



Albany County Sheriff's Office Critical Incident Emergency Management Unit

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This is the monthly newsletter for the Albany County Sheriff's Office Critical Incident Emergency Management Unit. **If you have events that you would like posted in this newsletter please email them to the Fire Coordinator's office.**



**Propane truck prop donated by Long Oil moved
to Colonie training tower courtesy of B&B CONTAINERS**

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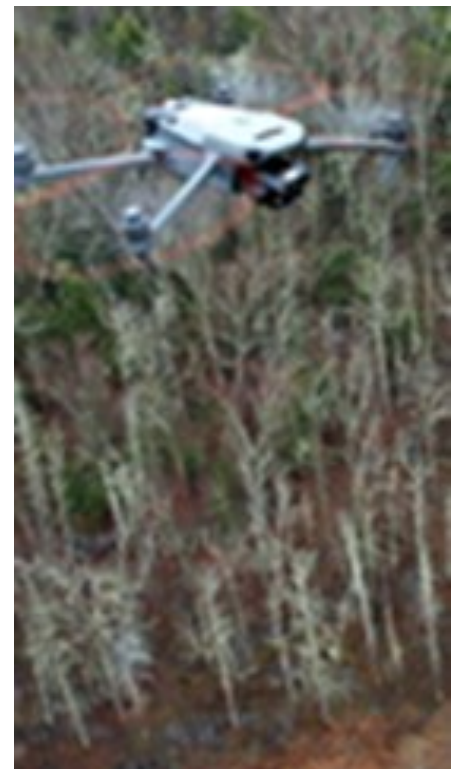
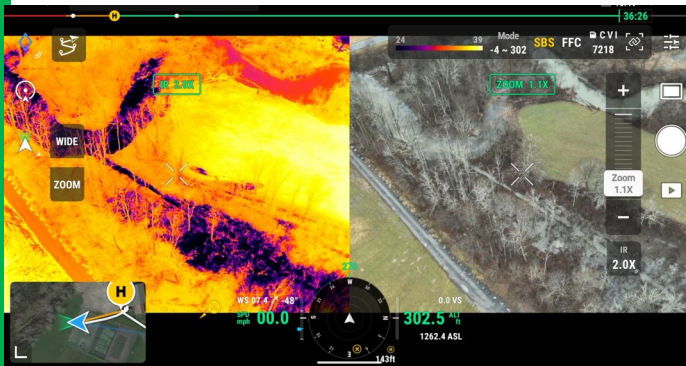
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Berne Fire Department Drone

The Berne Fire District is putting an exciting new tool into service this month. The DJI Mavic 3T Drone features a full spectrum thermal camera, incredible zoom lenses, and extended flight time. Fully licensed and trained responders will deploy the drone for search and rescue operations, brush and wildland fires, and GPS water supply mapping.

The Mavic 3T can see where firefighters can't, helping to find hikers or hunters lost in the woods, locate remote water sources, and save time and firefighter energy in covering rugged terrain.

The Berne Fire District thanks Albany County Executive Dan McCoy, Deputy CE Dan Lynch, and the Albany County Legislature for securing the funding for the drone and attachments. BFD members will be training with the drone at the Peter M. Becker Training Center in East Berne through the winter and into the spring. We invite interested Fire Departments to join us for demonstrations of the drone's capabilities and to learn what advantages it can provide.



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Propane Truck Prop Colonie Training Tower

New Propane Fire Simulator Truck, Comes Colonie Municipal Training Center

A new training prop was installed at the Colonie municipal training center this past weekend by County Fire Coordinator Chief Paris. We would like to give special thanks to Robert Long from **LONG ENERGY** for their donation of this propane truck.



This truck will be given a new life at the Colonie municipal training center replacing a 40 plus year old prop.



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This new prop will be used for many years to come serving capital district first responders in training on flammable gas fires, so that residents, travelers and first responders stay safe.

A thank you also to Ben Radke III from **B&B CONTAINERS** for donating the pickup and flatbed delivery of this truck to the Colonie municipal training center.



It is nice to have the support of local businesses like these two to assist with supporting the fire services and first responders in Albany County and the capital region.

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Recruitment and Retention

Delmar First Night



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Volunteer Firefighter 10% property Tax credit

Just a reminder if you qualify for the 10% property tax credit and your local taxing entities have approved it, in order to receive it the appropriate forms must be submitted to your assessor's office by March 1, 2024.

