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North Bethlehem Fire Department Rehab

The North Bethlehem Fire Department has provided Firefighter rehab for many years. This service is available anywhere in the County of Albany upon request. We have multiple mutual aid agreements for automatic response to major Structure Fires including one with Rensselaer County. The Department responds on average to about 22 rehab calls per year.

This is a required activity under NFPA 1584 and it just makes sense to have this available for your firefighters during long term events. The Rehab squad has medical monitoring equipment, heavy duty chairs, misting fans, water & energy drinks, energy bars, and an inflatable shelter equipped for air conditioning or heat as needed. The squad also has a mobile Cascade system for filling SCBA bottles including 5.5 bottles.

Last Thursday and Friday were a busy 24 hours for the members of the department. Thursday evening crews responded mutual aid to the Guilderland Fire District to provide fire ground rehabilitation at a structure fire. Friday morning at 11:07 am we were requested by Rensselaer County to provide fire ground rehabilitation at a structure fire in Averill Park. Members operated on the scene for several hours returning to service shortly after 4PM.



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How to rehab firefighters in extreme heat, cold

Rehab is difficult and doubly so when the temperatures soar or plunge; here's a look at how to handle those challenging days

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This article first appeared on FireRehab.com, sponsored by Masimo.

By FireRescue1 Staff

When we [asked our readers](#) in 2015 whether they'd rather fight fire in extreme heat or extreme cold, the responses were fairly divided. One thing we all agree on is that neither is our first choice. Yet, as one responder said, when the tone drops, you go.



Heat-related illness is serious business, and firefighters are particularly at risk when temperatures hit the 90s and humidity hovers around 80 percent. (Photo/Joe Thomas of Greenbox Photography)

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3 heat-related threats to firefighters and how to fix them

Each extreme poses challenges for those charged with running the rehab sector.

For general rehab guidelines, NFPA is a sound starting place. [NFPA 1584 Standard on the Rehabilitation Process for Members During Emergency Operations and Training Exercises](#) can help fire departments establish their rehab process. The next edition of NFPA 1584 is [open for public comment](#).

The standard requires these nine processes:

- Relief from climatic conditions.
- Rest and recovery.
- Cooling or rewarming.
- Rehydration.
- Calorie and electrolyte replacement.
- Medical monitoring.
- EMS treatment in accordance with local protocol.
- Member accountability.

Release from rehab.

HEAT-RELATED ILLNESS

Heat-related illness is serious business, and firefighters are particularly at risk when temperatures hit the 90s and humidity hovers around 80 percent. Hydration is critical, but it's easy for firefighters to get overheated due to the combination of fireground conditions, PPE and summer heat. Robert Avsec advises that when prevention fails and heat-related illnesses set in, it is important to [quickly recognize the signs](#) and apply the proper treatment. Here's a look at how to approach each level of illness.

To treat heat cramps:

- Stop all activity; remove all items of the protective ensemble, particularly the protective hood; and sit quietly in a cool place.
- Drink cool water, a sports drink or other drinks with no caffeine or alcohol.
- Do not resume activity for a few hours after the cramps go away, as heat cramps can lead to heat exhaustion or heatstroke.

Get medical help if the cramps do not go away in one hour.



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To treat heat exhaustion:

- Perform the first two bulleted items above (stop, rest and hydrate).

Sit in front of a cooling fan or mister to help promote sweat evaporation and cool the body.

Heatstroke is a time-critical medical emergency. Get the firefighter to a shady or cool area and call for emergency medical assistance immediately. Until EMS arrives, do the following:

- Cool the victim as quickly as possible with a cool bath or shower, a spray of cool water from a hose or by wrapping the victim in a cool, wet sheet.
- Check body temperature often and continue cooling efforts until temperature drops to 102 F.

Do not give any fluids to the firefighter to drink because of the potential for airway compromise. If trained and authorized, administer intravenous fluids.

COLD-RELATED INJURY

Providing firefighter rehab in the cold can be more difficult than in the heat. The freeze-thaw-freeze cycle is especially rough on the body, according to the [Albert Einstein Medical Center](#).

