

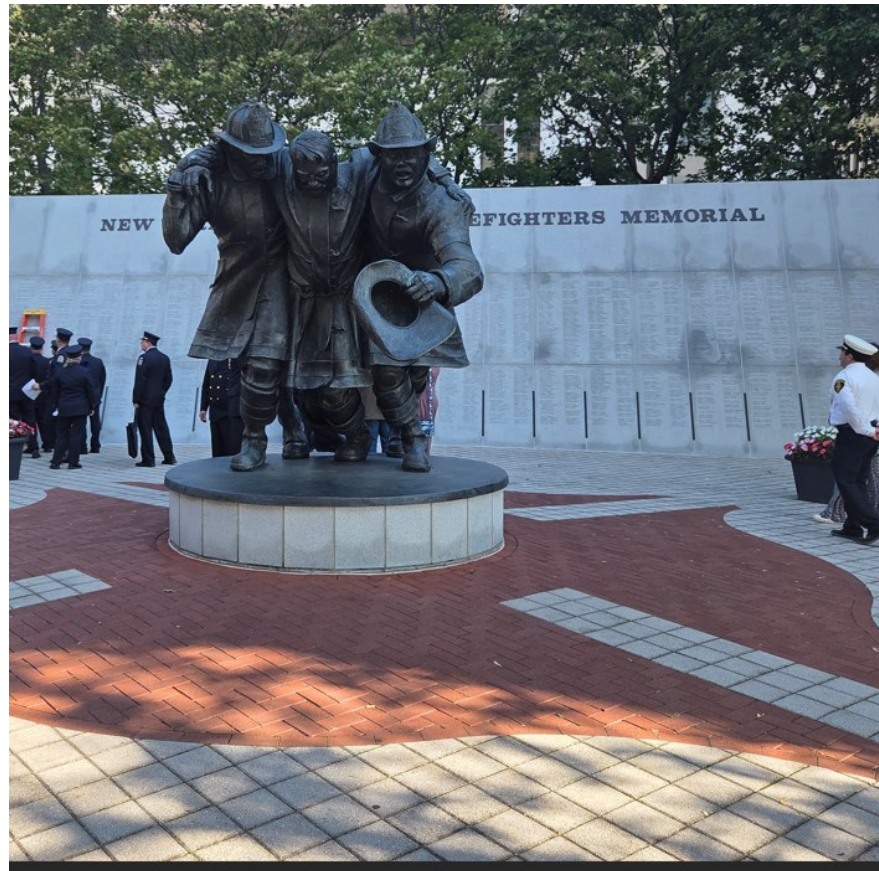


# Albany County Sheriff's Office Critical Incident Emergency Management Unit

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## Critical Incident/Emergency Management Unit

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.**



NYS Firefighters Memorial Ceremony

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## Hazmat Corner



### Hazmat Incident Command Class to Be Scheduled

We are working on scheduling the Hazmat Incident Command Class for early 2026. As a reminder, the Albany County Hazmat Team does NOT take command of an incident. We will provide someone to be in charge of Hazmat Operations but the local jurisdiction retains incident command. So, you need to have the hazmat incident command class. This isn't just a recommendation, it's required by federal law. Do you remember CFR 1910.120 from your hazmat ops class? Anyone in charge of a hazmat incident (even if you don't need the hazmat team) needs to meet the requirements of 1910.120 to be in command.

We plan to hold the class in the evenings and it will be open to everyone in the area covered by the Capital Region Hazmat Group which includes Albany, Rensselaer, Saratoga and Schenectady Counties. If there is sufficient demand we will schedule additional sessions of the class as needed. The class is 16 hours and is held in 4 sessions.

### Do You Know Where the Hazardous Materials are in Your Coverage Area?

The best place to start is the website for E-Plan which can be found at <https://erplan.net>. Companies and other entities that are required by federal law to file Tier 2 reports often do so via E-Plan. Here is where you can find those reports. They are required to file the reports with the state, county and local fire department. Both New York State and Albany County accept reports filed via E-Plan in lieu of filing on paper (we actually prefer it). Please be sure you are familiar with this website.

### Lithium Ion Battery Fires

**Reminder:** Please send a copy of the fire report to the Albany County Fire Coordinator for all fires involving lithium ion batteries. We will forward the information to NYS OFPC. Thanks!



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### NYSAFC REGIONAL HANDS-ON TRAINING



**Open Enrollment is Available for These Courses:**

#### FIRE BEHAVIOR ON THE INSIDE

**Fulton County** (September 13-14)

Host: Fulton County EMO

**Monroe County** (May 3-4)

Host: West Webster F.D.

**Orange County** (October 4-5)

Host: Orange Lake F.D.

