

Friday Updates

6/25/2021:

Firefighter Peter Leavitt recently attended the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland for two courses required for certification as a Managing Fire Officer. This certification is comprised of four classes of six days at the Academy as well as some on-line courses and projects including a Capstone. These requirements are typically spread out over a span of 18-24 months and Firefighter Leavitt has completed the first half of this process.

The first of these classes was Applications of Leadership in the Culture of Safety which highlights the many dangers of firefighting outside of normal firefighting operations. These range from seatbelt usage to mental health and sleep deprivation. This course teaches the officer to recognize and help form solutions to the atypical issues facing firefighters today.

The second class was Applications of Community Risk Reduction which showcases targeting hazards within your community, many of which may not be obvious. This process involves cooperation among many departments and input from different stakeholders. This information forms the basis of a risk reduction plan used by the fire department and the emergency operations team.

These classes also required two prerequisite online classes as well as resources from the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation. The final classes for the certification will be scheduled sometime before the spring.

Congratulations to Pete on successfully completing this valuable certification course!