Aside from slips and falls due to icy conditions, firefighters face several cold-related injuries. The most common and least serious of these is frostnip.

Frostnip is a mild cold injury most likely to occur in the distal extremities where there is decreased blood flow. Initially, there may be some mild pain, pale skin and numbness. There is no permanent tissue damage however, and the symptoms resolve quickly upon rewarming without any lasting damage.

Frostnip can be an indication of a more serious pending condition – frostbite. **Frostbite** represents actual damage to tissues and cells.

There are two mechanisms. The first is the formation of ice crystals both inside and outside of the cells. This can cause mechanical damage and cell death.

The second occurrence is similar to burn injury, where the blood vessels themselves are injured. This can result in increased swelling and even an increase in blood clots in the vessel. The combination of these two mechanisms can cause such severe damage that eventual amputation may be required.

The signs and symptoms of frostbite are initially the same as frostnip. However, the symptoms progress to also include worsening clumsiness of the affected area and loss of fine motor control.

The effects are deeper as well, and the affected skin may appear waxy and firm. Lastly, upon rewarming, the affected area develops more severe pain, burning or tingling and numbness. Blisters may develop, and swelling may be severe.

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IS TRANSPORT NECESSARY?

How can we know if a firefighter just has mild frostnip and needs to warm up a bit or if he or she has developed frostbite and requires transport to the hospital? The reality is we can't be completely sure.

In the emergency department, how the patient responds over a few hours will distinguish between the conditions, and will steer their disposition –home or stay.

In the field, start with the general assessment we should initiate with all firefighters – ask them how they feel. Do their feet feel a little numb, or do they actually hurt?

Are they able to walk normally, or are they stumbling because their feet won't do what they want them to do? Are they unable to do simple tasks, such as change a nozzle or operate their SCBA?

If a firefighter has some of these more severe symptoms, do a more thorough physical exam. Look at and feel their hands or feet for the more serious signs mentioned above.

Also consider the time of exposure – frostbite is unlikely at an event of short duration. It is more common at those large, multi-alarm fires that last many hours or even days. If you have any doubts, recommend transport for a more complete exam in the hospital.

Frostbite treatment is simple: Protect the extremity with a well-padded splint. Do not rub or massage the affected area, as this can worsen the mechanical trauma. Do not initiate rewarming if there is any chance of a refreeze. Do not immerse in water or hold the extremity near the heater – there is a specific way to rewarm the frostbitten area that cannot be done in the field.

COLD IMMERSION FOOT

A related condition that can occur when the temperatures are still above freezing is trench foot or cold immersion foot. The term “trench foot” comes from World War I and was seen among soldiers whose feet were wet and cold for a prolonged period. It most commonly occurs in conditions 32 to 59 F.

The cool temperature causes blood vessels to constrict as described above, but no ice crystals form. This constriction limits the amount of oxygen that is supplied to the tissues and cells of the foot.

The difference is that the skin is also affected by the moisture, which can cause exterior tissue breakdown. This permits the cold temperature to impact the nerves and blood vessels more directly, because the skin usually protects these structures.

The firefighter affected with cold immersion foot may feel few symptoms. Pain is rare. On exam, the foot is often pale and mottled. There is delayed capillary refill. Symptoms develop upon rewarming – the foot becomes swollen, red, warm and very painful.

Long-term effects are rare, and treatment is aimed at symptomatic relief. Interestingly, it is the rewarming that causes the pain and symptoms. As the foot is rewarmed, the oxygen demands increase, but the injured blood vessels cannot supply enough.

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Keeping the extremity cool and then slowly warming over time is the preferred treatment. This is different from frostbite, which calls for rapid rewarming in the hospital.

HYPOTHERMIA

Hypothermia, or a core body temperature of less than 95 F, is rare among emergency responders and not likely to be found among staff in the rehab sector as frequently as localized cold injury. However, if you encounter it, here are the levels of severity and treatment options.

Mild hypothermia (90 to 95 F) comes with an increase in respiratory rate and heart rate. Shivering occurs in an attempt to generate more body heat; speech and fine motor control may become slightly difficult. The blood vessels to the skin constrict in an attempt to conserve heat.

