

# Hometown Hero NEW BURN BUILDING DEDICATED TO FRANK STEFANELLI

The new burn building at the Raymond C. Taylor Fire Training Center in Jamestown will soon bear the name of the man synonymous with education within the local fire service.

The building was dedicated Thursday evening to Frank Stefanelli, a former chief of the Jamestown Fire Department and certified New York state Fire Instructor. The structure replaced a former burn building at the Harrison Street Training Grounds.

A plaque was presented at the dedication that includes Stefanelli's name and dates of service. The plaque will be placed on the burn building at a later date.

In being recognized, Stefanelli said it was an "honor" to have worked alongside many first responders during his time as a firefighters, fire chief and instructor.

"They all gave me the privilege to serve," he said.

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*The new burn building at the Raymond C. Taylor Fire Training Center in Jamestown was dedicated Thursday to Frank Stefanelli, former chief of the Jamestown Fire Department and State Fire Instructor. Pictured, from left, are Jeff Molnar, Julius Leone, Stefanelli, Brian Purol and Denny Barmore. P-J photo by Eric Tichy*



*The plaque that will be hung on the new burn building at the training center in Jamestown.*

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Julius Leone, Chautauqua County director of Emergency Services, said Stefanelli was a mentor to many young firefighters in the area. He noted many of the firefighters in attendance for the dedication were taught by Stefanelli.

“Like your first kindergarten teacher ... everyone always remembers their first fire instructor,” Leone said. “And a lot of us in this room can point to Frank because we all remember that.

“The guys and gals that walk into the Stefanelli Burn Building will always remember that name,” he continued. “They will see all of those accomplishments right there (on the plaque). They will see that this guy did some really, really great things for the fire service.”

Also speaking Thursday was PJ Wendel, Chairman of the Chautauqua County Legislature’s Public Safety Committee. The legislature allocated funds for the

construction of the burn building, one of two located within the county for “live fire” training for departments. “This is a great sign of mutual aid and how we work together,” Wendel said.

Jamestown Mayor Sam Teresi and Samuel Salemme, city Battalion Fire Chief, also spoke, both of whom praised Stefanelli’s service.

Stefanelli was a member of the Jamestown Fire Department from 1960 to 1980, the last decade of which he served as fire chief. He was a state fire instructor from 1968 to 1975 and the deputy state fire administrator for five years in the early ’90s.

The longtime first responder was one of the first graduates at Erie Community College to receive an associate’s degree in fire science. Soon after he began teaching firefighters in Chautauqua County as a state instructor.

*Article by Eric Tichy*



Congratulations to Julius Leone and Mike Volpe. At the recent New York State Association of Fire Chiefs Convention in Verona NY Julius was elected First Vice President of the Association. In 2018 he will become the 7th President of NYSAFC’s from Chautauqua County. Mike Volpe was elected as the EMS Director for the Association for a 3 year term.

Let’s plan to have a huge group in Verona next year for the installation of Julius as President. To register for the 2018 convention go to [http://www.nysfirechiefs.com/ev\\_calendar\\_day.asp?date=6/13/2018&eventid=41](http://www.nysfirechiefs.com/ev_calendar_day.asp?date=6/13/2018&eventid=41) and sign up.

John C. Griffith  
4th Battalion Coordinator  
Chautauqua County Emergency Services

# W.C.A. SERVICES CORPORATION



Do you know what the letters in ALSTAR really stand for? ALSTAR is an acronym which stands for: Advanced Life Support, Transport And Resources. ALSTAR started as W.C.A. Services in 1983 with one used ambulance and roughly 5 EMT-CC's and 5 nurses as employees - all per Diem. We primarily provided transports out of WCA Hospital to the Jamestown Radiologist's building for CT Scans or transferring patients back to nursing homes. About once every two weeks a patient may be transferred to a Buffalo hospital. Since that time ALSTAR has grown by leaps and bounds due to our dedication to this community by many employees and board members. Many of the changes in our system have been dictated by the changing face of healthcare in the country. Especially the trend for physician specialists to gravitate away from more rural hospitals to those in larger urban areas. We now have 22 ambulances, 3 flyCar vehicles and 110 EMS professionals on staff. One of the most impressive statistics is that ALSTAR runs over 16,000 responses a year. In 2016 706 of these were completed (not cancelled) flyCar assists to volunteer departments. Additionally, on average we transport 12 patients every day out of a county hospital to a tertiary center in another city. Most requiring high level advanced life support care. That's in excess of 1,200 miles each and every day.

Although our Department of Health CON territory is Chautauqua, Cattaraugus and Allegany counties, we primarily serve Chautauqua County. We have two bases of operation. Jamestown - at 28 Maple Street; and Dunkirk - at 738 Monroe Street. Both locations have a helipad. We also frequently stage an ALS ambulance in both Westfield and Irving. The majority of ALSTAR EMS providers are also dual certified to operate in Pennsylvania as well. This allows ALSTAR to be licensed and operate in Pennsylvania. We are very proud of our employees who achieve this dual certification and even more proud as a majority of our providers are also members of your fire departments as well.





We are the primary 911 responding agency in the City of Jamestown and provide 'flyCar' service to the surrounding volunteer fire departments. We are also the primary responder to most nursing homes and Adult care centers surrounding the city. In Dunkirk and Fredonia we back-up the municipal departments on EMS calls and are auto dispatched for calls meeting ALS criteria in Dunkirk. We are the primary responder for East Town of Dunkirk, West Town of Dunkirk and Sheridan. In addition to fly-car service for other north end volunteer fire departments. Both divisions handle the interfacility transports. The Jamestown division is responsible for UPMC Chautauqua WCA; and the Dunkirk division is responsible for Brooks Memorial, Westfield Memorial, and Lake Shore. In times of peak utilization crews may be shifted from one division to another to cover calls. Documentation of ambulance runs is via an electronic patient record through EMS Charts. Charts are then faxed to the hospital.

Medical direction is provided by three emergency physicians. Dr. Brian Walters and Dr. Michael Faulk provide ongoing operational medical direction with our providers. Primarily for high acuity patient transports. Dr. George Conner provides administrative oversight to the system. On-line medical control for normal cases in the south county (not just ours) is the on-duty UPMC Chautauqua WCA emergency department physician. North county on-line medical control is the on-duty Brooks Memorial emergency department physician. Under the WREMAC guidelines, many interfacility transfers require the ALS provider to notify the on-line medical control physician prior to initiating the transfer.

During identified peak times we operate up to five ambulances in each division (weekdays - mid day). Overnight each division operates two to three ambulances.

We operate our own training center where a variety of courses are held each year for both EMS providers and the public. This includes community CPR, ACLS, PALS, ITLS, and CME Recertification. We also partner

with the County and STEMS to host a variety of educational and CME programs and WREMAC required skills fairs. Most importantly our training center offers paramedic courses utilizing the latest distance learning technology. This puts us in the forefront of high quality EMS education in this part of the state.



