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County Executive Neuhaus addresses Firefighter 1 graduates

Graduating class includes 20 men and women from 12 County Fire Departments

Goshen, N.Y. – Orange County Executive Steven M. Neuhaus attended the County’s Firefighter 1 summer graduation on Thursday night at the County’s Emergency Services Center in Goshen.

Neuhaus was joined at the graduation by Assistant District Attorney Chris Borek, Orange County’s Deputy Commissioner of Fire Services, Vini Tankasali, and Orange County Fire Training Chief Jim McCann.

“I’m proud and appreciate these graduates for their commitment to public service and to the communities that they will proudly serve as volunteers,” said Neuhaus, a past graduate of the County’s Fire Training Program. “These brave men and women have made a commitment to public service and have shown a willingness to risk their own lives to save others, which is admirable and to be applauded by all. On behalf of Orange County, I extend my sincere congratulations and thanks to all of them.”

The Firefighter 1 graduating class consisted of 20 men and women from these 12 County Fire Departments: Bullville, Chester, Cronomer Valley, Good-Will, Middletown, Monroe, New Windsor, Orange Lake, Port Jervis, South Blooming Grove, Unionville and Woodbury. Training began in early-June and concluded on July 14th. The summer class was comprised of an accelerated blended learning format, which included online coursework in conjunction with skills training completed at the Orange County Fire Training Center.

“Due to the high temperatures and accelerated format, this course was extremely challenging,” Tankasali said. “This class endured through the conditions and met

the challenges successfully. We are proud of their dedication and effort and congratulate the graduates, along with the training instructors, participating fire departments on a successful summer program.”

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Orange County Executive Steven M. Neuhaus (center) with Orange County’s Firefighter 1 summer graduation class and instructors on July 27th, 2017 at the County’s Emergency Services Center.