



## ALFRED STATION FIRE COMPANY

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## ALFRED STATION FIRE COMPANY HOLDS ANNUAL DINNER 43% INCREASE IN CALLS IN 2005

ALFRED STATION, NY –

On April 8, 2006, the Alfred Station Fire Company held its annual dinner celebrating its busiest year ever, responding to 253 emergency calls. The volume of calls increased, due in large part, to the automatic mutual aid responses to Alfred University and Alfred State College. After a revision was made to the automatic mutual aid policy for 2006, Alfred Station should see a significant reduction in the number of calls for the year.

In addition to a growth in calls, Alfred Station has grown in members as well. In 2005, six new members joined: **Travis Clark, Andrew Cline, Bryan Dodge, Matthew Hackett, Cathryn Williams, and Matthew Williams**. These new members bring a wealth of experience to Alfred Station, most having previously served as Junior Firefighters. At the Annual Dinner, the active members were recognized for their many years of service. **Almost 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. **Ian Henderson** (5 years), **Alan Aultman** (10 years), **Brian Goodridge** (10 years), **Robert Halsey** (10 years), **Jeffrey Ormsby** (10 years), **Jessica Ormsby** (10 years), and **Keith Stanley** (25 years) were recognized for their years of service. The members with more than five years of service are listed.

### Alfred Station Fire Company Active Firefighter Tenure Recognitions

<b>Ian Henderson</b>	-	<b>5 Years</b>
<b>Bruce Fuller</b>	-	<b>8 Years</b>
<b>Jeremy Stearns</b>	-	<b>8 Years</b>
<b>Blake Mayo</b>	-	<b>9 Years</b>
<b>Alan Aultman</b>	-	<b>10 Years</b>
<b>Brian Goodridge</b>	-	<b>10 Years</b>
<b>Robert Halsey</b>	-	<b>10 Years</b>
<b>Jeffrey Ormsby</b>	-	<b>10 Years</b>
<b>Jessica Ormsby</b>	-	<b>10 Years</b>
<b>Benjamin Link</b>	-	<b>11 Years</b>
<b>Joseph Menichino</b>	-	<b>12 Years</b>
<b>J. Patrick Wasson</b>	-	<b>12 Years</b>
<b>Donald Lang</b>	-	<b>18 Years</b>
<b>Gerald VanTreese</b>	-	<b>18 Years</b>
<b>George Ormsby</b>	-	<b>19 Years</b>
<b>Arthur McLaughlin</b>	-	<b>21 Years</b>
<b>Keith Stanley</b>	-	<b>25 Years</b>
<b>Terry Palmiter</b>	-	<b>29 Years</b>
<b>Judson Stearns, Jr.</b>	-	<b>33 Years</b>
<b>Norman Jefferds</b>	-	<b>39 Years</b>
<b>Cecil Briggs, Sr.</b>	-	<b>41 Years</b>
<b>Stephen Conderman</b>	-	<b>46 Years</b>
<b>Douglas Burdick</b>	-	<b>49 Years</b>
<b>Charles Burdick</b>	-	<b>59 Years</b>



**PHOTO 1:** Gerald VanTreese receives a plaque honoring his service to the Alfred Station Fire Company as Assistant Chief (1995-2005) and Chief (2005-2006). Pictured in photo from left to right: Assistant Chief & Treasurer Brian Goodridge and Gerald VanTreese.

Also in 2005, the Alfred Station Fire Company Junior Firefighter program continued to excel. Alfred Station's 2005 Junior Firefighters were **Matthew Teagarden**, Captain; **Roger Johnson**, Lieutenant; **Andrew Sweezy**, Lieutenant; **Kenneth Bellows**; **Travis Bellows**; **Casey Keenan**; **Alyssa Perry**; and **Nora Visscher-Simon**.

The 2006 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; Jeffrey Ormsby, Chief; Brian Goodridge, 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief; Robert Halsey, 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief; Terry Palmiter, Captain – Engine #1; Joseph Menichino, Captain – Engine #2; Donald Lang, Captain – Engine #3; Jeremy Stearns, Captain – Engine #4; Alan Aultman, Captain – Rescue #6; Ian Henderson – Captain Tanker #7; David Williams, Fire Police Captain. Gerald VanTreese, who has stepped down this year, was recognized by the company members for his 11 years as Assistant Chief and Chief.

In 2005, the Alfred Station Fire Company also attended the 90<sup>th</sup> Annual Allegany County Fireman's Association Convention, hosted by the Whitesville 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.

Vice President Benjamin Link, emcee for the evening thanked the gathered members for their outstanding year of service. In 2005, the members of the Alfred Station Fire Company donated 6,683 hours of service to the community. This is above and beyond business meeting and training courses. Link was later quoted as saying, "It's amazing how much time, effort, and talent our members give. They fill a critical need in our community and I can't thank them enough."



**PHOTO 2:** Alfred Station Engine #1

2005 was also extremely exciting on the equipment front for Alfred Station with the addition of a new pumper, Alfred Station Engine #1. This engine will greatly increase Alfred Station's fire fighting operations and life saving abilities, having already responded to 112 calls. Alfred Station's 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.