ALSTAR provides a number of community services. We routinely visit schools and talk with students about EMS, hopefully planting the seeds for future providers. We provide stand-by services not only during working fires in the urban areas, but also for a variety of community events such as 5 K runs, Special Olympics, polar bear plunges and a whole host of team sporting events. We are also the contracted EMS provider for state regulated part 18 events (events with attendance greater than 5,000) for the County Fair and Jamestown Labor Day Festival.

We operate a state of the art dispatch center - MedCom. We utilize Computer Aided Dispatch and have direct communication with the Chautauqua County Sheriff's Department - the Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) for the county. All ambulances, helicopters, fly-cars, and wheelchair vans company-wide are dispatched from this central location. Additionally, we have radio communication or direct phone links with a variety of other public safety entities.

Although W.C.A. Services / ALSTAR retains their local Board of Directors we are excited to be entering the UPMC family of healthcare entities.



# Fire Departments Donate Buggy To Safety Village To Promote Caution



*Four area fire departments donated an Amish buggy to the Chautauqua Children's Safety Education Village. Pictured from the left are Mike Swanson, Ashville fire chief; Matt Oehlbeck, Sherman fire chief; Ed Faulkner, Clymer fire chief; Vernon Sheldon Jr., Panama fire chief; Mike Gleason, past fire chief for the Ashville Fire Department; and Terri Kindberg, executive director for the Chautauqua Children's Safety Education Village. P-J photo by Jimmy McCarthy.*

ASHVILLE — Little travelers will be alerted to a new item as they drive in the Chautauqua Children's Safety Education Village.

A child-sized Amish buggy was recently donated to the Safety Village by four area fire departments. The idea originated following a conversation between local fire chiefs and Terri Kindberg, executive director for the Children's Safety Education Village, over recent accidents involving vehicles and buggies.

In September, two incidents occurred between vehicles and buggies. On Sept. 8, three Amish occupants in a buggy were injured after the horse became spooked by a passing vehicle on Clymer-Sherman Road in Clymer. The buggy rolled off the road as it became separated from the horse.

A few weeks later, a vehicle-buggy incident occurred in Panama. The buggy carrying five occupants was struck by a vehicle on Weeks Road. One occupant died in the crash while the others sustained injuries.

*"We thought it would be great to bring an Amish buggy to the village," Kindberg said. "It's important to start teaching children at a young age to pay attention to traffic signs, slow down and be aware of what's on the road."*

The buggy was donated by the Clymer, Sherman, Ashville and Panama fire departments, all of which were on scene during the incidents.

Vernon Sheldon Jr., Panama Fire Chief, was one of those who initiated the idea of a donation. Sheldon Jr. said he thought it was a good idea to give back and bring awareness to other users of area roads.

Sheldon Jr. said the buggy donation could also make children alert of signs when traveling with their parents out on the road.

*“There’s nothing that’s never been taught either about how to respond when you’re coming to an intersection and there’s a horse there. Not all horses are gentle,” he said. “They might be hot and might want to go. Anytime they could be coming out in front of you, so people should pay attention. That’s something that the Safety Village can instill in these young children and hopefully make them aware to it.”*

The Amish buggy, built by Amish local Alan Leslein, will be placed in an area of the Safety Village where little travelers can safely pass it. The buggy is an exact replica of a life-sized buggy with reflectors and a slow moving vehicle sign attached to the back.

The buggy will be used as part of traffic safety classes that take place at the village. New curriculum was recently added to the program to include awareness of slow moving vehicles including Amish buggies and farm tractors.

For adult motorists on the road, Kindberg and the fire chiefs are urging them to be aware of Amish areas and slow down when approaching a buggy or tractor.

*“We need to know when it is safe to pass a slow moving vehicle,” Kindberg said. “And mostly, we need to remember that the people driving or riding are someone’s mother or father, child or friend. Every life matters, and as drivers, we have to be more aware and conscious of the area we are driving in and what could be ahead.”*

The Chautauqua Children’s Safety Education Village is located at 2695 Route 394 in Ashville. The purpose of the Safety Village is to educate children primarily in the areas of traffic, bike and fire safety.

# FIGHT FOR FASO



On September 11, 2001 Laurie (Motto) Faso underwent open heart surgery. Soon afterwards, she was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis. In May of this year, she was dealt another blow, being diagnosed with stage 4 pancreatic cancer that has spread to her lung.

A lifelong resident of Chautauqua County she has been very active in her community. She is a member of the Fredonia Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary, past President of the Southwestern Association of Volunteer Fireman's Ladies Auxiliary, a member of the Fredonia Methodist Church where she taught Sunday school, and has been involved with the county's EMT program for many years.

As she has dedicated her life to helping others and supporting her community, Laurie's family and friends ask for your help and support in her personal fight.



Please join family and friends for a Spaghetti dinner and benefit in Laurie's honor on



Music & Dancing

**Sunday, August 20, 2017**

**11:30 am - 5:00 pm**

**Loyal Order of Moose, 296 Lakeshore Drive West, Dunkirk, NY**



Dinner/Donation Tickets are \$10.00  
Includes Spaghetti & 2 Meatballs, Salad, Roll and Ice Cream  
(Take Outs Available)

**"LIVE" Auction starts promptly @ 1:00 pm**



Pre-Sale Tickets available, contact:  
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# Saluting Firefighters

## FIRST RESPONDERS REMEMBERED DURING MEMORIAL SERVICE



*The Morton Club Beneficiary Association of the Jamestown Fire Department hosted its annual memorial service at Station 5 on Fairmount Avenue in the city on Sunday. For the first time, the names of all Jamestown firefighters who have passed away were read aloud. Sunday also marked the 83rd anniversary of the Richfield fire, which claimed the lives of three firefighters from Station 5, as well as a chief's aid. Pictured are firefighters saluting those who have died while in the line of duty. P-J photo by Eric Tichy.*

In the mid-afternoon hours of June 18, 1934, members of the Jamestown Fire Department were summoned to assist firefighters in Fluvanna quell a rapidly deteriorating situation at the Richfield Oil Company.

An employee of the Fluvanna Avenue business had finished filling his gasoline tanker at the storage yard when a spark from the truck's ignition coil caused vapors in the air to explode. The gasoline-soaked ground around the refinery created a massive inferno, aided by several explosions within 15 minutes that sent flames 250 feet into the air.

Responding from Jamestown's Engine Co. 5 were Harold D. Anderson, Oscar H. Bloom and Walter H. Kastenhuber. Chief's Aide Raymond W. Allison from Station 1 at City Hall also raced to the scene.

When three large gas tanks at the refinery exploded, the blaze swept over the firefighters — knocking some of them to the ground while killing others instantly. Spectators who had gathered to witness the unprecedented fire also found themselves in the fire's path.

