

Julius Leone Jr.

By Jon Stahley

In most of our lives, we end up usually having three or four people who were truly remarkable to be around and who truly made a difference. For scores of people one such person is Julius Leone. Few people in life actually leave an outstanding legacy. Julius Leone has done that in the best of ways. As time goes on in our nation, there are fewer and fewer leaders after whom we can pattern our lives. Julius Leone is someone for whom you would say to a young person, "you watch him. It takes so many skills and right attitudes to be a good leader. Julius possesses them."

Recommended by the County Fire Advisory Board and appointed by then County Executive Mark Thomas in 2002, Julius came to the job well prepared. From 1981 to 2001, he had been employed by Brooks Memorial Hospital as Director of Environmental Services/Safety and later as Coordinator of Emergency Medical Services. He was past Fire Chief of Fredonia Fire Dept. and has been heavily involved in Emergency Medical Services as a provider and instructor. Julius has also been a major force in fire related organizations and participated in the advancement of the Fire Service in our County. His basic resume indicates at least twenty four organizations or programs in which he has actively participated. His formal training is extensive. Prior to his honorary banquet



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on November 11, 2017, Julius has received six major awards for leadership and life-saving. His influence as a Fire Coordinator/Emergency Management Director has extended throughout New York State in various organizations including the New York State Fire Chief Association. Next year Julius will become its President.

He has a beautiful family! You only have to meet his parents, Mary Ann and Julius Sr. to know where Julius gets his personality of joy and good humor. And of course there has been Julius' loyal supporter of many years, his very gracious wife, Melodee. Psalm 127: 3-5 talks about the blessing from the Lord of having children, like being like arrows in the hand of a warrior. Definitely a great source of pride for a warrior such as Julius are his two arrows, sons Scott and Jason. Scott is a Washington DC firefighter and a Prince George County, MD Volunteer. Scott is married to Betsy and they have a daughter Lillian. Jason is a Baltimore City firefighter and a volunteer with Prince George County, Kent Island MD. Jason is married to



April. At the retirement banquet it was such a joy to hear Scott and Jason speak of their father and expressing such love and respect. The warrior's spirit is now passed on to his very fine two "arrows."

It actually took three parties to get Julius retired. There was one in the afternoon of his last day of work at the EOC for County employees and others to say goodbye. Then later that evening there was a party at the



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Beaver Club with the present office staff and coordinator staff along with County Executive Vince Horrigan. Lastly, was the big one at the Suites in Mayville with over two hundred and twenty in attendance from not only the County, but from all over the State. What a great demonstration of respect for a man it was!

Jon Stahley had the honor of being master of ceremonies. Chief Burl Swanson lead the pledge of allegiance. Then who else to led the invocation but Chaplain Peter Dawson with a prayer.

Julius then introduced his two tables of attending family. Being Veteran's Day, Stahley recognized all veterans by having them stand. The next acknowledgment was for Steve Cobb. That day there had been an excellent article in the Dunkirk Observer



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and Jamestown PJ on EMS Coordinator Steve Cobb. Steve was the guest of honor at a class in the Dunkirk School System. Steve is a decorated combat medic in the Army in Viet Nam.

We had the distinct honor of having three World War II veterans among us. Three chairs were placed in front of the podium for Past Jamestown Fire Chief Frank Stefanelli, Julius Leone Sr. and Past Fredonia Fire Chief George Tadt. All the other veterans then formed a semi-circle around them at attention. They then saluted the three vets and shook their hands. Dinner was then served.

Numerous commendations, proclamations and awards were then presented starting with County Executive Vince Horrigan. Vince actually goes back with Julius to the days when Vince was the local Red Cross Director. He stated how well Julius handled critical incidents and always had a calm presence that reassured others. Under Sheriff Chuck Holder spoke of how good the working relationship is with the Sheriff Department and other law enforcement agencies due to Julius. Chuck is now a member of the Maple Springs Fire Department and is an EMT. He recently completed a firefighter 1 course and did accuse Julius of lying to him about how easy it would be. NYS Assemblyman Andrew Goodell spoke about Julius from a historical perspective dating back to when he was County Executive. Senator Cathy Young gave a perspective of working with Julius from the State level. Brian Benstead presented awards from SEMO and OFPC. Brian told of how welcome he always felt in Chautauqua County because of Juli. Long-time friend

