



Alfred Station Welcomes Two New Members

January 2005

Alfred Station Volunteer Fire Company recently welcomed two new members. Joining the department are Clare Shilling and Matthew Hackett both of Alfred Station.



Clare currently holds her NYS Firefighter 1 certificate and previously, in Illinois, was a paid paramedic for Medix Ambulance and volunteered at Oakwood rescue/recovery/ambulance company. Clare was also involved with the high angle rescue squad, swift water rescue squad and search and rescue squad.

Matthew originally joined Alfred Station Fire Company as a Junior Firefighter in the Explorer program in 2004 after moving to the area from Shinglehouse, PA. Matthew's father, who passed away in 1994, was a chief of the Eldred Township Volunteer Fire Company for many years and his mother, Peggy Hackett is also an active member of the Alfred Station Fire Company. Matthew is currently a senior at Alfred Almond Central School and is studying Culinary Arts at the Wildwood B.O.C.E.S in Hornell, NY. Upon graduating he plans to attend college at Alfred State in the Culinary Arts Program. Matthew is the 4th Junior Firefighter to make the transition to Senior Firefighter since the Junior program was restarted in 2003.

Both new members bring diverse experience and are eager to serve our community. In other business, the Alfred Station Fire Company responded to 23 emergency calls in the month of January: 17 Automatic Alarms, 5 Motor Vehicle Accidents and 1 mutual aid call to a structure fire in the town of Andover.