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**Providing Fire Protection in NYS Workshop
Tuesday, October 27, 6 to 8 p.m., West Monroe Fire Hall**

WATERTOWN, NEW YORK – The Tug Hill Commission is sponsoring a workshop on how fire protection is provided in New York State on Tuesday, October 27 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the West Monroe Fire Hall, 54 County Route 11, West Monroe, 13167. New York's system for providing fire protection is complex, and many towns and villages are working hard to maintain fire protection for their citizens balanced with fiscal responsibility. This workshop will include: a general overview of firefighting, fire protection by municipality type (city, town, village), fire districts, budgeting, and reporting requirements. Register for this free workshop by Monday, October 26 at www.tinyurl.com/THfire2026. Please call the call the Tug Hill Commission at (315) 785-2380 or email tughill@tughill.org with any questions.

Presenters will be Dan Acquilano, manager of local training with the Division of Local Government and School Accountability at the Office of the State Comptroller (OSC), and Katie Hodgdon, association counsel with the NY Association of Towns. Dan has been with OSC since 2005, working as an auditor in the Rochester region until 2014, and now regularly presenting at local government conferences and OSC's accounting schools. Dan is also a 26-year retired combat veteran of the US Navy, where he was a certified master trainer and a faculty advisor at the US Navy War College's Senior Enlisted Academy. Katie has been with the Association of Towns since 2014, where she serves on the senior management team and manages their legal education program and delivers much of the programming herself. Additionally, she hosts monthly roundtables for local officials across the state. Katie received her law degree from the University at Buffalo School of Law.

The New York State Tug Hill Commission is a non-regulatory state agency charged with helping local governments, organizations, and citizens shape the future of the region, especially its environment and economy. The commission uses a grassroots approach to build local capacity and provide technical assistance in land use planning, community development, and natural resource management.

Helping local governments and citizens shape the future of the Tug Hill region.