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Orange County Fire Training Center Graduates New Firefighters *Volunteers ready to protect communities*

Goshen, NY – The Orange County Fire Training Center recently held a Firefighter Graduation Ceremony, with 225 people in attendance, at the County Emergency Services Center in Goshen. Sixty students from three Firefighter I classes completed 92 hours of training over the course of 10 weeks, all while still going to work or attending school.

“Doing the dangerous job of a volunteer firefighter requires teamwork and dedication, all while ensuring personal safety,” said Orange County Executive Edward A. Diana. “We are grateful to every individual who is willing to sacrifice their personal time to help protect the communities of Orange County.”

Orange County Deputy Chief James McCann served as the evening’s master of ceremonies, and Chief Drew Dickinson of the New York State Academy of Fire Science was the guest speaker.

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Honored guests included Orange County Commissioner of Emergency Services Walter C. Koury, Orange County Deputy Commissioner of Fire Services John Horan, and Fire Protection Specialist Les Greenwood, New York State Office of Fire Prevention and Control.

“This graduation ceremony is the place to celebrate our newest firefighters, and to welcome them as interior firefighters in their departments,” said Deputy Commissioner Horan. “Our class size is steadily increasing, and we are proud to be the #2 in rank for training in New York State.”

For more information, please contact the Orange County Fire Training Center at (845) 374-1900 or visit them at www.orangecountygov.com



The Orange County Emergency Services Center Auditorium in Goshen, NY was almost at capacity as 225 people were in attendance at the Firefighter I Graduation Ceremony on Wednesday, April 6, 2011.