



Roanoke County Fire & Rescue Department News Release

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20 Volunteers Graduate from the 7th Roanoke County Fire Academy

March 3, 2009 (Roanoke County) – The seventh Roanoke County Volunteer Fire Academy consisting of 20 graduates from Roanoke County concluded this evening with a graduation ceremony.

The graduation program was held at 6:30 p.m. in Olin Theatre on the campus of Roanoke College. Roanoke County Fire and Rescue Division Chief Steve Simon, along with 11 Roanoke County Volunteer Fire Chiefs invited county officials and administration to attend this exciting event where each volunteer was pinned with their firefighter badge.

Twenty individuals representing Roanoke County Fire and Rescue have spent more than 20 weeks and 200 hours receiving instruction and practical training in the areas of basic firefighting skills and hazardous material operations. The course ended with a live burn at the Roanoke Valley Regional Training Center where recruits were able to test their practical skills.

The Roanoke County Volunteer Fire Academy is offered each year starting in September and runs through February. The class is offered for all new Roanoke County fire volunteers who serve at one of the 11 volunteer fire companies throughout the County. If space is available, volunteers from other localities are permitted to participate for a small fee. Anyone wanting to find out more about the academy should call Jennifer Conley Sexton at 777-8706.

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List of Fire Academy # 7 Participants and their stations

Steve Arthur	Mount Pleasant
David Baker	Fort Lewis
Logan Blankenbeckler	Cave Spring
Graham Casler	Cave Spring
Jay Cecil	Read Mountain
Chris Coble	Cave Spring
Alfred Esperagoza	Hollins
Thomas Garrett	Fort Lewis
Benjamin Heller	Fort Lewis
Craig Herndon	Masons Cove
Corey Hite	Fort Lewis
Joshua Kasonga	Hollins
Eric Lefevers	Back Creek
Peter Matthiessen	Cave Spring
Adam McDearmon	Cave Spring
Hunter Mood	Cave Spring
Austin Mundy	Cave Spring
Xavier Scott	Bent Mountain
Jonathan Stone	Hollins
Eric Vess	Cave Spring

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Roanoke County Fire and Rescue Department is committed to providing quality fire and emergency medical services to the citizens and visitors of Roanoke County, Virginia. We are a combination department with both career and volunteer personnel operating out of 12 stations and one administrative office.