



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. **If you have events that you would like posted in this newsletter please email them to the Fire Coordinator's office.**



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Rensselaerville Fire Police

What a great turnout for the long awaited Fire Police class, held at the Rensselaerville Firehouse, Station 1. There were twenty-four participants. Fifteen were from Rensselaerville. Our instructor was Josh Collins, who brought a fast paced, colorful presentation, and shared some of his war stories with us.

From the classroom we moved out into the streets of the village for hands on training. As we practiced our new skills, we rotated into our cars and drove up and down through the village. So much activity, created a stir and we had many a spectator. On January 17th the newly graduated Fire Police were officially sworn in by the Honorable Muriel Frasher. We appreciate being able to hold the class here and have now increased our fire police crew.

We want to remind you that on any long duration call where you are using fire police please remember to rotate them into rehab along with your other firefighters so that they aren't forgotten.

Also Fire Police are specifically included in the County Mutual Aid plan so if they are needed at any emergency scene they can be specifically requested as mutual aid without activating other fire department resources. (see next page).





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Excerpt from County Mutual Aid plan

Fire Police

The subjects included in this mutual aid plan as identified or relating to fire departments/companies are intended to pertain to fire police squads as an extension of that fire department/company. Fire police units should be utilized by the fire department/company as a key asset in traffic, crowd control, and scene protection. In addition, mutual aid by fire police only, as allowed under Section 209C of the General Municipal Law (see below), will be covered by this mutual aid plan.

In order for a fire police squad to provide mutual aid under this plan members of the squad must have the appropriate training and taken and filed the oath of office police only, as allowed under Section 209C of the General Municipal as required by section 209-c of the NYS General Municipal Law. In lieu of or in addition to this requirement AHJ (Authority having jurisdiction) may provide appropriate training which must include at a minimum Highway Safety for Emergency Responders and Traffic Incident Management classes. AHJ must provide written certification that the in lieu of training was provided.

Recruitment and Retention

**VOLUNTEER
FIREFIGHTERS
are needed in
ALBANY COUNTY**

(518) 720-8034



We encourage you to start thinking about scheduling the car to be displayed at your fire house or for special events starting in April 2022.

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

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RECRUIT NY
SIGN UP YOUR DEPARTMENT
APRIL 23-24, 2022

Register to host an open house during the RecruitNY Weekend and join hundreds of other fire departments that have added almost 25,000 volunteers to their ranks.

For more information: <https://www.recruitny.org>

SIGN UP BEFORE MARCH 1
FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN!

Sign up your department for RecruitNY before March 1, 2022, and be entered to win one of 16 Ultimate Recruitment Tool Kits that include:

- 200 recruitment brochures
- 100 promotional rack cards
- 25 customized 11" x 17" posters
- 24 T-shirts
- 12 yard signs
- 1 large-format banner
- 2 Event flags

IN ADDITION, TWO LUCKY DEPARTMENTS WILL BE SELECTED TO RECEIVE A VISIT FROM THE FASNYS 43 TRAINING AND RECRUITMENT TRUCK.

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City of Albany Fire Recruits

It's a very proud day for the City of Albany as well as our fire department and local as we welcome 15 new Candidate Firefighters to our ranks. These men will fill positions created due to retirements over the past few years.

Starting today, these Candidates will begin a several month long academy where they will learn skills ranging from EMS, fire behavior, auto extraction, hazardous materials operations, radio communications, building construction, forcible entry, fire attack, overhaul and many other topics.

We welcome the following Candidates;

David Shea
Geoffrey Gerfin
Scott Sanders
Thomas Muir
Jake Grimaldi
Anthony Glinbizzi
Ryan Savery
Scott Booth
Alec Forezzi
Andrew Bianco
Edward Ash
Joseph Mosher
Daniel Cramer
Patrick Markiewicz
Andrew Neidnig



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City of Cohoes Fire Department Promotion

Two Cohoes firefighters got promoted at a ceremony held this February 2nd at City Hall

Lieutenant Mark Dufresne was promoted to rank of Captain .

Firefighter Johnathan Marra was promoted to rank of Lieutenant

Congratulations to you both on your promotion



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By Chief Jerry DeLuca

How Can the Red Cross Help Fire Departments Help Their Community?