Training Stipends

We want to remind everyone that the comment period on draft regulations ends on January 30th. Also we want to point out that eligibility for stipends will be contingent on the Department having completed the NYS Fire reporting for the previous year and the annual Fire Department Demographics form.

NEW YORK STATE		Homeland Security and Emergency Services		Fire Prevention and Control		(08/23)	
ANNUAL REPORT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT DEMOGRAPHICS							
The Full Legal Name of the Fire Department (FD)				Date (mm/dd/yyyy)		FD Identification #	
FD Phone				FD Email			
FD Physical Address							
City				State		Zip	
FD Mailing Address (if different than physical address)							
City				State		Zip	
Does the department have any additional stations (sub stations)? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, how many: _____							
Please provide the name and physical addresses and phone numbers of these other fire stations (sub stations):							
Name				Name			
Address				Address			
Phone				Phone			
Name				Name			
Address				Address			
Phone				Phone			
Chief Officer Contact Information							
Please provide the name and contact information of the Fire chief and any assistant/deputy chiefs your department currently has in its ranks.							
Name		Rank		Cell Phone		Email Address	
Term Dates							
Department Information							
Please provide the number of active members your department has on the roster							
* Total Active Members				What type of organization is your FD?			
* Total Active Interior Firefighters				☐ Fire District ☐ Fire Company			
* Total Active Exterior Firefighters				☐ Fire Corporation ☐ Municipality			
				☐ Other: _____			
* The accuracy of this information is vital for OFPC to determine the stipend program efficacy on recruitment and retention efforts across the state.							
This form only needs to be completed once annually.							

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Hazmat Corner

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Electric Vehicle Fires

Fortunately, we've been lucky and there haven't been any major EV fires in the Capital Region. Recently, a Tesla caught fire on Interstate 80 in Pennsylvania. The driver struck something in the road and it damaged the underside of the vehicle. It burned so completely, they used a skid steer with forks to pick up the remains. There wasn't enough left for a tow truck. More details including many pictures are available on the internet at this link: <https://www.abc27.com/pennsylvania/incredible-photos-show-unidentifiable-tesla-after-pennsylvania-highway-fire/>



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The Capital Region Hazmat Group held a meeting in February, 2023 regarding EV fires. Attending the meeting were emergency management personnel from NYS Thruway, NYS Department of Transportation, NYS Police Troop G and Troop T. We discussed what may have to take place including closing an Interstate Highway in both directions. This may be needed if the toxic smoke is blowing across the other side of the highway and/or to accommodate a tanker shuttle. Current thinking in the hazmat and fire service circles is to let the fire burn out if there is no threat to life or exposures.

Here is a link to a video about a recent EV fire from South Metro Fire Rescue in Centennial Colorado (1/10/2024).

<https://youtu.be/itGeAq9rBeY?si=OgO0diT3C7NHbKGv>

The video is just under 8 minutes. It was in a garage in a single family home.

They used a fire blanket.

As we more information becomes available on lithium ion battery fires, we will pass it along.

Geographic Response Plans for Railroads

Back in 2018 at the height of the railroad transport of crude oil, the state directed the Department of Environment Conservation to develop response plans along the major rail lines in the state. These were distributed to the affected fire departments in late 2018. We will be working with DEC's contractor to update these plans in February or March of this year. We plan to have two meetings to review needed updates. One meeting will involve the CSX rail line that runs from the Schenectady County line to Selkirk. The other meeting will involve the CP rail line that runs from the Saratoga County line to the Port of Albany. We will send out more information regarding dates, times and locations.

Upcoming Exercises

We are in the planning stages for a communications exercise with the Albany Port District Commission. This will be a tabletop exercise involving multiple agencies from NYS DHSES, NYS DEC, Albany County and Rensselaer County. The scenario will be a hazmat spill on the Hudson River. This may evolve into a full scale exercise for 2025.

The annual Capital Region Hazmat Group exercise is planned for April 24, 2024 at the Watervliet Arsenal. We will have hazmat teams from Albany, Rensselaer, Saratoga and Schenectady Counties taking part along with our friends from OFPC.

Reminder: Please let us know about any incidents involving lithium ion battery fires. We will pass it along to our colleagues at the OFPC Hazmat Branch. Thanks!