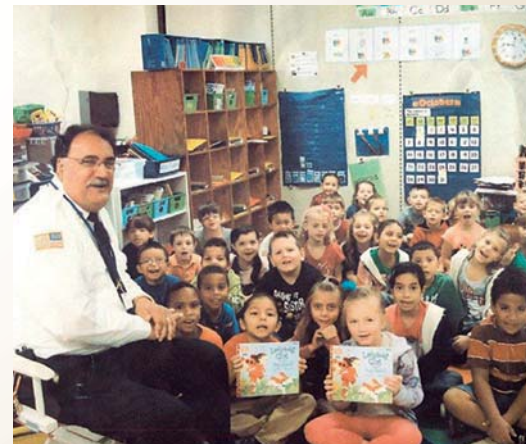


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Larry Barter from Fredonia Fire Department made a presentation from Julius' home fire department. Cattaraugus County Director of Emergency Services Chris Baker presented and spoke of Juli's assistance and wise counsel he would give him when he started. Mike Volpe from the NYS Fire Chief's Association was accompanied by other officers at the podium and made their presentation. Bill Streicher from the NYS Fire Coordinator's Association expressed what a good positive contributor Julius was to that organization.

Julius' two sons, Scott and Jason, spoke as has already been mentioned earlier in this article. It was a very touching moment. And then for the grand finale, Vince Horrigan and County Fire Advisory Board Chairman unfolded a large picture of the sign that will be hung on the exterior wall of the County Emergency Center naming the entire facility as the, "Julius J. Leone Jr. Emergency Operations Center". This of course brought the crowd to its feet in an extended ovation.



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Julius' farewell format was vintage Leone. It was gracious, joyful, with sincere thank-yous and recognition to everyone you could imagine, and of course, not drawing any acclaim or attention to himself.

It truly was a victory farewell to his fellow warriors. As Julius pointed out in his speech a quote Chief Burl Swanson always says, "It's what we do!"

It is one Thing
 To be a
BOSS
 Another Thing to be a Mentor
 But a Completely Different thing

To Be A
LEADER
 We are proud to have been
LED
BY YOU
 Thank you, Julius!



NY State Senator
Catharine M. Young

*Best wishes
 Catharine Young*

Congratulations Julius!

I had the opportunity to work with Julius and experience his significant contributions first hand during my tenure as Chautauqua County Executive from 2006-2013.

Only on a rare occasion does the optimum set of personal character, skills, and work ethic combine with the right job opportunity, but for the last 15 years our County has had the benefit of that unique mix in Julius Leone as our Director of Emergency Services.

Julius has succeeded in keeping the residents, and visitors to our County safe, and at the same time committed himself to supporting and improving the capacity of our first responders.

While many times you need to search to find examples of someone's contributions over their career, for Julius it is precisely the opposite. Vivid memories remain for me of seeing his capacity in the midst of chaos. During the life threatening flooding in Silver Creek in 2009, he personally saved people riding in and directing heavy equipment, while simultaneously managing all of the emergency response resources from over 30 fire companies. The result was no-one was killed and only minor injuries were experienced. After the water receded, and the immediate crisis was averted he continued to work for over a year, as the point person in the details and challenge of getting all of the State, and Federal resources needed to rebuild the Villages, and Towns impacted by the Storm.

During the Firestorm that hit the core of the City of Dunkirk in 2010 I stood beside Julius as he deployed all of the resources available to prevent the fire that started in the Masonic Temple from burning down a significant part of the City. His training and capacity were on full display coordinating professionals and volunteers, in person and over the radio. He led the stop of that fire saving buildings and property and did it in a way that communicated confidence to all that they could accomplish what they were called to do. When I spoke to "experts" on the scene that night they said there was only a 20% chance to stop the fire to save that whole block, yet that is precisely what he did.

These examples are well known to many, but what most do not realize is that it has been Julius who has been the champion and advocate for all of the emergency service companies. He has challenged County and Local leaders to provide resources, members to maximize their capacities,

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Congratulations Julius Leone!



On behalf of the 57th Senate District, please accept my admiration and thanks on 15 years of outstanding service as Chautauqua County's Director of Emergency Services. Your dedication and commitment to excellence improved safety and service to residents and set an inspiring example.

Again, congratulations and best wishes for the future!

SENATOR CATHY YOUNG
57th Senate District

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and orchestrated coordination and mergers to give our emergency services network the ability to continue to serve our County at the highest level.

