Niagara County Emergency Services

Quarterly Newsletter

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December was a big month for our department and our county. The hard work of every employee involved in starting the county ambulance service paid off. We successfully passed our New York State EMS inspection and were issued our operating certificate. Our first crew was in service and taking calls on Sunday 12/17/23.



Pictured Above:

Carl Farris, Ariana Cozzolino, Taylor Summerville, Brent Ast, Fred Ohlson, Tim Licht, Mike Carroll, Chris Sharp, Chloe Brennan, Joe Lewis, Jacob Meagher, Mohamed Nagi, Dr. McNamara, Tom Eggert





EMS EVOC



Recently, all of our EMS employees completed their EVOC training, providing vehicle operators with a better understanding of the seriousness of emergency vehicle operation.







Trunk or Treat 2023









A huge thanks to all of our the Niagara County Fire Departments that helped make Truck or Treat 2023 a success. All of the costumes were a hit!

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FIREFIGHTER ONE GRADUATION





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CLASS OF 2022 CLASS OF 2023

Thursday, October 12th

Middleport Volunteer

Fire Department

28 Main St., Middleport, NY

6:30pm

FIREFIGHTER ONE GRADUATION





Program

Welcome......Shawn Christman, NYSFI

Pledge to the Flag......Chief Ryan Czaja

Remarks....Shawn Christman, NYSFI

Jon Schultz, Fire Coordinator

Graduate Recognition
and Certification Awarding......NYSFI Instructors
Jon Schultz, Fire Coordinator

Closing Remarks.....Shawn Christman, NYSFI

Jon Schultz, Fire Coordinator

Refreshment

Please join us for pictures and refreshment following the ceremony.

STATE FIRE INSTRUCTORS

Shawn Christman John Guiher Joshua Lapham J. Les Myers Sam Ricotta Richard Silvaroli Timothy Williams

GRADUATES

Ioshua Andrews Matthew Becker Patrick Carpenter Jalisa Carson Ionathan Costanzo Andrew Cotter Tyshon Cudzilo Mark Davis Melanie Fry Adam Gillespie Nathan Grant Caleb Heikoop Hendrik Heikoop Thomas Kuun Dalton Magill Andrew Mallone Kevin McCarthy

Tracy McGill Julius Moore Dakota O'Dell Joseph O'Dell Adriana Ruppel Timothy Ryan Dylan Schreader Olivia Spark Madison Touron Kayla Townsend Austin Vickery Anthony Volpe Ioshua Wanev Jedediah Weaver Kyle Wendt Emma Woods Michael Zajac

FIRE COMPANIES

Barker Fire Co.
Bergholz Fire Co.
Cambria Fire Co.
Cambria Fire Co.
Gasport Chemical Hose
Hartland Fire Co.
Lewiston #2 Fire Co.
Middleport Fire Co.
Miller Hose Fire Co.
Niagara Active Fire Co.
Olcott Fire Company

Ransomville Fire Co.
Rapids Fire Co.
Shawnee Fire Co.
South Lockport Fire Co.
Upper Mountain Fire Co.
Wendelville Fire Co.
Wilson Fire Co.
Wolcottsville Fire Co.
Wrights Corners Fire Co.

FIREFIGHTER ONE GRADUATION



Congratulations to Niagara County's Firefighter One Graduates of 2022 and 2023. On behalf of Director Schultz, the staff at NCEM, and our New York State Fire Instructors, we are beyond proud of each and every one of you for your commitment, service, and dedication to your companies and communities, and Niagara County. We thank you for all you do.

A big THANK YOU to Middleport for hosting Firefighter One Graduation. The ceremony, food, company, and atmosphere was enjoyed by all.









Please help us welcome Chelsea to our team! Chelsea Collett started working for Niagara County Fire Coordinator's office in November.

In her Account Clerical I role, Chelsea will be handling all fire training setup of classes, inventory, and various financial procedures.

She has already proven to be a great asset to the office with her quick ability and eagerness to learn.

We are happy to have you aboard!

Welcome, Chelsea!!

2024 Total Solar Eclipse

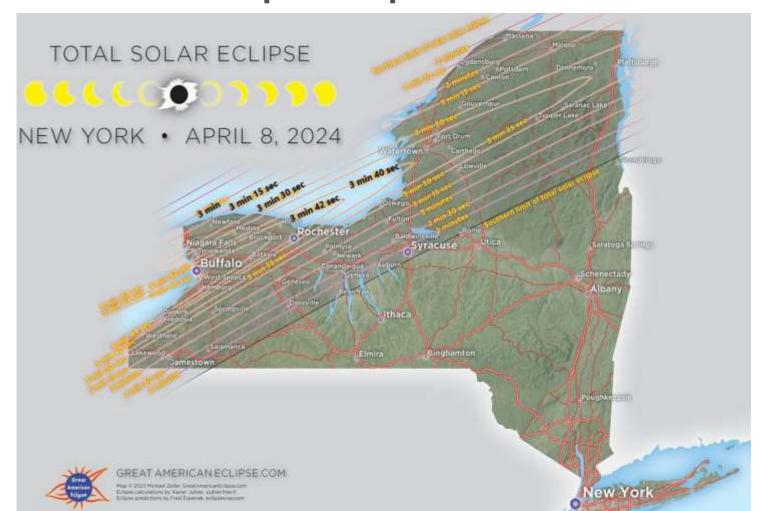
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When & Where:

On Monday, April 8, 2024 a total solar eclipse will begin over the South Pacific Ocean and will cross North America, exiting continental North America on the coast of Newfoundland, Canada, at 5:16PM NDT.