In moderate hypothermia (82 to 90 F), shivering stops and the patient begins to exhibit an altered mental status. The heart rate drops. If a 12-lead EKG is done, Osborn or "J-waves" may be noted.

Severe hypothermia (below 82 F) is the point where the patient is likely unconscious and unable to control his or her airway. These patients are at risk of having their heart rhythm degenerate into ventricular fibrillation.

TREATING HYPOTHERMIA

Treatment for hypothermic patients is supportive – meaning from a pre-hospital standpoint, we want to make sure things do not get worse and support the patient's condition until we get to the hospital. This problem did not develop over 15 minutes, and we are not going to solve it in 15 minutes.

As always, start with the ABCs. Does the patient need to have an oral or nasal airway placed? If he or she is not breathing, start bag-valve-mask ventilations.

Check for a pulse, but understand that the heart rate may be very slow and difficult to detect. Do not delay care. If there are no signs of life, start CPR.

PREVENTION AND RECOGNITION

Rehab is challenging in the best of weather and even more so when the temperatures soar or plunge. Plan ahead with your EMS medical director and EMS providers so your rehab sector is able to handle those challenging days. Educate your firefighters about self-care to prevent hypo- or hyperthermia and how to recognize the early signs in themselves and other firefighters.

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Recruitment and Retention

Look for the R&R car, Rock Wall and the Tactical Training Trailer at the
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Albany County's Future Heroes and First Responders Explorer program

LOUDONVILLE, N.Y. ([NEWS10](#)) — Fire Departments across the country are struggling with hiring and retention rates and the Capital Region is no exception. Albany County Fire Coordinator Gerald Paris said that New York used to have over 100,000 active firefighters, but now they're seeing only 40,000.

"There's a massive decline," Sheriff Craig Apple said. "We need people to come to your house if you're having chest pains. We need people to respond if there's a domestic or a fight outside. We need people to respond if your carbon monoxide or smoke detectors are going off. These people are needed and it's been a nasty decline."

They're hoping a new expansion of Albany County's Future Heroes and First Responders Explorer Program—which helps teens and young adults get a jumpstart on careers within the sheriff's office, fire department, and EMS services—can boost retention. The Shaker Road-Loudonville Fire Department will now help train and mentor young kids, giving them first-hand experience in the field.

"These kids are like sponges," Paris said. "If we can grab these kids at an early time in their life we may help them set a career path."

Paris also said that obstacles like increased training hours and testing requirements make it harder for people to enter the field. "The biggest challenge that we have is the bar keeps getting raised higher and higher through standards and the amount of training that it actually takes to become a volunteer firefighter," Paris said.

In New York, you need over 100 hours of training to become a firefighter. Paris hopes this program will give interested kids a head start on that training, creating a new future generation of first responders. Interested families can call the fire department to fill out an application.

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RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION

By Deputy Fire Chief Robert Outhouse, FASNY Recruitment and Retention Committee

Today, as we continue to see the numbers of volunteer firefighters dwindling from our departments, many of us are asking why. What are we doing wrong? What can we do better?

Recruitment and retention are the two biggest words in the volunteer fire service today. But, what do those words really mean?

What is recruitment? Recruitment is the process of adding new individuals to a specific group. In last issue's article, we learned that we should market ourselves like Google, a major corporation, does. The days-gone-by when someone actually knocked on your department door and said "Hey, can I join this department?", are very few and far between.

FASNY has taken on a major campaign to reignite that phenomenon. It's called "Is There a Fire in You?" This campaign was designed for departments across the state to use in their information, media clips, pamphlets, etc. to urge people to come and volunteer. You are able to use your own delivery methods within your own municipality.

If your municipality has a monthly newsletter or calendar, try to get a line stating "Volunteers Needed." Install signs at the entrance to your department and send out mailers once a year to your community on what you do and why it's important to obtain new members.

I believe the days of just having an open house during Fire Prevention Week doesn't really cut it anymore. Recruitment should be aggressively marketed throughout your community, schools, media and social media. Sell yourself to your community 365 days a year. Lastly, if your department offers incentives, like a tax reduction or length of service award programs, or any other incentives, put that out there.