As a longtime Albany County volunteer firefighter, former Assistant Chief and Deputy Coordinator, I have been at the scene of many fires. Admittedly, calling the Red Cross was not always the first thing on my mind when a fire happened. I thought that if the people had insurance they were in good shape and would not need the help of the Red Cross. I did not realize the full impact a home fire has on the residents.

Now that I am the Red Cross State Relations Disaster Liaison, I have become very much aware of the immediate and long-term impact a home fire can have on the residents of our communities. The Red Cross can and will provide many services to those impacted by a home fire. Whether that fire is a single-family home or multi-family apartment building the Red

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Red Cross can and wants to assist the fire victims to recover from a devastating loss. The Red Cross operates on seven Fundamental Principles: Humanity; Impartiality; Neutrality; Independence; Voluntary Service; Unity and Universality. These principles mean that no matter the circumstances of the fire victims, the Red Cross is there to assist.

Red Cross Disaster Action Teams assist the victims in many ways. I am sure you are aware of help such as providing immediate financial assistance or temporary housing in a shelter or hotel. This may be the most frequent reason that a fire department will call the Red Cross for help. There are many more services that the Red Cross can and does provide to fire and disaster victims. Often overlooked at a fire scene is the fact that the resident cannot access necessary medications. Our Disaster Health Service (DHS) volunteers can assist in replacing needed medications lost in the fire. They will work with the victim to get a list of their medications and assist to contact their pharmacy to obtain replacements. Assistance may also be provided to aid with costs if insurance is unavailable to provide replacement medications. The DHS volunteer can also assist in replacing necessary medical devices such as walkers, wheelchairs and even items such as CPAP machines.

Many people impacted by a fire or other disaster may also need comforting or Mental Health Services. The Red Cross Disaster Action Team can also activate a Disaster Mental Health (DMH) Team to provide immediate assistance to help victims cope with the loss of their home or worse, the loss of a loved one. The DMH team will work with the victim for immediate needs and assist them in obtaining long term help.

Others may not need direct mental health assistance but could benefit from the support of the Red Cross Spiritual Care Team. The spiritual care team is available to those who seek spiritual care. The team does not proselytize or impose any particular view and is available to those who desire spiritual comfort. This team can also assist those who lost a loved one navigate their way through the process of planning a funeral.

These are just some of the many services that the Red Cross can provide to fire and disaster victims. If you find yourself at the scene of a fire, we want you to call us. Your Dispatchers most likely have the appropriate number to call, but you can also call 800-RED-CROSS to activate our Disaster Action Team (DAT). The Red Cross is here to assist.

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NYSAFC Regional Hands-On Training FIRE BEHAVIOR ON THE INSIDE

Host: Watervliet Arsenal Fire Department
Albany County April 23-24, 2022
Watervliet Arsenal
1 Buffington Street
Watervliet, NY 12189



This intense live fire training program allows students to witness changes in fire behavior while common fire ground actions are performed. Window ventilation, door control, VES, and more will take place while firefighters monitor conditions from inside the fire building, providing the rare opportunity to witness changes in fire behavior on the inside. Fire dynamics will be discussed throughout the daylong program, providing students with multiple opportunities to gain a more thorough understanding of how their actions may affect fire behavior. This eight-hour training includes a brief classroom orientation, followed by live fire hands-on training evolutions. Host: Watervliet Arsenal Fire Department Albany County April 23-24, 2022 @ Watervliet Arsenal • 1 Buffington Street • Watervliet, NY 12189 NYSAFC Regional Hands-On Training FIRE BEHAVIOR ON THE INSIDE • Live fire VES. • Search in pre-flashover conditions. • Monitor smoke, heat, and air movement from inside the building. • Over 12 live fire evolutions per day. Host: Watervliet Arsenal Fire Department When: April 23-24, 2022 • 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Where: Watervliet Arsenal • 1 Buffington Street • Watervliet, NY 12189 Registration Fee: \$245 per NYSAFC Member • \$295 per Non-Member Student must be a NYSAFC Individual Member or student's fire department must be a NYSAFC Department Member for discounted rate.

For additional details

https://www.nysfirechiefs.com/files/Events_Training/NYSAFC%20HOT%20Fire%20Behavior%202022%20Watervliet%20Arsenal%20FD.pdf

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NATIONAL FIRE ACADEMY- EMMITSBURG, MARYLAND

2022 NEW YORK STATE WEEKEND

For Additional Information: <https://www.albanycounty.com/home/showpublisheddocument/17248/637782755831100000>

April 29- May 1, 2022

The New York State Office of Fire Prevention and Control (OFPC) is proud to announce the 35th Annual New York State Weekend at the National Fire Academy.

