

# **32 South Coast Firefighters Graduate State Firefighting Academy**

State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey and Massachusetts Firefighting Academy Deputy Director Joseph Klucznik presented certificates of completion to members of the Call/Volunteer Recruit Firefighter Training Class #76. The ceremony took place on Thursday, June 27, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at Kuss Middle School in Fall River, MA.

The Call/Volunteer Firefighter Recruit Training program is unique in that it delivers a standard recruit training curriculum, meeting national standards, on nights and weekends to accommodate the schedule of firefighters in suburban and rural areas. Bringing the training closer to the firefighters often means, more firefighters can participate. It uses an online eBlended format that has students doing more work outside of class and taking quizzes online. This allows students more time to practice training skills with instructors and to better control their own workloads and time commitments.

## **32 Graduates from 15 Fire Departments**

The 32 graduates, five women and 27 men, represent the 15 fire departments of Acushnet, Avon, Berkley, Dartmouth District #1, Dartmouth District #3, Dighton, Fairhaven, Freetown, Lakeville, Marion, Plympton, Raynham, Rehoboth, Swansea and Westport.

**Call/Vol Class #76 - Fall River - 6/27/19**

<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Department/Organization</b>
Nathan	Correia	Acushnet Fire Department
Timothy	DaSilva	Acushnet Fire Department
Sean	Silva	Acushnet Fire Department
Glenn	Allen	Avon Fire Department
Dana	Costello	Berkley Fire Department
Amanda	Greco	Berkley Fire Department
Cody	Cabral	Dartmouth-District 1 Fire Department
Christian	Cunha	Dartmouth-District 1 Fire Department
Bailey	Oliveira	Dartmouth-District 1 Fire Department
Aaron	Bentley	Dartmouth-District 3 Fire Department
Nolan	Burns	Dartmouth-District 3 Fire Department
Jacob	Livesey	Dartmouth-District 3 Fire Department
Christopher	Caron	Dighton Fire Department
Samantha	Gagnon	Dighton Fire Department
Jordan	Cabral	Fairhaven Fire Department
Paul	Ashley, Jr.	Freetown Fire Department
Alexander	Copeland	Freetown Fire Department
Meaghan	McGinn	Freetown Fire Department
Brad	Plissey	Freetown Fire Department
Dylan	Hanson	Lakeville Fire Department
Nicole	Parrish	Marion Fire Department
Derek	Ferguson	Plympton Fire Department
Glenn	Butts, Jr.	Raynham Fire Department
Tyler	Carey	Raynham Fire Department
Salvatore	Imprescia	Raynham Fire Department
Jason	Arena	Rehoboth Fire Department
Allyiah	Wright	Rehoboth Fire Department
Nathan	Bettencourt	Swansea Fire Department
Jesse	Stimson	Swansea Fire Department
Travis	Winters	Swansea Fire Department
Joseph	Dupuis	Westport Fire Department

**Today's Fire Department Does Much More than Fight Fires**

Today's firefighters do far more than fight fires. They are the first ones called to respond to chemical and environmental

emergencies, ranging from the suspected presence of carbon monoxide to a gas leak. They may be called to rescue a child who has fallen through the ice or who has locked himself in a bathroom. They rescue people from stalled elevators and those trapped in vehicle crashes. They test and maintain their equipment, ranging from self-contained breathing apparatus to hydrants, hoses, power tools, and vehicles.

In this Massachusetts Firefighting Academy program, they learn all these skills and more from certified fire instructors who are also experienced firefighters. Students learn all the basic skills they need to respond to fires, to contain and to control them. They also receive training in public fire education, hazardous material incident mitigation, flammable liquids, stress management, firefighter self-rescue, and vehicle extrication. The intensive program includes classroom instruction, physical fitness training, firefighter skills training and live firefighting practice.

### **Basic Firefighter Skills**

Students receive classroom training in all basic firefighter skills. They practice first under non-fire conditions and then during controlled fire conditions. To graduate, students must demonstrate proficiency in life safety, search and rescue, ladder operations, water supply, pump operation, and fire attack. Fire attack operations range from mailbox fires to multiple-floor or multiple room structural fires.

Graduates have completed 240 hours of training on nights and weekends. Upon successful completion of this program, all students have met the standards of National Fire Protection Association 1001. In addition, they have the ability to become certified to the level of Firefighter I and II and Hazardous Materials First Responder Operational Level by the Massachusetts Fire Training Council, which is accredited by the National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications.