



Albany County Sheriff's Office Critical Incident Emergency Management Unit

November 2021

Critical Incident/Emergency Management Unit

This is the monthly newsletter for the Albany County Sheriff's Office Critical Incident Emergency Management Unit. **If you have events that you would like posted in this newsletter please email them to the Fire Coordinator's office.**



Emergency Management welcomes our two new Search and Rescue dogs Bunker and Hank

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The Emergency Management/Fire Coordinator's Office welcomed two new Search and Rescue Blood Hounds, Bunker and Hank. They are assigned to Chief Paris and are currently in training.



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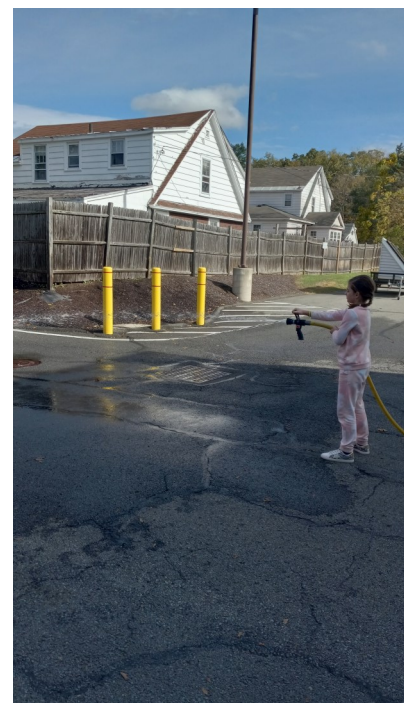
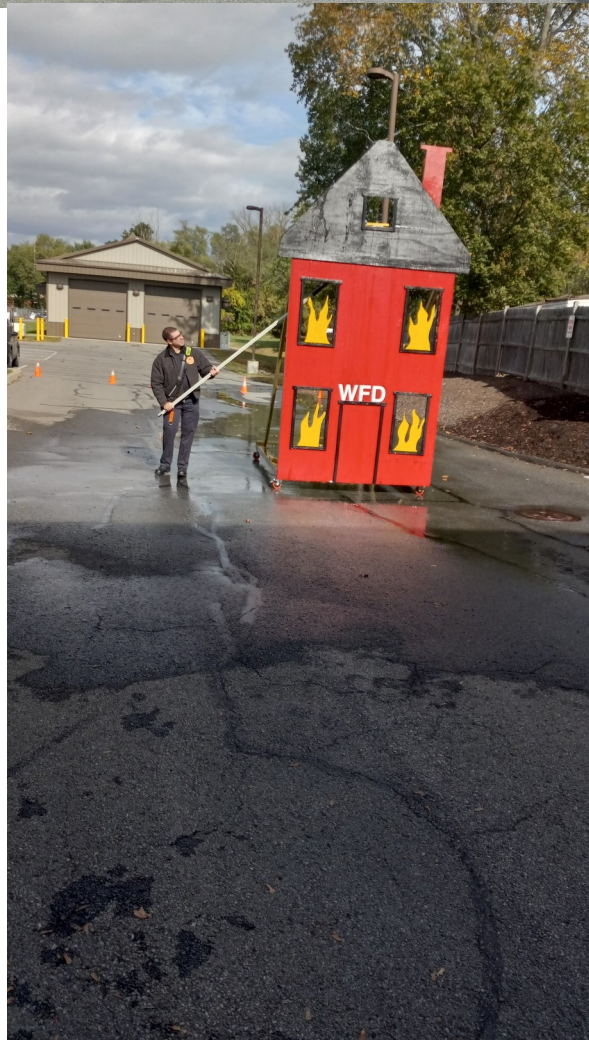


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Westmere Fire Halloween/Fire Prevention Open House

Westmere Fire Department held an open house for Fire Prevention and Halloween. It was well attended. The children had a great time.



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Recruitment and Retention



The Fire Coordinator has new lawn signs for recruitment. If your Department hasn't received one and would like one please contact the Fire Coordinator's office.