Because of his work our County has been safe, and I am confident he has placed our Emergency Services on a solid path for the future. We are fortunate to have had Julius as our Director for 15 years, and all of NYS is fortunate that he will be leading the State Emergency Services for all of the upcoming year.

Julius, Thank You for all you have done for our Region, enjoy your next chapter and many more.

Gregory J. Edwards



It was my great honor and privilege to have appointed Julius Leone to succeed Neil McNeight as Fire and Emergency Services Coordinator for Chautauqua County. My days of working with Julius go back to my tenure as Town Supervisor in Pomfret when we worked with the Fredonia Fire Department on some challenging issues regarding our fire services contract with the Village of Fredonia. I found Julius to be someone who I could count upon for complete and accurate information regarding equipment needed to service the fire protection contract. Also as there were concerns expressed by residents regarding response times and shared services in the southern end of the Town of Pomfret, Julius was always a steady and compassionate influence in addressing the matters of concern. As County Fire Coordinator I could count on Julius' strong leadership in moving the county forward on multiple fronts of concern coming out of the 9/11 experiences we all came through in our country. His hard work and clearheaded determination over the coming years has been recognized on the local and statewide level. As he moves into retirement my wish for him is that he and Melodee enjoy retirement to the fullest. Job well done Julius. Job well done.

Mark Thomas



On November 15, 2017 the Chautauqua County Legislature voted unanimously to change the name of the Chautauqua County Emergency Operations Center to the Julius J. Leone Jr. Emergency Operations Center. During Julius's tenure as Director of Emergency Services the County of Chautauqua transformed their Emergency Operations Center to the location in

Mayville. The conversion of the Chautauqua School

to the Emergency Operations Center that is today was completed under

the direction of Julius. There will be a dedication to for the naming in the Spring of 2018.

Congratulations to Julius for this well deserved recognition.

GERRY Fire Department



Written and submitted by Paul Cooley



Photo by Paul Cooley. A "victim" from the mock disaster drill, held by five local volunteer fire departments, is loaded into the Starflight helicopter for transport.

GERRY – Five area volunteer fire departments, along with the Starflight helicopter and the Chautauqua County Office of Emergency Services, recently combined for a mock disaster drill that revolved around a "make believe" collapse of the bleachers at the Gerry rodeo grounds. Approximately 50 EMS and fire department volunteers from Gerry, Fluvanna, Ellington, Falconer, and Sinclairville arrived on the scene within minutes of notification with more than a dozen emergency vehicles, including an ambulance from each department to treat 20 "victims" whose injuries ranged from cuts and bruises to broken bones to a fatality.

The victims, who were members of the Jamestown Civil Air Patrol, along with several community volunteers, had fake injuries that appeared very realistic due to outstanding make-up work headed by Laura Logan, the EMS captain for the Cassadaga Fire Department,

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and Roberta Edwards from the Panama Fire Department. Injuries were given priority based on their severity, with one victim, who had been trapped under debris, being flown out by Starflight. Those needing hospital treatment were loaded into ambulances for transport.



Upon completion of the drill, the volunteers met in the pavilion on the rodeo grounds for an evaluation by Steve Cobbs, Chautauqua County EMS Coordinator, and Kevin Peebles, Project Coordinator for the County EMS.

The event was developed by Bob Rein, the EMS captain from the Gerry Fire Department. He was assisted in the planning by EMS captains Chris Roll, Sinclairville; Jodi Shaw, Ellington; Dan Braggs, Fluvanna; Lee Purdue, Falconer; and Jessica Fosberg, Falconer. He also is grateful for the assistance of Krista Swanson, Chief Flight Nurse for Starflight, and Scott Bailey, Third Battalion Fire Coordinator, for their help.

Rein says that the drill was very successful and that he was pleased with the quick response and the cooperation among the volunteers. He further added that hopefully a major disaster such as this will never happen here, but this event proved that the volunteer fire departments were able to stretch their resources and display preparedness in the event of a crisis.

