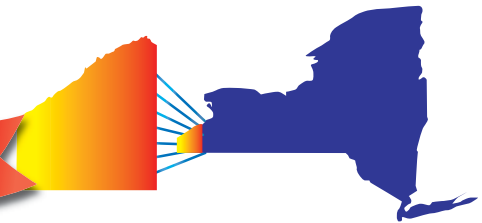




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## **23rd Annual Chautauque County Ronald J. Keddie Memorial Weekend**

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*Bring your Hawaiian Shirt and be ready to have fun*

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**\$100 in Lottery Tickets for the Department with the most attendees**

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**753-4341 or mail to: [contactus@chautcofire.org](mailto:contactus@chautcofire.org)**

**John Griffith, Director of Emergency Services.**

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# Fredonia Fire Boldly Goes to New Department Structure

*By Kirk Miller2018®*



*Ryan Walker Chief*



*Julius Leone Jr. Vice President Paul Trippy Sr. President*

With a decrease in available candidates to run the Fredonia Fire Department, trustees of the Fredonia Village Board implemented the hiring of a paid fire chiefs position in the Fall of 2017. A promotion was made from the ranks of the professional firefighters on staff at the department. Ryan Walker was chosen as a provisional fire chief to man the helm of the 95 plus members of a combination paid and volunteer department. The decision to empower a paid fire chief was not one that was made with haste, as its investigation at the village level had been ongoing for months. The current volunteer chief Kurt Maytum expressed a desire to step down in rank, stating the duties of the chief were ever growing at Fredonia Fire and was becoming a bit overwhelming to be handled on a voluntary basis. The day to day operations of controlling the near million dollar budget was continuing to increase especially with the count of ambulance transports obtaining record levels year after year and the general call volume going up as well. Keeping track of all of the budget lines and personnel, including the training and supervision was becoming a daunting task.

Along with the switch to having a hired man running the operations of the department something had to be done to maintain the continuity of the volunteer system that has existed in Fredonia for nearly 120 years. As the tide became evident that the fire departments leadership was changing, the volunteers began to adapt their side of the combination department. Committees and

meetings with a great deal of discussion and ideas were had throughout the fall and culminated during the winter of 2017 where the structure of the volunteer association changed to incorporate a President and Vice President into the management group of the Fredonia Volunteer Fire Department Inc. These two newly created positions added to a Secretary, Financial Secretary and Treasurer to run the volunteer aspect of the department leaving all operational control of the municipal fire department to Chief Walker. “Basically I am responsible for the entire village owned and controlled portions of the fire department.” Walker said. “I also act as incident commander at calls and administer the village funds for our working budget. It’s my job to be the department head and supervise the current employees both professional and volunteer as it regards to fire and emergency operations.” With By-Laws in place elections were held and the two new faces added to the list of officers would be Paul Trippy as President, and Julius Leone Jr. as VP, both long time members of the FVFD. “The way that the volunteers interact within the new structure is a work in progress establishing functions and rules. But the volunteers have embraced the new changes and are adapting to how it will work.” Trippy stated. Julius Leone commented that “Although this change appeared to come to fruition suddenly, the volunteers will stay involved in the operations and work together with Chief Walker and his staff to continue the high quality service that this department is accustomed to providing.”

Changes had to be made to protect the department and village from certain liabilities and allow for compliance with laws and regulations that affect the fire service. With a new focus on firefighter safety through documented training, and best practices the Fredonia fire department found itself in a precarious situation where officers elected by popular vote may lack the ability to lead the department and act as incident commander. State and Federal mandates have reduced the amount of qualified personnel available to fire departments in positions like chiefs, officers, and even Indians, a source from the Office of Fire Prevention and Control mentioned. With the decline of the numbers of new volunteers joining departments, it is most evident that this has had a hand at causing a reduction in the properly certified firefighters who can lead the ranks. Other items effecting this trend can be attributed to the availability of training, and the locations of that training, and lastly the availability of the volunteer themselves to cover a full 52 week 24 hour a day schedule. Increased demands from employers and family, have also taken a toll on our current fire service system and while our communities citizens grow older in age and require an increase in services the exodus of our younger generation has not allowed for these services to be properly provided to the community. It seems more likely that many fire departments in our area that may be experiencing the same questions as Fredonia has faced will also turn towards the possibilities of either paying firefighters to cover their calls or contracting with paid services. This has become evident even at the county level where we have seen the creation of the county EMS corps. The truest statement made is that a need for our service is not going away, and provisions must be made to ensure that it continues to provide the highest quality for the residents of our communities. Fredonia Fire Department has taken that step and will continue along the path of excellence giving service to its residents and visitors in the highest standard and most vigilant way.

## Fredonia Fire Boldly Goes to New Department Structure continued...

Since the start of this article, additional changes have taken place within the leadership of The Fredonia Fire Department Inc.

For personal reasons President Paul Trippy Sr. did not seek re-election at the May Annual Meeting. Julius Leone Jr. was elected to that office, and Charles Ortolano was elected as Vice President.

### **2018 newly elected Fredonia Fire Department Inc.**

*Officers Left to Right:*

*Len Ensalaco Financial Secretary, Larry Barter Secretary, John Sullivan Treasurer, Charles Ortolano Vice President, Julius Leone, Jr. President, John Lanphere 1st Assistant Chief, Kurt Maytum 2nd Assistant Chief, Roland Rose 3rd Assistant Chief*



## Chaplins Corner

### JUST DON'T CALL ME "SIR"

Today I can say that fully half of my 57 years in our fire service have been spent as a chaplain. Over that time, I've become accustomed to the nickname many of you have honored me with. I certainly never expected it and I certainly never suggested you use it. While I do what I do with the hands-on blessing of the Bishop of the Diocese of Western New York, I'm not ordained as a clergy. With that in mind, it would be inappropriate to call me Father or Pastor. However, if I can be of service, you can call me anything you want (almost). If the cross I wear at a disaster scene makes me easy to approach that's a good thing. That's why I wear it.

