



### **NYPGA Emergency Response Committee: We need your help**

The unpredictable world of propane emergencies, rapidly changing conditions, and knowledge required to safely and adequately respond to propane emergencies requires constant training. Response work is dangerous, responders have been seriously injured and died. Your local fire departments need initial and recurring training. Thankfully, we have few incidents or emergencies for the reason that our product is truly safe due to the highest industry standards and extensive education available to industry.

NYPGA needs your help. We need to continue to develop the skills of firefighters and service technicians responding to propane emergencies (IT'S THE LAW). Educational requirements are outlined in NFPA and OSHA (to name a few publications that you are familiar with.) OSHA requires sufficient duration and content for responders to remain competent in their duties. It is standard practice to verify competency through simulated emergency response exercises or testing, and hazmat responder employers must certify their responders are competent in initial and refresher training, as well as keep detailed training records.

Our local hands-on community fire service outreach project needs your help. The answer of course is support your community fire departments. Effective outreach programs will engage the community and boost the profile of your organization.

Thought the Committee prefers county-wide programs, it will always continue training our individual local departments, and stresses that if you get the county involved there is a better chance scheduling and actually conducting the classes. NYPGA, via its staff and media consultants, will ensure media coverage of these events.

Help us get the word out, support our industry Emergency Response Training Program and your local fire departments.

Those companies contacting NYPGA will be contacted by an instructor further the effort and finalize scheduling. Contact ER Committee Co-Chairs Jody Ameden at [jameden@gmail.com](mailto:jameden@gmail.com) or Dave Latourell at [dlatourell@paracogas.com](mailto:dlatourell@paracogas.com)