Mayville Fire Department Host Cub Scout Muster

The Mayville Fire Department hosted the 2017 Chautauqua/Cattaraugus County Cub Scout & Webelos Fire Muster on October 14, at the Lakeside Park in Mayville. The event brought in over 300 participants and was the largest turnout for a combined scouting event to date from both counties. This event was a true testament of how well our fire departments, County Emergency Services and the Sheriff's Department work together when it comes to educating and working with the youth in our communities. There were a total of 17 stations set up for the scouts to visit all with different equipment to see and learn about. The Scouts were also able to take a class to obtain their 1st Responder Badge that the Mayville Rescue Squad provided the instructors for. Mayville, Chautauqua, Hartfield and Dewittville Fire Departments all brought equipment and members to work the stations. Also County Emergency Services provided County Command 7, Tech Rescue 7 and Hazmat 7. The Sheriff's Department provided the Bomb Squad and Starflight was able to make a stop as well later in the day. The Mayville Fire Department would like to thank all of those that helped out with the event.



The Kiantone Independent Fire Department



The Kiantone Independent Fire Department Purchased This 1998 E-One Wet Heavy Rescue from a Fire Department Up In Canada Last December. It has a Hale 500 Gallon a minute pump and a foam system with a 25 gallon holding tank, and holds three hundred gallons of water. It also has a will-Burt 4000 watt light tower and two 1,000 watt portable lights It has a walk in command post and also can be used for rehab. We have two hundred foot reels for our Hurst tool in which we carry two gas units and one battery tool . We also carry an assortment of air bags on this vehicle and can lift over 100 ton.

Hazardous Materials Team Updates Propane Response Training and Equipment

The Chautauqua County recently hosted a regional 2 day Propane Response Training

The class was provided for through a DOT HMEP grant and was conducted by Federal Resources. The 2 instructors were from the Miami-Dade Florida Fire Hazardous Materials Team

Propane emergencies remain one of the most common and deadly hazmat incident responders face. This 16 hour course updated our procedures to safely mitigate a propane emergency, including tactical considerations, container assessment, leak control options, and flaring operations. **Day 1** covered – Propane Behavior and DOT Propane Cylinders.

Day 2 covered – ASME Propane Tanks and Flaring Operations.

20 Hazmat team members from the region attended including from Erie County Pa. and 5 members of the Buffalo Fire Hazmat team and their Training Bureau

Our county team has added Propane A and B Kits as well as a propane flare



The Changing of the Guard

by Jon Stahley



Periodically someone not related to emergency services will ask me, “Where the heck to do you get these people?” It is more of a declaratory sentence than an actual question. It is framed in a thought of amazement. Their amazement comes from seeing First Responders in all forms in action. The caliber of the men and women of Chautauqua County that are involved in Emergency Services is of a high standard, dedication and plentiful.

Nowhere is this more evident than in the Chautauqua County Fire Coordinator staff. The Chief’s Trumpet has now been passed from Julius Leone to John Griffith. The large number of good

candidates for the job is an example of the caliber of our people. In a sense, it is a good thing that the decision was difficult because of the large number of applicants and their high quality. It is a pleasant problem to have, as they say. The Fire Advisory Board Committee interviewed and made their recommendations to the County Executive Vince Horrigan, who actually makes the appointment.

John Griffith is an excellent choice and a personal example of these high standards. He and his wife Mary Jane make their home in the Town of Poland area. John and Mary Jane are the parents of three Children. Son, Brad and his wife, Holly and sons, Liam and Logan, who reside in Ellington, NY. Daughter, Bethany and her husband, Matthew and daughter, Charlotte, who reside in Rome, NY. Son, Christopher and his husband, Amit, who reside in Worcester, Massachusetts

He has all the right tools. After high school graduation from Falconer he then went on to Jamestown community College. He became co-owner of Zahm and Matson Inc. and built it into seven John Deere dealerships in western New York and northwest Pennsylvania. He retired in 2013. John also was the Town of Ellington Supervisor from 1992 to 1999. John has served in many other civilian boards such as Chautauqua County Sheriff’s Advisory Board, Jamestown YMCA, WCA Services, Cooperative Extension and the County Supervisors Association. He also is active in at least seven social organizations.

In Ellington Volunteer Fire Department he has served as 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Assistant Chief and then Fire Chief. He also served as President, as well as other offices. He has been an EMT since 1982 to the present. In other fire related organizations he has been on the County Fire Advisory Board, County Fire Chiefs Assoc., NYS Fire Chiefs Assoc. and the NYS Fire Coordinators Assoc. Most notably John has been the 4th. Battalion Fire Coordinator from 2012 to the present.

Big John comes to us with all the right credentials and will do an excellent job.

ERIE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES



The Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Services works closely with the entire emergency services and public safety community in Erie County, serving the public and first responders alike.