In the very height of crisis, denominational lines, even religious lines are irrelevant. For those in need of spiritual or emotional help the most important thing one can do is to simply be there. For Chaplain's, friends, or fellow responders, it is your very presence that matters most.

Think back to the time(s) you were the first one through the front door on an EMS call. Did the first person you encountered inquire about your certification or the contents of your jump kit? What I so often heard was "Oh, thank God you're here." Such spontaneous acknowledgment of God becomes normal in times of personal and community crisis situations. Remembering who to thank should be spontaneous in all we do

You who are dedicated to sacrificing on behalf of those in need are following the example set by Christ himself. Keep up the good work and please call if I can be of service. You are in my prayers.

*Sincerely, "Padre"*

# Hazardous Materials Team Participates in WNY Training/Drill at Phosgene Plant

The Chautauqua County Hazmat Team earlier this fall was invited to participate in a Response Training and Drill at a phosgene plant in Niagara County. Among the participants were Hazmat Teams from Niagara and Chautauqua County, Buffalo Fire and Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station. The FBI, Homeland Security, various law enforcement agencies and fire departments also took part.

Phosgene is a valued industrial reagent and building block in the making of pharmaceuticals and other [organic compounds](#). It gained infamy as a [chemical weapon](#) during [World War I](#) where it was responsible for about 85% of the 100,000 deaths caused by chemical weapons. Following the extensive use of phosgene gas in combat during World War I, it was stockpiled by various

countries as part of their secret chemical weapons programs. Phosgene, colorless with a more subtle "moldy hay" odor, was introduced by a group of French chemists and first used by the French in 1915. It was used in a mixture with an equal volume of chlorine, with the chlorine helping to spread the denser phosgene.

Phosgene regularly moves through Chautauqua County in both one ton cylinders and Intermodal tanks on its way to industrial users in the Midwest and South.

The day provided significant insight in how to mitigate an incident and valuable contacts should they be needed.



*Phosgene Drill 2018 Hands On Training (Submitted photo)*



*Phosgene Drill 2018 Incident Command (Submitted photo)*

# County Hazmat Resources Called To Assist Ashville Fire

Chautauqua County Hazmat Team to help with a fuel spill on Interstate 86 in the town of North Harmony on Friday May 12, 2018.

A tractor trailer hit debris on the highway and punctured a saddle tank spilling approximately 50 gallons of diesel fuel. The team was able to plug the leak and prevent further fuel loss. Bemus Point Fire and NYS DEC assisted at the scene.



*Responders work to capture product.*



*Hole in saddle tank.*

## TRAINING TRIVIA

In 2017 Chautauqua County Emergency Services working with the New York State Office of Fire Prevention and Control (NYSOFPC) trained 374 firefighters for a total of 13,590 man hours.

For 2018 NYSOFPC increased the amount of instructor hours from 1150 to 1300 for Chautauqua County.

Projected Chautauqua County course offerings for the 2018 calendar year are over 75.

All of this wouldn't be possible without the dedication and commitment of our State and County Fire Instructors. They are: SFI's Don Woodfield, Marcus Ford, Dave Norberg, Phil Hanlon, Tom Summerville, Andy Finson, Andy Caruso, & Mike Swanson. CFI Noel Guttman. Special thanks also goes out to FPS Bill Taylor, FPS Bruce Oliphant, Dr. Faulk, Dr. Walters, Office Assistant Gloria Burke, Project Coordinator Chris Wichlacz, Hazmat Coordinator Dan Imfeld, and Director of Emergency Services John Griffith.



## National Recognition For Ray L. Sheldon, Sr.

Raymond L. Sheldon, Sr. of the Cherry Creek Volunteer Fire Department was recognized for his service to the department, the community, and the nation this past June. At its annual banquet the department honored Sheldon for his 35 years of service as a company officer from Fire Chief to Fire Police while making special note of his 59-year membership in the department.

Sheldon was additionally honored a few days later at the New York State Veteran of Foreign Wars Auxiliary State Convention held in Albany, New York when they presented him with the VFW National Firefighter Award; "In recognition and utmost appreciation of his dedication and selfless service to the Cherry Creek Volunteer Fire Department."



## Training Authorization Letter to Participate in State Fire Training

The form previously known as the "Chiefs Authorization Letter" has had some changes made. Please be sure you are using the current "Training Authorization Form" ESOB 1654 (5/18). Please dispose of any preprinted existing old forms to prevent any confusion.

The new form is available on the [Chautcofire.org](http://Chautcofire.org) website under TRAINING then under FIRE. At the top of the courses where it says **\*\*All CLASSES REQUIRE A SIGNED CHIEFS AUTHORIZATION LETTER\*\*** click where it says CHIEFS AUTHORIZATION LETTER and the form will come up. You can fill it out on the screen and print it from there.

Students and Fire Chiefs / Authorized Representative, are requested to become familiar with the form to ensure you understand the content.

The updated form addresses previous issues concerning SCBA during interior and or exterior evolutions as well as medical clearance to preform skills required during a training course with or without SCBA.

SEE NEXT PAGE FOR FORM



Training Authorization Letter

The student listed below is an active member of the agency indicated below, is at least 16 years of age, and is authorized to attend the course indicated below. I understand this training course may contain certain evolutions that simulate and/or create actual firefighting or rescue conditions. The Office of Fire Prevention and Control is not responsible and/or liable for any malfunction or damage to any equipment used during this training program.

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

Course Information: Course Name, Course Number, Location. Agency Authorization: Agency Name, FDID #, Date, Print Name of Authorized Rep., Authorized Signature.

COMPLETE THE APPROPRIATE SECTION BELOW. INITIAL. [ ] The student listed below is authorized to attend the training indicated. [ ] The student listed below has medical clearance to use Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA), in accordance with 29 C.F.R. part 1910.134 for courses as required.

