



Press Release

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**Monmouth County Fire Academy graduates 81
Ceremony includes first-ever Firefighter II graduates**

FREEHOLD – The Monmouth County Fire Academy recently graduated 81 volunteers from Firefighter I Classes #70 and #71 and Firefighter II Class #1. The ceremony was held May 31.

Twenty-three Firefighter II graduates became the first advanced firefighter class to graduate from the Monmouth County Fire Academy after completing course work and more than 100 hours of training in fire rescue and extinguishment that included incident command, specialized search and rescue, communication, and safety procedures. The 58 Firefighter I graduates also attended weekend classes and completed more than 130 hours of course work. They received training in rescue, fire extinguishment, hazardous materials response, cardio-pulmonary resuscitation, electrical safety, and care of hoses and other equipment.

Freeholder Lillian G. Burry, who spoke at the graduation, commended the new and advancing firefighters for their dedication and willingness to serve. "Firefighters, like any emergency responder, must be available all hours of the day and night. They are at times, confronted with life and death situations and their ability to react properly and safely can be attributed to the training program they have just completed at the Monmouth County Fire Academy," Burry said.

"This new crop of firefighters joins the ranks of 6,000 other local firefighters who serve their neighbors, friends and communities. Volunteer firefighters provide a necessary service and assist in the delivery of quality public services at the local level," said Freeholder Director William C. Barham who also attended the graduation. "The men and women graduating today will provide a high level of safe and valued service because they have proven themselves throughout this County training program."

Each firefighter was awarded a certificate of course completion by Freeholder Burry and Monmouth County Fire Academy Training Officer William Itinger.

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* Attached are lists of the graduates.

Firefighter I graduates from Class #70

Homan M. Alavi, Oakhurst
Sebastian J. Bianchi, Matawan
Mark T. Biddle, Millstone
Richard C. Brady, Jr., North Centerville
David C. Burns, South Wall
Jenson J. Chundamala, Freehold Township
Robert L. Cole, Allentown
Vincent E. Ernst, Avon
Mike A. Ford, Monmouth Beach
Matthew C. Greimel, Oakhurst
Aubrey J. Guldager, Freewood Acres
Eric A. Halle, Cliffwood Beach
Jason R. Halpern, Freewood Acres
Joshua T. Modlin, Oceanport
Gregory J. Penn, Millstone
Justin N. Penn, Millstone
Wilson Plaisimond, Wayside
Christopher S. Poles, Allentown
Ryan S. Romano, Ramtown
Carmin J. Roth, Gordon's Corner
Michael A Seaman, Freewood Acres
David A. Shotwell, III, Ocean Grove
Robert E. Taylor, Neptune City
Richard Trombetta, Robertsville
Michael D. Vollbrecht, Neptune City
Trevor J. Wellet, South Wall
Donald W. West, Freehold Township

Firefighter I graduates from Class #71

Joseph Barbato, Englishtown
Mark T. Bennett, Holmdel
Thomas J. Butler, Holmdel
Jonathon L. Carter, Matawan
Anthony Castro, Matawan
Matthew J. Clemente, Colts Neck #2
David Vincent Dochnahl, Union Beach
Timothy J. Durkin, Pinebrook
Robert William Eyers, Holmdel
Vincent J. Ferrante, Jr., Matawan
Allen Keene, Glendola
Patrick N. Kesler, Manasquan
Kevin Felix Ketelson, Colts Neck #2
Jason W. Kirkland, Englishtown
John Kruse, Oakhurst
Joey J. Laguna, Keansburg
James A. Lasky, East Freehold
Cody T. Lovgren, East Freehold
Andrew Lydick, Allentown

John P. Mazza, Millstone
Daniel McGaheran, Millstone
Dennis M. Mignone, Spring Lake
Cenildo V. Moreira, Gordon's Corner
Alfred Louis Mottola, Allentown
Andres J. Paganucci, Holmdel
Anthony Page, Englishtown
Jeremy J. Schulte, Wanamassa
Brian M. Spitzfaden, Keansburg
Christian Stevens, Ocean Grove
Peter A. Thierry, Morganville Vol.
Ian P. Thompson, Morganville Ind.

Firefighter II graduates from Class #170

Oliver C. Chang, Marlboro
Thomas J. Ditre, Freehold Township
Michael Egnatowicz, Gordon's Corner
Richard A. Gallo, III, Oceanport
Ryan Howlett, Adelphia
Michael D. Johnson, Freewood Acres
Richard W. Leswing, III, Keyport
Kenneth M. Lucas, Freehold Township
Robert A. MacGeorge, Glendola
Alonzo Meachem, IV, West Keansburg
Sean Polito, Colts Neck # 1
William M. Scanlon, Freehold Borough
Gregory T. Shinn, Spring Lake Heights
Michael Silvani, Squankum
Daniel J. Spicuzza, Jr. Freehold Township
Robert P. Tice, Adelphia
David M. Weir, Long Branch
Thomas G. Weldon, II, Morganville Ind.
Christopher C. Willms, Sea Girt
Robert J. Woodhead, Jr., Union Beach
Douglas Ziemba, Jr. Holmdel
Douglas Ziemba, Sr. Holmdel
Bryan Zuccarelli, Freehold Township