

BROOME COUNTY'S FIRE DEPARTMENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN 7TH ANNUAL STATEWIDE "RECRUITNY" WEEKEND TO HELP INCREASE NUMBER OF VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS



Most Brome County volunteer fire companies will have open houses on Saturday, April 29, noon to 3 pm.

As part of the seventh annual *RecruitNY* statewide initiative, most volunteer fire departments in Broome County will open their doors to area residents so they can learn about what it takes to be a volunteer firefighter in their community. Over the last several years, it has been very tough for many fire departments throughout New York State to recruit and retain volunteers for a variety of reasons. Like most volunteer fire departments, Broome County's fire companies need to bolster their emergency responder numbers so it can continue to provide the optimum level of protection for its residents.

As part of *RecruitNY*, on Saturday, April 29, between noon and 3 pm, most Broome County volunteer fire companies will join volunteer fire departments all across the state at their respective firehouses for a unified recruitment drive. Not only will *RecruitNY* be an opportunity to highlight the rewards and responsibilities that come with being a volunteer firefighter, it will also raise public awareness about the need for volunteers.

Throughout the day, fire companies will conduct tours of the station and firefighter apparatus, allow visitors to try on firefighter gear, and provide activities and fascinating informational opportunities throughout the firehouse for visitors. The fire department will discuss the requirements to be a volunteer as well as conduct demonstrations, answer questions, and let visitors know how to get involved in the fire departments.

Last year, more than 500 fire departments in 58 counties across the state held recruitment open houses. FASNY is hoping for an even higher turnout this year.

Residents are urged to stop in at their local fire company. This is a great opportunity for residents to observe the exciting tasks of a firefighter. Volunteer firefighters are everyday heroes who help neighbors in need. Most love the challenges and rewards of being a volunteer firefighter. We hope our recruitment day will inspire other area residents to join our fire service family.

The following fire stations will be open Saturday, April 29, from noon to 3 pm (unless otherwise noted):

2017 RECRUITMENT OPEN HOUSE

Chenango Bridge Fire, 13 Kattelville Rd., Chenango Bridge Chenango Fire Company, 86 Castle Creek Road, Binghamton Chenango Forks Fire- 2640 Route 12, Chenango Forks, 9 am to 3 pm Conklin Fire Dept. - 1034 Conklin Road, Conklin East Maine Fire Company- 847 East Maine Road, Johnson City Endwell Fire Department - 3508 Country Club Road, Endwell Five Mile Point Fire Department- 16 Crescent Drive, Kirkwood Harpursville Fire Department St #1 - 2 Main St., Harpursville Hillcrest Fire Company- 1115 Avenue B, Binghamton Kirkwood Fire Company - 297 Main St., Kirkwood, 11 am to 4 pm Maine Fire Department - 29 Mc Gregor Ave., Maine Port Crane Fire Company - 844 Route 369, Port Crane Port Dickinson Fire Company - 786 Chenango St., Binghamton Prospect Terrace Fire Company- Prospect & Girard Ave, Binghamton Sanitaria Springs Fire Company - 811 NYS Route 7, Port Crane Town of Binghamton Fire Company - 967 Hawleyton Road, Binghamton Triangle Fire Company - 3621 Roue 206, Triangle Union Center - station #1 -1811 Union Center-Maine Hwy (Route 26), Endicott and station #2-1209 Taft Ave., Endicott Vestal Fire Department- station #1- 116 North Main Street, station #2 - 2517 Route 26, station #3-2164 Old Owego Road, station #4 - 3341 Vestal Parkway East, Vestal West Colesville Fire Company - 1305 West Colesville Road, Binghamton West Corners Fire Department- 500 Day Hollow Road, Endicott West Windsor Fire Company - 8 Karla Dr., West Windsor Windsor Fire Company - College & Academy Streets, Windsor