If you cannot answer the questions above because you do not know the requirements of 29 C.F.R Part 1910 or do not know whether the firefighter listed below is authorized to use SCBA, please contact OFPC

Student Information: Last Name, First Name, MI, Address, City, State, New York Training ID, Primary Phone, Zip.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have read, fully understand and agree with the above information. I understand and acknowledge the importance of safety during the training course and further acknowledge that if an instructor believes that my behavior or abilities may cause a safety risk to myself or another, the instructor has the authority to remove me from the simulation or course.

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF STUDENT DATE

16 or 17-year-old students must have the section below completed to participate in state fire training

The undersigned parent or legal guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ consent to his/her participation in the training listed above. I have read, fully understand, and agree with the above information. I understand and acknowledge that safety is important during the training and further authorize the instructor to remove the student from the simulation or course if the instructor believes that his/her behavior or abilities may cause a safety risk to himself/herself or another.

\_\_\_\_\_  
PRINTED NAME OF LEGAL GUARDIAN  
\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF LEGAL GUARDIAN DATE



# Leo E. Duliba 1947 - 2017

*Thomas J. Goodwill*

*Jamestown Fire Department Captain (Retired)*

We abbreviate a person's existence when we say "Leo E. Duliba, 1947-2017". It's that dash that counts. It's important to consider what a person does with that dash, and Leo accomplished a lot in his seventy years on earth.

Most of us already know that he became a volunteer in Dunkirk, NY, his home town, at the age of eighteen. He was just 21 when he moved to Jamestown, to make a vocation of his avocation. His interest in the fire service was only heightened, once he got a position "on the job". Because of his interest and knowledge in the fire service, he was a valued resource who freely shared his knowledge. When a Fire Chief needed to spec a truck, Leo offered insight into what might be necessary or helpful in a new rig. From his experience, he was a wealth of such information.

When Jamestown became involved in the 911 Dispatching System, Leo helped set it up, and helped train the dispatchers. He was on the cutting edge of Jamestown's modern department's emphasis on improved patient care, from its earlier rescue-calls-of-necessity to emergency medical calls as a service, and was one of the first group of emergency medical technicians. As a firefighter, Leo was one of a very small group of men who made the sacrifice of time, money, travel, and study to drive to Buffalo to earn an Associate Degree in Fire Science. Because of their efforts, a program began at Jamestown Community College. Leo helped prepare the Jamestown Fire Department and other departments for the future.

His interest in the department focused on

its past, as well. He and others helped save and refurbish Jamestown's first fire engine, still on display at the Fenton History Center. He shared his unquestioned knowledge with the publishing of "A Transition in Red" in 1976. The second printing of the book included updating the information in 1986. In between, he wrote the history of the Dunkirk Fire Department. He collected fire helmets, and had 80,000 slides of fire apparatus. At least one of his fire photos graced the cover of a national magazine, and he contributed articles and photos to many fire publications.

Leo was also the Chautauqua County Fire Photographer with an expertise in the apparatus of county departments. Leo was the one who was called upon to take "the picture" of the new truck. Leo could be counted on to frame the unit in the best light at the best angle to highlight the departments new pride and joy.

Lest someone think Leo's interests were limited, one needs only to consider his collections of movies, books, and stamps. He had a particular interest in biographies of Presidents of the United States, and enjoyed traveling throughout the world.

Leo's personality was, at times, unforgiving of those he felt had wronged him. His many strong opinions were generously shared with anyone who would listen. If attacked, he would fight back, but was never known to be the initiator, nor was he known to be mean to people. The people who meant the most to Leo were his parents and his husband, Bill. After them, it was his friends, and Leo had a LOT of them in high and lower social strata, who will miss him.

# ELLINGTON TAKES DELIVERY OF NEW A-431



*L-R Steve Rexford Fire Chief, Jodelle Shaw EMS Captain, Tom Toy Salesman North East Rescue Vehicles Syracuse, NY, Fire District Commissioners Laura Gilbert, Neil Frazier, Lloyd Johnson with Brian Haskins in the cab and Josh Fish giving the new rig a close inspection. (Submitted Photo)*

In early July the Ellington Fire District took delivery of a new 2017 Ford F350 4 x 4 chassis with a Demers Type 1 150" box from North East Rescue Vehicles Syracuse, NY. The \$198,000 cost was covered by the Fire District from funds set aside in a Capital Reserve Account. The unit was expected to go in service July 10th. The old rig will be sold to the highest bidder.

# Training keeps the Hazardous Materials Response Team Busy



The Hazardous Materials Response Team has been busy this spring and summer with various training. Our monthly drills are a back to basics theme.

A joint harbor boom deployment exercise with the Coast Guard and the Seneca Nation was held in April. OFPC conducted a Bath Salts course in May.

*Five team members attended The Chlorine Institute - Rail Safety & Hazmat Emergency Response Training held in Pittsburgh at the Wheeling and Lake Erie Railway Rook Yard.*

The class was about railroad operations, hazards and safety rules.

Rail hazmat safety and emergency response procedures were reviewed. Classroom sessions covered the physical and chemical properties of toxic gases (chlorine & hydrogen chloride); corrosive liquids (hydrochloric acid & caustic soda) and flammable gases (vinyl chloride). Transportation methods, health effects of acute exposure, proper selection of personal protective equipment, first aid, and medical treatment measures are reviewed.



## **FIELD EXERCISES covered:**

**Understanding Rail Tank Cars, Chlorine Kit Workshop** where potential leak scenarios for chlorine 150-lb cylinders, chlorine ton containers and chlorine rail tank car valves and fittings and how to mitigate those leaks; **Midland ERK Workshop:** potential leak scenarios for flammable gas tank car valves and fittings and how to mitigate those leaks.

A OFPC live fire class B foam class is scheduled for July.

A busy fall training schedule is ahead with NYS Hazmat Incident Command, NYS Hazmat Incident Safety Officer and NYS Hazmat Technician Modules 1 - 3 scheduled as well as the Ohio Hazmat Team conference.

