

The Columbia County Fire Coordinator's Office is pleased to announce the following volunteer firefighter graduates from the summer session held at neighborhood fire stations across the county.

Churchtown Fire Department hosted an apparatus Operator Pump taught by Joe Laviano and Bud Godfroy. Graduates include;

Martin Baumgold	John Calderon	Kyle Franceshi
Joshua Loeffler	Stefania Maruniak	Larry Ostrander
Robert Pruesser	Daniel Quinion	David Shea
Thomas Yang	Berkley Pirrone	

Laviano also led the aircraft rescue and firefighting training at the Canaan Fire Station.

Successful attendees included;

Chritina Brusakos	Matthew Distin	Patrick Doyle
Dennis Gawron	Judy Gawron	Robin Howes
Ann Marie Leiser	Patricia Liddle	Frank Lill
Jennifer Newton	Richard Lindmark	Joseph Reiger
Robert Waters`	Bulent Yener	

Claverack Fire Department hosted twenty five firefighters for a course on strategies and tactics for company operations. Joe Laviano led the class through the five sessions. Graduating strategists include;

David Adriance Sr.	Kevin Beahn	Stanley Burch III
Robert Cole	Michael Cozzolino	Darrin Culver
Matthew Distin	Catherine Donato	Frederick Fuchs
Douglas Garrison	Dennis Gawron	Judy Gawron
David Gearing	Chris Harris	Christopher Hoffman
George Keeler	Chad Kilmer	Frank Langdon
Josh Loeffler	Michael Layman	Jim Marsh III
Ryan O'Dowd	John Onufrychuk Jr.	Christopher Pierro
Matthew Pirrone		

Godfroy, Mike Stelling and Wayne Gearing were the instructors for rescue tech basic training at the Spencertown Firehouse. The fifteen firefighters completing the course were;

Matthew Pirrone	David Shea	Gary Wood
Evan Kerr	William Rogers	David Page
John Calderon	Brian Wheeler	Brian Ostrander
Christina Brusakos	David Naughton	

Laviano and Godfroy teamed up with Hudson Fire Department to hold an apparatus Operator Aerial Device training that saw eleven volunteers complete the eight session course. They were;

Lucas Briggs	Justin Elliott	Thomas Elliott
Fred Goodnow	Chris Harris	Kevin Herber
James Schemerhorn Jr.	Rodney Pulver	Charles Shook
Jeremiah Stone	Kenneth Loos Jr.	

Two 29 session Firefighter I classes were held in Chatham and Stockport, the lead instructing duties rested with Mike Stelling and Wayne Gearing. The first ever joint graduation ceremony was held at Columbia Greene Community College, during Fire prevention week, with the student's family, friends and fire department members all in attendance. Graduates were;

Ray Barber	John Bermal	Edward Bratton
Chritina Brundage	Nicholas Decker	Ronald Disher
Austin Haner	Christian Haner	Josh Haner
Raj Harde	William Haviland	Marcus Hinds
Jerry Hoffman	Andrew Horst	Corey Kaninenberg
Justin Knott	Arthur McGuire	Chevett Ortiz
Jackie Therrien	Gregory Bleau	Rebecca Burka
Laura Cesternino	Lucas Cody	Evan Cook
Austin Cranna	Roger Cramer	Cody Farrell

Chance Imperati	Randy Lewis	Ryan O'Connell
Rachel O'Leary	Andrew O'Neill	Randy Prazma
Shalin Preble	Aaron Sweet	Donald Towsky

Clermont Fire District hosted a apparatus emergency vehicle operation course with the following students;

Tracy Alexander	Roy Brown	Tyler Case
Lloyd Kukon	Michaela Lawson	Stefania Maruniak
Larry Ostrander	James Potts	Sheldon Tieder

East Chatham held a firefighter survival training with a compliment of veteran and recent graduates of firefighter I course. Survivalists included;

Kevin Beahn	John Calderon	Nicholas Decker
Alan Gearing	Austin Haner	Chritian Haner
Joshua Haner	Raj Harde	Arthur McGuire
Eric Mishkin	Ryan O'Dowd	Brian Ostrander
David Parlman	Randy Prazma Jr.	Robert Reinig Jr.
Steven Rosen	David Ross	Jaqueline Therrien.

As the winter season approaches and heating season begins please be sure to have your heating systems serviced, and have working smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. For more winter safety tips go to <http://www.dhSES.ny.gov/oem/safety-info/publicsafety/winter.cfm>.