



Albany County Sheriff's Office Critical Incident Emergency Management Unit

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Critical Incident/Emergency Management Unit

This is the monthly newsletter for the Albany County Sheriff's Office Critical Incident Emergency Management Unit. Please feel free to send us your comments and suggestions.



Live fire training Albany International Airport Fire Department

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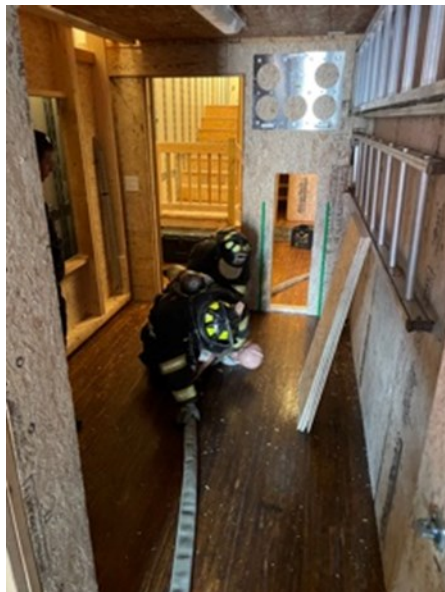
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Cohoes & Green Island Fire

The Cohoes Fire Department has had the tactical training trailer for about two weeks and have been able to use it in the training of our 32 members plus the 7 members from the Green Island fire Department.

The trailer is a great asset to be used by the department by being able to train on a variety of evolutions, mask confidence, forcible entry, hose lays and many other. The Cohoes Fire Department would like to thank Sheriff Craig Apple and Fire Coordinator Gerry Paris for the great opportunity the trailer presents.



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ALBANY AIRPORT Fire Department TRI-ANNUAL DRILL

The FAA requires the Airport Fire Department to conduct a large-scale exercise every 3 years. The purpose of the drill is to test the Airport's Emergency plan, i.e. aircraft incident, active shooter. Our exercises follow FAA guidelines, which require us to have a minimum of 65 victims, and involve area Fire Departments, EMS agencies, Law Enforcement, as well as the state, private agencies, and Federal organizations. This year due to COVID, the FAA recommended we downsize our exercise, to limit the involvement of the outside agencies, and use inflatable mannequins. The exercise this year involved two aircraft involved in an accident, testing triage, communications, and command and control.



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Airport Fire Annual Training

Airport firefighters conducting annual FAA live fire training required every year



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Hazmat Exercise 2021



A large hazmat exercise was held on September 22, 2021 at the Watervliet Arsenal. Sponsored by the Capital Region Hazmat Group. Teams from Albany, Rensselaer, Saratoga and Schenectady Counties participated as well as the Capital Region Forensic Hazmat Team. The 2nd Civil Support Team from the Stratton Air National Guard base also participated. They are part of the U.S. Army.

The exercise included several mini scenarios which the various teams rotated through during the full day event. The morning session also included informational displays by various vendors.

The scenarios included a leak simulator, tank truck rollover simulator, evidence gathering for suspicious substances related to criminal activity, radiation detection and monitoring, chemical drum over packing, chemical suicide scenario, and wide area air monitoring using meters with wireless linking capability.



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Hazmat Exercise 2021:Continued

During the morning session the groups reviewed the various stations in work uniforms. Hands-on sessions were held in the afternoon with teams donning Level A or Level B hazmat training suits as appropriate for the scenario.

Instructors from NYS OFPC, NYS DEC and NYS DOH Wadsworth Laboratories assisted with the exercise.

Our thanks to Chief John Whipple of the Watervliet Arsenal Fire Department and his members for assistance with coordinating the day's events and for providing an excellent venue for us.

New York State is broken down into 19 hazmat regions. The Capital District Hazmat Region is administered by the Albany County Sheriff's Emergency Management Unit. The Unit acts as the fiduciary of the group and administers the grant money received from NYS DHSES. The last several years the group has received \$150,000 which is used to fund the hazmat teams in the region.