NYS Weekend check-in at the NFA begins on April 29, 2022 after 2:00 p.m. The weekend agenda will be distributed at check-in. Classes will commence on **Friday, April 29, 2022**, and continue Saturday, April 30th and Sunday, May 1, 2022 (see tentative itinerary of events). Those wishing to attend the 2022 weekend must register for ONE specific NYS Weekend 2022 NFA course using the LMS link listed below the specific course you wish to attend **NO LATER THAN March 4, 2022**.

How to Apply

New York State Weekend Registration:

For complete registration information, please use the web link listed above.

Cost:

There is no cost to attend training or for lodging at the National Fire Academy. Students attending the NYS Weekend are responsible for their own meals (NFA weekend meal ticket is \$96.86) and transportation. Further details will be provided in the confirmation correspondence.

2022 NEW YORK STATE WEEKEND COURSE OFFERINGS

W0770 – Fire Investigation: First Responders – (NEW)

This two-day course presents a basic overview of a fire investigation for the first responder. Students will review the basics of fire chemistry and develop an understanding of the role of the first responder in relation to fire suppression and fire investigation.

The course will stress the importance of fire scene awareness, evidence identification, preservation, and the basics of a fire investigation. Students will develop an appreciation of the convergence of suppression, investigation, science, and law.

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W0349 – Fire Service Safety Culture: Who Protects Firefighter from Firefighters?

This two-day course is designed to assist emergency services personnel in defining and advocating organizational change within the fire service relating to safety.

Topics include:

- Safety and risk cultures within organizations.
- Influences on safety culture and risk categories.
- Concepts, goals, and processes of risk management.

The course incorporates facilitated student-centered methodologies including lecture, small and large group activities, and individual assessments.

W0646– Leadership in Supervision: Creating Environments for Professional Growth

This two-day course presents the supervisor with the basic leadership skills and tools needed to perform effectively in the fire and EMS environment. The course includes concepts related to a successful transition to supervisory and leadership roles, including concepts of adaptive leadership; change management; active followership; effective communication, including difficult

conversations and advocacy-inquiry based dialogue; ethics; authority; power; decision-making; and active engagement through development of a personal plan.

W0761 – New Fire Chief: Administrative Issues

This two-day course is to provide students with the managerial, administrative and leadership skills and awareness necessary for new or recently appointed or elected chiefs to effectively meet their obligations of the position.

W0458 – Preparation for Initial Company Operations

This two-day course is designed to develop a better understanding of the role and responsibilities of Company Officers (COs) in preparing their company for incident operations and to clarify the transition from firefighter to CO and the new roles relating to leadership and safety.

This course is designed for COs, acting COs, or senior firefighters responsible for the management of a single fire company at an emergency incident, including those officers who are responsible for company readiness, personnel safety, and leadership as it relates to company operation.

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FASNY EMERGENCY RESPONDER SAFETY

This program will demonstrate how fire and EMS agencies can provide a safe and healthful work environment where risks that are taken are commensurate with the potential benefits. The program goes beyond the typical hazards encountered at the emergency scene and also identifies risks associated with fire and EMS cultures, station life and challenges encountered on the street. The program identifies three different working environments where emergency responders encounter significant risks. They include the station, the street and the scene. The program, through interactive dialogue, identifies methods to manage the associated risks in those workplace settings. The program is divided into four distinct modules that can be covered separately. **There is no charge for this program.**

Monday, February 28, 2022
7:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Fuller Road Fire Department

To Register

https://member.fasny.com/nc_event?id=a0l2T000006crb3QAA

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EMS SEMINAR 40TH ANNIVERSARY

MARCH 4-6, 2022
MONTOUR FALLS, NEW YORK

To Register: <https://fasny.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/MontourfallsSeminar2022Registration-web-1.pdf>

The FASNY Emergency Medical Services Committee presents the 40th Anniversary of the EMS Seminar in Montour Falls, New York. The 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-Seminar Workshop eligible for Core CME credit hours in Preparatory, Airway, Pharmacology, Med. Admin, Emergency Meds., Immunology, Toxicology, Endocrine, Neurology, Abdominal, Geni-Renal, GI, Hematology, Respiratory and Psychiatric.