Kastenhuber and Bloom, both badly burned, died at the scene. Allison and Anderson died the following day of their injuries.

## SALUTING FIREFIGHTERS CONTINUED



Leo Duliba, historian for the Jamestown Fire Department, speaks Sunday at the memorial service. Duliba read aloud some of the names of firefighters who have passed away. P-J photo by Eric Tichy

Three civilians also died, while many others suffered a range of burn injuries.

On Sunday, members the Morton Club Beneficiary Association of the Jamestown Fire Department held its annual memorial service at Station 5 near the intersection

of Fairmount Avenue and West Sixth Street.

A bell was rung for each Jamestown firefighter who died while in the line of duty. For the first time, the names of all city firefighters who have passed away were read aloud.

“We wanted to recognize all those who have served that are no longer with us,” said Chet Harvey, Deputy Fire Chief.

Leo Duliba, historian of the Jamestown Fire Department and retired firefighter, said he felt it was important to remember all the members who helped shaped the department into what it is today.

“These were the firefighters that stoked the fires and the steamers, that manned the horses and responded to fires with the early antique hoses and units,” Duliba said. “These are the guys that hung on the back step of the truck going to fires when it was below-zero.

“These are to the chief’s aids that no longer exist here,” he continued. “These are to the mechanics that no longer exist. And to the dispatchers that no longer exist that were all part of the professional fire department brotherhood that we call the Jamestown Fire Department.”

Duliba also commented on the number of families who have served within the department. Specifically, he noted two brothers of George D. Morton — who died in the line of duty on Feb. 7, 1927 — who later became members, one of whom rose to the rank of captain.

“We have brothers who have served together,” Duliba said. “Fathers, sons, grandfathers, grandsons that have served the fire department.”

Fire protection was organized in the city in 1827. The career Jamestown Fire Department was established in March 1911.

# Starflight-The Beginning...



Starflight began as a concept in the late fall of 1985. The concept was developed into a realistic possibility by Murray S. Marsh, WCA Services Corporation President/WCA Hospital Administrator and John R. Bentley, the Chautauqua County Sheriff. The concept envisioned was a program jointly operated between the Chautauqua County Sheriff's Department and WCA Services Corporation. The Sheriff's Department would provide the pilots, copilots, maintenance, and fuel. WCA Services would provide the medical equipment and staff.

Starflight was the name chosen for this program, because of both the Sheriff's star symbol and the star in ALSTAR. The flight part is for aviation. These symbols merged to identify a program that is a joint operation between the Chautauqua County Sheriff's department and WCA Services Corporation.

In December, 1985 a suitable and affordable aircraft- Bell UH-1L was located in Eugene, Oregon. The Ralph C. Sheldon Jr.



Foundation generously donated the money needed to purchase this aircraft. In May, 1986 this aircraft was flown from Oregon to Columbus, Ohio for avionics and retrofitting. When finished in Ohio, it was then flown to



Pontiac, Michigan for a customized interior. This aircraft finally arrived in Chautauqua County in June of 1986. This aircraft was kept at the Thomas Kosinski residence on Hunt Road while Mr. Kosinski developed and manufactured the stretcher/shelf/storage unit. The aircraft was finally ready in July and relocated to WCA Hospital property on Arnold Street in Jamestown.

Starflight became officially operational on August 20, 1986. Two pilots, Ben Kent and Mark Hodgins staffed this aircraft by working 24 hours on and 24 hours off. Over time, a third pilot, Steven Mauro was added to the program. Owen Carr, RN served as the Chief Flight Nurse and Robin Kent was the co-pilot/mechanic.

## STARFLIGHT- THE BEGINNING CONTINUED



In September of 1990, the WCA Services Corporation corporate structure was realigned and Owen Carr, RN was appointed EMS Director. Deborah Weaver, RN was appointed Chief Flight Nurse. Michael Shaprio, M.D. was named Medical Director of Starflight. Additionally, Ben Kent retired.



In anticipation of inevitable down time for required maintenance, arrangements were made with the NYS Police to utilize their aircraft and pilot with our medical team to cover our service area. In 1991, Starflight was out of service due to unscheduled mechanical downtime. The NYS Police helicopter filled the void and flew medevac with the Starflight medical team onboard.



In December, to avoid out of service time due to maintenance, Starflight purchased a second helicopter, a 1982 Bell 222. This had previously been owned by the New Jersey State Police and was used mainly to transport the New Jersey Governor. Although it was a “corporate model” and smaller than the Huey it did bring twin engines and upgraded avionics to increase safety while flying.



## STARFLIGHT- THE BEGINNING CONTINUED

A decade later a second Huey helicopter, a UH-1H 1964 model was purchased to replace the first. Believe it or not, this Huey was older than the first and had a real bullet hole from action in Vietnam.



Many years went by and thousands of patients are cared for. The decision is made to transition from a public safety-restricted operation (Part 91) to a Part 135 air carrier operation. This transition necessitated the purchase of part 135 approved aircraft.

In 2008 Chautauqua County purchased the aircraft Starflight continues to fly today. A pair of twin engine MD-900 Explorers from Allegheny Life Flight replaced the dated Huey and Bell 222.



In February 2011 the Sheriff's department on behalf of the Starflight program is given its part135 certificate.

# Starflight Today....



Today Starflight boasts a fully dedicated flight team, complete with a PIC, SIC, Flight Nurse and Flight Paramedic. Team members work 12 hour shifts, beginning at either 0800 or 2000. The flight crew is on duty, on campus 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.



In the event of bad weather, the medical team will move equipment to an ambulance and transport a patient by ground. Though time of transport isn't reduced while traveling by ground vehicle, the level of care the patient will receive remains the same with a flight nurse and flight paramedic onboard the ambulance.



In addition to transporting nearly 500 patients by air annually, Starflight remains busy within the community. A robust MOCK DWI program continues to educate high school students about the effects of drinking and driving. Since 1997, Ron Hasson (EMS Resources Manager, Alstar EMS), Warren Riles (Chautauqua County Chief Coroner), and numerous members of the Chautauqua County Sheriff's Department



have worked tirelessly to ensure this program reaches the youth of Chautauqua County. Since this program began, not one drinking and driving accident during the prom and graduation season has been reported to involve a student that observed this program.



\Additionally, Starflight participates in drills with the county fire service, hosts hangar tours weekly and frequently attends school health fairs. The dedicated group of professionals that compose this team spend countless hours training and refreshing certifications to provide the best care possible.



Starflight is part of an EMS community that works together to take care of sick and injured patients. Volunteer Fire Departments, Chautauqua County Sheriff's Office Dispatch, Medcom, Alstar ground crews and two involved medical directors (to name a few) all work together to care for the community.



Starflight is a non-profit organization, and therefore incurs financial deficit each year. To help offset deficit, purchase equipment, and maintain the aircraft, Starflight seeks grants, donations and hosts a fundraiser and awareness event annually. This resource within our community is paramount to transport our community members and loved ones on the worst day of their life.

