

**New Jersey State  
Firemen's Mutual Benevolent Association  
Foundation, Inc.**

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## **Our Mission**

The mission of the New Jersey State FMBA is to educate, involve and affect those civilians who reside and work in New Jersey; to adopt fire safety practices and procedures that prevent and mitigate human and economic losses arising from the devastating effects of fire.

The goal of the New Jersey State FMBA Foundation is to provide financial assistance to children who are enrolled in both the Connecticut Burn Camp and who have been treated at St. Barnabas Burn Center with fire related injuries. Our other beneficiaries include the Make-a-Wish Foundation, the Leukemia Society and Save the Children.

## **Public Education**

We take great pride in the many public educational programs provided by our member locals. They help to support fire prevention and safety seminars provided year round to schools and senior citizens groups. Joint efforts with civic associations such as the Rotary, Knights of Columbus, BPOE Elks, and Kiwanis clubs allow the NJ FMBA to spread the word of fire safety throughout the state of New Jersey.

## **Save the Children**

The New Jersey FMBA responded to the immediate need for assistance in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina and through various fundraisers our Foundation was able to raise over \$300,000.00 to donate to Save the Children. Since 2006, the FMBA worked with Save the Children to construct three Handicapped Playgrounds in Bay St. Louis and Gulfport Mississippi and we have plans to build several additional playgrounds in the devastated Gulf Coast Region in the coming year.

## **St. Barnabas Burn Center**

One of our proudest partnerships is the Aluminum Cans for Burned Children program. Firefighters collect aluminum cans from their respective communities and recycle them through area recyclers. Checks are sent to the fire department made payable to the Saint Barnabas Burn Foundation. These funds are restricted for assisting burn victims, up to 18 years of age, being treated at the St. Barnabas Burn Center. The NJ FMBA is also a member of the Fire Advisory Committee for the St. Barnabas Burn Foundation.

## **Connecticut Children's Burn Camp**

As an extension of our work with St. Barnabas Burn Center, the New Jersey State FMBA sends firefighters to the Connecticut Children's Burn Camp each summer to volunteer as camp counselors. During this week spent together, the staff of counselors work to give these young victims of fire tragedy from children across the country a brief respite from the challenges they face in their daily lives.

## **Annual Fallen Heroes 5K Memorial Run Elizabeth, NJ**

Each year, on or near the anniversary of September 11, 2001, a 5K Memorial Race is held in the City of Elizabeth, NJ, with a finish line at the waterfront in the shadow of the New York City skyline. The proceeds raised from this event directly support the mission of the FMBA Foundation and all its beneficiaries, particularly the victims of the September 11<sup>th</sup> World Trade Center tragedy.

## **FMBA Foundation Corporate Golf Classic Metuchen Golf & Country Club Metuchen, NJ**

In an effort to expand the NJ FMBA network and continue our partnerships with the corporate world toward the benefit of worthy charities, the FMBA Foundation introduced its Annual Corporate Golf Classic in 2005. Attendees to this event include the many corporations associated with the FMBA, government leaders, and labor organizations, both public and private. Based upon its success this year, we anticipate this fundraiser will continue to be an integral part of our annual fundraising efforts.

**Annual FMBA Valor Award Banquet  
Pines Manor  
Edison, NJ**

The New Jersey State FMBA proudly hosts an annual dinner banquet on the last Saturday in April to recognize members of the organization who have gone above and beyond the call of duty in their communities and recognized for their commitment and dedication to the fire service. We also recognize civilians in a separate category through a selection committee with a "Humanitarian Award." The "Annual Valor Award Banquet" brings together as many as 1100 of our members, families, friends and guests for a relaxing evening of dinner and dancing with a moving ceremony that is truly fitting of a hero.

**Scott Garber Memorial Golf  
September Annual Convention  
Atlantic City, NJ**

The Scott Garber Memorial Golf Outing kicks off our Annual Convention in Atlantic City, NJ. It offers the opportunity for networking with local presidents and delegates, and many business and governmental leaders. It also provides a casual setting to interact with local municipal leaders prior to the NJFMBA convention business meetings held throughout the week.

**September  
Annual FMBA Convention  
Trump Marina Hotel & Casino  
Atlantic City, NJ**

The Annual NJ State FMBA Convention, held in Atlantic City in mid September, draws in excess of 750 statewide members, including Presidents and Delegates. It is at this Convention that we afford our supporters and sponsors a chance to network with the members of our organization. This three day long event is highlighted by guest speakers, politicians and officials from around the State.