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Hey,

A Union Springs (NY) Assistant Fire Chief was seriously burned early this evening when fuel apparently exploded in one of the department's amphibious rescue vehicles. Steven Kalet, 35, 1st Assistant Chief at the Union Springs VFD, was moving a DUKW, a/k/a "a Duck," out of the firehouse around 1600 when a fuel leak reportedly caused the explosion. Chief Kalet was flown by helicopter to Upstate University Hospital where he is in serious condition tonight. Chief Kalet was preparing to perform maintenance on the unit as the department prepared for the seasons weather when boaters and swimmers crowd the finger lakes.

We wish the Chief a rapid recovery. Updates to follow.

Take Care-BE CAREFUL.

BillyG

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