**Krissta Swanson**  
Chief Flight Nurse

**Deborah Weaver**  
Chief Flight Nurse Retired



# Calls by Call Type

## Chautauqua County NY

By Steve McAnnich

On January 24, 2017, the Chautauqua Co. Sheriff's Office Dispatch Center went live with a new Next Generation 911 (Next-Gen 911 or NG-911) telephone system. The new NG-911 telephone system is state of the art and capable of adapting to new technologies that the old antiquated copper line telephone system was no longer capable of doing. In the NG-911 environment, the public will be able to make voice, text, or video emergency "calls" from any communications device via Internet Protocol-based networks. The new infrastructure envisioned by the NG-911 project will support national internetworking of 911 services, as well as transfer of emergency calls to other PSAPs—including any accompanying data.

In addition to providing a gateway to the future of 911, the new telephone system also handles our day-to-day administrative telephone calls. This is very useful because with the old administrative telephone system we had no way of counting how many telephone calls passed thru the Dispatch Center whereas now we are able to track that information.

### Referring to the accompanying graph:

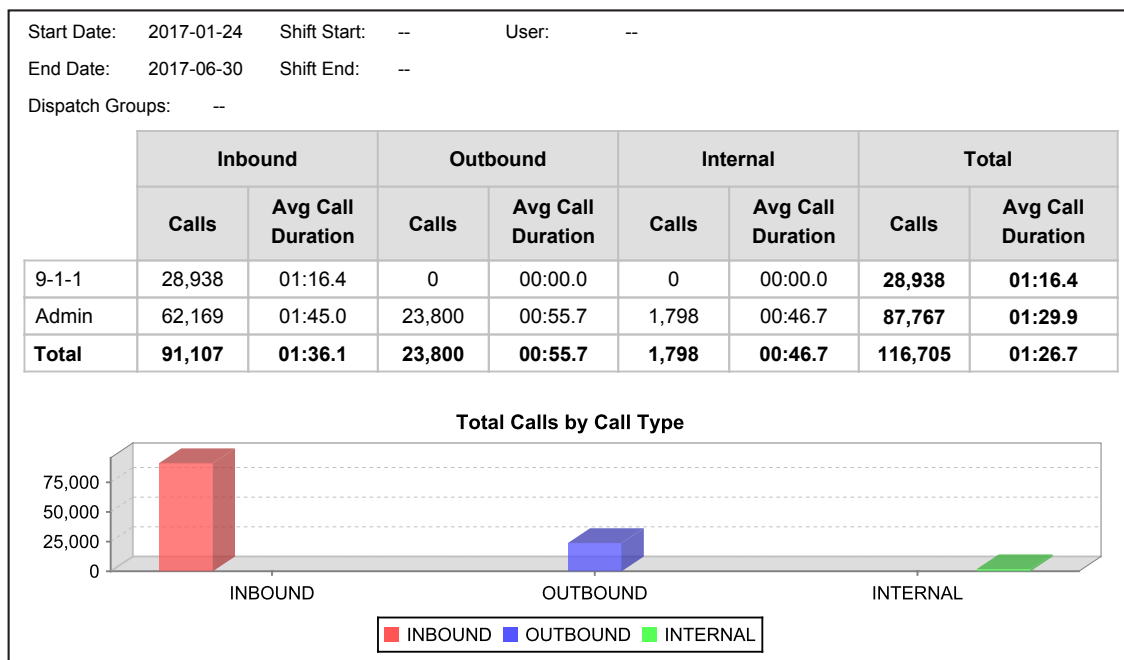
As you can see, the graph is showing the total telephone calls, inbound and outbound, along with a breakdown of types of calls received over a specific time frame. This graph is showing about 3 ½ weeks shy of 6 months of telephone calls handled by the Dispatch Center since we went online, in this case January 24 - June 30, 2017. During this time frame we received 28,938 inbound 911 calls, with an additional 62,169 inbound administrative calls (any calls received thru the many 7-digit numbers that we answer such as 753-2131, 664-3100, 672-5151, etc., for a total of 91,107 inbound telephone calls. Next, the Dispatch Center made 23,800 outbound administrative calls, along with 1,798 inbound/outbound internal calls within the Sheriff's office complex.

### So the grand total looks like this:

911 28,938  
 Admin (in/out) 87,767  
 Total calls in/out 116,705

Also something very important to keep in mind is that in addition to all 42 fire departments in the County, we handle police dispatch for the

Sheriff's Office, New York State Police, Jamestown PD, Ellicott PD, Lakewood-Busti PD, Westfield PD, Chautauqua Institution PD, Carroll PD, and various contracted service areas.





# EMS Provider of the Year



From left to right: **Sam Fresina**-President of the New York State Professional Fire Fighters Association, **David Holleran**-Executive Vice President of the New York State Professional Fire Fighters Association, **James McGowan**-Sec/Treasurer New York State Professional Fire Fighters Association, **Andrew Caruso**-Secretary Jamestown Professional FF's Local 1772, **Chet Harvey**-Deputy Fire Chief JFD, **Shawn Shilling**-Lieutenant & President of the Jamestown Professional FF's Local 1772, **Ben McLaughlin**-Acting Lt., Rob Smith -Jamestown Fire Fighter, **Evan VandeVelde**-Jamestown Fire Fighter, **Charlie Stafford**-Busti Fire, Busti, **Chief Matt Stafford**-Busti Fire, **Craig Young**-Busti Fire, **Bob Elderkin**-ALSTAR, **Chris Norberg**-ALSTAR,

Dear Sir(s),

We would like to submit for your consideration the crew of Engine Company #3, from the Jamestown Fire Department, Busti Volunteer Fire Dept. Ambulance Crew and Alstar EMS crew for the EMS Provider of the Year Award.

Engine Company #3 consisting of Acting Lieutenant Ben McLaughlin, Firefighter Rob Smith and Firefighter Evan Vande Velde on March 6, 2017 responded to a reported man down. Upon arrival the crew found a 54 year old male patient unresponsive, not breathing. Bystanders reported the patient had been doing construction work earlier and had complaints of intermittent chest pains. The crew assessed the unresponsive patient began CPR with BLS airway, and applied and AED. Two shocks were advised by the AED and delivered, followed by CPR. Alstar was available initially and Jamestown Fire Department Ambulance - 1 was committed to another call. Busti Fire Department Ambulance was dispatched to transport. As the patient was being packaged for transport an ALS crew from Alstar became available and responded to assist Engine Co. #3. The patient was transported in Busti's Ambulance with the crew from Engine Co. #3 and Alstar Medic on board. Upon arrival to the hospital the patient had palpable pulses and his condition was reported as improving. The hospital staff at UPMC Chautauqua WCA ED had the patient flown to a higher care facility, and reported the patient was improving.