Anyone interested in finding out more about the team should feel free to attend any of our drills or contact Dan Imfeld at 410-4263



## PRESIDENT JULIUS J. LEONE, JR.

Chief Julius J. Leone Jr. has been a member of the Lambert Hook and Ladder Co. of the Fredonia Fire Department since 1980. He served as the director of emergency services and fire coordinator for Chautauqua County from 2002-2017. Prior to this position, Leone was director of environmental services and safety at Brooks Hospital in Dunkirk, NY. He served as chief of the Fredonia Fire Department from 1991-1995. Leone also served as chairman of the Chautauqua County Fire Advisory Board from 1999-2001, president of the Chautauqua County Fire Chiefs Association from 1994-1995, and chairman of the Chautauqua County Emergency Medical Services Council from 1997-1999. He was also a Certified Instructor Coordinator for the Emergency Medical Technician course at SUNY Fredonia where he taught from 1983 thru 2016. He currently works with Chautauqua County EMS as an EMT Instructor. Leone joined NYSAFC in 1987. He served on the EMS Committee from 1998-2007 and the Conference Committee from 2008-2011. Julius has been married to his wife, Melodee, for 35 years. Melodee, a retired teacher, is a regular volunteer at the Annual Conference, working a variety of assignments including the gates and registration. Together they have two sons - Scott, a Washington, D.C. firefighter, and Jason, a city of Baltimore, Md. firefighter.



# NEW ENGINE FOR LILY DALE



On February 20, 2018 the Lily Dale Fire Department placed a new Engine 151 into service. The unit presents a familiar face to the area fire service as it was obtained from the Gerry Fire who had acquired it from the original owners at the Bemus Point Fire Department.

Fire Chief Stan Kelly along with Assist Chief Keith Burrige explained that the unit is 1989 Pierce Lance with a 1250 top mount pump and a 1000-gallon booster tank. The truck features 2 - 1 3/4 inch and a 2 1/2 inch cross lays along with a front suction set up as a soft suction inlet. At the rear are 3 hose beds to carry 5" LDH, 2 1/2" and 3" hose loads.

The new E151 sits in between Ambulance 151 and Engine 152 a 1980 Ford "C" cab Young.

The old Engine 151 was sold to a contractor who will be using it in a commercial/ industrial application

# 23RD ANNUAL CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY RONALD J. KEDDIE MEMORIAL WEEKEND

September 7-9, 2018

New York State Fire Academy  
600 College Avenue, Montour Falls, New York 14865-9634

## COURSES OFFERED

### 1. High Hazard Train Fires

This course will prepare students to respond to incidents involving High Hazard Flammable Train (HHFT), which transport a single ignitable liquid product such as crude oil or ethanol. Topics covered will include strategic (offensive vs. defensive) and tactical decision making, tank car recognition, water supply, Class B foam operations and the effective use of cooling streams. As the majority of the course will consist of outside skills evolutions, some including live fire, it is a physically demanding course and students must be prepared to work in the various environmental conditions appropriate for the season in which the course is being conducted.

Designed for: Fire service personnel

Course Length: 16 hours

Prerequisite: Firefighter I or equivalent. Signed Training Authorization Letter required (dated 4/18)

Materials Fee: \$45

Course number: 01-09-0113

### 2. Fire Sprinkler Systems Workshop

Fire Alarm Systems for the Fire Service:

This course is designed to give firefighters and fire officers an overview of components of a fire alarm system as well as the operation of such systems. It also includes information and strategies that will assist participants in responding to and understanding their responsibilities at incidents involving Fire Alarm systems.

Course Length: 6 hours

Prerequisite: Signed Training Authorization Letter required (dated 4/18)

Course number: 01-10-0069

### AND

### Fire Sprinkler Systems for the Fire Service:

This course is designed to give firefighters and fire officers an overview of the types of and components of fire sprinkler systems as well as the operation of such systems. It also includes information and strategies that will assist participants in responding to and understanding their responsibilities at incidents involving Fire Sprinkler systems.

Course Length: 6 hours

Prerequisite: Signed Training Authorization Letter required (dated 4/18)

Course number: 01-10-0070

### 3. The Rules Have Changed...

#### *The Firefighter's Guide to Lightweight Wood Construction*

This course introduces the student to the special characteristics and considerations of Lightweight Wood Construction. Topics such as manufacturing methods, component awareness, fire performance, and strategies & tactics pertaining to fires involving lightweight wood construction will be examined. Primary emphasis is on improving fire personnel's ability to recognize the presence of lightweight wood construction and the hazards related with it.

Course material enables the student to recognize the dangers, operate safely and better predict the overall reaction of a building during fire conditions. The course includes three student activities

Designed for: Fire Officers and senior firefighting personnel

Course Length: 12 hours

Prerequisites: Firefighter I or equivalent; Signed Training Authorization Letter required (dated 4/18)

Course number: 01-05-0071

### 4. Rescue Rope Operations In Service (15 Hour)

Provides information and skills to adequately perform basic vertical rope rescue techniques in an urban/suburban environment. While many of the techniques and skills taught in this program are applicable to the wilderness environment, this is not the intent of this program. The overall objective is to improve rescuer awareness of the safety concerns at rope rescue situations and to develop basic skills in rappelling and high-angle rescue systems. Topics include safety orientation, risk assessment, equipment, basic rappelling and ascending, anchoring, belaying, mechanical advantage, patient packaging, incident management, skills evaluation, and testing.

Designed for: Emergency response personnel with responsibility in rope rescue

Course Length: 15 hours

Prerequisite: Rescue Technician - Basic or equivalent; Signed Training Authorization Letter required (dated 4/18)

Course number:

## 5. Alternative Fueled Vehicles and New Vehicle Technology

Provides information about the hazards of the alternate fuels, such as methanol, compressed natural gas, and electric power, the pressures created within fuel cylinders, as well as safety information on other hazards that may be present at incidents involving an alternative fueled vehicle. The second portion of the program deals with the changing technology of the automobile. Intended to provide new information for those students who may have completed Accident Victim Extrication Training (AVET) in the past and have a need to update information about changes to the newer vehicles.

