

2025

ANNUAL REPORT

Saltaire Volunteer Fire Company

Serving Saltaire · Fire Island, New York



Incorporated 1969

A message from President Basche & Chief Raeben

Dear Neighbors,

On behalf of the members of the Saltaire Volunteer Fire Company, we're proud to present our 2025 Annual Report. No matter the season, our mission remains the same: to be ready when our community needs us.

In 2025, our members responded to 98 calls for service, continuing a sustained period of high demand for both fire and EMS response in Saltaire and across Fire Island. Behind each call is a team of dedicated volunteers who completed over 1,000 hours of training this year alone.

We continue to face important challenges, including off-season staffing needs and aging apparatus. Addressing these will require thoughtful planning, strong partnership with the Village, and continued community support.

We're deeply grateful for that support - whether through donations, community events, or words of encouragement.

Thank you for your trust,



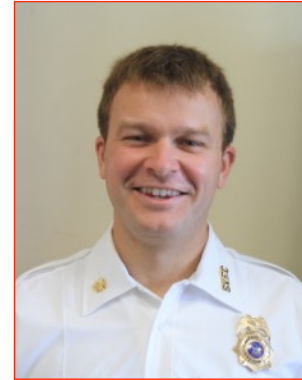
Josh Raeben

CHIEF, Saltaire Volunteer Fire Company



David Basche

President, Saltaire Volunteer Fire Company



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2025 At A Glance

98

Total calls

5th

Consecutive year
near or over 100 calls

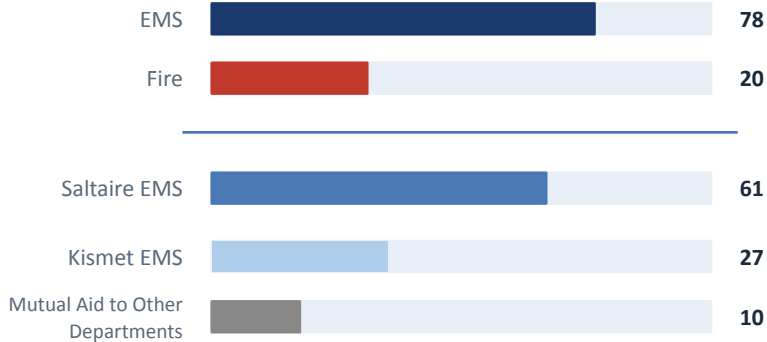
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Active members

1,000+

Training hours
completed

Call breakdown



Finances at a glance

Income

\$137,767

Expenses

\$81,706

· Year-end reserves: \$159,009

2025 Year In Review



OPERATIONS

Quickly stopped a brush and mulch Fire from involving a residential home. Assisted in a CPR save on the beach in Fair Harbor. Paid Paramedics supplemented volunteers during peak summer and shoulder seasons. 98 calls - 5th consecutive year near or over 100 incidents.

WINS

Added a new “Ambulance Driver Only” category of membership, with 4 new volunteers! Capital Campaign successfully launched. 1,000+ training hours. Members attended the 2025 Women in the Fire Service seminar at Suffolk County Fire Academy. Multiple grants applied for.

NEEDS ATTENTION

Fleet: 2003 Engine is due for replacement. Our advanced cardiac monitor/defibrillators and other vehicles and life saving equipment are at or near their end of useful life.

Staffing: Off-season Fire and EMS coverage still remains a challenge. Long-term is planning underway with the Village.

Infrastructure: Major renovations necessary to keep firehouse functioning. Upgrades will enable continued swift response times, make apparatus floor safe for members.

AND LOOKING AHEAD TO 2026

Capital Campaign

In 2025 we launched a community-wide fundraising drive to raise \$750,000 in desperately needed funds for fleet replacement and firehouse enhancements. 2026 will be the second year of this three year campaign. Thank you to our donors for helping to keep your neighbors safe!

Juniors Program

Our Juniors Program is led by 1st Asst. Chief Bernstein, and teaches Saltaire youth ages 12 to 17 to the basics of Firefighting and EMS. We inspire community service, and prepare them to become - if so desired - a full member of the Saltaire Volunteer Fire Company at the age of 18.

Community CPR

Offering another Community CPR Class following last year's successful session - building readiness and safety awareness among residents.



2021 Saltaire fire

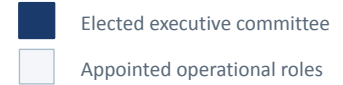


Juniors hard at work!



Patient transport training

Chiefs & Officers · As of December 31, 2025



Membership Roster *(As of December 31, 2025)*

Active Members (33)

**Includes members on family, medical, and personal leaves*

Basche (FF) · Bernstein (FF/EMT-B) · Blum (FF) · Breuning (FF) · Freifeld, R (EMT-B) · Golub (FF) · Henriksen (Ex-Chief/FF) · Kunreuther (FF) · Lally (FF) · Mason (FF) · McDonald (Ex-Chief/FF/EMT-B) · Medenica (FF) · Meisel (FF) · Murphy (EMT-B) · Nelson (FF) · Obre (FF) · Posillico, P (FF) · Raeben (Chief/FF) · Rappaport, H (FF) · Rappaport, J (FF) · Reiner (FF) · Rosenblum (EMT-B) · Rover (EMT-P) · Shepland (FF) · Smith (FF) · Veronese (Ex-Chief/FF/EMT-P) · Weinrib (EMT-B) · Wilde, J (FF) · Wilde, R (FF) · Zabar, B (FF/MD) · Zabar, M (FF) · Zabar, W (FF)

Ambulance Driver Only Members (4)

**New Category*

· Posillico, M · Freifeld, A · Messler · Nordahl

Non-Member Participants (3)

**On loan from other Departments*

· Miller (FF) · Spollen (EMT-B) · Vassallo (EMS)

Probationary Members (6)

Shire (FF) · Somers (EMT-B) · Posillico, M · Freifeld, A · Messler · Nordahl

Life Members (10)

Kevin Gillespie · Henry Glanternik · Liv Hempel · Chuck Jones · David Kaufman · Elizabeth Kelly · John Merchant · Hugh O'Brien · J.R. Rieger · Carolyn Wise

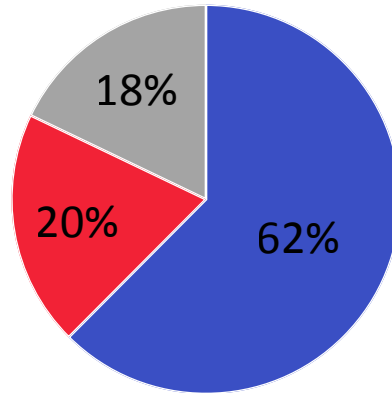
Auxiliary Members (12)

Maria Cioco · Brie Garrison · Judy Kunreuther · Robert Mason · Eugenie Meluso · Cali O'Brien · Jim O'Brien · Georgina Posillico · Sarah Raeben · Maureen Tetelman · Tracey Zabar · Danny Zabar

2025 Income & Expenses

Total Income · \$137,767

Total Expenses · \$81,706



- Fundraising = \$86,052
- Village Contract = \$27,061
- 2% Foreign Insurance Income = \$24,654

Year-end bank balances: Operational Account \$32,544 · Reserves \$159,009

*We will continue to train, we will continue to respond,
we will continue to be grateful to be in Saltaire!*



Thank You



Thank you to the Village staff, our elected officials, and the residents of the Village for all you do to support the SVFC.

Your time, energy and resources are invaluable to the safety of our community.

President David Basche

Chief Josh Raeben

The Members of the Saltaire Volunteer Fire Company