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Monmouth County Fire Academy graduates 30

FREEHOLD – The Monmouth County Fire Academy recently graduated 30 volunteers from Firefighter I Class No. 72. The ceremony was held Aug. 21.

The firefighters attended weekend classes and completed more than 130 hours of course work. They received training in rescue, fire extinguishment, hazardous materials response, cardio-pulmonary resuscitation, electrical safety, and care of hoses and other equipment.

Freeholder Director William C. Barham, who spoke at the graduation ceremony, commended the new firefighters for their dedication and willingness to serve.

"Firefighters are a special breed," Barham said. "They must be ready to respond day or night, and many times they are confronted with life or death situations. Their ability to react safely and quickly can be attributed to the training they received at the Monmouth County Fire Academy. Firefighters provide a necessary service and help provide quality public services at the local level."

William Itinger, chief training officer at the Howell facility, said this new crop of firefighters, like the 10,000 other firefighters who receive training at the Fire Academy each year, worked hard to achieve their goals. "They are extremely dedicated," Itinger said. "They demonstrated their dedication during training, and I have no doubt they will provide a valuable service to their communities."

Each firefighter was awarded their Firefighter I certificate. The certificates were distributed by Barham, Itinger and Fire Marshal Timothy Smith. Also in attendance were Freeholders Lillian G. Burry, Barbara J. McMorro and Anna C. Little.

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* A list of graduates is attached.

Firefighter I graduates – Class 72

Christopher R. Atkinson	Freehold Boro Fire Department
Justin Bonura	Colts Neck Fire Co. #1
Justin W. Brand	Long Branch Fire Department
Scott M. Brewer	South Wall Fire & Rescue
Joseph C. Calton	Belmar Fire Department
Way S. Chiang	Colts Neck Fire Co. #1
Katelyn Cooper	Point Pleasant Beach #2
Jason W. Decker	Englishtown Fire Department
Joseph A. DeLuca	Colts Neck Fire Co. #1
Michael R. Falciani	Sea Girt Fire Department
Santino J. Fontana	Freehold Township Independent
Guiseppe V. Giangazzi	Aberdeen Hose & Chemical
Ted D. Glick	Robertsville Fire Co.
Jason R. Hayman	Little Silver Fire Department
John D. Iorio Jr.	North Centerville Fire Co. (Hazlet)
Christopher T. Lach	Freehold Township Independent
Anthony C. Luisi	Gordon's Corner Fire Co. (Manalapan)
Bernard J. McKenna	Long Branch Fire Department
Michael J. Murphy Jr.	East Freehold Fire Co.
Matt F. Murtagh	Colts Neck Fire Co #1
Christopher J. Norek	South Amboy Fire Department
Thomas L. O'Keefe	Keansburg Fire Co.
Jake B. Pascucci	Oceanport Fire Department
Trevor W. Raynor	Allentown Fire Department
Thomas H. Ruane	West Long Branch #2
Kelsey A. Russell	Ramtown Fire Co. (Howell)
Ryan Sherry	Hamilton Neptune Township
Steven T. Spiezio	Long Branch Fire Department
Steven M. Wachstein	Gordon's Corner Fire Co. (Manalapan)
Christopher T. Wagenhals	Tinton Falls/Pine Brook Fire Co.