

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Matthew A. Thorp, Sr.

Another successful NYRWA Technical Training Workshop & Exhibition.

I want to thank all of you for attending our Annual Technical Training Workshop & Exhibition this past May in beautiful Lake Placid. By all accounts, the conference was a huge success. A special thank you to all our Associate Members, Vendors and those who did our educational presentations, they were informative and well done. I want to thank our Staff for their continued dedication and professionalism and for the work they put forth, year after year, making our conference and this Association so successful as well.

As most of you know, July was a crazy month weather wise and there was flash flooding and some devastation throughout different areas of the state, from the Finger Lakes Region to the Adirondacks and into the lower Hudson Valley Region. Unfortunately, there was a fatality in my area and I have never witnessed this type of devastation in my lifetime. Although the destruction was more localized than Irene, Lee and Sandy, these storms in many cases dropped tremendous amounts of rainfall, some totaling up to 10" in less than 4 hours. The US Military Academy at West Point had an estimated \$150 million (which probably will double when all the restoration work is completed) plus in damages along with roads and bridges being totally wiped out along with Metro North and Amtrak having miles of rail wiped out along the lower Hudson River.

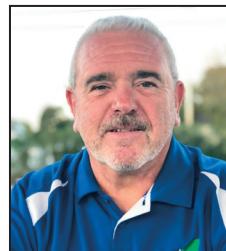
Throughout the recovery period, NYRWA offered its assistance to those areas that were impacted with whatever they needed. Our Circuit Riders visited different areas to lend whatever assistance that was necessary.

I have said this numerous times, but I honestly believe our personnel and Board Members (past and present) are the best in the business bar none!!!!!!

Don't forget to check our website for upcoming training and information regarding this great association.

By the time you read this our Staff and Board will be returning from the National Rural Water Association WaterPro Conference in Colorado.

I ask you all, always please be safe and may God bless all of you and your families. 💧💧



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