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Now comes the next big word, retention. What is retention? In simple terms, retention is to keep someone or something. Although as simple as it may sound, this is proving to be our second biggest obstacle in the fire service today. There is not just one cause to this dilemma.

There are many factors that affect the retention of members in the volunteer fire service.

In May 2007, the National Fire Administration released a study on Recruitment and Retention in the Volunteer Fire Service, FA-310. In this 261-page document, it outlines the challenges and solutions facing the volunteer fire service. Although this document is 11 years old, many of these challenges are still prevalent today.

In preparing to write this article, I spoke with many fire Chiefs, Presidents and Commissioners of local fire departments from small to large. Everyone says the same thing. We get new members and they leave. Why?

As reported in FA-310, these are the leading reasons why members stop volunteering in fire and EMS departments. Internal conflict, excessive time demands, feeling a lack of support from the department, perceived unfairness of disciplinary actions and perceived unfairness or inconsistencies in management. Unfortunately, some of these reasons have plagued the volunteer fire service for a very long time.

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To help combat these issues, many fire service leaders have written about these very topics in articles, training manuals, seminars and books. Most of these issues have a direct correlation to human behavior. These individual human behaviors can directly affect and cause internal conflict; the feeling of a lack of support; and can cause the inconsistencies in management styles our leaders have today.

I believe that leadership must take an active roll in understanding these behaviors and apply that knowledge to the fire service and their local departments. This understanding will help them better manage these conflicts and feelings. This may minimize the internal conflicts, and feelings being unsupported and may save members from walking out the door.

Another reason we see members leaving are excessive time demands. We have seen the fire service change dramatically over the last 20 years. The hours of training for volunteer firefighters are extensive, but needed.

But, just as quickly as the recommended training requirements changed, so did the economy. It is much more expensive to live in some communities. Some members have to leave the area for better employment, better pay and affordable housing. Others may have to work multiple jobs to make ends meet.

To combat this, departments need to look for incentives to keep volunteers in their communities. Affordable housing is one way towns and villages are trying to retain volunteer fire and EMS personnel. Another incentive is local property tax reduction. There are many creative incentives that may be viable ways to retain members. Don't be afraid to seek them out and implement them.



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Cohesiveness is one of the essential ingredients that make a fire department successful. Firefighters depend on one another for their safety. It is important not only to work as a team, but also to feel like a team.

Unfortunately, cohesiveness is not always easy to achieve. Many factors can disrupt the peace. Cliques can form, groups and individuals may feel excluded, EMS and fire members may not get along, or career and volunteer members clash. Often, these problems cause one or more of the parties to resign from membership. Chiefs, line officers and other members of the department's management team must try to promote an environment in which members cooperate and work as a cohesive unit to avoid retention problems due to disagreements or conflicts among members.

As I investigated information for this article, I sought an old friend, a former State Fire Instructor, past Director of the New York State Fire Academy and Deputy Chief of a local fire department. He had stated that many departments are having great success in implementing two strategies to retain members.

The first strategy is, when a new member is accepted by the membership as a probationary active firefighter, they are assigned a mentor. This mentoring program is a great way to keep the member actively involved in the functions of the fire department. The mentor guides the member on which training courses to enroll in; what committees they might want to join; family events; and on-the-job training activities. It also gives the support, that was identified earlier in this article, to the new member who may feel unwelcomed or unsupported.

The second strategy is one used by many large corporations. When you leave a job for whatever the reason, whether it's retirement, better employment or a lack of satisfaction, many companies are conducting exit interviews. FA-310 recommends that an exit interview be conducted in the volunteer fire service.

Here are some of the questions that should be asked: What are your reasons for leaving the organization? What were your most satisfying experiences while volunteering? What were your least satisfying experiences while volunteering? What are your recommendations for improving the organization and increasing volunteer satisfaction? Are there any ways the department can be of assistance to you? Is there any way the department could have prevented your departure?