We believe the actions demonstrated by these agencies, with their fast response, joint cooperation and thorough appropriate EMS care saved the life of this patient, and exemplifies the standard set and expected of an EMS provider in this Country.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lt. Shawn J. Shilling  
*President*  
Jamestown Professional Firefighters  
Local 1772

Andrew M. Caruso  
*Secretary*  
Jamestown Professional Firefighters  
Local 1772



# Citizen of the Year

## Dewittville Volunteer Fire Department

5459 East Lake Rd., PO Box 28  
Dewittville, New York 14728



*Steve Hayes, President of Chautauqua County Fire Chiefs Association, Burl Swanson, Chief of Dewittville Fire Department, Ruth "Dolly" Gilbert, Citizen of the Year.*

We the members of the Dewittville Fire Department wish to nominate Ruth "Dolly" Gilbert for the Chautauqua County Fire Chiefs Association Citizen of the Year. Dolly has been the President of the Dewittville Fire Auxiliary for the past several years. The Auxiliary does an outstanding job of supporting the fire department not only at Fire/EMS scenes but also, by fund raising to add the equipment that the fire department uses to provide service to our community. Their last purchase was a Cardiac Science AED to be placed on E-221 which will allow the AED to be close to the scene. Recognizing that half of all firefighter heart attacks occur at the scene. Dolly just finished leading the Auxiliary in remodeling our fire hall by cleaning and redecorating the meeting room to reflect our community and emergency accomplishments.

Dolly is also engaged in other endeavors. She helps the Blue Star Mothers to collect items and pack gift boxes for those serving in the military from out area. She is also involved with the Dewittville/Hartfield Methodist Church by helping with dinners, gift boxes and care and concern for those in times of need.

Dolly's overwhelming concern for her community is a real and solid foundation that the Dewittville Fire Department does not take for granted. We are blessed to have her to call upon at any hour to support us in our mission to service and protect the lives and property of our community.

Yours in the Fire Service,

Burl W. Swanson  
Fire Chief  
Dewittville Fire Department

# County Fire Service Highlights MCEC Grant Application



After nearly six months of countless meetings and analysis devoted to a collaborative approach to our local challenges, Chautauqua County’s \$20 million Municipal Consolidation and Efficiency Competition (MCEC) application was submitted to the state on June 28, 2017. The final application included 13 projects, six of which focused on public safety and three of those specifically on the fire service. Governor Cuomo announced the MCEC earlier this year as a “winner-take-all” competition focused on new, innovative ways to achieve government efficiency by working together. Chautauqua County was accepted as one of six finalists in phase I to compete for the \$20 million prize in phase II.

Our approach in developing the application was to spread the impact countywide and among multiple areas of service delivery. Fire service projects included in the final application were Studying County-wide Fire Service, Portland-Brocton Joint Fire District, and Dewittville, Hartfield, Mayville, Maple Springs fire companies pursuing closer collaboration. These projects were brought forward and further developed by individual fire companies, the Fire Advisory Board, and EMS staff. If Chautauqua County is awarded the grant, it would provide much needed funding to further study fire services, establish common standards for equipment and shared purchasing, potential legal fees, and other items to strengthen service delivery.

Last Wednesday County Executive Vince Horrigan, Legislator and Regional Solutions Commission Chairman George Borrello, and Executive Assistant Dan Heitzenrater presented Chautauqua County’s plan to a panel in Albany. They are evaluating the final applications now and expect to announce the winner this fall. I would like to thank everyone for their assistance and enthusiasm developing this plan including the Fire Advisory Board, Future of the Fire Service Board, and Emergency Services staff.



# SUNSET BAY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

12798 Alleghany Rd., Irving, New York 14081

Phone (716) 934-4880



Office of the Fire Chief

April 12, 2017

To whom it may concern:

Re: "New" Rescue 192

This vehicle was recently acquired from the village of Albion Fire Department. We replaced a 1994 Suburban which had been in service for many years (formerly the Village of Williamsville/Hutchinson Hose).

- \*\*2004 Ford F-550 Superduty Diesel (crew cab and four wheel drive)
- \*\*Only 14,000 original miles
- \*\*Built by American LaFrance
- \*\*Remote control light tower (roof mounted)
- \*\*Rear rescue body is pre-plumbed for hydraulic extrication tools
- \*\*On board 5000 watt belt driven generator
- \*\*Compartment air dryer system

We will utilize this vehicle as first due on all EMS and water rescue calls. It will also respond as a back-up to FAST team calls (and any call for that matter) with additional manpower. We pride ourselves of having top quality apparatus. Each and every piece has previously served another Volunteer Fire District, thus saving us thousands and thousands of dollars in purchasing costs.

## **Current Fleet-**

**E191- Former Main Transit Engine**

**E192- Former Main Transit Engine**

**R191- Former Bay District Maryland (Heavy Rescue/Squad)**

**R192- Former Village of Albion Rescue**

**Car 191 - Former Lakeshore Chief's Car**

**Car192 - Former utility Snyder Fire Department**





## Mayville Fire Department adds XTV251 to the department

The Mayville Fire department has recently added a new 2016 Argo Avenger 8x8 Responder vehicle to its department. With the increase in gorge rescues, searches and fires, the department was looking for a vehicle that could assist with extraction and rescue of injured or lost hikers and campers in the gorge. A vehicle was needed to help get the manpower and equipment closer to the scene, and the Argo was chosen as the tool for the job. With these type of calls seeming to be on the increase in recent years it is the hope that it will save the departments personnel from possible injury as well as providing the ability to get our people and needed equipment closer to the scene.

XTV251 can go places that the departments current 4 wheeler could not reach safely. It has been outfitted with a stokes basket and litter shield for the extraction of patients and is able to carry 3 people in the vehicle with the patient for rescue. The basket can be removed very easily and XTV251 can hold six people on the land (915Lbs.) or 4 (765 Lbs.) in the water. It is a true all-terrain vehicle including the ability to float and go through the water. It also has a towing capacity of 1,800 Lbs.

It has been outfitted with tracks that allow it to go through the mud and snow. Any time of year we will be able to get to most anywhere with relative ease on or off of a trail.

It is rated for up to a 45-degree incline as well, so that hills and steep grades can also be traversed safely.

During the training and testing that the department has done so far, XTV251 has proven to be just exactly what it had promised. It has been able to get in places that other equipment just could not have gone, including over fallen trees, deep snow, mud and water.

A 4 wheeled trailer was also purchased that adds the capability of hauling an additional 800 lbs. of equipment behind. The trailer will also float across the water as well if needed.

It has a 30 HP Kohler engine and a 3500 lb. winch on it that can be used either on the front or back of the machine if needed.

The tracks can be easily removed if needed depending on what terrain we are being dispatched to.

Its top speed on land is 25 MPH and 3 MPH in the water with the tracks removed. It was outfitted with emergency warning lights and siren / PA system as well. Additional light bars have also been added to it.

