

FIRE COMPANIES REPORT NEW MEMBERS FROM OPEN HOUSE

So far the feedback from our Recruitment open house held on Saturday, January 19, has been very positive, with many saying we should make this an annual event.

Our thanks to the Press & Sun Bulletin and especially Jim Wright who wrote the excellent article last week that drew attention to the need for volunteers. WBNG-TV mentioned the open house on its newscasts several days, at one time showing the county website with information on recruitment. Several radio stations also made mention of the open house and the need for volunteers over the past week. Our thanks to all the media who helped us get the word out.

Special thank to County Executive Barbara Fiala who showed up to support us at our media event on Friday, to Jerry Marinich of Senator Libous' office for his assistance and to Fire Coordinator Brett Chellis for all of his help.

Reports from fire companies so far:

Hillcrest, who went door-to-door distributing flyers, reports that they had 7 people sign up and another take an application to turn in when he turns 15.

Harpursville was pleased to attract three people who were interested in joining and felt the open house was a great idea. They thought that this time of year was good because there were not a lot of things going on.

Five Mile Point too was happy with receiving four applications and they hoped that we would do this again, possibly once or twice a year.

West Corners reported receiving six applications for membership and was very pleased with their open house.

Ouaquaga was the only fire company so far to report not receiving any applications.

Vestal reports that they had a total of six people express an interest in joining - four at station #1, one at station #2 and one at station #4.

West Colesville reported that they received three applications for membership during the open house.

Endwell received four applications and had two others express interest, including one who had to wait a few months until he turned 15. A few others stopped in for moral support including a couple who was unable to join but left a donation.

Fire Department	Applications	Possibilities	Comments
Endwell	4	2	
Five Mile point	4		Great idea, do again
Harpursville		3	Agreed it should be annual
Hillcrest	7	1	
Ouaquaga	0		
Vestal		6	
West Corners	6		
West Colesville	3		
	24	12	

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