Dan Neaverth Jr. serves as the Commissioner of the Erie County Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, leading the department's three divisions which include Fire Safety, EMS and Disaster Preparedness/Emergency Management. Programs and Services provided are as follows:

- ATV and UTV Search & Rescue Response Team assets
- Corporate Emergency Access
- Credentials/Accountability Tags for Erie County Fire/EMS Personnel
- Emergency Services Communications includes: MERS Control 24-hour Emergency Services Dispatch Center, Local PSAP Support, Mobile Command Posts and Portable Radio Towers and Generators, Fire/EMS Radio Repair/Installation/Programming and the First Responder Alerting Network (IamResponding)
- Erie County HazMat/WMD Response Team
- iVolunteerFIRE.org and iVolunteerEMS.org Recruitment clearinghouse web sites
- Local Emergency Planning Committee
- NY Alert and ReadyErie Preparedness Apps
- Specialized Medical Assistance Response Team (SMART)
- TIM-Traffic Incident Management Trailers
- Western New York Incident Management Team (IMT)
- Western New York Stress Reduction Program

With an area of nearly 1,200 square miles, Erie County is protected by a total of 97 fire departments. Three departments are career, two are combination career and volunteer, and the other 92 are entirely staffed by volunteers. The Buffalo Fire Department is the largest career department with approximately 650 total personnel. It's estimated that there are more than 6,000 volunteer firefighters in Erie County New York. The Department's communications team maintains a countywide radio system consisting of over 3,000 mobile and portable radios, 14 base stations and several radio towers. Individual fire departments are organized under 12 separate Fire Control Dispatch Centers across the county.

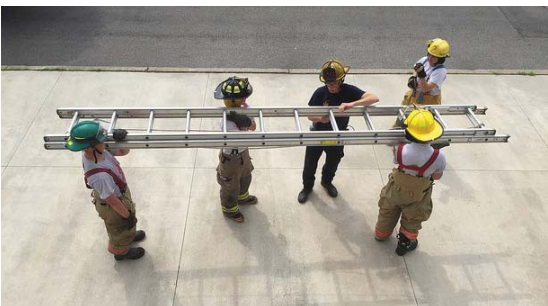
Collectively, volunteer fire departments in Erie County see an average of 500 new candidates apply to join their ranks annually, according to data from arson background checks conducted by the Erie County Office of the Sheriff. Training is conducted at three county owned and maintained training centers located strategically





in the north (Amherst), central (Cheektowaga) and south (Orchard Park) areas of the county. The training facilities are constructed to be very similar in each location, allowing the students to receive the same training wherever they attend. Erie County has 20 New York State Fire Instructors (SFIs) assigned and directly employ over 30 County Fire Instructors (CFIs) to provide training courses and hands-on evolutions. The Fire Safety Office coordinates more than 1,000 training events each year and thousands of students go through fire training in Erie County annually.

At the time of this article Erie County was conducting a Fire Fighter 1 Boot Camp. Twenty students from 14 different volunteer fire departments across the county were taking advantage of this delivery model which includes two weekend training sessions combined with independent online student work, both of which are followed by a two-week Monday-Friday daytime training course that compresses the Fire Fighter 1 class into an intense learning opportunity. In addition to the blended learning boot camp model, Erie County typically offers 8-10 traditional style (multi-week) Firefighter 1 deliveries each year.



Erie County's volunteer fire departments call volume varies from 40 calls per year – to nearly 4,000 calls per year, so challenges for Erie County are very similar to other areas in New York State, with adequate staffing being an ongoing concern. While all recruitment challenges start and end locally, Erie County DHSES itself has been very proactive and supportive, acting as the clearinghouse for recruitment efforts countywide. It is this combination of local initiative with county support that has maintained a constant flow of new fire fighters into volunteer service in Erie County.



Erie County is a very diverse county in New York State. As its county seat and as the second largest city in the state, the City of Buffalo provides a very urban and metropolitan area within the city boundaries and into the first ring suburbs. There is a very large industrial base in the county but there is also a large rural and agricultural presence. Include in all that a large international airport, miles of Lake Erie and river shoreline; and one of the busiest border crossings in the United States – and the Erie County Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services becomes a very important part of the safety and security of all who live and travel through the county.