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These questions will help you gather data specific to your department. Although it may not save that member, it may save one or many down the road. It allows the department to analyze this data, make changes to your department policies and procedures as needed, discuss disruptive behaviors and take actions accordingly.

In order for the volunteer fire service to survive, recruitment and retention must be a priority in your department. Take a look at what we have been doing and look for shortcomings. No one is going to do for you, so you need to get motivated. Sit down with your leaders and see what has worked and plan a new path.

What works for some may not work for others, so try different strategies. Review your numbers periodically: how many joined, how many left and the reasons. See what works best for your department.

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COURSE DESCRIPTIONS Utility Terrain Vehicle (UTV) Operations: Date: September 23-24, 2022 Time: 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM This is a twenty hour hands on class. There will be an instructor led classroom portion followed by an inspection of the trailer and equipment that the participants brought with them. There is a mandatory tire change using only the equipment the students have with them. This will take about four hours. The next twelve hours are hands on driving skills. The students will traverse challenging terrain and use the winch on their machines. There will be multiple skills stations to work through. There will also be a trail ride with many of the skills taught put in to use to successfully complete the ride. The remaining four hours are spent on hands on maintenance and clean up of the machines and returning the machine back to service. Each department is asked to bring one machine for two operators. There is a maximum of twenty students allowed per class. There is a minimum of 10 students allowed per class.

Swiftwater/Flood Operations: Date: September 24-25 Time: 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM This course is designed to introduce firefighters and EMS personnel to water rescue at the operations (shore based) level of response. The course contains information on: hazards, medical considerations, incident management, on self-rescue, PPE and rescue techniques. Practical training is also provided in self-rescue and shore based rescue skills. Fire Prevention and Control Fire Prevention and Control Fire Prevention and Control Water Rescue Awareness: Date: September 24, 2022 Time: 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM This course provides an overview of water safety and rescue issues including hazard assessment, responder safety, risk management, hypothermia, near-drowning, basic water search techniques, basic shore based rescue techniques, incident management issues, and water rescue equipment. Basic Wildland Search Skills (DEC): Date: September 24, 2022 Time: 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

The Basic Wildland Search Skills course has been developed by the Division of Forest Protection in the Department of Environmental Conservation and is taught by DEC forest rangers to individuals interested in becoming wildland search volunteers. This course provides you with the basic knowledge and skills necessary to assist in conducting search missions and to acquaint you with the New York State Forest Ranger Search and Rescue Program. The primary purpose of the training program is to organize, train and maintain search volunteer resources, provide uniform and standard basic search training and to certify search volunteers. Upon completion of the course and passing a written examination, search volunteers will be issued a laminated search volunteer certification card and patch. Basic Wildland Fire Suppression: Date: September 25, 2022 Time: 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM Developed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Forest Rangers and the New York State Office of Fire Prevention and Control for firefighters involved in wildland fire suppression. The course contents include jurisdiction and responsibilities, fire behavior, wildland fire elements and size-up, use of tools and equipment, general concepts related to fire suppression, securing the control line, and standards for safety. FF-1

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Truck Company Refresher: 6 Hours Date: September 24, 2022 Time: 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM Truck Company Operations Refresher is designed to enhance the basic truck company skills learned in your initial fire service training program. Skill evolutions will include conventional and through the lock forcible entry, ground ladder operations, roof operations, and search and rescue operations. The Truck Company Refresher will be broken into 4 – 3 hour tracks (Please rank your choices 1 – 4. You will be assigned to two tracks based on first come first served). Each track will be maxed to 10 students. • Forcible Entry • Ground Ladder Operations • Roof Operations • Search and Rescue Operations Phone: 315-768-5689 • Email: SPTC.INFO@dhses.ny.gov • Website: www.dhses.ny.gov