PRESENTATIONS

Professionalism in EMS: Is there any hope?

Presentation by Paul A. Werfel, NRP

EMS has long been protected from the same level of scrutiny police officers face. People are generally glad when we show up. After all, we're the "good guys." Yet with social media, there are thousands of "amateur photojournalists" roaming our scenes with phones, and drones have begun to put us in the crosshairs. In decades past we could hide in plain sight, dealing with patient care complaints behind closed-door meetings with management. Every action, right or wrong, now has thousands of potential witnesses. Our encounters with patients and families are memorialized for all time. We have reached a point where it is no longer good enough to have sound skills and strong medical knowledge. Professionalism is now a job requirement in EMS.

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Challenging Prehospital Case Studies

Presentation by Paul A. Werfel, EMT-P

This will be a comprehensive and *interactive* discussion of *ten brand new cases*, with the objective of fine tuning the assessment skill of the prehospital practitioner. Led by JEMS *Case of the month* author, Paul Werfel, participants will systematically examine and assess each patient, suggest and discuss presumptive diagnosis and BLS and ALS treatment modalities. The group will then compare and contrast these findings with the in-hospital diagnosis and treatment modalities.

Where Did All the EMS Providers Go?

Presentation by Richard Nower

Every agency big and small, volunteer and commercial, municipal or private, ALS or BLS is facing the same external crisis: **how to find EMS providers to provide quality patient care**. By 2030, the United States will have as many people retired as there are working. The EMS profession is at the crossroads of time. EMS agencies will have to staff more ambulances and find more crews, but where will they come from? How is your agency going to meet the needs of your community? How, when and why the crisis was created is not important anymore. COVID-19 has changed the prehospital care community forever. Fewer providers are on the streets and even fewer are registering for EMT classes. The road to finding qualified EMS providers will determine the future of our industry. This is a discussion about recruitment and retention strategies. The session will be an out-of-the-book look at alternatives to bring in employees and staff shifts. How is your agency going to meet industry needs of the future? Staffing shortages will continue to grow unless we change the culture of our industry. Let's look to the future of recruitment and retention.

Managing Respiratory Distress Before ALS Arrives: Assessing and Treating the Dyspnea Patient at the EMT Level

Presentation by Dan Batsie, EMT-P

Respiratory distress is both a common and frequently life-threatening complaint. Many prehospital assessment techniques and interventions are focused on advanced providers, but far too often we lose sight of the importance of good basic skills. EMTs play a vital role in early diagnosis

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and treatment of the dyspnea patient and proper initial care can significantly impact the outcome of these patients. This class is designed to enhance the EMT's understanding of the pathophysiology of respiratory distress and will focus on rapid assessment skills for the BLS provider. We will further discuss key interventions that can be completed by the EMT to improve the outcome of the various causes of respiratory distress.

Drowning and Management of Submersion Injuries *Presentation by Dan Batsie, EMT-P*

Each year roughly 4,000 patients die, and 800,000 patients are successfully rescued following a drowning event. Yet, submersion injuries remain poorly understood and are often improperly assessed and treated. To optimize outcomes and to separate commonly held myth from fact, providers must understand the true pathophysiology and science behind these far too common drowning situations. This class will discuss the evidence-based best practices associated with management of submersion injuries. Specific focus will be offered to submersion related cardiac arrest and how the approach must differ from more frequent sudden cardiac arrest etiologies. The class will also discuss a detailed evaluation of the rescued patient and describe an algorithm for treatment and transport decisions. Although some advanced topics will be discussed, this class is focused at the EMT level.

Albany County Training

ALBANY COUNTY FIRE TRAINING SCHEDULE #1 2022 is now available on our website and attached at end of newsletter.

<https://www.albanycounty.com/home/showpublisheddocument/17240/637777650755330000>

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Albany County Events Onesquethaw Fire Department

Onesquethaw Fire Department will be holding their monthly breakfast on February 27th from 7:30am-10:30 am at the Clarksville Fire station located at 2178 Tarrytown Road.



American Heart Association.



Help Albany Fire Department Chief Joe Gregory Raise Funds for the American Heart Association

Chief Gregory has graciously volunteered to be one of 10 people in the Capital District assisting the American Heart Association in this important fund raising effort. Chief Gregory is the only one of the 10 people who is involved in the public sector. If you can, please help our brother in this important effort.

