



ALFRED STATION FIRE COMPANY

Answering the Call

Sunday, October 15, 2006

The Buffalo area lay all but paralyzed Friday after a record-breaking early lake effect snowstorm swept through the area. The heavy, wet snow downed tree limbs and power lines all over western New York, leaving some 393,000 homes and businesses without power. At least three deaths were blamed on the storm, and a state of emergency was in effect in four counties, banning all nonessential travel.

On Saturday evening Erie County officials asked for help from Volunteer Fire Companies in Allegany County and Alfred Station Volunteer Fire Company (along with several neighboring companies) answered the call sending a pumper and crew to the town of Big Tree which is located near Hamburg on the western side of Erie County.



In a 24 hour period Alfred Station Fire Company members assisted several townships in Erie County with duties ranging from storm clean-up to on-scene standby at a structure fire in the town of Lancaster.



Alfred Station members who traveled to Erie County are (from the left) Chief Jeff Ormsby, Fire Fighter Jeremy Stearns, Assistant Chief Brian Goodridge, Fire Fighter Rodney Wilcox and Fire Fighter Ian Henderson.

Fire Companies in Allegany County that sent personnel/equipment in the aftermath of the storm over the weekend were (alphabetically): Alfred Station, Allentown, Andover, Belfast, Clarksville, Cuba, Friendship, Wellsville and Willing.