



Allegany County Firefighter 1 Course Graduates

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Pictured left to right (standing): Joe Szeliga (Instructor – Alfred), Casey Howe (Whitesville), Jerrod Smith (Wellsville), Roy Harding (Angelica), Evan Wachs (Alfred Station), Jason Williams (Alfred Station), Greg Howe (Whitesville).
 (kneeling): Stephen Foster (Wellsville), Steven Jackson (Whitesville), John Werner (Instructor – Angelica), Joseph Patrick (Willing), Curtis Craft (Birdsall), Jeffrey Erdmann (Whitesville), Dave Jennings (Instructor – Belfast)

In Allegany County, the first group of firefighters has completed the Firefighter 1 course at the Whitesville Fire Department. The course completely prepares an entry level firefighter to respond to emergencies.

The training involves classroom instruction, written tests and hands on training. By completing the course the fire fighter acquires the knowledge and skills to respond to structural, automobile fires and emergency incidents involving confined spaces and hazardous materials.

The Firefighter 1 course is part of the new state training program that meets the national standards for fire fighting.