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# Griffo recognizes 120th anniversary of New Hartford Fire Department

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NEW HARTFORD – With National Fire Prevention Month being observed this month, state Sen. Joseph Griffo, R-I-C-Rome, today presented a resolution to the New Hartford Fire Department to commemorate the department's 120th anniversary.

On Jan. 3, 1901, 27 concerned citizens formed the New Hartford Volunteer Fire Department to protect the Village of New Hartford from fires. The village board agreed to furnish the fledgling fire department with four rubber coats, six lanterns, furnishing from the hose cart, and acquire a suitable building as a hose house. The Presbyterian Church gave permission to use their bell in case of a fire.

Currently, the department consists of 23 emergency medical technicians, 10 sworn fire police officers, 7 fire investigators, 4 certified fire instructors, 10 Hazmat technicians, 1 Hazmat specialist and 9 safety officers.

"Fire departments are an integral part of our communities and offer important protections," **Sen. Griffo said.** "For the last 120 years, the courageous and devoted firefighters of the New Hartford Fire Department have valiantly responded to all types of fire emergencies and have won the praise and respect of the community which they serve. I know that the department's dedication and commitment to helping others will continue for years to come."