



ALFRED STATION FIRE COMPANY

PRESS RELEASE

ALFRED STATION FIRE COMPANY HOLDS ANNUAL DINNER 77% INCREASE IN CALLS IN 2004

ALFRED STATION, NY –

On April 9, 2005, the Alfred Station Fire Company held its annual dinner celebrating its busiest year ever, responding to 177 emergency calls. The volume of calls increased, due in large part, to the automatic mutual aid responses to Alfred University and Alfred State College. This year (2005), Alfred Station is on the way to an even busier year, having responded to almost 80 emergency calls already.



In addition to a growth in calls, Alfred Station has grown in members as well. In 2004, six new members joined: **Jason Williams**, **William Faughnan**, **June Kenyon**, **Dave Williams**, **Peggy Hackett** and **Clare Shilling**. These new members bring a wealth of experience to Alfred Station, many having previously served in other fire departments. At the Annual Dinner, the active members were recognized for their many years of service. **Over 540 years of fire and rescue service have been donated to the Alfred Station community**

by the active members alone. This does not count Life, or former members, or fire service to other departments. **Benjamin Link** (10 years), **Arthur McLaughlin** (20 years), **Cecil Briggs** (40 years) and **Stephen Conderman** (45 years) were recognized for their years of service. The members with more than five years of service are listed. **PHOTO:** George Ormsby receives a plaque honoring his service to the Alfred Station Fire Company as Chief from 2004-2005. Pictured in photo from left to right: George Ormsby, Gerri VanTreese (chief - 50), Benjamin Link (vice president) and Brian Goodridge (2nd assistant chief - 502)

Also in 2004, the Alfred Station Fire Company Junior Firefighter program grew to fourteen members. Alfred Station's 2004 Junior Firefighters were **Matthew Williams**, Captain; **Bryan Dodge**, Lieutenant; **Travis Clark**, Lieutenant; **Kenneth Bellows**; **Andrew Cline**; **Matthew Hackett**; **Roger Johnson**; **Casey Keenan**; **Brad Matacale**; **Alyssa Perry**; **Cameron Prophet**; **Matthew Sherwood**; **Matthew Teagarden** and **Nora Visscher-Simon**. **Matthew Hackett** and **Brian Dodge** both former Juniors joined the company as regular members in 2005, bringing the active roster to 38 firefighters.

The 2005 Fire Company officers were also announced: Judson Stearns, Jr., President; Benjamin Link, Vice President; Bruce Fuller, Secretary; Brian Goodridge, Treasurer; Donald Lang, Trustee; Norman Jefferds, Trustee; Keith Stanley, Trustee; Gerald VanTreese, Chief; Jeffrey Ormsby, 1st Assistant Chief; Brian Goodridge, 2nd Assistant Chief; Robert Halsey, Captain – Engine #1; Joseph Menichino, Captain – Engine #2; Benjamin Link, Captain Engine #3; Alan Aultman, Captain – Rescue #6; Terry Palmiter – Captain Tanker #7; Charles Burdick, Fire Police Captain. George Ormsby, who has stepped down this year, was recognized by the company members for his 11 years as Assistant Chief and Chief.

In 2004, the Alfred Station Fire Company also attended the 89th Annual Allegany County Fireman's Association Convention, hosted by the Friendship Volunteer Fire Department. The Alfred Station firefighters and junior firefighters participated in the firematics competitions, parade and pre-convention meetings and projects; both claiming first place trophies in nearly every category including the grand trophy.

2004 was also extremely exciting on the equipment front for Alfred Station. The new water supply and initial fire attack hose, pumps and fittings purchased by the 2003 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (funded by the US Department of Homeland Security) were put into service. This new equipment, costing nearly \$25,000, replaced outdated and failing gear which could never have been purchased on Alfred Station's annual budget. Additionally, Alfred Station was able to purchase a set of auto extrication tools, commonly known as the Jaws of Life, through fundraising and gifts. These tools will greatly increase Alfred Station's rescue operations and life saving abilities. The annual budget is spent, in large part, maintaining the firefighting equipment, apparatus, and hall, but with the expanding costs of equipment, insurance, utilities, etc., this becomes increasingly difficult. However, Alfred Station would like to thank the communities it serves for their continued support. Without them, none of these continued successes would be possible.

Alfred Station Fire Company Active Firefighter Tenure Recognitions

Dale McMichael, Jr. -	6 Years
Bruce Fuller -	7 Years
Jamie Mansfield -	8 Years
Blake Mayo -	8 Years
Alan Aultman -	9 Years
Brian Goodridge -	9 Years
Robert Halsey -	9 Years
Jeffrey Ormsby -	9 Years
Jessica Ormsby -	9 Years
Jeremy Stearns -	9 Years
Benjamin Link -	10 Years
Joseph Menichino -	11 Years
J. Patrick Wasson -	11 Years
Donald Lang -	17 Years
Gerald VanTreese -	17 Years
George Ormsby -	18 Years
Arthur McLaughlin -	20 Years
Keith Stanley -	24 Years
Norman Groose -	26 Years
Terry Palmiter -	28 Years
Judson Stearns, Jr. -	32 Years
Norman Jefferds -	38 Years
Cecil Briggs, Sr. -	40 Years
Stephen Conderman -	45 Years
Douglas Burdick -	48 Years
Charles Burdick -	58 Years