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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

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APPLICATION PERIOD OPENS MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2021, for fiscal year (FY) 2021 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT (AFG) PROGRAM

The FY 2021 AFG application period will open on **Monday, November 8, 2021, at 8:00 a.m. ET** and will close on **Friday, December 17, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. ET**.

Start planning your FY 2021 AFG grant application now by reviewing the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) on the AFG [website](#).

Fire Grants Help Desk: *If you have questions about the NOFO, call or email the Fire Grants Help Desk. The toll-free number is 1-866-274-0960; the e-mail address for questions is fire-grants@fema.dhs.gov. The Fire Grants Help Desk is open Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. ET.*

FY 2021 AFG GRANT PROGRAM WORKSHOPS

For applicants interested in learning how to apply for funding under the AFG program, we are hosting a series of workshops covering the AFG application process. These workshop will outline important information and reminders about cost share requirements, program priorities, eligible costs, how to navigate the grant application, and tips for preparing an AFG application.

AFG Workshop Schedule can be found on the AFG website at

<https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/firefighters/workshops>

SAM.GOV REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED TO APPLY AND RECEIVE GRANTS

All eligible applicants **must** be registered and active in the System for Award Management (SAM) **before** you can start an application. Per 2 CFR § 25.205, FEMA may not make an award to an entity until the entity has complied with the requirements to provide a valid DUNS number and maintain an active [SAM.gov](https://www.sam.gov) registration with current information. To register, or validate your [SAM.gov](https://www.sam.gov) information, please visit: <https://www.sam.gov/SAM/>.

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SAM.gov Registration Tips:

Please ensure the following items are current in SAM and the DUNS number used in SAM is the same one you use for all FEMA applications:

- Organization's name
- Address
- Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS)
- Employer Identification Number (EIN)
- Banking information - type of account (checking or saving), routing number, and account number

The above information should be consistent throughout all registration documents.

Many websites may look official in appearance but are not. As a reminder, registration in the [SAM.gov](https://www.sam.gov) is FREE.

[SAM.gov](https://www.sam.gov) registration is only active for one year and must be renewed annually.

Should you need assistance with your [SAM.gov](https://www.sam.gov) account, there are several ways to get help:

Submit your [SAM.gov](https://www.sam.gov) question online to the Federal Service Help Desk at <https://www.fsd.gov/fsd-gov/home.do>.

- Call the Federal Service Help Desk toll free at (866) 606-8220 open Monday - Friday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET.

[Quick Start Guides for Grant Registrations](#) and [SAM Video Tutorial for New Applicants](#) are tools created by the General Services Administration to assist those registering with the System for Award Management (SAM).

If you have questions or concerns about your [SAM.gov](https://www.sam.gov) registration, please contact the Federal Support desk at <https://www.fsd.gov/fsd-gov/home.do>.

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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.

TACTICAL TAKE-AWAYS FOR EXPLOSIVE GAS EMERGENCIES

This program will cover some of the key points you need to know to respond safely and effectively to propane and natural gas emergencies. You may have never been trained on these since they are not included in any firefighter or officer programs. Critical concepts include flammable ranges–LEL and UEL– how and where to use your combustible gas indicator, cross sensitivities of your meters, limitations of your gas meter, metal oxide and catalytic bead sensors, introduction of a new laser-based gas detector for size up and most importantly procedures for safe and effective response.

PRESENTER

Chief Jerry Knapp is a 40-year veteran Firefighter/EMT with the West Haverstraw, NY Fire Department and is a training officer at the Rockland County Fire Training Center in Pomona, NY. He is the Chief of the Rockland County HazMat Team, a former Nationally Certified Paramedic and author of the Fire Attack Chapter in the FF1-2 manual published by Fire Engineer and author of numerous articles on house fires. Battalion Chief Knapp is the author of the tactical and scenario-based reference book titled, House Fires. He is on the technical panel for the latest UL Study on Fire Attack at House Fires. He recently retired from the US Military Academy, West Point as the Plans Officer, Directorate of Emergency Services.

Wednesday, December 8, 2021

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Webinar

https://fasny.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_MkL7ERDkREmLRIOisI24BA

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FIRE DYNAMICS – CONTROLLED VENTILATION

Presentation will provide new tactics related to National Institute Standards & Testing (NIST) research on modern fire behavior. Provide a basic understanding of the importance of proper controlled ventilation in today's fire environment.

