



# BROOKHAVEN TOWN FIRE CHIEFS COUNCIL

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Frank Thornhill	1988-1989
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**Hon. Jeffrey Cohen**  
**Acting Secretary to the Public Service Commission**  
**Empire State Plaza – Agency Building #3**  
**Albany, New York 12223-0350**

**Acting Secretary Cohen,**

***The Brookhaven Town Fire Chiefs Council is an organization whose membership consists of every active Chief and the Ex-Chiefs of the 39 fire departments and fire companies in Brookhaven Town, the largest township in New York State. The concern of this organization is to collectively promote and enhance the effectiveness of our responses to the calls of the residents of our respective districts.***

***A major concern of ours is a situation that is ongoing on Fire Island. The copper wires that used to supply phone service to the communities that exist there, were destroyed during the Super Storm. It is factual that power was restored to the residents after inspections were completed to check for salt water damage. Why haven't the efforts to restore the copper wire phone service been as timely?***

***Without a copper wire phone service, a service that still functions even during a power failure, how can we insure that the residents can call for help? How will they call for the lifesaving services that are provided by the fire and EMS units of Fire Island?***

***The Public Service Commission mandates that the copper system be rebuilt. A Wi-Fi service, though convenient with all of the mobile devices that are now available, cannot replace the tried and true copper land line system. During the summer on Fire Island, a common event is the loss of power. Standard practices mandate that the fire department respond to commercial areas and the ferry docks to provide lighting. Imagine the resident, without a functioning copper wire land line, who now has no way of calling for assistance. This scenario can happen. This can also be prevented.***

***The corporate desire for greater profit cannot be made at the expense of the safety of the residents of Fire Island. Please step in and correct this situation at the PSC before it gets out of hand.***

***Thank you an advance for anything that you can do for us and feel free to contact me anytime on my cell at 631-872-8911***

**Respectfully,**

*John Cronin*

**John Cronin, President**  
**Brookhaven Town Fire Chiefs Council**