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Bridging for BEFO-2017

Information from the training front. This article will be discussing some of the new Office of Fire Prevention and Control (OFPC) changes to Basic Exterior Firefighter Operations (BEFO) along with HazMat First Responder Ops (HMFRO) requirement. There will also be a short description of the new NOFRES course that is being sponsored by the County.

First of all, the NOFRES course is designed for department members who are **NOT** going to be wearing firefighter turnout gear. *Examples are:* auxiliary members, EMS personnel, Fire Police, etc. This course is six units in length and addresses how the above personnel fit into scene operations. This is **NOT** a state course, those who pass the final exam will get a certificate from Chautauqua County.

Second, OSHA has mandated that **ALL** New York State fire fighters (interior and exterior) be certified in HazMat First Responder Operations. This standard has NEVER changed!!! This just makes sense; any one of us can be the first on scene and find out that **YOU** have a HazMat incident.

Part of the new HMFRO course are actual skills that have to be demonstrated. Even the Department of Health, which is the agency that oversees NYS EMT training and standards has also made HazMat Awareness mandatory training for all NYS EMT's.

When ANY BEFO course is being held, instructors can take an additional ten firefighters for the HMFRO portion of those courses. Chautauqua County will also be scheduling at least two more standalone HMFRO courses this year. If we need to run more courses, contact the training coordinator to get them scheduled. It is time to get all of your firefighters HMFRO certified!!!

Third, will be a discussion for legacy course firefighters. Legacy courses are: The old 42 hour Basic Exterior Firefighting Operations (BEFO) taught prior to May 2016, Scene Support Operations (SSO), Basic Firefighter, and Essentials of Firefighting. These courses no longer meet current NFPA, and OSHA standards. Anyone who has taken any of these legacy courses HAS to take certain classes from a current BEFO course to get the new BEFO certification. If a firefighter wants to get into an interior firefighting course (SCBA / IFO), they **MUST** have the current BEFO as a prerequisite.

NYS OFPC is still allowing legacy course bridging to get the new BEFO standard. OFPC has stated that the legacy course bridging will be phased out eventually. Time to catch up on the new training.

Bridging class requirements are as follows:

All students will have to bring copies of ICS-100 and ICS-700.

Anyone who has had HMFRO, will NOT have to take Units 22-25. You will have to bring your certificate as proof. For those who do not have HMFRO, you will have to attend **Units 22-25** (four classes) to get that certification.

Anyone who has had ANY first aid training ex.: Basic first aid, Boy/Girl Scout first aid training, CFR, EMT. This does NOT have to be current, but you will have to bring a certificate or an old/current card as proof. For those who do not have any first aid training, you will have to attend **Unit 20** - First Aid Overview to get that certification. This training is intended for firefighters helping other firefighters who get injured on the fire ground.

Anyone who intends to get the new BEFO standard HAS to have a **current CPR card**. Instructors will usually try to set up a CPR certification during the BEFO course. If there are any CPR classes being run during a BEFO, the students can attend those also. If you have a current CPR card, bring a copy of it to class. Cardiac arrest/cardiac events are the number one cause of Line Of Duty Deaths now. **Firefighters that know CPR are important.**

Now for the individual classes to get the new BEFO:

For those having **Essentials**, you will need to take:

Unit 4 – FD Communications, **Unit 5** – Building Construction, **Unit 6** – Fire Behavior, NEW material, Unit 16 – Cause & Origin / Scene lighting, **Unit 17** – Life Safety Initiatives / Confined Space Awareness, **Unit 19** – Forcible Entry Skills

For those having **Basic Firefighter**, you will need to take:

Unit 4 – FD Communications, **Unit 5** – Building Construction, **Unit 6** – Fire Behavior, NEW material, Unit 8 & 9 – Ropes / Knots and Skills Unit 16 – Cause & Origin / Scene lighting, **Unit 17** – Life Safety Initiatives / Confined Space Awareness, **Unit 19** – Forcible Entry Skills

For those having **Scene Support Operations**, you will need to take:

Unit 15 – Loss Control and Activities, **Unit 16** – Cause and Origin, **Unit 17** – Life Safety Initiatives / Confined Space Awareness, Unit 18 – Tactical Ventilation / Forcible Entry presentations, **Unit 19** – Forcible Entry Skills

For those having the **previous BEFO (before May 2016)**, you will need to take:

Unit 15 – Loss Control and Activities, **Unit 16** – Cause and Origin, **Unit 18** – Tactical Ventilation / Forcible Entry presentations, **Unit 19** – Forcible Entry Skills

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the County Training Coordinator or any one of the instructors that are running any of the BEFO courses.

