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TWENTY-SEVEN GRADUATE FROM STATE RECRUIT FIREFIGHTER TRAINING PROGRAM

Career and volunteer firefighters, representing seventeen fire departments, successfully complete rigorous state training program at State Academy of Fire Science

Twenty-seven probationary career and volunteer firefighters yesterday graduated from the Recruit Firefighter Training (RFFT) Program at the State Office of Fire Prevention and Control's Academy of Fire Science in Montour Falls. The students come from 17 fire departments and comprise the Academy's 65th RFFT class.

DHSES Commissioner Jerome M. Hauer said, "Recruit Firefighter Training consists of a rigorous program of physical exertion coupled with intense field and classroom training. This is an important process for this group of firefighters to complete successfully as they prepare themselves, mentally and physically, to carry out their duties and protect their communities. I thank them for their commitment to the people they serve."

State Fire Administrator Bryant Stevens said, "The RFFT program is long and arduous, but professionally rewarding for students who successfully complete it. I congratulate these firefighters for their hard work and dedication and wish them the best in their careers."

The RFFT class is 11 weeks long and includes more than 450 hours of intense training, which meets and exceeds the provisions of the New York State standard for career probationary and non-permanent firefighters. Graduates of the program also receive national certification in

Firefighter I, Firefighter II and Hazardous Materials Operations. Since its inception in 1984, approximately 1,700 volunteer and career firefighters have graduated from this program.

The 65th Recruit Firefighter Training Program class is comprised of the following firefighters:

Bergen FD (Genesee County)

Mark. S. Holley

Kodak FD (Monroe County)

Patrick M. Doerrer

Buffalo International Airport FD (Erie Co.)

William R. Locher

Scott C. Seib

James C. Acome

Massena FD (St. Lawrence County)

Mikel B. Kelso

Buffalo FD (Erie County)

Jeffrey C. Tamsen

Niagara Falls FD (Niagara County)

Joseph A. Bongiovanni

Gregory P. Dusher

Silvio C. Martelli

Noah J. Masur

Dunkirk FD (Chautauqua County)

Devin J. Freitas

North Greece FD (Monroe County)

Jeffrey T. Champion

Andrew R. Young

Fairport FD (Monroe County),

Casey W. Snider

Ogdensburg FD (St. Lawrence Co.)

Jason T. Bouchard

Patrick A. LeClair

Ithaca Airport FD (Tompkins Co.)

Aaron S. Becker

Olean FD (Cattaraugus County)

Timothy J. Hite

Johnstown FD (Fulton County)

James E. McCredie

Plattsburgh FD (Clinton County)

Ryan J. Sponable

Oneonta FD (Otsego County)

Charles R. Barringer III

Mark V. Fedorov

Spencerport FD (Monroe County)

Ryan P. Clair

Oswego FD (Oswego County)

Bryan C. Easton

Christopher E. Kasperek

Gregory S. Zaleski