FF-1 Engine Company Refresher: 6 Hours Date: September 25, 2022 Time: 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM Engine Company Operations Refresher is designed to enhance the basic engine company skills learned in your initial fire service training program. Skill evolutions will include review of various hose loads, hand line deployment and advancement, nozzle operations and water management (“Know your Flow”), standpipe operations. Various props will be utilized including: Lion Digital Attack System, flow meters, various nozzle types (automatic combination, fixed gallonage combination, and smoothbore). Engine Company Refresher will be broken into 4 - 3 -hour tracks (Please rank your choices 1 – 4. You will be assigned to two tracks based on first come first served). Each track will be maxed to 10 students. • Know Your Flow and Water Mapping • Standpipes and High-Rise Operations • Hose Line Operations – Attack Lines to Monitors • Modern Fire Behavior Vehicle Rescue Operations Level: Date: September 24-25, 2022 Time: 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM Provides hands-on training in motor vehicle rescue and extrication techniques while stressing the need for scene safety and vehicle stabilization. It includes rescue theory, rescue life cycle, new technology in automotive design and rescue tools and their uses.

REGISTER You may register for this conference through the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) Learning Management System:



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55TH OLD FORGE FIREFIGHTERS DRILL SCHOOL

This year's theme will be honoring all of the brave firefighters in Ukraine, especially the 35 Ukrainian firefighters that have fallen since the start of the war. We ask you to stop and think of how dangerous our job as a firefighter is in our country, of how many here had made their final call, and now add a war on top of that. Fighting fires or rescuing people at the same time rockets are landing all around you and not one Ukrainian firefighter has walked away saying "I can't take this anymore". This bravery deserves recognition and we will!

The Old Forge Fire Department and FASNY welcome all of you to this year's Fire School. We give our heartfelt thank you for being here for so many years. You'll see many old friends and hopefully make new friends that will last a lifetime.

Thursday, September 15, 2022 - Sunday, September 18, 2022

1:45 pm - 12:00 pm

Old Forge Fire Department

The Old Forge Fire Department Welcomes you to the 55th Old Forge Firefighters Drill School.

Last year in our welcoming letter to you, we stated that the fire school was the best ever! Just when we thought that the 2021 Fire School Couldn't be beat, guess what? Yup, this year's fire school is better. We packed more training into our two days and we searched nationwide for the best instructors to insure that you are better trained, better prepared both mentally and physically to perform our dangerous work. When we say "we" that is a small word for all of the people involved to bring you an awesome experience in Old Forge. The fire school committee started planning back in December, along with the guidance and financial support of FASNY. The FASNY staff assigned to assist us, Brian McQueen, April Rounds and Jon Barrett are nothing short of phenomenal. The work they put into our fire school is tremendous and we thank them very much. FASNY's President, Ed Tase Jr. has insured our department that we will always have a "great working relationship".

Our Keynote speaker, Friday afternoon will be Steve Hirsch, the Chairman of the National Volunteer Fire Council, Traveling from Kansas to remind us why we are so crucial to our neighbors and community. New this year will be Golf Tournament on Thursday to help FASNY offset promotional costs; and FASNY is sponsoring the Old Forge Youth Training Day on Saturday.

Learn many new things during your training, but take time to have a great time and make new memories.

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During your stay in Old Forge, if there is anything we can do to make your weekend better, please ask us.

Old Forge Fire School Co-Chairs,
Jack Graham
Dawn Schweinsberg
Tony Tormey

When and Where

Start Date 9/15/2022 1:45 PM EDT

End Date 9/18/2022 12:00 PM EDT

Location Old Forge Fire Department

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State/Province NY

Register: <https://fasny.com/upcoming-training/the-old-forge-fire-department-welcomes-you-to-the-55th-old-forge-firefighters-drill-school/>



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Saratoga County
September 24-25, 2022**

Round Lake F.D. • Station #1 • 13 Curry Avenue • Round Lake, NY 12151

This full-day, eight-hour program features seven hands-on training stations covering hoseline advancement, forcible entry, survival skills, ladders, saws, vent enter search (live fire evolution), and thermal imaging camera techniques (live fire evolution). Students will participate in a brief orientation and then complete all stations over the course of the day. This highly interactive program will keep every firefighter engaged and is geared toward firefighters operating in low-manpower situations.

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NYSAFC Regional Hands-On Training **FIRE BEHAVIOR ON THE INSIDE**



**Host: East Glenville Fire District
Schenectady County
November 5-6, 2022**

@ East Glenville Fire District • 433 Saratoga Road • Schenectady, NY 12302

This intense live fire training program allows students to witness changes in fire behavior while common fireground 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.

