## **Westchester County Volunteer Firefighter's Association**



Presents a seminar you will not want to miss! Mental Health First Aid & Legal Issues in the Fire Service Saturday, February 17, 2024 ~ Registration 9:00 a.m. Westchester County Fire Training Center 4 Dana Road, Valhalla, NY 10595

## Mental Health First Aid – Caitlin Leon

Firefighters are more likely to die by suicide than in the line of duty  $\sim 15-24\%$  of Firefighters suffer from PTSD  $\sim 37\%$  of Fire and EMS professionals have contemplated suicide & 30% of first responders suffer from mental health issues. First responders can experience stress even on routine calls, and cumulative stress can lead to PTSD. Learn the warning signs and how to have the difficult conversations with your fellow firefighters. *Speaker: Caitlin Leon is a Licensed Social Worker at Westchester Jewish Community Services (WJCS).* 





## Legal Issues in the Fire Service with Timmothy C. Hannigan, Esq. - FASNY

Social media, member issues, disciplinary matters, timely governance documents, HIPAA... Got questions? We've got answers. This is an excellent local opportunity to hear about common issues and for you to ask about laws or legal issues that could have an impact on you personally or your department. **Speaker: Timothy C. Hannigan, Esq.** General Counsel to the Firefighters Association of the State of New York. He is a nationally certified

fire service instructor and an active volunteer firefighter with the Elsmere Fire Company, Inc. in Delmar, N.Y. Tim has successfully defended the fire service to verdict in jury trials and in numerous other appellate-level cases involving the fire service and ambulance service providers. His representation of fire service providers, EMS, & air ambulance operators is statewide.

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There will be limited availability for walk-ins, cost at the door will be \$15.00

Paying by check: Mail to: Westchester County VFA Seminar, P.O. Box 65, Verplanck, NY 10596-0065

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