



# FDNY AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS

## Related to Diversity and Inclusion

Below is a list of FDNY affiliated organizations whose mission focuses on racial, ethnic, cultural, religious, and/or other underrepresented groups. For more info or to join, see below (listed in alphabetical order):

- ❖ **AFFINITY** | Focus: civilian employees
  - Joyce Vitalis (Pres.), vitalij@fdny.nyc.gov, (718) 999-2810
  
- ❖ **FDNY African Heritage Society** | Focus: African history, heritage and/or descent
  - Marilyn Gipson (Pres.), Marilyn.Gipson@fdny.nyc.gov, (718) 999-2654
  - Programs/Events: Black History Month event
  
- ❖ **FDNY Columbia Association** | Focus: Italian history, heritage and/or descent
  - FDNYColumbia.com, Craig Silvino (Pres.), FDITALYNY@aol.com, (917) 337-7413
  - Programs/Events: Annual Dinner Dance
  
- ❖ **FDNY Emerald Society** | Focus: Irish history, heritage and/or descent
  - FDNYEmerald.org, William C. Nolan (Pres.), Dublinnola@aol.com, (516) 376-7994
  - Programs/Events: St. Patrick's Day Mass & Parade
  
- ❖ **Firefighters for Christ FDNY** | Focus: individuals of the Christian faith
  - Jerry Sillcocks (Pres.), ffcfdny@aol.com, (914) 419-6162
  
- ❖ **Fireflag** | Focus: individuals and allies of the LGBTQ community
  - Steven SanFilippo (President), eclown315@aol.com, (917) 575-1064
  
- ❖ **FDNY Hellenic Society** | Focus: Greek history, heritage and/or descent
  - Peter Constantine (Pres.), fdnygreeks@gmail.com, (914) 760-9968
  - Programs/Events: "Die for the Cross" event; Greek Parade
  
- ❖ **FDNY Hispanic Society** | Focus: Hispanic history, heritage and/or descent
  - HispanicSocietyFDNY.com, Jose Prosper (Pres.), President@fdnyhs.com, 929-384-1014
  - Programs/Events: Hispanic Society Dinner
  
- ❖ **FDNY Holy Name Society** | Focus: individuals of the Catholic faith
  - Brooklyn/Queens: Danny Prince (Pres.), (718) 496-3893
  - Manh/Bronx/S.I.: FDNYHolyNameSociety.com, Joe Bryant (Pres.), (516) 775-5120
  - Programs/Events: Communion Mass & Breakfast, Annual Harvest Gala

If you would like more information about this list, information about affinity groups not related to diversity and inclusion (including sports-related groups), or if you are interested in forming an affiliated organization, please contact the Office of Diversity and Inclusion at 718.999.0327 or [diversity.inclusion@fdny.nyc.gov](mailto:diversity.inclusion@fdny.nyc.gov).

- ❖ **FDNY Islamic Society** | Focus: individuals of the Muslim faith
  - Abdelrahman Abdelaziz: 718-575-9333, aka.abdelaziz@gmail.com
- ❖ **Ner Tamid** | Focus: individuals of the Jewish faith
  - Fdnynts.org, Nicholas Malter (Pres.), Nicholas.malter@fdny.nyc.gov
  - Programs/Events: Hannukah and Passover events
- ❖ **FDNY Phoenix Society** | Focus: Asian/Asian-American history, heritage and/or descent
  - Facebook.com/FDNYPhoenixSociety/, David Lin (Pres.), FDNYPhoenixSociety@gmail.com
  - Programs/Events: Lunar New Year/ Filipino/Indian Indep. & Korean Parades, United Dragon Boat Racing Team, Mandarin Language Classes, Hands-On Training, Promotion tutorial sessions
- ❖ **Pulaski Association** | Focus: Polish history, heritage and/or descent
  - FDNYPulaski.org, Mark Dziemian (Pres.), president@fdnypulaski.org, (347) 865-2374
- ❖ **S/Sgt. Christian Engeldrum FDNY VFW Post #12033** | Focus: US military veterans
  - Fdnyvfw.com, William Hays (Commander), fdnyvfwcomms@gmail.com
- ❖ **FDNY Steuben Association** | Focus: German history, heritage and/or descent
  - FDNYSteuben.org, Bill Schillinger (Financ. Sec'y), bill@fdnysteuben.org, (917) 902-6689
  - Programs/Events: Annual Picnic, Steuben Boat Ride, Steuben Day Parade, OctoberFest
- ❖ **FDNY St. George Association** | Focus: individuals of the Christian (Protestant) faith
  - James Hayhurst (Pres.), jim@fdnyrma.org, (516) 623-1835
- ❖ **United Women Firefighters (UWF)** | Focus: female firefighters
  - UnitedWomenFirefighters.org, Sarinya Srisakul (Pres.), sarinyyya@yahoo.com, (917) 559-1351
  - Programs/Events: training programs for female candidates
- ❖ **FDNY Vikings** | Focus: Scandinavian history, heritage and/or descent
  - FDNYPulaski.org, Peter Liander (Pres.), fdnyvikings47@gmail.com, (718) 541-6442
  - Programs/Events: Norwegian Independents Parade
- ❖ **Vulcan Society** | Focus: African American firefighters
  - VulcanSocietyFDNY.org, Regina Wilson (Pres.), vulcansocietypresident@gmail.com
  - Programs/Events: remedial mentoring for probationary firefighters
- ❖ **Women's Benevolent Association (WBA)** | Focus: all female members of the Department
  - Facebook.com/FDNYWomen, Kathleen Knuth (Pres.), Kathleen.Knuth@fdny.nyc.gov