Also assists in providing residents additional support as needed, e.g. seniors, and the developmentally and physically disabled population residing in New Castle.</p> <p>Participant: Attended all Chappaqua Hamlet Comprehensive Plan meetings during the past ten years including Projects For Public Spaces and Pace University public hearings</p>	<p>BOMA/BOMI International and BOMA NY, Real Property Administrator (RPA®) and Facilities Management Administrator (FMA®), 1997</p> <p>BS (Organizational Management), Nyack College, Distinguished Graduate, 1994</p> <p>AS (General Studies), Mohegan Community College, U.S. Navy Campus for Achievement, 1986</p> <p>Residence: Chappaqua</p> <p>Occupation: Terence B. Hoey is a retired and decorated U.S. Navy Master Chief Petty Officer (MCPO) with over 32 years of service from 1979 through 2011. An experienced first responder and former federal law enforcement officer (FLEO), he currently serves as an agency liaison with regional responsibilities supporting first response, crisis, and emergency management operations in functional areas of law enforcement/joint task force environment, intelligence and information-sharing initiatives and critical infrastructure protection. He is a highly respected and internationally recognized expert in all aspects of emergency, crisis and security management.</p> <p>Current and Prior Civic and Volunteer Service: *partial list provided</p> <p>Navy SEAL Foundation, Servant Leader and Ambassador</p> <p>Boy Scouts of America, Westchester-Putnam Council, Trained Boy Scout Leader supporting Katonah Troop 1</p> <p>The Church of St. John and St. Mary, Parishioner and Volunteer</p> <p>National Law Enforcement Associates (NLEA), Member</p> <p>International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), Member and Appointed to Private Sector Liaison Committee (PSLC)</p>
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	<p>ASIS, International (leading security industry professional organization), Member</p> <p>ASIS, International, Chief Security Officer (CSO) Center, Member</p> <p>ASIS, New York City Chapter, Member, Events Coordinator, Trade Show Committee</p> <p>The General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen of the City of New York (est. 1785), Member and past Committee Chairman</p>
<p>2. What do you think is the most important issue facing the Fire District Commissioners and how would you propose addressing it?</p> <p>A safe workplace for our volunteer firefighters is the absolute top priority. Assuring they have the necessary and best equipment and resources to manage all emergency scenarios is essential, as our volunteers are our greatest asset. Our volunteers also must have access to facilities and equipment to assure they are able to train and prepare for all potential emergencies. This means physical elements like decontamination equipment, and PPE, but also support from the community and the BOFC to assure there is NO compromise in this regard. I would work with the other commissioners to provide all that is needed, with an eye on fiscal responsibility too.</p> <p>We are at a crossroads in terms of potentially adding additional facilities. I believe I am uniquely qualified given my background and expertise in many facets of construction engineering. As the NCFD#1 works toward the demolition of the recently acquired vet property, my familiarity with hazardous waste identification and mitigation, and the following potential construction would be a useful addition to the BOFC. With the goal of expanding in a fiscally responsible way in mind, I am prepared to offer my experience and knowledge to the taxpaying residents of the NCFD#1.</p>	<p>2. What do you think is the most important issue facing the Fire District Commissioners and how would you propose addressing it?</p> <p>The most important issue facing the Fire District Commissioners is to ensure that the all-volunteer force is provided the best possible tools, equipment, training and facilities to effectively and promptly respond to an all hazards environment, calls for service and to save lives and protect property in the district, while maintaining the highest standards of stewardship with respect to each citizens contribution to this effort.</p> <p>I will employ a fresh set of eyes, strong and experienced leadership, transparency, open dialogue with fire department chiefs, firefighters and citizens while endeavoring to contribute to an informed consensus with the citizens in the district and entire Board of Fire Commissioners.</p>