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2024 LONG ISLAND METRO FIRE/EMS EXPO



Long Island Metro FIRE/EMS EXPO

FEBRUARY 2-4, 2024

NASSAU COLISEUM • UNIONDALE, NY

The New York State Association of Fire Chiefs and the Islip Town Fire/EMS Museum Educational Center have partnered once again to deliver this exciting emergency services exposition and educational event on Long Island.

The 2024 Long Island Metro Fire/EMS Expo will feature vendors displaying apparatus, tools, equipment, and services for fire and EMS agencies, as well as educational seminars for fire/EMS responders of all ranks presented by some of the most prominent leaders in the emergency services field.



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This event benefits the [museum](#) and the association, supporting their shared mission to serve the fire and emergency services personnel of Long Island and New York state. [Email](#) questions to NYSAFC. Check out photos from past expos [here](#).

Exhibitor Registration:

[PDF Exhibitor Application](#)

Attendee Registration:

\$25 per person, per day (includes entry to the expo and seminars)

FREE parking!

Tickets are available online [through Ticketmaster](#). Credit card only (service fees will be applied).

Tickets can be purchased at the door. Cash, voucher, and credit card (service fees will be applied) accepted.

*If paying by voucher – departments can provide NYSAFC with the voucher and a roster in advance **by January 31** OR submit the voucher and use a sign-in sheet on-site. NYSAFC will bill agencies at the conclusion of the event. Any department using a voucher for payment will receive a 10% discount on the purchase of 50 or more entry tickets. [Email](#) or fax documents to NYSAFC at (518) 477-4430.*

Hands-On Training – Forcible Entry:

Registration Opening Soon!

Exhibit Hours for 2024:

Friday, February 2: 3:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 3: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 4: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Education Hours for 2024:

Friday, February 2: 3:00 – 6:15 p.m.

Saturday, February 3: 9:00 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Sunday, February 4: 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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FIRE & LIFE SAFETY EDUCATORS' TRAINING SERIES

For over 40 years, NYSAFC has partnered with the New York State Office of Fire Prevention & Control to co-host the Fire & Life Safety Educators' Conference at the New York State Academy of Fire Science. Featuring workshops and networking activities, this weekend event has brought together public educators in the emergency services field from throughout the Northeast and Canada to learn how they can enhance their programs.

Due to infrastructure updates that will be taking place in 2024 at the fire academy, in lieu of the annual conference, we're taking the show on the road, conducting three one-day conferences across New York state! Join us at the Fire & Life Safety Educators' Training Series in Albany, Erie, and Onondaga Counties.

2024 Dates and Locations:

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at all locations.

Albany County – April 27, 2024

Fuller Road Fire Department • 1342 Central Avenue • Albany, NY 12205

Erie County – May 4, 2024

Erie County Fire Training Academy • 3359 Broadway • Buffalo, NY 14227

Onondaga County – May 10, 2024

East Syracuse Fire Department • Station 2 • 148 Saunders Creek Parkway • East Syracuse, NY 13057

Student registration opening soon!

[Call for Presenters \(PDF\)](#)

Deadline: December 8, 2023

Be sure to visit the NYS DHSES OFPC [website](#) for additional public education resources!

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FASNY UPCOMING PRESENTATIONS SATURDAY – SUNDAY, MARCH 2-3, 2024 GENEVA FIRE DEPARTMENT, GENEVA, N.Y. REGISTRATION AT 7:30 A.M. CONFERENCE STARTS AT 8:00 A.M.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2024 | PRE-SEMINAR, CORE CONTENT (PRESENTED BY DAN BATSIE)
PRE-SEMINAR REGISTRATION AT 7:30 A.M. PRE-SEMINAR STARTS AT 8:00 A.M**

The FASNY Emergency Medical Services Committee presents the EMS Seminar in Geneva, New York. Due to construction, our location has temporarily changed from Montour Falls to Geneva. The event is packed with presentations that address the most contemporary and critical topics in the EMS community.

These invaluable sessions are complemented by a Pre-Seminar Workshop eligible for Core CME credit hours in Airway, Cardiology, Shock & resuscitation, Trauma, and Operations.



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For hotel accommodations, if you'd like to arrive on Thursday instead of Friday, please contact Timothy Weller-Ruthven at 41 Lakefront Hotel at 315-789-0400 ext. 2101 so your reservation can be adjusted.

Lethally Hot

Presented by: Tiffany Bombard, NRP, MD, FACEP

It may be January, but your patient's temperature is 104. They're probably septic. But what if they're not? Saving your unstable, hypothermic patient will depend on your answer to this question. This class will teach you to diagnose and treat toxicologic, environmental and septic causes of hyperthermia and help you save your patients. There is much to learn here, for brainy BLS providers through experienced paramedics.