**Orange County** (October 25-26)

Host: Slate Hill F.D.

**Schenectady County** (October 18-19)

Host: East Glenville F.D. #3

**Sullivan County** (November 1-2)

Host: Monticello F.D.

**Ulster County** (March 22-23)

Host: Kingston F.D.

**Ulster County** (April 12-13)

Host: Highland F.D.

#### FLASHOVER

**Erie County** (September 27-28)

Host: Harris Hill Volunteer Fire Co.

**Monroe County** (October 11-12)

Host: West Webster F.D.

**Onondaga County** (April 26-27)

Host: East Syracuse F.D.

**Saratoga County** (March 29-30)

Host: Rexford F.D.

**Steuben County** (April 5-6)

Hosts: Steuben Co. & Painted Post F.D.

[Register](#)

<https://www.nysfirechiefs.com/>

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## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

### **NYSAFC 2025 Seminar Series "Short-Handed Firefighting"**

**with Past Chief/Coordinator of Education Mike Healy (Central Nyack F.D./Rockland Co.)**

**& Firefighter/Instructor Jeff Daniels (FDNY/Rockland Co.)**

#### **Three-Hour Seminar**

34 years ago, this class was developed by Firefighter Andrew A. Fredericks. At that time, the fire service was starting to suffer from a shortage of members, especially but not limited to the volunteer ranks. Today, as we all know, departments across the nation have experienced a large drop-off in membership. With today's hotter, faster-moving fires, it is imperative that we get on the road ASAP and are ready to mount an aggressive interior attack – especially where life-saving attempts must be carried out. This class will look at new apparatus and equipment designed to make our jobs less labor-intensive. In many places, where it used to take one or maybe two departments to handle the job at a single-family residence, now up to six departments are necessary due our diminished ranks. We must protect our residents and, just as important, our members and make sure everyone goes home.



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### Instructors Mike Healy and Jeff Daniels:

**Mike Healy** has been a member of the Rockland County fire service for 54 years, serving with the Blauvelt Fire Department for 14 years, followed by the Central Nyack Fire Department for 40 years. He has served as a chief for three terms. Healy is currently the coordinator of education for the Rockland County Fire Training Center. He is a former New York state fire instructor. Healy has worked with NYSAFC for over 20 years, serving as an instructor in the Hands-On Training program and in numerous classroom-based programs. In 2012, after retiring from the NYCTA as clinical director of the counseling unit, he partnered with the National Volunteer Fire Council to reach out to firefighters throughout the country suffering from behavioral health issues in an attempt to prevent firefighter suicides. In 2000, Healy started teaching the "Short-Handed Firefighting" class with Bob LaGrow after Andy Fredericks became too busy to continue to add it to his incredible engine company classes. We lost Andy on September 11, 2001, but we continue to memorialize this great fire educator in every class presented. **Jeff Daniels** is a 23-year fire service veteran and is both a career and volunteer firefighter. He served with the Air National Guard as a crash rescue firefighter for 17 years and was a member of the West Haverstraw Volunteer Fire Department for 14 years. In 2002, Daniels was hired as a New York State Division of Military and Naval Affairs (NYS DMNA) firefighter and served for over four years before being appointed to the Fire Department City of New York (FDNY). He was assigned to Ladder Co. 39 in the Bronx for 12 years before becoming an instructor for the FDNY Fire Academy teaching probie school. Currently, Daniels is a member of Squad 61 in the Bronx. He also teaches at the Rockland County Fire Training Center. Daniels has been working with NYSAFC since 2015 as a Hands-On Training instructor.

### Registration Fee:

**\$35 per person** – NYSAFC Individual and Department Members

**\$50 per person** – Non-Members

*Pre-registration is encouraged. On-site registration will be accepted if space permits.*

*Note: A 3% service fee will be applied if paying by credit card.*

### Fall 2025 Dates and Locations:

**Seminar begins at 7:00 p.m. at all sites.** Registration area opens at 6:30 p.m.

### October 20 – Rensselaer County

Pittstown Rescue Squad • 60 Parker School Road • Johnsonville, NY 12094

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Be sure to visit the NYS DHSES OFPC website for additional public education resources!

<https://www.dhses.ny.gov/general-public-resources>

**ALBANY COUNTY FIRE TRAINING SCHEDULE #15-2025 is attached.**

**<https://www.albanycountyny.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/55577>**

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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# HALLOWEEN

Bounce House, Haunted House,  
Pony Rides, Games, Buena Comida  
Food Truck, Cookie Truck, Candy  
and Goodies Galore!