The vehicle and 18 ft. enclosed trailer was purchased through funds raised by the Fire Company during its annual Fund

Drives. XTV251 was purchased from Shanks Argo located in Chambersburg Pa.

The Mayville Fire Company's decision to purchase this was based on the fact that there is nothing else like it in our County. The department would be more than happy to help any of our fellow departments at any time we are needed, just give us a call.



## Refurbish of Cassadaga Engine 101

In the first half of 2017 Cassadaga Fire Department contracted with Colden Enterprises to have significant refurb work done on Engine 101.

Cassadaga Engine 101 was purchased new in 1987 for the Cassadaga Volunteer Fire Department. It is a custom built Spartan pumper with a Young 2000 gallon per minute pump. It is powered by a Cummins 400 engine which was donated by the Lakewood Engine Plant at the time it was built. Today, 30 years later, it has 10,861 miles and 1650 hours on the engine. It today serves as the Cassadaga second engine for water supply and mutual aid.

In 2017 all the lighting on the truck was replaced with DOT marking lights which were donated by Truck Lite of Falconer. The warning lights were refitted with Fenix Warning Lights. The front hubs and wheels were updated to Hub Pilot Wheels allowing for wider front wheels and tires. On the engine the direct drive fan was upgraded to a viscous fan freeing up more horsepower for the truck.

The major change for Engine 101 was done on the mid mount pump panel. All the control levers were converted from Electro over Hydraulic to manual controls. The control levers were also changed to match the control panel on Engine 102 for a common platform for the operators.

Finally, on the bottom of the truck all the way around a Linex "Rhino" type liner was put on to protect the bottom of the truck and steps.

Engine 101 was out of service for about 10 weeks and the investment totaled about \$50,000. Congratulations to Cassadaga Volunteer Fire Department for taking a proven asset and upgrading it for years to come.



## JAMESTOWN Trauma Drill



In June, the Jamestown Fire Department, ALSTAR Ambulance, Starflight, and Medical Director 2 conducted trauma training drills. These drills were simulated motor vehicle accidents with multiple victims and serious injuries. The goal of these drills was to improve communications between the agencies, establish incident command, refresh JFD members in extrication techniques and have all personnel demonstrate competency with the new BLS and ALS trauma protocols. The drills were conducted on four different dates to offer training to each JFD platoon and all crews at ALSTAR South.

Each drill started with a Starflight landing zone safety course conducted by Chief Flight Nurse Krissta Swanson. She reviewed how to properly setup a landing zone and safety considerations for emergency personnel when working around a medevac helicopter. After a safety briefing, all of the crews that were participating in the drill were sent to the end of the driveway to await the start of the scenario. The scenario began with dispatch toning out Medic 35, an engine company, and ALSTAR to the simulated wreck. First arriving crews found two vehicles and a bicycle involved in an accident. There were four or five victims in each drill, including, a bicyclist pinned under the car with a crush injury, an ejected driver and an unrestrained driver pinned in a car requiring extrication. Each of the “victims,” who were members of Operations Manager Phil Wilson’s Paramedic Class, had some very realistic injuries.

Initial responders immediately did a scene size up, requested additional personnel and equipment and began to triage patients. JFD personnel began BLS care to the patients and stabilized and extricated patients from inside and under vehicles using the Genesis tools, airbags and other extrication equipment. Each patient was prioritized and the most critical patients were to be flown to a trauma center by Starflight. Once patients were freed from the vehicles, care was transferred to ALSTAR, who performed advanced level care and transport. Dr. Michael Faulk was also on scene helping with the triage and providing care to the most injured patients.

While the operations were being conducted at the accident scene, other JFD members were setting up a landing zone in the football field. They made contact with Starflight and gave a quick status of their patient to the crew. Once the helicopter landed and the pilot gave the signal, the patient was packaged and loaded in the helicopter and flown off.

## JAMESTOWN TRAMA DRILL CONTINUED

In the end we reached all of the training goals we had set. The lessons learned from these drills will prove to be very valuable. We were able to identify some areas where more training is necessary and



we were able to demonstrate proficiency in many other areas. These drills would not have been possible without the hard work and cooperation of all of the agencies involved; the “victims” from the Paramedic Class and Butera’s Towing and Midnite Towing who provided the cars. Thank you to everyone who helped make these drills a success.

## High Rise Drill Summary



On May 13, the Bemus Point Fire Department conducted a high-rise fire evolution training at the Lenhart, a 137-year-old, four-story hotel with more than 50 rooms, a large kitchen, dining room, and bar. The Lenhart is heavily occupied during the summer months. Due to the number of multi-story, multi-residential structures in the district and greater Town of Ellery area, we decided to move forward with a drill that would better prepare us and our surrounding departments for a fire of this nature. In particular, Bemus Point has three high-rise, standpipe-equipped structures in the district. As such, the department had recently completed an upgrade of its high-rise firefighting equipment. The members were eager to practice deployment and use of the high-rise kit in a live drill scenario.

Bemus Point, Maple Springs, Ashville, Ellery Center, and Fluvanna fire departments participated in the drill, along with the Chautauqua County Fire Coordinators. The simulation involved a fire on the third floor. Multiple civilians were recruited and placed on the fourth floor of the structure to simulate victims trapped above the fire. Chautauqua County generously allowed the use of the county’s smoke machines, which were used to produce heavy smoke conditions on the third and fourth floors. A hotel worker was placed in the lobby with a guest list similar to what would be present when the hotel is in operation during the summer months.

In summary, this drill presented a great opportunity to exercise the chain of command, high-rise standpipe hose advancement, search technique, and rescue. We wish to extend our thanks to the departments that participated, Chautauqua County Emergency Services, and John Johnston for allowing us to utilize his building. We hope to run similar drills in the future.



# Along with the Pride and Integrity of wearing our Department Class



Along with the Pride and Integrity of wearing our Department Class “A” uniform, we were missing something. For years the many men and women of the Chautauqua County Fire Service have sacrificed thousands of hours in calls, training and other fire service events. And while we always strive to recognize our people, we now have a system in place to assist with that.

The Fire Advisory Board has had an active award committee, and for years the ideas of a Commendation Bar / Medals Program has been talked about for our county. This idea was researched and it was found that there is no national or state standard, and the departments that do have a program, have it tailored to their department, and their needs. So the research began and a program has been developed; and now recently adopted by the full Fire Advisory Board. While this is a program of, and sponsored by the FAB; this program is completely voluntary for any of the Counties fire departments.

This program has been developed with three parts; The Awards Issued by the County for Valorous and Meritorious Acts; Awards issued by the Individual Fire Department and the Qualification/ Skill awards. The program was designed so that the all Chautauqua County Fire Departments, agencies and entities, could all have a stake, and representation, in this program. The County Awards will be submitted for review during the year and received by the awards committee. After review the awards will authorized and sent for presentation. The “County” component of this awards system carries the higher awards precedence, in the order of awards, and with the review of each of these, will help to maintain the integrity of the system.

