

NEW POLICY ON TRAINING "NO SHOWS"

Broome County Fire Coordinator Brett Chellis recently announced a new "No Show" policy. This as a result of an ongoing problem of people registering for state or county courses and then not showing up or giving sufficient notification to allow others on the waiting list to be notified. This results in vacancies in courses that would otherwise be full and can even result in courses being postponed or cancelled.

With the difficulty in providing courses with the state's new instructor requirements, and the great need for these courses, there are usually more people wanting to register for courses than we have available slots. It is unfair to these persons who cannot get into a course for others to not have the responsibility to show up when they register. It is also unfair to the instructors who dedicate a lot of time to provide quality training.

Effective immediately, all registrations will be taken by firefighter name and department only. Persons who do not show up the first night of class for state and county courses and who have failed to notify the coordinator's office at least 24 hours in advance that they cannot attend, will be placed on a "black list" for future registrations.

This means that the person will not be registered for future classes unless there are openings in the class after all other registrations have been received. When that person shows they have enough responsibility to show up for at least two courses consecutively then they will be removed from the black list and allowed to resume registering for courses normally.