

FOR DEFENSE OF OUR HOMES AND OUR COUNTRY

MID-HUDSON-HARLEM VALLEY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION ~

To all Fire Chiefs in the counties of Dutchess and Putnam,
Gentlemen,

Due to the big question that confronts us today - "Is War Coming to Us?" our Country, as a whole, is getting ready, just in case- To us of the fire service comes the full realization that in case war breaks over here, it will come in the form of bombings -- and a lot of those bombs will be fire bombs. That means but one thing-- that outside of the air force, we firemen will stand the brunt of the battle.

Now- to be prepared, someone has to start the job, and this Chiefs Association has been given that task; to codify and bring up to date a new Mutual Aid Plan in Case of War. We didn't ask for the job, but someone had to do it, and we were elected.

So, whether you belong to this Association or not, please co-operate in answering the enclosed questionnaire and returning it to me as soon as possible. We should have it back not later than March first, for shortly after that, the Emergency Home Defense in Case of War Committee will meet under orders from Governor Lehman, and that committee needs your answers.

PLEASE DO NOT DELAY. Do this job NOW, for while we are giving you this little job to do, remember that we have a whale of a bigger job to bring all your answers together with those of the other chiefs and to evolve from them a workable plan. Please do your job promptly.

If you have any questions about your answers-- write me and I'll try to set you straight. If you have any suggestions, don't be afraid to put them on the back of the pages of the questionnaire and we'll give your suggestions every consideration.

Remember this:-- you are NOT doing this job for the Chiefs Association but for yourselves and your neighbors and your homes and your country.

If you are not chief now, be sure that you give it to the new chief now and help him with the answers.

Let it not be said of our fire service that we are lagging in defense. Fill 'er out-- and ship 'er back--- to me---- right away---- quick!

Yours for Defense and Protection,

H. F. Drake
H. F. Drake, Secretary
Clinton Corners, N.Y.

By the way---- PLEASE send me also, a map in detail of your fire district. Not what you cover ---- but your actual legal district. That too, is absolutley needed.