PRESENTER

Ed Mann, Director of Training & Education Provident Insurance. Prior to working for Provident, he served as Pennsylvania State Fire Commissioner for 14 yrs. He began his career in the fire service with the Logan Fire Company, Bellefonte PA in 1977. He then pursued a career in the U.S. Air Force as a Fire Protection Specialist until his retirement in 1994. He has worked as an adjunct instructor for the Pennsylvania State Fire Academy and was awarded Instructor Emeritus status in 2016. He currently serves as the Chief of the Logan Volunteer FD.

Thursday, January 27, 2022

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Webinar https://fasny.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_JCIq4-YIRGexSrEsh6EBJA

Fire Service Occupational Cancer Regional Seminars

The dramatic increase in the incidence of occupational cancers is one of the most important problems facing the fire service today. The First Responder Center coordinates the activities of the Fire Service Occupational Cancer Alliance, a collaborative effort among all fire service constituencies to educate personnel about cancer prevention, provide resources for those who have been diagnosed with an occupational cancer and support research to address the disease.

In September 2017, the FSOCA hosted a national symposium focusing solely on fire service occupational cancers, the first event of its kind. Over two days, presentations and workshops covered current research, prevention strategies, presumptive legislation, benefits, and other relevant topics. Based upon the overwhelming positive feedback we are taking the show on the road and conducting regional one day seminars based upon some of the key topics from the symposium.

TRAINING DATE: Friday, December 3, 2021

LOCATION: New York State Office of Fire Prevention and Control Bldg

ADDRESS: 1220 Washington Avenue, State Office Building Campus Building 7A, Albany, NY 12242

TIME: 8:00AM - 4:30PM

REGISTER: Regional Cancer Seminar Registration 12.3.2021 or

<https://www.firstrespondercenter.org/training/>

Regional Cancer Seminar Topics Include:

- An overview of research studies to date, including a discussion of underrepresented groups and research needs
- Modifiable Risk Factors and Healthy Lifestyle
- Exposure Reduction and Implementation Strategies
- Support after the Cancer Diagnosis

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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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Training Schedule 9 attached at end of Newsletter

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ALBANY COUNTY FIRE TRAINING SCHEDULE #9 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

Live Fire Training	Latham	November 22 1830-22300	DeGroff	None
Basic Exterior Firefighting Operations IN PROGRESS	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
Rescue Technician Basic IN PROGRESS	Guilderland Center	November 10, 17, 18, 23, 30, December 4, Week Nights 1830-2130 Saturday 0800-1700	DeGroff	None
Firefighter Survival; Self Rescue	Westmere	November 20 & 27 0800-1400	Kerr	Firefighter I or Equivalent
FAST CLASS IS FULL	Guilderland Tower	November 29, December 6 & 12 Weeknights 1830-2130 Sunday 0800-1600	Kerr	Firefighter Survival; Self Rescue

<p>Firefighter I Certification (BEFO/SCBA Interior Firefighter Operations)</p> <p>NEW TO SCHEDULE</p> <p>IFSTA Essentials of Firefighting 7th Edition Curriculum</p>	<p>Colonie MTB</p>	<p>December 1st: Orientation: 6:30 pm Chief Officer Must Attend with Student</p> <p><i>BEFO (W/Hazardous Materials Operations)</i> January 3, 5, 9, 10, 12, 19, 24, 26, 31, February 5, 7, 9, 14, 16, 28, March 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28</p> <p><i>SCBA/IFO:</i> March 24, April 4, 6, 11, 13, 25, 27, May 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, 26</p> <p>1830-2130 February 5th 0800-2200 Instructor - Collins</p>	<p>At Orientation: Training Authorization Letter</p> <p>Start of SCBA/IFO: Medical Clearance to wear SCBA,</p>
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Water Rescue Awareness	Onesquethaw	December 6 1800-2200	Molesky	None
Water Rescue Awareness NEW TO SCHEDULE	Slingerlands	December 14 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>	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;">  <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Fire Coordinator Gerald Paris</p> </div>  </div>
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