Designed for: All emergency response personnel

Course Length: 4 hours

Prerequisite: Signed Training Authorization Letter required

Course number: 01-04-0006

## Version 5 Fire Reporting Workshop

Provides the necessary training to participate in the New York State Fire Reporting System for departments using the Version 5 paper report format. It includes an overview of the Fire Reporting System; procedures for completing the Version 5 fire reporting, quality control at the local level, and an understanding of how fire department data may be used.

Designed for: Fire service personnel who prepare Version 5 paper forms

Course Length: 3 hours

Prerequisite: Signed Training Authorization Letter required (dated 4/18)

Course number: 01-11-0016

## Courage to be Safe

OFPC, in partnership with the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, is delivering this educational initiative to accomplish the goal of the US Fire administration to reduce firefighter fatalities by 25 percent within five years and 50 percent within 10 years. The program is based on 16 initiatives developed during the Firefighter Life Safety Summit. Designed for: All firefighters, especially individuals in leadership and decision making positions

Course Length: 4 hours

Prerequisite: Signed Training Authorization Letter required (dated 4/18)

Course number: 01-15-0001

## 6. EMT Continuing Medical Education Hosted by Chautauqua County EMS (12 Hours)

Designed for EMS personnel in the CME Program or planning to join.

Prerequisite: Signed Training Authorization Letter required (dated 4/18)

EMT Credentialing is being planned for Friday Night at the Academy for those attending the Ron Keddie Weekend. More information will be in your notification letter.

The Classes listed under item 5 above are taken as one class for the weekend. You will be registered for all three courses if you choose item 5

## Chiefs Authorization Letter

### 1. General Instructions

- A. The student firefighter or department shall submit with their application(s) a completed Training Authorization Letter (updated version from 4-15-18) 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.

## 23rd Annual Chautauqua County Ronald J. Keddie Memorial Weekend continued...

The registration fee is \$150.00. This cost includes your course, room Friday & Saturday night and 3 meals Saturday and breakfast & lunch Sunday.

Refunds: Full refunds will only be made for cancellations before August 15, 2018. Notify Larry Barter if there are any cancellations or substitutions at 672-4439 or barters9@netsync.net

Make Checks payable to:

“Chautauqua County Weekend”

A SIGNED CHIEF’S AUTHORIZATION LETTER (Updated 4-15-18)

MUST ACCOMPANY ALL APPLICATIONS

Return to:

Chautauqua County Weekend

c/o Larry Barter

2 Academy Street, Mayville, NY 14057

No later than August 15, 2018

# County Weekend 2018 CME CAMP SCHEDULE

<b>SAT. SEPT 8 -</b>	<b>0800-0815</b>	<b>WELCOME</b>	
	<b>0815-0900</b>	<b>CME Program</b> <i>-What is it?</i> <i>-How to enroll</i> <i>-How to complete it</i>	<b>TBD</b>
	<b>0910-1000</b>	<b>STROKE</b> <i>-Primary vs Comprehensive</i> <i>-Time Frame for tPA</i> <i>-To fly or Not to Fly</i>	<b>Dr. Faulk</b>
	<b>1010-1100</b>	<b>Hypothermia</b>	<b>Dr. Faulk</b>
	<b>1110-1200</b>	<b>Protocols &amp; Updates</b>	<b>TBD</b>
	<b>1200-1300</b>	<b>LUNCH :)</b>	
	<b>1300-1350</b>	<b>Radio Ops and Etiquette</b> <i>-Timeline of a 911 call</i> <i>-TAC channels</i> <i>-What to say/not to say</i>	<b>TBD</b>
	<b>1400-1450</b>	<b>Med Reports</b> <i>-MIST report</i> <i>-Scenarios</i>	<b>Jen Guttman</b>
	<b>1500-1550</b>	<b>Cardiac Arrest</b> <i>-Stay &amp; Play?</i> <i>-When to call it</i> <i>-DNR/MOLST/HCP/Advanced Directives</i> <i>-After the arrest</i>	<b>TBD</b>
	<b>1600-1650</b>	<b>ALS Assist</b> <i>-How to set up IVs</i> <i>-Cardiac Monitor</i> <i>-Common Medications</i>	<b>Jen Guttman</b>
<b>SUN. JULY 9 -</b>	<b>0800-1100</b>	<b>CPR Refresher</b>	<b>Tom Siderits</b>
	<b>0800-0850</b>	<b>Splinting and Wound Care</b> <i>-TQ/Pelvic Binders</i> <i>-Wound Packing</i>	<b>TBD</b>
	<b>0900- 0950</b>	<b>AED/Lucas/Other compression devices</b>	
<b>1000-1050</b>	<b>START TRIAGE</b>		
<b>1100-1200</b>	<b>Round Table Discussion??</b>		





## Information Bulletin

### PROPOSED REGULATIONS: VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER ENHANCED CANCER DISABILITY BENEFITS PROGRAM

On May 30, 2018, the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services adopted the following regulations relating to the Volunteer Firefighter Cancer Disability Benefits Program on an emergency basis. The regulations will be published in the June 20, 2018 edition of the State Register and will be proposed for permanent adoption through the State Administrative Procedures Act (SAPA). Public comment on the proposed regulations will be accepted until August 19, 2018.



#### Title 9 of the New York State Codes, Rules & Regulations

A new part 210 is added to read as follows:

Volunteer Firefighter Enhanced Cancer Disability Benefits Program  
(Statutory authority: General Municipal Law §205-cc)

Section 210.1. Authority, intent and purpose

- (a) The Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, Office of Fire Prevention and Control has authority to establish rules and regulations related to claims, denials and qualifications for the enhanced cancer disability benefit, pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 205-cc.
- (b) The intent and purpose of the regulations are to establish processes by which an active volunteer firefighter or his or her beneficiaries can establish qualification for benefits, file a claim for benefits or appeal from a denial of benefits.