Stopping Respiratory Failure

Presented by: Tiffany Bombard, NRP, MD, FACEP

Respiratory disease may present on a spectrum, but the one thing it does quite reliably is get worse. This class will teach you memorable methods to recognize, diagnose and treat respiratory disease aggressively, early in the disease process, and change your patient's outcome. The material presented is most relevant for AEMT and above, but there is much here for the inquisitive BLS provider looking to expand their brain power.

Growing Up in Public Safety: A Roadmap for Career Success

Presented by: Dan Batsie, Paramedic

Advancement in public safety too often occurs accidentally. We gain experience and assume leadership roles by stumbling and bumbling our way through operational and clinical challenges. However, real success can and should be more strategic. When you envision your next five years in public safety, how do you see yourself? Will you be a supervisor, an officer, or even in a different operational role? The key question, however, is what active steps are you taking to prepare? This class will discuss best practices and proven pathways toward public safety success. We will describe real-world methodologies to open the correct doors and prepare you to seize the opportunities around you. Whether you are paid or volunteer, don't let your career unfold by accident.

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State of the State of EMS

Presented by: The NYS Department of Health

Discussing Issues of EMS in NYS. Question & Answer Portion.

Managing School Bus Incidents

Presented by: Ken Bouvier – Paramedic, Professional Fire / EMS Speaker

This session is designed to help First Responders, EMT's & Paramedics, Dispatchers, Firefighters and Fire Chiefs better understand how to manage School Bus Incidents. Daily in the United States an average of 480,000 yellow school buses, transport approximately 25 million students to and from school.

During this session we will discuss the frequency of school bus incidents and you will be amazed to learn how often they occur. Using a unique power point presentation, we will also discuss school bus designs, the types of injuries you can expect, how patients are triaged, patient tracking and school bus crash management and how Emergency Management will play a valuable role in assisting law enforcement, fire and EMS.

Understanding Firefighter Injuries

Presented by: Ken Bouvier – Paramedic, Professional Fire / EMS Speaker

This session is designed to help responders, firefighters, EMT's and paramedics better manage firefighter Injuries on the scene of a fire and in route to the hospital. Firefighting is one of the world's most dangerous jobs and accidents in this profession can result in costly losses. The greatest loss being the injury or death of a firefighter! During this session we will explain the two basic factors that motivate accident control efforts. Humane vs. Economics, all departments know and understand what it takes to produce the almost perfect firefighter, but they also realize the cost involved. Because of cost, many departments are out of compliance and allow their firefighters to operate unsafe and unhealthy.

During this session EMS will learn that they are not on the scene just to watch the fire, but instead play one of the major roles of preventing firefighter injuries by keeping a close eye on them. We will explain the most common types of injuries, how and why they occur. We will explain the importance of wearing proper firefighting equipment, using the Incident Command System, and the need for rehabilitation on scene.

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FASNY Winter Games FEBRUARY 2-4, 2024

GREEK PEAK MOUNTAIN RESORT

2000 NYS ROUTE 392, CORTLAND, N.Y. 13045

To register, click the link below.

To book a room, call **607-218-8714**

For a discounted room rate, mention the code "FASNY22" or mention you are with the FASNY Winter Games group.

Each year, dozens of departments and hundreds of volunteer firefighters from across the State come together for a little competition and camaraderie during the FASNY Winter Games. Hosted by the Greek Peak Mountain Resort in Cortland, these games include tubing, sled-pull, stokes basket carry, hose races, tug-of-war and broomball. Departments are also awarded for best tailgate setup and farthest traveled. The overall winner is crowned on Sunday of this busy weekend that has become a bona fide FASNY tradition.



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Albany County Training

NYS OFPC Modern Fire Behavior

This class will be offered February 17th at the Colonie MTB we would like to encourage everyone who hasn't already attended, to sign up for this class

6-hour course

Target audience: Firefighters who took any version on Firefighter 1 prior to the current version but of course everyone is welcome.

Topics:

Fire Dynamics – What Has Changed? Everything!

Fire Behavior - The Fire Tetrahedron is the same, but the contents of each side have changed dramatically, and why.

Fuel & Compartment - How what's burning, and the room size significantly impacts fire behavior/fire events/fire control, and why.

Fire Events - Why today's fireload readily promotes them much more than yesterday.