- **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.**

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NYSAFC 2022 SEMINAR SERIES

NYSAFC 2022 Seminar Series "The Five Points of Command" **With Chief/Commissioner Michael Lombardo, Buffalo Fire Department** **Three-Hour Seminar:**

The fire ground is a dynamic, ever-changing environment. It can be a daunting challenge for firefighters, company officers, and chief officers to control an emergency situation. A cohesive and smart incident action plan is critical and key to successfully controlling the chaos that we so often respond to. Personnel must understand the components of the incident action plan and how this plan effects all facets of the operation and all who are operating to attain success. Remember, this plan isn't just for and about incident commanders, but rather a framework for all on the fire ground to operate with. Whether you are a new firefighter or the chief of department, having, implementing, and understanding the incident action plan will provide the clarity and coordination for a safe and successful operation.



Instructor Michael Lombardo:

Mike Lombardo is a 43-year veteran of the fire service and was the commissioner/chief of department of the Buffalo Fire Department from 2006-2010. He is a New York state fire instructor and was a member of the development team for the New York State Firefighter Survival and Rapid Intervention programs. Lombardo has also served as a Hands-On Training instructor for NYSAFC. He is a two-time *Firehouse* magazine Heroism Award recipient and is the FDIC 1999 Tom Brennan Training Achievement Award recipient. In 2015, Lombardo was a contributor for the NFFF documentary "[Giving Courage: LODD Chiefs Speak.](#)" He provides consulting services across the United States and serves as an instructor on fire tactics, live fire attack, firefighter survival, command, and fire department operations. Lombardo is also a member of the board of directors of the Fire Department Training Network, where he developed the Fire Command program. He is currently an active member of the East Amherst Fire Department and is a past assistant chief of the Christiana (DE) Fire Department.

Registration Fee:

\$35 per person – NYSAFC Individual and Department Members

\$50 per person – Non-Members

Seating is limited at some sites. Pre-registration is encouraged. On-site registration will be accepted if space permits.

October 24 – 7:00 p.m. – Albany County, Village of Ravena Fire Department • 116 Main Street • Ravena, NY 12143

To Register: https://www.nysfirechiefs.com/files/Events_Training/Seminar%20Series%202022%20Flyer_Form%204.jpg

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Albany County Training

ALBANY COUNTY FIRE TRAINING SCHEDULE #7 2022 is attached below.

Article Submissions Requested

Do you have an idea for an article for our newsletter?

Do you have a talent for writing?

Is there an area that you have a strong knowledge or interest in?

If so, please contact us. We are always looking for valuable information to pass on to the Emergency Services Community. If you seen an interesting article, let us know.

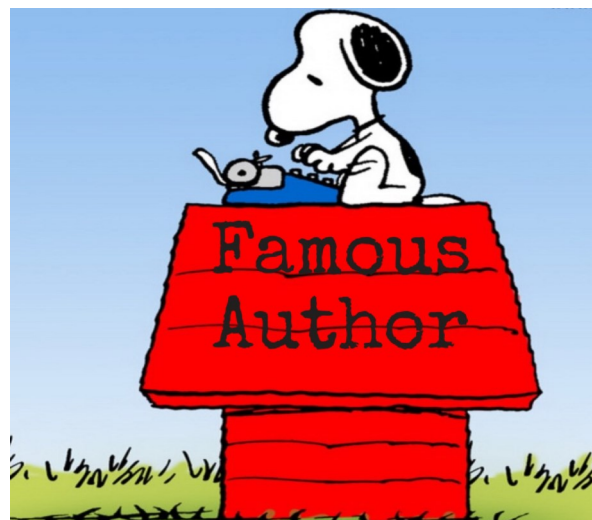
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Pre-Registration Required: Students may register by clicking on the Learning Management System link on the NYS OPFC Home Page ([NYS Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Services - OPFC](#))