Keep training and stay safe,
Don Woodfield
NYS Fire Instructor

Annotations by Don Woodfield, SFI.

I had the pleasure of conducting two firefighting courses during the spring / summer and fall of this year. The first class was BEFO which course ran from May 2 through July 18. This is a long course. The course combines the old essentials, basic FF, SSO courses, along with Haz Mat First Responder Ops being added. This course was changed to make new firefighters as close to OSHA compliant as is possible through a state course. There is still training that home departments need to do for their new firefighters.



The BEFO course is designed to give exterior firefighters training in: Donning PPE, communications, scene safety, building construction, hose and hose loads, water supply, ladders, ropes & knots, Fire control / exposure protection, ventilation, forcible entry to name some topics.

This BEFO class was a highly motivated group of firefighters. Individual skill sessions went very well and the companies worked hard together.

This course also had some members who completed their BEFO 2016 course as bridge students. These students had completed previous courses and had to attend certain class sessions to achieve the new BEFO status.

To attend IFO class, students now need the new BEFO 2016 (79 hr course) to move on to interior operations.



BEFO class 2017-2 members are as follows (pictures will be attached):

Ashville FD: Noah Coffaro, Mike Christy

Bemus Point FD: Rick Shick

Clymer FD: Steve Enlow, Tyler Heslink

Ellery Center FD: Sean Allen

Fredonia FD: Adam Essek

Frewsburg FD: Corey Bryant, James Wilburn

Forestville FD: Jashua Woods

Lakewood FD: Amber Arrance, Carlie Bernhardt,
Vinny Certo

Panama FD: Rob Straight

Portland FD: Susan Childs

West Dunkirk FD: Hannah McCrady,
Adam Reisenweber

The following students received their BEFO 2016 status through bridging:

Ashville FD: Sara (Ryan) Swanson, Adam Valvo

Brocton FD: Steve Smith

Fredonia FD: Anthony DiRusso, Roland Rose

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The next class is the IFO course. This course ran from September 6 through October 11. This is a very intense interior firefighting operations course. There are only three lecture sessions during this course. The rest is hands on training. This course takes a lot of company teamwork. The evolutions that are completed are done in order that leads up to live fires. This class was the first to utilize the new class A burn building at Taylor Training Center. The skills that were taught included: donning gear and SCBA, FF survival, Task Oriented Air Consumption, Ladder work, Ventilation, Forcible Entry, Fire Control and extinguishment. This class of students came



together very quickly. This meant that skills were accomplished rapidly without a lot of wasted time between sets. Instructors were able to show different techniques to the students. To my knowledge, this was the first interior firefighting course to complete the course with the same number of students that started the course. As I stated before, this is a very intense course, both physically and mentally. There were students that had to overcome a lot of demons to complete the skills that they had to do. **THEY ALL DID A GREAT JOB!!!**



Before I go on to list the students that completed the course, I have to give a big thank you to all that came out to help run the class. This includes all who gave their time to bring apparatus, help fill air bottles, do EMS and REHAB, FAST members for the live fire days. I stated this before, we cannot run these classes without your willingness to help train new firefighters!!! Thank you all!!!

Annotations by Don Woodfield, SFI. cont...

Now on to the students that completed the IFO 2017 course:

Ashville FD: Mike Christy

Bemus Point FD: Jeff Bloss, Nick Carlson, Jen Jaeger, Alex Miller, Rick Shick

Chautauqua FD: Justin Ernewein

Falconer FD: Billy Furlow, Ian Webster

Fluvanna FD: Bryce Larson

Fredonia FD: Adam Essek

Frewsburg FD: Corey Bryant, James Wilburn

Lakewood FD: Amber Arrance, Tom Cocker

Maple Springs FD: Charles Holder

Mayville FD: Rich Westpfahl (county training coordinator)

Panama FD: Brandon Marotto

Portland FD: Susan Childs

Randolph FD: Seth Lecceadone

Stockton FD: Dave Lessinger (current chief), John Burke (past chief)

West Dunkirk FD: Adam Reisenweber

This class hit the ground running and never looked back!! Congratulations and a job well done. As I told you at the graduation ceremony, YOU earned this interior firefighter certification, it was not; or ever will be; given to you. There is too much at stake, you are the future of the fire service. It was my pleasure to be one of your instructors. *Go do good work, stay safe, everyone goes home!!!*

Donald W. Woodfield Jr. SFI # 0717



NEWS BULLETIN from Chautauqua County RACES

(Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services)

After several years of talking about repairing the 88 repeater located at 4600 Stockton-Cassadaga Road, the project was given top priority by the Chautauqua County RACES team. In order to complete the project some additional support came from the Chautauqua County Office of Emergency Services and the Chautauqua County Amateur FM Association. In addition to amateur radio volunteers the "Rangers" also lent a hand to help with completion of the project.