Niagara County is in the 120-mile path of totality. The eclipse begins around 2:07PM with totality beginning around 3:18PM. Totality, where the moon completely covers the sun in the sky, lasts about 3 and a half minutes. The partial eclipse ends about 4:33PM



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What to Expect:

A total solar eclipse happens when the Moon passes between the Sun and the Earth, completely blocking the face of the Sun. People viewing the eclipse from locations where the Moon's shadow completely covers the Sun (known as the path of totality) will experience a total solar eclipse. The eclipse on April 8th will be the last total solar eclipse visible from the contiguous United States until 2044!

Safety:

Except during the brief total phase of a total solar eclipse, it is not safe to look directly at the Sun without specialized eye protection. Viewing any part of the bright Sun through a camera, binoculars, or a telescope without a special-purpose solar filter properly secured over the lens will instantly cause sever eye injury. When watching the partial phases directly with your eyes, be sure you are looking through safe solar view glasses or a safe handheld solar viewer.



For more information on solar eclipses, including how to identify proper eye ware for the eclipse and where to find them, visit:

https://science.nasa.gov/eclipses/future-eclipses/eclipse-2024/



Be sure to contact Lara MacFarlane with any and all updates to your departments after your installations have taken place. Here's the information we'll need:

Chief: Name, Address, Phone Number(s), Email

1st Asst Chief: Name, Phone Number(s), Email

2nd & 3rd Asst Chief: Name, Phone Number

President: Name, Address, Phone Number, Email

Please send promptly to: lara.macfarlane@niagaracounty.com

If you have any questions, please give us a call at 716-438-3171





The Fire Coordinator would like to recognize any 50+ Year Service Awards you have for your department. Please contact Lara MacFarlane with any 50+ year service award requests. Please be sure to include the full name, years of service, and department. If you would like to request recognition from the Niagara County Legislature or Niagara County Sheriff's Depart-

ment, please also indicate that within the email. We are happy to help facilitate.



UPCOMING EVENTS







THE CATHOLIC HEALTH SYSTEM EMS LIAISON TEAM PRESENTS

CME LECTURE SERIES

<u>Thursday January 18, 2024</u> – Everything you need to know about the Catholic Health System

Monday February 12, 2024 - Geriatric Emergencies

Wednesday March 13, 2024 - Sepsis & Shock in the Pre - hospital setting

Monday April 22, 2024 - Mental Health for the First Responder

Thursday May 16, 2024 - Stroke & the LVO

Tuesday Jun 4, 2024 - WREMAC Skills

Thursday July 18, 2024 - Cardiac Simulation

Wednesday August 14, 2024 - General Medical Emergencies

Thursday September 26, 2024 - Dialysis Emergencies

Thursday October 24, 2024 - OB Simulation

Monday November 18, 2024 - Mobile Simulation

Wednesday December 11, 2024 - Pharmacology & Emergency Medication

ALL CLASSES BEGIN AT 7:00PM AND WILL BE HELD AT 5574 NIAGARA STREET EXT, LOCKPORT, NY 14094

Dinner will be provided and CME will be awarded

Registration is required. To register, please contact Emily James @ erowles@chsbuffalo.org or via cell @ (716) 812 - 4275





Irish Angel is a support network for Law Enforcement, EMS, Firefighters, and the Military. We provide education, awareness, and resources about addictions, PTSD, PTSI, TBI, Depression, and anxiety. Through our partnerships, we offer opportunities to inform, heal and promote a healthy lifestyle for first responders.







Notice Signs Where to get help

Sustaining Mental Health



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https://irishangel.org/

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From the desk of the Fire Coordinator

We finished 2023 making history for Niagara County Emergency Services. On December 17, 2023 at 5am the first Niagara County Emergency Medical Services Ambulance went in to service for the citizens of Niagara. I couldn't be more happy to welcome our new EMS providers to our Emergency Services family. The first few weeks of operation have been busy and the integration into our response system has been well received by all agencies they have worked with. I want to thank everyone from the Emergency Services office for all the hardwork and dedication to see this amazing journey from concept to wheels down the road for all of Niagara County. I also would like to thank all the fire departments and first responders for their support and assistance as well as the Niagara County Legislature for seeing this through to fruition.

As we head into the 2024, I hope you all had some well-deserved time for fun and family over the holiday season! Please remember the importance to take time for yourselves and your families. As first responders, you all are the most important pieces to the emergency response puzzle and with youall protecting our communities it allows all our neighbors to be at ease.

So, as we walk into the new year, remember stay positive, keep your head held high, and keep an eye on your friends! The struggles we are all in today are giving us strength we need for tomorrow! Remember, don't let your guard down. Stay vigilant, take care of yourself and your families, and Never Give Up!

Again, thank you to all our First Responders for all you are doing and continue to do!!

Thanks for all you do,

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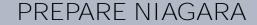


Our next newsletter will be going out on April 1, 2024. If you would like to have an article published please feel free to get into contact with us at NCEM@niagaracounty.com and we will get everything put in accordingly. We kindly ask that all articles be received no later than <u>two week's prior</u> to the next newsletter (date listed above).

Thank you for all that you do.

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