Section 210.2. Definitions

For purposes of this Part:

- (a) "Authority Having Jurisdiction" shall mean the governmental body which possesses the legal responsibility for providing fire protection as follows:
  - (1) For a fire district and joint fire district it shall mean the board of fire commissioners.
  - (2) For a village it shall mean the village board of trustees.
  - (3) For a fire protection district, it shall mean the town board that contracts to provide fire protection.
  - (4) For a city it shall mean the governing body vested with such power.

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- (b) “Active Volunteer Firefighter” shall mean a person who has been approved by a legally organized fire district, department or company as a firefighter and who is faithfully and actually performing service in the protection of life and property from fire or other emergency, accident or calamity in connection with which the services of the fire district, department or company are required.
- (c) “Benefit Provider” shall mean an insurance company authorized to engage in the business of insurance in this State providing Enhanced Cancer Disability Benefits to eligible volunteer firefighters or the authority having jurisdiction that is self-funding an Enhanced Cancer Disability Benefits Program.
- (d) “Cancer” shall mean (i) a disease caused by an uncontrolled division of abnormal cells in a part of the body or a malignant growth or tumor resulting from the division of abnormal cells and (ii) affecting the prostate or breast, lymphatic, hematological, digestive, urinary, neurological, or reproductive systems or melanoma.
- (e) “Enhanced Cancer Disability Benefits” shall mean the benefits set forth in General Municipal Law section 205-cc(2)(a)-(d).
- (f) “Faithful and actual service” shall mean participation in the firefighting activities of a legally organized volunteer fire district, department or company.
- (g) “FitTest” shall mean the self-contained breathing apparatus fit test conducted yearly pursuant to requirements of 29CFR1910.134 for an immediately dangerous to life and health atmosphere.
- (h) “Interior Firefighter” shall mean an active volunteer firefighter who (a) has the minimum training to conduct interior structural firefighting duties as determined by the fire district, department or company, (b) has been deemed physically and medically qualified pursuant to 29CFR1910.134 to use self-contained breathing apparatus; (c) has successfully completed fit test(s); and (d) has been designated by the fire district, department or company to perform interior structural firefighting duties in an immediately dangerous to life and health atmosphere.
- (i) “Office of Fire Prevention and Control” shall mean the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services Office of Fire Prevention and Control.
- (j) “Physical Examination” shall mean a medicale valuation by a board-certified physician or other licensed health care professional, who, within the scope of their practice, determined the interior firefighter’s ability to use a respirator and perform interior structural firefighting activities, and shall include completion of the mandatory OSHA Respiratory Medical Evaluation Questionnaire contained in 29 CFR 1910.134, Appendix C.
- (k) “Reporting Year” shall mean December 1st through November 30th.
- (l) “Total disability” means a disability caused by cancer and that prevents a volunteer firefighter from being an active volunteer firefighter.
- (m) “Year of firefighting service” means a consecutive twelve-month period during which an active volunteer firefighter participates in the service of and meets the minimum standards established by the fire district, department or company.

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### Section 210.3. Eligibility

- (a) A volunteer firefighter must meet the following criteria to be eligible for enhanced cancer disability benefits:
- (1) Five or more years of faithful and actual firefighting service as an interior firefighter;
  - (2) Has submitted proof of five years of interior structural firefighting service by providing verification that he or she has passed at least five annual fit tests;
  - (3) Successful completion of a physical examination prior to the commencement of duties as an interior firefighter, which failed to reveal evidence of cancer; and
  - (4) Diagnosis of cancer.
- (b) A volunteer firefighter shall remain eligible for enhanced cancer disability benefits specified in General Municipal Law section 205-cc(2)(a), (b), and (d) for 60 months after the formal cessation of the volunteer firefighter's status as an active volunteer firefighter.

### Section 210.4. Documentation

- (a) Fire districts, departments and companies shall provide information on the enhanced cancer disability benefit to all its members and make available such information upon request.
- (b) Upon request, the fire district, department or company shall provide a claim form and instructions to its member or their beneficiary(ies) detailing how to file a claim for enhanced cancer benefits with the benefits provider.
- (c) As part of any claim submitted and filed with the benefit provider, fire districts, departments and companies shall provide a certification of eligibility for enhanced cancer disability benefits using a form prescribed by the office of fire prevention and control. This form must be signed by the head of the department or company, sworn to under penalty of perjury as true, correct and complete, notarized and contain, at a minimum, the following information:
- (1) The full legal name of the eligible volunteer firefighter;
  - (2) The full legal name of the fire district, department or company;
  - (3) The dates the eligible volunteer firefighter was an active volunteer firefighter of the fire district, department or company;
  - (4) The number of years of firefighting service as an interior firefighter;
  - (5) A statement that the eligible volunteer firefighter performed interior structural firefighting duties inside a building;and
  - (6) A statement that the eligible volunteer firefighter successfully completed a physical examination, prior to the commencement of duties as an interior firefighter, which failed to reveal any evidence of cancer;

### Section 210.5 Proof of Benefit Coverage

- (a) A fire district, department or company must submit to the Office of Fire Prevention and Control by January 1, 2019 and annually thereafter an attestation that the fire district, department or company will provide the enhanced cancer disability benefit by:

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- (1) carrying an insurance policy issued by an insurance company authorized to engage in the business of insurance in this State sufficient to cover its eligible volunteer firefighters and provide a death benefit to their beneficiaries; or
  - (2) proof that the authority having jurisdiction: (i) possesses taxing authority; (ii) has agreed in writing to fund any and all claims of eligible volunteer firefighters and their beneficiaries through existing and future revenues.
- (b) The policy coverages and or financial responsibilities of a fire district, department or company shall include:
- (1) A lump sum payment of \$25,000 for each diagnosis payable to the eligible volunteer firefighter upon acceptable proof to the benefit provider of a diagnosis by a board-certified physician in the medical specialty appropriate for the type of cancer diagnosed that there are one or more malignant tumors characterized by the uncontrollable and abnormal growth and spread of malignant cells with invasion of normal tissue and that either:
    - i. there is metastasis; and
      - a. surgery, radiotherapy, or chemotherapy is medically necessary; or
      - b. there is a tumor of the prostate, provided that it is treated with radical prostatectomy or external beam therapy; or
      - c. the firefighter has terminal cancer, his or her life expectancy is 24 months or less from the date of diagnosis, and will not benefit from, or has exhausted, curative therapy;
  - (2) A lump sum payment of \$6,250 for each diagnosis, payable to the eligible volunteer firefighter upon acceptable proof to the benefit provider of a diagnosis by a board-certified physician in the medical specialty appropriate for the type of cancer involved that either:
    - ii. there is a carcinoma in situ such that surgery, radiotherapy, or chemotherapy has been determined to be medically necessary; or
    - iii. there are malignant tumors that are treated by endoscopic procedures alone; or
    - iv. there are malignant melanomas;
  - (3) A monthly benefit of \$1500, of which the first payment shall be made six months after total disability and submission of acceptable proof of said disability to the benefit provider that such disability is caused by cancer and that the cancer precludes the eligible volunteer firefighter from serving as a firefighter, provided that the benefit shall continue for up to thirty-six (36) consecutive months; and
  - (4) A death benefit of \$50,000 payable to the eligible volunteer firefighter or his or her beneficiary upon acceptable proof by a board-certified physician that the firefighter's death resulted from complications associated with cancer.

### Section 210.6. Claims Process

- (a) (1) An eligible volunteer firefighter or their beneficiary(ies) shall file a claim with the benefit provider within 120 days after the diagnosis of a covered cancer, the death of the eligible volunteer firefighter, or commencement of a covered total disability. Failure to file a claim

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within such time shall not invalidate or reduce any claim if it shall be shown not to have been reasonably possible to file such claim and that a claim was filed as soon as reasonably possible. A claim shall be filed by submitting a claim form(s) as may be required by the benefit provider to the benefit provider. The claim form must be signed by the eligible volunteer firefighter or their beneficiary(ies) and sworn to under penalty of perjury as true, correct and complete.

- (2) The benefit provider shall have the right and opportunity to examine the person of the eligible volunteer firefighter when and as often as the benefit provider may reasonably require during the pendency of claim and also the right and opportunity to make an autopsy in case of death where it is not prohibited by law.
- (b) The benefit provider shall review the claim and determine if the claim will be paid within thirty (30) days of receipt of the claim. However, if the benefit provider requires additional information from the claimant to make a determination, the benefit provider shall provide written notice to the claimant within such thirty (30) days requesting the information. The claimant shall be afforded at least forty-five (45) days from receipt of the request to furnish the information. The thirty (30) days in which the benefit provider shall make a determination on the claim shall be tolled and shall resume as of the date the claimant furnishes the information to the benefit provider or the end of the forty-five (45) day period afforded to the claimant to provide such information.
  - (c) If the claim is approved, the benefit provider shall mail or deliver written notification to the claimant and the fire district, department or company within five (5) business days of the approval. The benefit provider shall pay benefits within thirty (30) days of mailing or delivering such notification.
  - (d) If the claim is denied, the benefit provider shall mail or deliver written notification to the claimant and the fire district, department or company within five (5) business days of the denial. If the benefit provider making the denial is an insurance company, then the written denial notification shall include a statement that the claimant may file a complaint with the New York State Department of Financial Services and provide the Department's website address, mailing address, and telephone number. Any denial notification by a benefit provider shall include the reasons for such denial. The only permissible reason(s) for denial of a claim shall be the following:
    - (1) the volunteer firefighter does not have 5 or more years of service as interior firefighter; or
    - (2) the volunteer firefighter did not successfully complete a physical examination, prior to the commencement of duties as an interior firefighter, which examination failed to reveal any evidence of cancer; or
    - (3) the volunteer firefighter has not passed 5 yearly fit tests; or
    - (4) the volunteer firefighter ceased to be an active volunteer firefighter for more than sixty (60) months prior to the submission of the claim for benefits; or
    - (5) The volunteer firefighter is receiving or has already received benefits as a paid firefighter under General Municipal Law Article 10; or
    - (6) The diagnosis of cancer is not for a type covered by this Part; or
    - (7) the volunteer firefighter does not have a total disability as referenced in General Municipal Law section 205-cc(2)(c).
  - (e) Upon receipt of the denial of the claim, the claimant shall have sixty (60) days to appeal the denial pursuant to section 210.7 of this Part.

### Section 210.7. Denial of Benefits

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- (a) If the benefit provider is an insurance company, then the claimant shall appeal the denial to the insurance company. If the insurance company denies the claimant's appeal, then a claimant may bring an action at law or in equity to recover on the insurance policy. However, a claimant shall not bring an action at law or in equity to recover on the insurance policy prior to the expiration of sixty (60) days after the claim was filed pursuant to section 210.6 of this Part and a claimant shall not bring such an action after the expiration of two (2) years following the time the claimant was required to file the claim pursuant to section 210.6 (a)(1) of this Part.
- (b) Except where the benefit provider is an insurance company, as provided in subdivision (1) of this section, any denial of benefit of Enhanced Cancer Disability Benefits shall be considered a final and binding agency determination within the meaning of the New York State Civil Practice Law and Rules. Section

### 210.8. Annual Reports

- (a) Annual Claims Report. The fire district, department or company shall report to the office of fire prevention and control, no later than December 1, 2019 and annually thereafter, on the claims and benefits payments for the reporting year using forms prescribed by the office for fire prevention and control.
- (1) This report must be signed by the head of the department or company, sworn to under penalty of perjury as true, correct and complete and shall be notarized.
- (2) The office of fire prevention and control shall develop an annual claims report form to be maintained on its website, containing at a minimum the following information:
- i. Number of claims in the reporting year;
  - ii. The types of claims in the reporting year;
  - iii. The types of cancer claims in the reporting year; and
  - iv. The number of eligible volunteer firefighters who received enhanced cancer disability benefits in the reporting year.
- (b) Annual Roster of Interior Firefighters. The fire district, department or company shall report to the Office of Fire Prevention and Control, no later than December 1, 2019 and annually thereafter, a complete list of its interior firefighters for the reporting year.
- (c) The office of fire prevention and control shall make information related to interior firefighters and applicable training available to fire districts, departments or companies upon request.