**October 31, 2025**

**Knox Firehouse**  
**2198 Berne-  
Altamont Rd.**

**4 pm. – 7 pm.**

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Knox, New York 12107

(518) 872-0368

KNOX VOL FIRE COMPANY

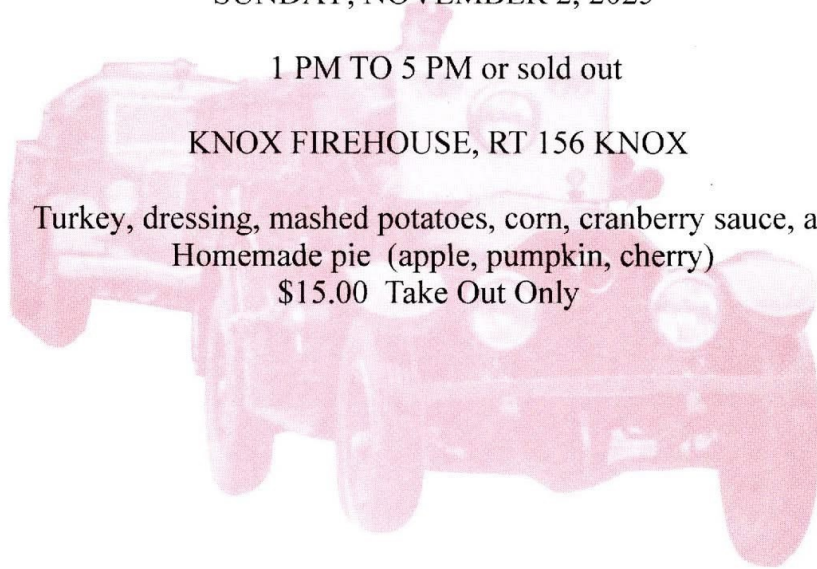
ANNUAL TURKEY DINNER

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2025

1 PM TO 5 PM or sold out

KNOX FIREHOUSE, RT 156 KNOX

Turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, corn, cranberry sauce, and  
Homemade pie (apple, pumpkin, cherry)  
\$15.00 Take Out Only



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The 28th annual NYS Fallen Firefighters memorial ceremony honored two Albany County Firefighters whose names were added to the memorial wall this year, Chief Walter W. Eck Jr., Slingerlands Fire Department and Thomas F. Poe, City of Cohoes Fire Department.



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**Westmere Chief Anthony Carrow received the Albany County Firefighter's Association Firefighter of the Year award at the September 2025 Annual dinner.**



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## Recruitment and Retention

The Recruitment cars were very busy for Fire Prevention week



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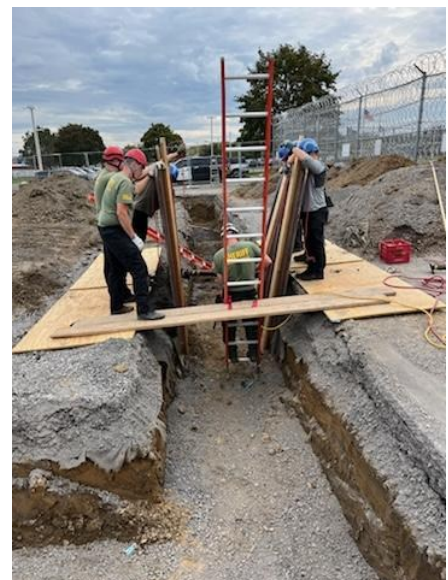
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## Albany County Trench Rescue Team exercise



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**WORK CONTINUES AT THE GUILDERLAND TRAINING TOWER**  
**Preparing to resurface the entire area around the Guilderland Fire Training facility as a shared service between the Town of Guilderland Highway Department and Albany County DPW**



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# ALBANY COUNTY FIRE TRAINING SCHEDULE #15 2025

**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**

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| <b>Firefighter I Certification</b><br><br>(BEFO/SCBA Interior Firefighter Operations)<br><br><b>IN PROGRESS</b> | <b>July 1st: Orientation: 6:30 pm Chief Officer Must Attend with Student</b><br><br><b>EAST BERNE</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>At Orientation: Training Authorization Letter</b>      |
| <b>IFSTA Essentials of Firefighting 7th Edition Curriculum</b>                                                  | <b>BEFO (W/Hazardous Materials Operations)</b><br>July 21, 22, August 2, 4, 5, 9, 11, 12, 16, 18, 19, 23, 25, 26, 28, September 3, 6, 8, 9<br><br><b>SCBA/IFO: September 15, 20, 22, 23, 29, October 1, 4, 6 (8, 13, Dates subject to change) 14, 16, 18</b><br><br>Weeknights 1830-2130<br><br>Saturdays 0800-1400<br><br>Instructor – K. Molesky | <b>Start of SCBA/IFO: Medical Clearance to wear SCBA,</b> |