Wanting the Individual Fire Department to have a role in this program; the second section is for the “department” awards. This section lets for service organizations award and recognize their members at their discretion. While the awards will be standardized in design and award criteria, it will be at the discretion for the individual department to purchase and award these commendations.

And the third category is titled as Qualification / Skill badges. This component allows for any person who meets that requirement to display that bar. This section has commendation bars for current and past chief positions / company officer / EMT’s and Paramedic / Special Team Membership and many more. The hope is that people will look to proudly represent their accomplishment and pride in not only themselves, but their department and county fire service.

Participation in this program will hopefully help with department morale and pride. And while it is our goal to recognize our deserving and hardworking members; participation, while highly suggested is completely voluntary by departments. This program is quite comprehensive and will serve as the standard across Chautauqua County. This program will be available in download from [www.chautcofire.org](http://www.chautcofire.org) at some point in the near future. If you have further questions about how this program will work or be deployed, please contact Deputy Fire Coordinator Noel Guttman at [Guttman@chautcofire.org](mailto:Guttman@chautcofire.org) .

# Leone Looks Back On 15-Year Career



For 15 years, Julius Leone has served as director of emergency services for Chautauqua County.

A lot has gone on and many things have changed since he took the post in 2002, but Leone says his time has been both a challenge and a blessing.

Leone, a Fredonia resident, is set to retire from his position Oct. 27. Beginning his career with the county March 2, 2002, Leone spent much of his time working closely with the emergency services network from fire companies and law enforcement to ambulance service and local hospitals.

“The job itself has been fun,” Leone said as he looked back at his career. “We’re really blessed in the fact that we have really good people that work for our department. Most of our fire coordinators here are part-time and they’re willing to share their talents with us in the county. From that perspective, we’re really lucky and it’s been a pleasure working with those folks.”

The emergency services network is an extensive one with 42 fire departments,

eight police departments, four hospitals, Alstar EMS and Starflight. Adding to that mix in August will be the county’s new fly-car program. Three vehicles with paramedics will be stationed throughout the county to assist local volunteer companies and Alstar EMS with emergency calls. Leone said the county has worked hard to bring the program to fruition.

“We’re really excited to work in conjunction with commercial service and volunteers to really improve response times and get the appropriate level of care to someone in a time of need,” he said. “I think ultimately, we’re going to be able to make a difference in the outcome for the patient.”

Challenges developed for Leone during his tenure as director from the Mason Building fire in Dunkirk in February 2010 to a March 2016 train derailment in Ripley. Specifically, he noted the 2009 flooding that wreaked havoc in the north county in Silver Creek, which extended into Cattaraugus County to the village of Gowanda. Leone said getting people in the Silver Creek area back into their homes fast and obtaining disaster funding was no easy task given the devastation. After spending four to six months in the area, Leone said he believes they succeeded in getting things back to normal.

“It was a long process to get the federal declaration, but it finally came through for the people that really needed it,” he said. “Working in Silver Creek every day along with Hanover and the surrounding area to help those folks made it all worthwhile.”

Leone said a lot has changed through the years in terms of funding the county receives and training requirements for first responders. He said the change began

soon after 9/11 as the federal government, along with the state and county, began to examine how responders should be trained along with other things.

“We receive a lot more funding from the federal government I think since the Civil Defense days of the Cold War,” he said. “It’s given us the opportunity to really increase some of the technology that we have and some of the equipment we have to respond with.”

In his time, Leone has worked with emergency officials to provide specialized teams from technical rescue and hazardous materials to water emergency and critical incident stress management. Leone has also been working with the County Fire Advisory Board and Sheriff’s Office to implement a new trunked radio system.

Leone is president of the Fredonia Fire Department’s Lambert Hook and Ladder Company. He serves as first vice president of the New York State Association of Chiefs. Leone said he will continue to serve in both roles once he retires. Come next year, Leone will look to serve as president of the state Chiefs Association.

County Executive Vince Horrigan commended Leone for his service to residents in Chautauqua County. Horrigan is in the process of finding a replacement with help from a bipartisan search committee.

“He has been essential in coordinating our county’s preparation, response and recovery efforts so operations run as smoothly as they possibly can during an emergency,” Horrigan said.

*Thank You to Eric Tichy from the Jamstown Post-Journal for this article*

# 22nd Annual Chautauqua County Ronald J. Keddie Memorial Weekend

**September 8-10, 2017**

**New York State Fire Academy**

**600 College Avenue, Montour Falls, New York 14865-9634**

## **Courses Offered**

### **1. Legal Issues for Fire Service (Original)**

Newly revised, this course introduces many of the legal concepts and issues that affect the volunteer fire service. Topics include an overview of the legal system, an introduction to the law of liability, the structure of and differences in fire departments and fire districts, the role and legal responsibilities of the Authority Having Jurisdiction, organizational and membership issues, firematic training and operational liability issues, PESH and OSHA compliance, apparatus and motor vehicle operations, legal issues in the delivery of emergency medical service training and delivery of services, youth programs, litigation and legal counsel and a review of recent, topical legislative changes. Classroom work is combined with problem-solving exercises.

Course Length: 12 hours

Course Number: 01-05-0054

No Prerequisites      Min 10/Max 30

## 2. Tactical Fire Ground Simulation

This course utilizes the latest technology to emphasize incident command implementation, fire department communications, strategy and tactics, and decision making. After a brief lecture and discussion period students will make use of OFPC's new Flame Sim software and gaming technology to test their skills through interactive computer scenarios complete with mobile radios.

**Designed for:** All individuals acting in the line officer or chief officer role

**Physical Demand:** None

**PPE:** None

**Prerequisites:** ICS 200; Fire Officer I or Preparing for Command or Strategies and Tactics for Initial Company Operations or Commanding the Initial Response or Fireground Strategy and Tactics for First Arriving Companies or MTCO Tactics; signed Training Authorization Letter

Course Length: 12 hours

Course Number: 01-11-0048

Minimum 10/Maximum 24

## 3. Highway Safety for Emergency Responders

Students completing this course will have an awareness of the serious nature of highway crash scenes and the hazards associated with them. Students will have an understanding of the four phases of traffic control that take place in the first hour. They will also possess the ability to select and place the appropriate traffic control devices for various crash sites. Other topics covered are: stopping sight distance requirements for vehicles across a broad range of speeds, how to establish various traffic control zones, where to stand and how to direct traffic.

**Designed for:** All emergency response personnel

**Course Length:** 15 hours

**Course number:** 01-15-0006

**Min 10/Max 30**

## 4. Flammable Gas Emergency Response Workshop

Develops skills needed to respond and successfully control propane and natural gas incidents. Industry representatives participate and share their ability to serve as a fire department resource. Includes classroom discussion of the properties of propane and natural gas, production and distribution, planning for and responding to fires or other incidents involving these gases. Students will participate in several live fire evolutions as a member of a fire attack team. Students are required to bring approved turn-out gear and SCBA.