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 II IN PROGRESS	Guilderland Tower	June 8, July 20, August 24, September 7, 14, 21, 28, October 5, 12, 19, 26, November 2 Weeknights 1830	DeGroff	Firefighter I or Equivalent
Firefighter II Boot Camp IN PROGRESS	Guilderland Tower	June 14, July 25, 26, 27, 28, 30, August 8, 9, 10, 11, 13 Weeknights 1830 Saturday 0800	DeGroff	Firefighter I or Equivalent
<p style="text-align: center;">Firefighter I Boot Camp</p> Combined Basic Exterior Firefighting Operations & SCBA Interior Firefighting Operations- Firefighter I – Blended Learning (Internet Based Course) IN PROGRESS – Class is Full <i>Class Schedule Dates July 11, August 4, 11, 16, 17, 18, 26, 27, 29, 30</i>		<p style="text-align: center;">July 11th Orientation 1830hrs. Elsmere FD</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Instructor: Kerr</p>	Completion of Approved CPR Course, physically capable of wearing an SCBA and Training Authorization Letter. Student must have access to a computer with high-speed internet. ICS100, ICS700, Home Skills – Due Thursday 8/11/2022 First Aid /CPR- Due Tuesday 8/16 <u>\$40 enrollment fee</u> required at orientation for blended learning program	

Fire Alarm Systems for the Fire Service	Midway	August 1 0900-1530	Clawson	None
Medium Structural Collapse Operations: Tools NEW TO SCHEDULE	Watervliet Arsenal	August 8 & 9 0800-1700	OFPC	None
Medium Structural Collapse Operations: Tools NEW TO SCHEDULE	Watervliet Arsenal	August 11 & 12 0800-1700	OFPC	None
Basic Exterior Firefighting Operations with Hazardous Materials First Responder Operations	Westmere	August 15, September 8, 15, 20, 22, 27, October 4, 8, 22, 26, November 2, 7, 9, 15, 19, 21, 28, December 7, 13, 14, 19, 20 Weeknights: 1830-2130, Saturdays: 0800-1400 Units 21-25 1800-2200	Molesky	None
Firefighter Survival-Self Rescue	Elsmere	August 27, 29: 1400-1700 September 1: 0800-1400	Kerr	Firefighter I
Trench Rescue - Operations Level NEW TO SCHEDULE	Watervliet Arsenal	August 29 & 30 0800-1700	OFPC	None
Trench Rescue - Operations Level NEW TO SCHEDULE	Watervliet Arsenal	August 31 & September 1 0800-1700	OFPC	None
Apparatus Operator - Emergency Vehicle Operator	Slingerlands	September 6, 8, 13, 15, 17 Weeknights 1830 Saturday 0800	DeGross	Driver's License

Truck Company Operations	Colonie MTB	September 14, 21, 26, 28, October 3, 10, 15 Weeknights 1830-2130 Saturday 0900-1500	Molesky	Firefighter I or Equivalent and SCBA Qualified
Vehicle Rescue: Operations Level NEW TO SCHEDULE	Colonie MTB	September 20, 22, 27, 29, October 6 1830/2130	DeGroff	None
Fire Instructor II	Watervliet Arsenal	September 30, October 1, 2, 8, 9 0800-1700	OFPC	Fire Service Instructor I There is a lengthy pre-course reading assignment, and students complete a pre-test, final exam, independent assignments, and one presentation during the course. Course includes homework and independent study. There is a dress code for candidates attending this course.
Apparatus Operator-Pump	Slingerlands	October 11, 13, 18,20, 22, 25 Weeknights 1830 Saturday 0800	DeGroff	Scene Support Operations/Basic Exterior Firefighter Operations or Equivalent
Principals of Instruction	Elsmere	November 7, 14, 21, 28, December 5	Clawson	None
Vehicle Rescue: Operations Level	Onesquethaw	November 7, 9, 14, 16, 21	DeGroff	None
Fire Instructor II	Watervliet Arsenal	November 28, 29, 30, December 1, 2	Bachner	Fire Instructor I There is a lengthy pre-course reading assignment, and students complete a pre-test, final exam, independent assignments, and one presentation during the course. Course includes homework and independent study. There is a dress code for candidates attending this course.

**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