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| Apparatus Aerial Operator<br><b>IN PROGRESS</b>                                      | Coeymans        | September 10, 11,<br>October 1, 8, 9, 15, 23,<br>November 5, 6, 12<br>1830-2130 | Santabarbara  | BEFO or Equivalent          |
| FFS: Self Rescue<br><b>REVISED DATES</b><br>Registered Students<br>Notified          | Colonie Village | <b>October 21, 29: 1830-2130</b><br><b>November 1: 0800-1700</b>                | T. VanBuskirk | Firefighter I or Equivalent |
| Basic Passenger Vehicle Rescue                                                       | Westmere        | October 16, 23: 1830-2130, October 25: 0800-1700                                | M. DeGroff    | None                        |
| FFS: Conducting Em. Escape Sys. Training for Co. Officer<br><br><b>REVISED DATES</b> | Selkirk #1      | October 29: 1830-2130<br>November 1: 0800-1400                                  | Santabarbara  | Firefighter I or Equivalent |
| Apparatus Operator – Emergency Vehicles                                              | Boght           | November 4, 6,11, 13,18: 1830-2130<br>November 22: 0800-1400                    | A. Molesky    | Valid Drives License        |
| Fire Officer 1 Module Series: Company Training & Community Risk Reduction            | New Salem       | November 10, 13, 17<br><br>Weeknights 1830-2130                                 | S. DeGroff    | BEFO or Equivalent          |
| FFS: Self Rescue                                                                     | East Berne      | November 10, 13: 1830-2130<br>November 15: 0800-1700                            | K. Molesky    | Firefighter I or Equivalent |

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| Fire and Emergency Service Instructor I                     | Harriman Campus - 1220 Washington Ave, Albany | November 14, 15, 16, 21, 22<br>0800-1700                                                                         | OFPC       | None<br><br>If you have any questions, Contact OFPC at:<br><a href="mailto:OFPC.FireServices@dhses.ny.gov">OFPC.FireServices@dhses.ny.gov</a>                                     |
| Fire and Emergency Services Instructor II                   | Harriman Campus - 1220 Washington Ave, Albany | November 17, 18, 19, 20, 21<br>0800-1700                                                                         | OFPC       | Fire and Emergency Instructor I<br><br>If you have any questions, Contact OFPC at:<br><a href="mailto:OFPC.FireServices@dhses.ny.gov">OFPC.FireServices@dhses.ny.gov</a>          |
| Hazardous Materials First Responder Annual Refresher        | Coeymans Hollow                               | November 18<br>1830-2230                                                                                         | K. Molesky | Hazardous Materials First Responder Operations                                                                                                                                    |
| Rescue Technician – Basic<br><b>NEW TO SCHEDULE</b>         | Colonie MTB                                   | November 19, 20, 21<br>0800-1700                                                                                 | McNeil     | None                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Fire Officer 1 Module Series: Planning & Emergency Response | New Salem                                     | December 4, 6, 11<br><br>Weeknights 1830-2130                                                                    | S. DeGroff | BEFO or Equivalent                                                                                                                                                                |
| Fire Officer II                                             | Harriman Campus - 1220 Washington Ave, Albany | December 6, 7, 12, 13, 14,<br><br>0800-1700                                                                      | OFPC       | Fire Officer I or National Certification<br><br>If you have any questions, Contact OFPC at:<br><a href="mailto:OFPC.FireServices@dhses.ny.gov">OFPC.FireServices@dhses.ny.gov</a> |
| <b>Firefighter I Certification</b>                          | Colonie Village FD/Guilderland Training Tower | <b>December 22<sup>nd</sup>: Orientation: 6:30 pm Colonie Village FD, Chief Officer Must Attend with Student</b> |            | <b>At Orientation:</b> Training Authorization Letter                                                                                                                              |

(BEFO/SCBA  
Interior Firefighter  
Operations)

**BEFO  
Registration  
Opens in  
LMS on  
12/8/25**

IFSTA Essentials of  
Firefighting 7th  
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*BEFO (W/Hazardous Materials Operations)*  
January 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28, February 2, 4,  
9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, March 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 21

*SCBA/IFO:* March 23, 25, 30, April 1, 6, 8, 13,  
15, 20, 22, 27, 29, May 4, 6, 11, 13

Weeknights 1830-2130  
(3/18, 3/21, 4/29, 5/4 1800-2200)  
Saturday 3/21 0800-1600

Instructor – A. Molesky

**Start of SCBA/IFO:** Medical Clearance to wear  
SCBA,

**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**