Designed for: All firefighters and fire officers

Course Length: 12 hours

Prerequisite: Signed Training Authorization Letter

Materials Fee: \$25

Course number: 01-09-0023

Min 10/Max 24

## 5. Medium Structural Collapse Operations: Void Search and Rescue

This is a two day program with intensive practical void search training. The students participate in numerous void search evolutions with emphasis on team concepts, proper search techniques, safety operations, and size up. Simulated rescue scenarios will be conducted with students required to safely extricate victims from void spaces. There will be "classroom" instruction on Wednesday, September 6, 2017 at the Office of Emergency Services.

Designed for: Emergency response personnel with responsibility in structural collapse operations

Course Length: 16 hours

Prerequisites: Rescue Technician-Basic, Basic Structural Collapse Operations, Medium Level Structural Collapse Operations: Tools, Structural Collapse Concepts (or Medium Construction Related to Building Failure and Emergency Rescue Shoring concepts in place of Structural Collapse Concepts), Medium

Structural Collapse Operations: Exterior Shoring, and Medium Level Structural Collapse Operations:  
Interior Shoring.  
Materials Fee: \$45  
Course number: 01-04-0060  
Min 10/Max 24

**6. NYSDOH Certified lab Instructor (CLI) **\*\*There have been requirement modifications\*\*****

The CLI course prepares a candidate to become certified to teach lab skills in NYS-BEMS certification courses. This course is held in cooperation with EMSTAR.

Designed for: Current NYS EMT's or higher

Course length: 16 hours

Prerequisites:

- Current certification as a NYS EMT or Advanced EMT
- A NYS EMT/AEMT written certification examination within the past three years. The CIC candidate must be certified at or above the desired teaching level.
- Actively providing pre-hospital care with an EMS agency and have a minimum of one year of clinical experience within the last three years.
- A letter recommendation from the Course Sponsor that will be providing the instructor internship.

This class will begin Friday, September 8, 2016 at 6:00pm at the Academy.

Course number: 01-03-0023

Min 10/Max 24

## Chiefs Authorization Letter.

### 1. General Instructions

- A. The student firefighter or department shall submit with their application(s) a completed Training Authorization Letter *signed by a chief officer and the individual student* for the registration to be accepted.
- B. Any student registration that does not have a completed Chiefs Authorization Letter will not be considered.
- C. A Training Authorization Letter must be submitted for each student.
- D. Those students enrolling in a course requiring SCBA must have the Medical Clearance section completed. These students must have a current SCBA approval physical on file at their department.

### 2. Course Attendance by 16 and 17 Year Old Firefighters:

- A. Student firefighters 16 or 17 years of age must be members of a Fire Company, Department or District. They must complete a Training Authorization Letter. This letter must be signed by a chief officer, the student firefighter and parent or legal guardian and submitted at registration for the first session of any course offered by OFPC.
- B. Any 16 or 17 year-old student firefighter that does not submit a signed letter will not participate in the course.
- C. Explorers that are not actual members of the Fire Dept., Company or District will not be allowed to Participate.

**\*\*\* AN EXTENSION HAS BEEN MADE TO THE REGISTRATION DUE DATE AND REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CLI COURSE \*\*\***



# 2017 Training Calendar EMERGENCY SERVICES

Updated 7-25-2017

## CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY

2 Academy Street, Suite A, Room 106  
Mayville, NY 14757

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Course Offered - Prerequisite	Hours	Units	Start Date	Location	Instructors
Hazmat Decontamination Awareness	4	1	8-3-17	Office of Emergency Services	Bruce Oliphant
EMT Refresher	Various	Various	8-3-17	JCC Center for Continuing Education	Ron Hasson
Firefighter 1 Refresher Training (with live fire) ★	6	2	8-3-17	Office of Emergency Services	TBA
New Vehicle Rescue – “Not your Daddy’s Chevy Anymore” Seminar. ★	2	1	8-3-17	Westfield High School LGI Room	Empire Energy Apparatus
Public Safety Wellness and Fitness ★	4	1	8-4-17	Westfield Central School LGI Room	TBA
Principles of Instruction	15	5	8-10-17	Murphy Training Grounds & OES	Marcus Ford
EMT Basic	Various	Various	8-14-17	JCC Center for Continuing Education	Ron Hasson
Rescue Tech Basic	24	8	8-15-17	Office of Emergency Services	Tom Summerville
Apparatus Operator – Pump	24	8	8-15-17	Ashville Fire Department	Andrew Finson
Water Rescue – Awareness Level	4	1	8-17-17	Sunset Bay Fire Department	Marcus Ford
SCBA/IFO – Interior Firefighting Operations (FF1) Prerequisite: New BEFO or equivalent	50	16	9-6-17	Taylor Training Grounds, Dunkirk	Don Woodfield
22 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Chautauqua County Ronald J. Keddie Memorial Weekend	Various	2-3	Sept 8-10	Montour Falls	Various
SCBA/IFO – (FF1 part 2)	50	16	9-11-17	Murphy Training Grounds	Marcus Ford
NYS AFC 2017 Seminar Series “The Active Shooter and the Fire/Rescue Service”	3	1	10-25-17	Brocton Central School	Gary Benedict and David Norman

Must have a signed OFPC Chief’s Authorization Letter to attend classes.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER: See our Website at [www.chautcofire.org](http://www.chautcofire.org)

**IF UNABLE TO ATTEND AFTER REGISTERING FOR A CLASS, CALL OR E-MAIL OUR OFFICE.**



**TO REGISTER Contact Stephen Pacanowski at 716-753-0197 or [medcom111@yahoo.com](mailto:medcom111@yahoo.com)**

## NOTES from the Editor

As I complete this issue of “The Responder” I am convinced that the only thing that is constant in the Chautauqua County Fire Service is change. In the past few months we have gone from “909” to “Fire Dispatch” almost seamlessly. We are adapting to a new radio system that will serve Chautauqua County for years to come. In the very near future we will see the Chautauqua County Emergency Services Fly Car System that will bring a new era in the EMS System in Chautauqua

County. UPMC Chautauqua at WCA is very close to being an accredited Stroke Center, this is huge for the residents of the County. More on this in the future. This fall there will be a change in the leadership of Emergency Services in Chautauqua County. Julius Leone is retiring and everyone wishes him a hearty thanks and best wishes going forward as he moves forward to being the President of the New York State Association of Fire Chiefs in June of 2018. Julius will be the 7th President from Chautauqua County, the most Presidents of NYSAFC’S of any County in the State of New York. As I said, the constant is change so stay tuned to the future, as they say, more to come. Thank you for all of your input for “The Responder”, I can’t express the thanks for all that make this possible. If you have a story or a idea for a article give me a call.

*John Griffith*

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