

Helicopter Pilot To Speak To Kankakee Valley Firemen



EDWARD J. McCARTHY

A visit by Edward J. McCarthy, one of the seven pilots employed by the Chicago fire department and a specialist in helicopter rescues, will highlight the season's first meeting Tuesday of the Kankakee Valley Firemen's Association.

McCarthy, who is a six-year veteran with the department, has been flying helicopters for the department for two years and has participated in many of the notable rescues of recent years.

He is also an assistant safety director for the Rogers Cartage Co. in its dealings with the transfer of flammable, hazardous and corrosive liquid commodities.

The meeting begins at 8 p.m.

in the Bradley Veterans of Foreign Wars hall, 370 W. Broadway.

It also marks the start of a third presidential term for Kankakee fire chief John Marquart.

McCarthy has 1,000 flying hours to his credit, is commercially rated in fixed wing, single and multi-engine craft as well as helicopters for land and sea.

He is pilot command for one of the two helicopters used by the department for air rescue over the Chicago area, a service which proved itself during last winter's strangling snowstorm.

Helicopters in Chicago are also used for fire observation and control.

McCARTHY, EDWARD J.

Edward J. McCarthy, age 72, of Hinsdale, IL, passed away March 24, 2009 peacefully



at home. Beloved husband to Janet, nee Poynter; loving father of Kathleen (Dennis) Sass, Edward (Karen) McCarthy, Karen (Todd) Matocha, the late David, Christopher, and Garrett McCarthy,

dear step-father to James, Joseph (Becky) Jason and Jill Tyszko; fond grandfather to Ryan (Molly) Sass, Kristy

(Andrew) Bonomo, Magen and Mary McCarthy, Christopher and Amanda Matocha, and Abbey Tyszko; great grandfather to Noah Sass; loved brother of Loretta (the late Ken) Kemmer, the late Barbara and James Mannion, the late Joseph (Elsie) McCarthy; uncle too many loving nieces and nephews. Founder of T.A.C. Inc. 1968. Visitation Sunday, March 29, 2009, 2 to 9 p.m. at **Gibbons Elliston Funeral Home**, First and Grant Street, Hinsdale, IL, 60521. Friends will meet Monday, March 30, 2009 at St. Isaac Jogues Church, 411 S. Clay Street, Hinsdale, IL, for 10 a.m. funeral Mass. Interment private. 630-323-0275

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