To donate <https://ahaalbany.ejoinme.org/949454?fbclid=IwAR33-AWrPxGCu87RNSR7hNaSp7tOf5pGFGJdaRNVf3CDp-hYRHHWCtoOf4c>

Go Red for Women is crucial in driving local support to fund life-saving research and to educate women. Though we have made great strides in the advancement of women's cardiovascular health, we still have far to go. We need your help now so that our mothers, sisters and daughters have a chance to fight this silent killer. By sharing a commitment to speak up, spread the word and support the research, you can help save lives.

I am proud and honored to represent the City of Albany and The Albany Fire Department in this year's Men Go Red For Women campaign to raise awareness in the ongoing fight against heart disease.

Heart Disease knows no limits. It crosses all barriers and does not discriminate. In fact, heart health is always a major focus across the Fire Service as Firefighters are often times put in dangerous situations, carrying up to 75 pounds of equipment, responding to calls for help.

I hope that our healthy heart strategies within the Albany Fire Department can also bring awareness to others as we fight this disease as one united team.

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ALBANY COUNTY FIRE TRAINING SCHEDULE #1 2022

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

<p>Firefighter I Certification</p> <p>(BEFO/SCBA Interior Firefighter Operations)</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></p> <p>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>At Orientation: Training Authorization Letter</p>
<p>IN PROGRESS</p> <p>IFSTA Essentials of Firefighting7th Edition Curriculum</p>		<p>SCBA/IFO: March 3/30, 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>Start of SCBA/IFO: Medical Clearance to wear SCBA,</p>

<p>Principals of Instruction</p> <p>NEW TO SCHEDULE</p>	<p>Westmere</p>	<p>February 7, 10, 15, 17, 22 1830-2130</p>	<p>DeGross</p>	<p>None</p>
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SCBA-IFO NEW TO SCHEDULE	Guilderland Tower	March 22, 24, 29, 31, April 5, 7, 12, 14, 26, 28, May 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19 1830-2130	DeGross	Basic Exterior Firefighter Operations w/HMFRO
Truck Company Operations NEW TO SCHEDULE	Elsmere	March 24, 31, April 5 7, 12, 19, May 12, 17 1830-2130	Molesky	Firefighter I or Equivalent and SCBA Qualified
Rescue Technician Basic NEW TO SCHEDULE	Colonie MTB	May 24, 31, June 2, 7, 9, 11 Weeknights 1830 Saturday 0800-1700	DeGross	None
Firefighter II NEW TO SCHEDULE	Guilderand Tower	June 8, July 20, August 24, September 7, 14, 21, 28, October 5, 12, 19, 26, November 2 Weeknights 1830	DeGross	Firefighter I or Equivlet
Firefighter II Boot Camp NEW TO SCHEDULE	Guilderand Tower	June 14, July 25, 26, 27, 28, 30, August 8, 9, 10, 11, 13 Weeknights 1830 Saturday 0800	DeGross	Firefighter I or Equivlet
Apparatus Operator - Aerial Device NEW TO SCHEDULE	Colonie MTB	June 16, 23, 28, 30, July 12, 28, 30, Weeknights 1830 Saturday 0900-1500	Molesky	Scene Support Operations/Basic Exterior Firefighter Operations or Equivalent
Apparatus Operator- Pump Boot Camp NEW TO SCHEDULE	Colonie MTB	June 29, July 9, 10, 11 Weeknight 1830 Weekend 0800-1700	DeGross	Scene Support Operations/Basic Exterior Firefighter Operations or Equivalent
Apparatus Operator - Emergency Vehicle Operator	Slingerlands	September 6, 8, 13, 15, 17 Weeknights 1830	DeGross	Driver's License

NEW TO SCHEDULE		Saturday 0800		
Apparatus Operator-Pump NEW TO SCHEDULE	Slingerlands	October 11, 13, 18,20, 22, 25 Weeknights 1830 Saturday 0800	DeGroff	Scene Support Operations/Basic Exterior Firefighter Operations or Equivalent
Vehicle Rescue: Operations Level NEW TO SCHEDULE	Onesquethaw	November 7, 9, 14, 16, 21	DeGroff	None
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				Fire Coordinator Gerald Paris 