PPE & Fire – What you really need to know about PPE as it relates to today's fires.

Ventilation - When it should be performed has changed and why it has changed and what a fire exhaust is telling you.

Fire Attack - How it has changed, and why.

The fire load in structures today is tremendously different from yesterday and subsequently the fire behavior has changed a lot. Correspondingly the tactics used, especially their timing, have changed a lot. Not only will this information be shared but the “why” is addressed with every topic. Terms such as flow path, vent limited fires, fuel limited fires, pyrolysis, surface-to-mass ratio, fire pressure, neutral plane, heat release rate, incomplete combustion, and explosive range will be discussed.

How can you attack a fire if you don't have a thorough and accurate understanding of it? Yes, a lot has changed.



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ALBANY COUNTY FIRE TRAINING SCHEDULE #2-2024 is attached.

[Albany County Fire Training Schedule \(2024, #2\)](#)

<https://www.albanycounty.com/home/showpublisheddocument/45879/638410874609684640>

There is now a link on our website with instructions on how to get an LMS sign-on ID . We recommend that all new members should register as soon as they join so they have access to training opportunities.



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ALBANY COUNTY FIRE TRAINING SCHEDULE #2 2024

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

Registration opens 45 days before the first class

COURSE	LOCATION	DATE	INSTRUCTOR	PREREQUISITES
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Please Note that a training authorization letter is now required for all courses offered by the New York State Office of Fire Prevention and Control

Firefighter I (BEFO/SCBA Interior Firefighter Operations)	Colonie MTB	December 21st: Orientation: 6:30 pm Chief Officer Must Attend with Student <i>BEFO (W/Hazardous Materials Operations)</i> January 2, 4, 9, 11, 20, 23, 25, 30, February 1, 6, 8, 13, March 2, 7, 14, 19, 21, 26, April 2, 4, 6 <i>SCBA/IFO: April 18, 20, 25, 30, May 2, 7, 18, 30, June 6, 11, 13, 18, 25</i> Weeknights 1830-2130 Saturday 0800-1700 Instructor - Molesky	At Orientation: Training Authorization Letter
IN PROGRESS IFSTA Essentials of Firefighting 7th Edition Curriculum			Start of SCBA/IFO: Medical Clearance to wear SCBA,

The Firefighter's Guide to Light Weight Wood Construction	Westmere	January 8, 10, 22, 24 1830-2130	DeGroff	BEFO or Equivalent
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Fire Officer 1 Module Series: Company Training & Community Risk Reduction	Guilderland Tower	January 18 & 25 (1830-2130) January 27 (0800-1200)	DeGroff	Firefighter I or Equivalent
FAST CLASS IS FULL	Westmere	January 25, 29: 1830- 2130 February 3: 0830-1730	Kerr	Firefighter Survival: Self Rescue or Equivalent
Fire Officer 1 Module Series: Leadership & Supervision	Slingerlands	January 31, February 3 (0800-1400), 7, 15 Weeknights 1830-2130	DeGroff	Firefighter I or Equivalent
Battery Emergencies and Electrical Storage Systems	Shaker Road	February 13 1830-2030	Graves	None
Modern Fire Behavior NEW TO SCHEDULE	Fuller Road	February 17 0900-1600 Includes One hour break for lunch.	Walsh	Firefighter I or Equivalent
Fire Officer 1 Module Series: Fireground Strategies and Tactics for First Arriving Companies	Colonie MTB	February 26, March 2 (0800-1700) March 6	DeGroff	Firefighter I or Equivalent
Confined Space Rescue Awareness	Colonie Village	March 11, 13 1930-2130	Gill	None

Truck Company Operations NEW TO SCHEDULE	East Berne	March 12, 25, April 1, 8, 24, May 1, 6, 8	Molesky	Firefighter I or Equivalent
SCBA-Interior Firefighting Operations	Selkirk #2/Colonie MTB	April 15: Orientation Selkirk #2 1830 April 18, 22, 25, 29, May 2, 6, 9, 13, 16, 20, 23, 30, June 3, 6, 10 1830-2130	Messenger	BEFO w/HMFRO or equivalent Registration opens in SLMS 1/31/24
Unless changed by instructor or noted above: All evening classes will be held from 19:00-22:00 hours. All Saturday and Sunday classes will be held from 09:00-12:00 hours and 13:00-16:00 hours			 Fire Coordinator Gerald Paris 	