<p>Lastly but equally important, we must find a way to attract new members to the CFD. While our high school student members are invaluable in terms of their commitment to the Department, they are not interior firefighters until they are 18 and by then most are off to college elsewhere. While there were changes made to the bylaws recently to allow them to continue to participate fully when home, most are only available to respond during school breaks and the summer, when some have summer jobs that keep them out of town during the day.</p> <p>By making the CFD a welcoming inclusive environment, perhaps we can fend off moving to a paid department which would impact every resident's tax bill significantly. As this moment, of 7 management positions, two remain unfilled. The number of drivers of apparatus, other than Chiefs, Acting Chiefs, and Chief's Staff has dropped, and the number of interior firefighters not away at school and who live or work in New Castle has dropped as well.</p>	
<p>3. How would you propose communicating with Fire District residents about upcoming votes and decisions? In the age of social media, I would use it to communicate about the issues at hand and hope that residents would also feel free to call or email me directly with their concerns or ideas. Open communication with taxpayers is essential. New NCFD#1 and CFD Facebook pages that is easier to navigate could provide the community with essential information more readily. While the addition of an email list was a first step, using Chappaqua Moms regularly with its enormous membership as well as the NCCD page would get information about elections, important issues up for discussion, and even upcoming work sessions out to those who choose to engage. A designated webmaster could provide this service. I would also like to see the BOFC/NCFD#1/CFD create a joint newsletter in both print and electronic form, linked to on FB pages, and distributed at the library and Senior Center to provide those not on social media a chance to be informed. All residents should be able to easily access information on possible future</p>	<p>3. How would you propose communicating with Fire District residents about upcoming votes and decisions? Of course certain announcements and communications are required and/or regulated by law and policy, these announcements and communications always need to be accurate and timely. I would propose to use the much improved Fire District website, New Castle Town e-newsletter if possible, non-partisan organizations such as the LWV of New Castle, local news outlets and other on-line, print and televised or streamed media as appropriate. In addition, a voluntary district email list may also be helpful for those who want direct contact from the district.</p>

<p>construction, acquisitions or sales of property, and efforts to provide our brave volunteers with all they need.</p>	
<p>4. How many Board of Fire Commissioner meetings have you attended or watched in the last year, either in person or online? Five in person. I have also read several months' worth of BOFC meeting minutes online and attended informational meetings held at the Chappaqua Library and at the Bedford Road Firehouse prior to the bond referendum vote in 2016.</p>	<p>4. How many Board of Fire Commissioner meetings have you attended or watched in the last year, either in person or online? Several. In addition, I have reviewed and or read current relevant archived information posted on the NCFD No.1 and LWV of NC websites along with open sources media reporting dating back to 2014.</p>

NEW CASTLE FIRE DISTRICT No. 1 and THE CHAPPAQUA FIRE DEPARTMENT

The following information is from the NCFD No. 1 website

The New Castle Fire District No. 1 is a political subdivision of the State. A Board of five Fire Commissioners governs the District. Residents of the Fire District elect Fire Commissioners. Each Commissioner is elected to a five-year term. Certain situations may occur where the Board can appoint an individual to fill a vacated position. Fire District Elections are held on the second Tuesday of December each year. One Commissioner is elected each year so that there will always be experienced Commissioners on the Board. The Fire District has a myriad of statutory responsibilities including the levying of taxes for the purpose of providing fire protection for the residents of the District. The Fire District budget is used to provide the Chappaqua Fire Department the funding necessary for equipment, apparatus, training, day-to-day operations, maintenance and repair of District facilities, amongst other specialty matters.

The Chappaqua Volunteer Fire Department is an Emergency Service whose primary responsibility is to provide fire protection, rescue, fire prevention education and mitigation of the effects of natural and man-made disasters. First and foremost members dedicate themselves to protect the lives and property of the citizens and visitors of the Fire District. Members of the Department are all Volunteer's that serve the Community with great dedication and a professional level of Fire Services.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Absentee ballots are available for this election. You can vote by absentee ballot for one of the following four reasons:

- You are a patient in hospital, or will be confined at home and unable to appear because of illness or disability
- You will be absent from the county because of duties, studies, occupation or business
- You will be on vacation outside of the county
- You will be confined waiting action by a grand jury or confined pending trial in a criminal proceeding or confined for conviction of a crime or offense other than a felony

Absentee Ballot Applications are available at <http://www.ncfd1.org>.