



## Rochester Firefighters' Benevolent Association

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### **Officers:**

*Willie Jackson ~ President*  
*Matt Murphy ~ Vice President*  
*Pat Agostinelli ~ Secretary*  
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*Fred DeNunzio ~ Assistant Treasurer*

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*Joe O'Gorman ~ Firefighters' Representative*  
*Marc Strazdins ~ Firefighters' Representative*  
*Gary Vales ~ Firefighters' Representative*  
*Dennis Trocano ~ Retirees' Representative*

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### **\* MEMBER REMINDER \***

The RFBA office is located on the second floor of the Headquarters fire station in downtown Rochester. The mailing address for the office is:

**Rochester Firefighters'  
Benevolent Association  
P.O. Box 31764  
Rochester, New York  
14603-1764**

### **A Message From Your President**

I would like to introduce myself as your new President, a position I have found both challenging and enjoyable. As I become familiar with my responsibilities as President, I want you to know that the board is constantly trying to find new ways to make the current organization better and more user friendly to the members. We have created a new web site, we are publishing a periodic newsletter, and we are exploring other ways to support our members and all associated charity events. While we accept proposals to help pay for events associated with RFBA members, we have limited funds available for these events and we are trying to create guidelines to follow when allocating those funds. We are also restructuring our constitution to make it fair and equitable for all members and to make the board more efficient in handling a wide variety of issues. Some of the events and benefits we continue to organize and support are the Retiree Dinner Dance, the School of the Holy Childhood Christmas Party, the RFBA loan fund, and regular monthly meetings. We also monitor the trust fund and try to maximize the death benefit through good, sound investing by Clover Capital. Member involvement and input can help make this a better organization, so please contact me or any of your board members with your comments or questions.

Will Jackson, RFBA President

### **The RFBA Loan Fund**

The RFBA loan fund is maintained by your Assistant Treasurer. This service has been provided by the organization for many years and it continues to be utilized by a significant number of members. In fact, in 2005, 15 members took out a loan through the RFBA loan fund. If you have any questions regarding this aspect of your membership, please contact Assistant Treasurer Fred DeNunzio.

### **The RFBA Web Site**

Thanks to Gary Vales, the web site is up and running. This is a work in progress and we will continue to find ways to improve its appearance and functionality to better serve the membership. The web site address is:

[www.rfba.us](http://www.rfba.us)

### **Upcoming Events:**

Retiree Dinner Dance  
October 14, 2006

School of the Holy Childhood  
Christmas Party  
December 22, 2006