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Recruitment and Retention Car

Recruitment of new members for our Fire, EMS or Police Departments is always a priority. One way to recruit new members is to raise awareness of the need for them. The County Recruitment and Retention car is a highly visible way to raise awareness. If you have an event coming up and would like to have the Recruitment and Retention car there, just let us know.

To reserve the Recruitment and Retention car for your station please contact

Deputy Fire Coordinator Bob Stevens at Robert.Stevens@albanycountyny.gov



Middleburgh Parade



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Altamont Fair

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Albany County Volunteer Firefighter news

Muster/Inspection Day

The Fire Muster was held on October 9th at Fort Hunter Fire Company. The following companies attended: New Salem, Elsmere, Fort Hunter, Slingerlands and Guilderland Center.

Trophies were awarded as follows; Best appearing Ladder Guilderland Center, Best Appearing Antique Slingerlands, Best Appearing Rescue Fort Hunter, Best Appearing Pumper Slingerlands, Best appearing utility Fort Hunter, and Best Appearing Color Guard Slingerlands. The Walter W Eck Sr. Traveling Trophy was awarded to Slingerlands.

Thank you to all the Departments that participated.



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Fire Prevention week open houses

Many Departments across the County held open houses for Fire Prevention week. Below are photos from a few of them.



Shaker Road Fire



Guilderland Fire

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Fire Prevention week open houses: continued



Latham Fire



Fort Hunter Fire

Training Article: What words of wisdom would you tell your rookie self?

<https://www.ems1.com/careers/articles/what-words-of-wisdom-would-you-tell-your-rookie-self-uG3SMxNwnZ1zoiWb/>

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Training Opportunities

Refresher Training Opportunity

The Office of Fire Prevention and Control is now offering Refresher Training Courses for departments that want to have local training/drills that are led by State Fire Instructors (SFI). Course requests may be in increments of 4, 6, 9 or 12 hours. The host department works with the SFI to develop the curriculum. Topics to be covered may be from the following courses: Firefighter I, Firefighter II, Truck Company Operations, Apparatus Operator- Pump, and Apparatus Operator - Aerial Device.

This is a great opportunity for your department to enhance your drill schedule or team up with a regular mutual aid department to work on skills of mutual interest. It may also help you to meet the instructor requirements under NFPA 1403 if you plan to do a live burn.

Contact Deputy Fire Coordinator Bruno at william.bruno@albanycountyny.gov if interested in scheduling refresher training.

- Other Training Opportunities

Albany County Training

ALBANY COUNTY FIRE TRAINING SCHEDULE #7 2021 is now available on our website [ALBANY COUNTY FIRE TRAINING SCHEDULE #10 – 2009/10 wwshowpublisheddocument/16886/637697129844789920](https://www.albanycountyny.gov/16886/637697129844789920)

Training Schedule 7 attached at end of Newsletter

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SAVE THE DATE JANUARY 28-29, 2022 SELDEN, NEW YORK

Each year, the FASNY Emergency Medical Services Committee presents the EMS Conference in Selden, New York. The one-day event is packed with presentations that address the most contemporary and critical topics in the EMS community.

These invaluable sessions are complemented by a Pre-Conference Workshop eligible for Core CME credit hours in toxicology, cardiology, respiratory, psychiatric and EMS operations, among others.



ANNUAL EMS SEMINAR SAVE THE DATE MARCH 4-6, 2022 MONTOUR FALLS, NEW YORK

Each year, the FASNY Emergency Medical Services Committee presents the EMS Seminar in Montour Falls, New York. The two-day event is packed with presentations that address the most contemporary and critical topics in the EMS community

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-OFPC Arson Seminar

Dates: November 3-5, 2021
Venue: Watkins Glen Community Center

Description:

Features expert speakers and presenters from government agencies, commerce and insurance. Provides information and new developments in the field of fire investigation and allows for an exchange of ideas and experiences through peer interaction. Attendance fulfills the annual New York State in-service training requirements for fire investigators.

