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ORANGE COUNTY GRADUATES NEW VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS

Students complete rigorous summer program in 10 days

Goshen, NY – The Orange County Fire Training Center held a Firefighter Graduation ceremony yesterday evening at the County Emergency Services Center auditorium in Goshen, awarding certificates to thirty new volunteer firefighters upon their successful completion of a compressed summer program that included 91 hours of training over the span of 10 days.

“It takes a lot of dedication and commitment to become a firefighter,” said Orange County Executive Edward A. Diana. “We are proud of these men and women who have joined the County’s firefighter family, making a commitment to protect their communities and neighbors.”

Master of ceremonies, Orange County Deputy Fire Coordinator James McCann, welcomed the new class and introduced the evening’s guest speaker, Battalion Chief John Salka of the New York City Fire Department (FDNY), who discussed how important it is for the graduates to continue training during their careers to protect their safety and welfare, as well as those they serve.

Honored guests in attendance included Orange County Commissioner of Emergency Services Walter C. Koury, Orange County Sheriff Carl E. DuBois, Orange County Director of Operations Richard Mayfield, Orange County Deputy Commissioner of Fire Services John Horan, Orange County Deputy Commissioner of Emergency Management Seamus K. Leary, and Fire Protection Specialist Les Greenwood, New York State Office of Fire Prevention and Control.

“Our summer program is fast and very demanding” said Deputy Commissioner Horan. “Yet, these new firefighters met and, in many cases, exceeded the challenges placed on them.”

The volunteers represented the fire departments of Coldenham, Cornwall, Cornwall on Hudson, Goshen, Greenville, Highland Falls, Howells, Mechanicstown, Middletown, Montgomery, Salisbury Mills, Tuxedo, Unionville, Winona Lake and Woodbury.

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



Firefighter McPadden's Pipes & Drums perform at the Orange County Firefighter Graduation Ceremony on July 13, 2011, Emergency Services Center auditorium, Goshen.