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Gershow Recycling Donates 30 Cars for 11th Annual Chuck Varese Vehicle Extrication Tournament in Northport

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Northport, NY - In support of local fire departments, Gershow Recycling donated the use of 30 cars for the 11th Annual Chuck Varese Vehicle Extrication Tournament, which was held at the Northport Fire Department's Training Grounds at Steer's Pit in Northport on May 12th. Gershow also donated the use of its Huntington facility to enable teams to practice in the week leading up to the tournament.



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Nineteen teams from 11 fire departments participated in the tournament, which involved groups of five firefighters working to extricate a "victim" from a "crash" using the Jaws of Life. Each team was judged on the amount of time it took to perform the extrication, the handling of equipment and the safety procedures they followed. After the tournament, the vehicles were brought back to Gershow's facility, where they were shredded and recycled.

(Front row, L to R): John Jacobsen, Chief, Northport FD; Rich D'Angelo, Manager, Gershow Recycling Corp.'s Huntington facility; Steve Stern and Andrew Raia, NYS Assemblymen; Jeanne Varese, EMT, Northport FD and Co-Coordinator, Chuck Varese Vehicle Extrication Tournament; Robert "Beefy" Varese, Ex-Chief, Northport FD and Coordinator, 11th Annual Chuck Varese Vehicle Extrication Tournament; Damon McMullen, Mayor, Village of Northport; Steve Rossetti, Vice President of Special Projects, Gershow Recycling; and Dennis Sheridan, First Assistant Chief, Northport FD. (Back row, L to R): Will Varese, Ex-Captain, Northport FD Hook & Ladder Company; Jenny Varese, Will's wife; Kevin Gershowitz, President, Gershow Recycling; Chad Lupinacci, Supervisor, Town of Huntington; Ian Milligan, Trustee, Village of Northport; and Doug Pyne, Second Assistant Chief, Northport FD.



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