



Alfred Station Fire Company Wins Allegany County Fire Convention

Junior Firefighters Take Top Honors

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The Alfred Station Fire Company, under the direction of President Judson Stearns, Jr. and Chief Gerald VanTreese won the Grand Trophy at the 90th Annual Allegany County Firefighter's Convention held in Whitesville, NY from Wednesday July, 13th through Saturday July 16th.

The Grand Trophy, which Alfred Station has recently won five times (1999, 2001, 2002, 2004, 2005), is awarded based on attendance at convention meetings, year-round participation in county meetings, the Firematics skills competition, the convention parade, fire prevention programs and truck judging. In addition to the Grand Trophy, Alfred Station was awarded first place trophies for: Firematics (skills competition), Hose Bowling, Best Appearing Fire Department (16 members and over), the Officers Trophy (most men in line as a percentage of total members) and the Fire Prevention Book (the Alan Young Memorial Trophy). Alfred Station also took second place trophies for the truck rodeo, and having the most firefighters in line for the parade.

This year was the second time Alfred Station Junior Firefighters competed in convention events; bringing home the first place trophies for the Junior Firematics competition, and Hose Bowling. Alfred Station Juniors also took second place for Best Appearing Junior Fire Company. The Alfred Station Fire Company reestablished its Junior Firefighter Program in 2003.

When asked about the Company's success, Chief VanTreese replied, "We're extremely proud to be able to represent our community. While our company has a lot of fun participating in convention events, our success demonstrates our firefighters' true dedication to service." Chief VanTreese also congratulated the other companies which participated, "Allegany County is lucky to have such skilled and dedicated firefighters."

The members of the Alfred Station Fire Company would like to extend their thanks for the tremendous support from the surrounding community, without which their success would not be possible. This year the Alfred Station Fire Company is celebrating 93 years of service to the towns of Alfred, Hartsville and Ward.