



TOWN OF CHAUTAUQUA

Assessors Office

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TO: Volunteer Fire Departments
FROM: Town Assessor
DATE: 10/16/23
RE: Property Tax Exemption

There has been a new law enacted which will give eligible Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer Ambulance Workers a property tax exemption of 10% of assessed value on their Town, County, and Village property taxes.

Please read the attached instructions regarding using this exemption and/or the regular \$200 NYS tax credit for multiple eligible owners.

This new exemption would first appear on your taxes on your January 2025 County/Town tax bill.

You may make copies of the enclosed application for each applicant.

The following requirements must be met:

The property must be owned by, and be the primary residence of, the eligible Volunteer.

The Volunteer must have at least two years of continuous service certified by the fire department. Any member with more than twenty years of service may receive the exemption on this property for life.

The exemption application must be submitted before March 1 of each year.

Each Fire Department must annually supply a list of qualifying Volunteers to the Assessor by March 1.

If you have any questions you may call us at 716-753-2236. Thank you for your service and sacrifices for our communities!

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