## NOTES from the Editor:

For you, this is the twelfth issue or Volume 18 Number 1 of "The Responder". For me, this is the "First One", I am Bill Johnston, the new Editor of "The Responder". I am looking forward to building an educational and informative publication on a regular basis with the help of you, the contributors. I will need the help of the readership to contribute photos, articles, answer questions and to meet with me on issues or events that need to be shared with the responders across Chautauqua County and wherever else our readers reside.

Falconer Printing & Design Inc continues bringing "The Responder" to life with Lisa Short from there putting all the articles and photos together in a format we have come to enjoy.

In case you wonder, I do have some background with the fire and EMS services in the county. I have ridden the back step, worn three quarter boots with a long coat and know "how long it is going to take" as well as what a Plectron was. I really appreciate the powered ambulance stretcher and have used Narcan. Yes, I am "OTD" (Older Than Dirt) but I still answer calls and do what I can to help the public in need as well the fire and EMS services in the county and the region. I enjoy meeting people and look forward to meeting you. I'd like to learn what you would find informative, instructional, and even entertaining in "The Responder".

# GOODBYE....



*Battalion Chief Matthew J Russo retired in January 2017 after 27 years of employment with the City. He was promoted to Fire Chief, retired BC Russo was promoted to Lieutenant in July 1999, and to Battalion Chief in May 2010.*



*Mrs Cynthia Dustin, Administrative Assistant to the Fire Chief, retired in November 2017 after joining the fire department in April 2006.*



*Firefighter Anthony J Gullo joined the department in 1988 and retired in February 2017 after 29 years of service.*

# and HELLO....



*Firefighter Emily Webster joined the fire department in February 2017. Emily had been previously employed by the Olean City Fire Department and Alstar.*



*Firefighter Adam Akin joined the fire department in February 2017. Adam had been previously employed by Alstar.*



*Firefighter Ryan Saunders joined the department in February 2017. He also is employed by the Chautauqua County Jail in Mayville as a Correctional Officer.*



*Melodie Perrin joined the Department in December 2017 and serves as Administrative Assistant to the Deputy Fire Chief.*

# PROMOTIONS



*Lieutenant Matthew D. Coon, an 18 year veteran of the department, was promoted to Battalion Chief, January 14, 2017. He has served as a lieutenant since April 2008. He will lead the first Platoon.*



*Firefighter Robert R. Bailey Jr. was promoted to Lieutenant, January 14, 2017 and is assigned as company officer for First Platoon Engine 3. He joined the department February 22, 2005.*



*Firefighter Shawn D. Tibbitts was promoted to Lieutenant, February 11, 2017 and is assigned as our Fire Prevention/ Code Enforcement Officer. He joined the department February 6, 2007.*



# JAMESTOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT PLACES NEW VEHICLES INTO SERVICE

The Jamestown Fire Department recently placed two new units into service, replacing a worn and tired vehicle along with one that was destroyed in a motor vehicle accident on October 20, 2017.



*Becoming the new Medic 35 is a 2017 Ford Explorer replacing a much older vehicle.*

*After being destroyed on a call last year and using reserve backup vehicles in the meantime, Car-1 has been replaced. While still called Car-1 it is a 2017 Ford F-250 4x4 four door pickup truck. The cap over the box provides accessible protected storage space for equipment.*





# EMERGENCY SERVICES

## CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY

Updated 7-11-18

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

Phone: 716-753-4341  
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Course Offered (Prerequisites listed on individual flyers)	Hours	Units	Start Date	Location	Instructors
Hazardous Materials Incident Safety Officer	8	2	9-5-18	Office of Emergency Services	Bruce Oliphant
*High Hazard Train Fires	16	3	9-8-18	NYS Fire Academy, Montour Falls	SFI
*Fire Sprinkler Systems Workshop	14	3	9-8-18	NYS Fire Academy, Montour Falls	SFI
*The Rules Have Changed – The Firefighter’s Guide to Lightweight Wood Construction	12	3	9-8-18	NYS Fire Academy, Montour Falls	SFI
*Rescue Rope Operations – In Service	15	3	9-8-18	NYS Fire Academy, Montour Falls	SFI
*Alternative Fueled Vehicles and New Vehicle Technology & Version 5 Fire Reporting Workshop & Courage to be Safe	4 3 4	3	9-8-18	NYS Fire Academy, Montour Falls	SFI
*EMT Continuing Medical Education (If needed, credentialing is being planned for Friday Night)	12	3 or 4	9-8-18	NYS Fire Academy, Montour Falls	SFI
Hazmat 1 <sup>st</sup> Responder Operations	16	4	9-17-18	Murphy Training Center	Caruso, Summerville, Ford
Hazmat IQ – Tox Medic	8	2	TBA	WCA Hospital & Olean General	TBA
SCBA/Interior Firefighting Operations (FF1)	50	16	10-1-18	Murphy Training Center	Andrew Caruso
Hazardous Materials Technician Module 1 Primary Skills for the Hazardous Materials Responder	24	6	TBA	Office of Emergency Services	Bruce Oliphant
Sampling Techniques for the Hazardous Materials Tech.	4	1	12-6-18	Office of Emergency Services	Bruce Oliphant
Hazardous Materials Technician Module 2 Interpreting the Hazardous Environment	12	3	TBA	Office of Emergency Services	Bruce Oliphant
Hazardous Materials Technician Module 3 Managing the Hazardous Materials Incident	8	2	TBA	Office of Emergency Services	Bruce Oliphant

Must have a signed OFPC Training Authorization Letter (updated 4-15-18) 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.

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COMING SOON...

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