Designed for: Fire, police, Insurance SIU and municipal officials responsible for the legal investigation and prosecution of arson

Course Length: 12 hours

Prerequisites: Introduction to Fire Investigation (01-01-0040), Fire Behavior and Arson Awareness and Principles of Fire Investigation, or equivalent

Materials Fee: \$10
Course number : 01-01-0018

Signup Details

All requests must be accompanied by Form EOSB 1220- Fire Academy Registration Form.

Forms should be emailed to AcademyRegistrationMF@dhses.ny.gov

Course Registration Fees are Non-Refundable

New York State residents — \$25

Out-of-State — \$50

PAYMENT METHOD

Fees may be paid by check, money order or signed PO/Voucher payable to "Academy of Fire Science".

If MasterCard or VISA is being used, the registration form must include a credit card number, expiration date and signature.

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NYSAFC 2021 Seminar Series

“The ABCs of Rescue Company Operations” With Lieutenant Paul Haynes, Syracuse Fire Department Three-Hour Seminar:

This seminar will cover rescue company operations from the front seat of your first due engine or truck. While heavy rescues aren't as prevalent in the fire service today, crews respond to more technical rescues than ever before. All the tasks performed by the first due apparatus at incidents such as structure fires, motor vehicle accidents, confined space rescue, trench rescue, water rescue, and building collapse are managed from the front seat. Having a starting point, such as riding positions, the availability of tools and equipment, and knowledge of the experience level of personnel, will dictate your response to these alarms. Upon arrival, the officer of the first due apparatus needs to perform that critical size up to confirm dispatch information in order to approach these alarms successfully. This program will review the officer's responsibilities before, during, and after a rescue-related response.

Instructor Paul Haynes:

Lieutenant Paul Haynes is assigned to Rescue Company 1 of the Syracuse Fire Department. He has been with the department for 18 years, and also has volunteered with the East Syracuse Fire Department. Haynes is a New York state fire instructor at the New York State Academy of Fire Science with the RFFT program and a NYSAFC Hands-On Training instructor.

Registration Fee:

\$25 per person – NYSAFC Individual and Department Members

\$40 per person – Non-Members

Pre-registration is encouraged. On-site registration will be accepted if space permits.

Dates and Locations:

Seminar starts: 7:00 p.m. Registration area opens: 6:30 p.m.

November 16, 2021 – Saratoga County

Clifton Park Fire Department • 38 Old Route 146 • Clifton Park, NY 12065

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ALBANY COUNTY FIRE TRAINING SCHEDULE #7 2021


Pre-Registration Required: Students may register by clicking on the Learning Management System link on the NYS OPFC Home Page ([NYS Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Services - OPFC](#))

Registration opens 45 days before the first class

COURSE	LOCATION	DATE	INSTRUCTOR	PREREQUISITES
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Please Note that a training authorization letter is now required for all courses offered by the New York State Office of Fire Prevention and Control

Firefighter 2 IN PROGRESS	Guilderland Tower	August 26, September 2, 7, 9, 14, 21, 26, October 7, 14, 19, 21, 26 November 2	Molesky	Firefighter I or Equivalent
Principals of Instruction	Knox	October 5, 7, 14, 19, 26	DeGroff	None
Live Fire Training	Latham	November 22 1830-22300	DeGroff	None
Basic Exterior Firefighting Operations NEW TO SCHEDULE	Knox	October 29, November 15, 18, 20, 23, 24, 30, December 4, 6, 8, 13, 16, 20, 22, 28, 30, January 3, 5, 10, 13, 17 Weeknight: 1800 Start Saturdays: 0900 Start	Heinbach	None Chief Officer Must Attend First Night for Apparatus Assignments
Fire Service Instructor I	Watervliet Arsenal	October 22, 23, 24, 29, 30, 31 0800-1700	Bachner	None Registration is done through DHSES'S new Learning Management System LMS.

Water Rescue Awareness	Onesquethaw	December 6 1800-2200	Molesky	None
<p>Unless changed by instructor or noted above: All evening classes will be held from 19:00-22:00 hours. All Saturday and Sunday classes will be held from 09:00-12:00 hours and 13:00-16:00 hours</p>				<p>Fire Coordinator Gerald Paris</p> 