

NYSPPFA Reelects Leadership at Statewide Convention

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Members of the New York State Professional Fire Fighters Association elected former Albany firefighter Sam Fresina to his fifth term as president of the organization representing more than 18,000 workers in municipal fire departments across the state. Fresina became secretary-treasurer of the NYSPPFA in 2010 and was first elected president in 2016. (Pictured Left: Fresina)

He has also served as president of the Albany Permanent Professional Firefighters Association.

“The opportunity to continue advocating for the needs of the membership – and providing a clear voice is especially meaningful,” Fresina said in a statement. “We know we have accomplished including the Phase out of PFAs in our gear; recognition of occupational exposures that compromise fire fighter’s health; support for our Local affiliates when their rights or contracts are challenged. And we will remain focused on providing an equitable and dignified pension and benefits for our members.”

Eddie Santiago, of Rochester, was reelected as NYSPPFA secretary-treasurer and Dave Holleran, an active-duty fire captain with the Binghamton Fire Department, was reelected executive vice president. Leadership was nominated and elected to their two-year terms at the NYSPPFA convention held in Corning, New York, between June 16 and 19.



(Pictured L to R: Santiago and Holleran)

“I am grateful that the membership is confident in the oversight of their resources,” Santiago said in a statement. “As a fire fighter for more than 30 years, I know that trust and confidence are earned and maintained each day. And, the values I learned in the fire house are coming with me to NYSPPFA state headquarters.”

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