This particular repeater site houses the central FM VHF repeater, a link UHF radio that links several amateur repeaters throughout the county and a digital repeater for packet radio. The condition of this building is important to the proper operation of this equipment.

The project tasks included external power washing, cement patching and repair, pouring concrete for an entrance pad, priming and painting the external of the building. Inside tasks were to replace the fluorescent lights with more efficient LED lights, rewiring the building, adding a backup generator and a heater, building stud walls, insulating them and adding drywall, replacing fresh air vents and repairing the entrance way.

We are happy to report that the project has been completed. The repeater site was dedicated to Kay C. Nuttall, W2GBK one of the original CCAFMA members responsible for the establishment of this repeater.

Tom Joneson

Assistant RACES Radio Officer



Ken Vossler and Dave Thompson with the memorial wall.



Tom Joneson getting ready to power wash the building.

NOTES from the Editor:

The completion of this issue of The Responder marks a change in the publication going forward. As much as I have enjoyed doing this I must give up being the Editor at this time. As the Director of Emergency Services I will not have the time to do this project. With that being said I am looking for a new Editor. If anyone feels that they would like to assume the leadership position for this please contact me. I believe that this is too important a publication to let go. I found the position to be very rewarding personally as it gave me the opportunity to meet people from all over the County of Chautauqua and the surrounding areas.

As the Fire Coordinator and Director of Emergency Services I want to take a moment to wish each and every one the very best of the Holiday Season and the joy of health and family going into 2018. Merry Christmas to all from Mary Jane and myself to you and your families. Thank you for all you do for the people of your communities, the County of Chautauqua, the State of New York and the United States of America. God Bless.

John Griffith



2017 Training Calendar **EMERGENCY SERVICES**

CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY

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Course Offered	Hours	Units	Start Date	Location	Instructors
Chemical Suicide: Information for the First Responder	2	1	12-13-17	OES, Mayville	Bruce Oliphant
Hazardous Materials Incident Command	24	6	1-6-18	Murphy, Dunkirk	Bruce Oliphant
Water Rescue Awareness	4	1	1-7-18	Westfield FD	Marcus Ford
EMT Refresher Course	Various	Various	1-8-18	OES, Mayville	Kevin Peebles
Fire Ground Strategies & Tactics for First Arriving Companies	15	5	1-9-18	OES, Mayville	Don Woodfield
EMT Refresher Course	Various	Various	1-11-18	JCC ARSC Building, Room 344	Ron Hasson
Hazardous Materials First Responder Operations Annual Refresher	4	1	1-13-18	Taylor, Jamestown	Marcus Ford
Courage to be Safe	6		1-14-18	Chautauqua FD	Marcus Ford
Principles of Instruction	15	5	1-17-18	Murphy, Dunkirk	Marcus Ford
Commissioner Training	6	1	1-20-18	OES, Mayville	Mark Butler & Terry Hannigan
Leadership, Accountability, Culture and Knowledge (LACK)	4	1	1-21-18	Chautauqua FD	Marcus Ford
EMT Original	Various	Various	1-22-18	JCC	Ron Hasson
Basic Exterior Firefighting Operations (BEFO)	79	25	1-23-18	Taylor, Jamestown	Marcus Ford
Fire Officer I	63	21	1-24-18	OES, Mayville	Don Woodfield
Water Rescue Awareness	4	1	1-27-17	Chautauqua FD	Marcus Ford
Ice/Cold Water Rescue – Technician	16	4	3-3-18	Chautauqua FD	Bruce Oliphant
Hazmat First Responder Operations (in BEFO)	16	4	3-24-18	Taylor, Jamestown	Marcus Ford
Self Contained Breathing Apparatus/Interior Firefighting Operations (SCBA/IFO)	50	16	3-31-18	Taylor, Jamestown	Marcus Ford

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COMING SOON...

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