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JONESVILLE FIREFIGHTERS EARN CERTIFICATIONS

The Jonesville Fire Department recently hosted Fire Instructor I training for area firefighters. Jonesville Deputy Chief Rick Riggs, Assistant Chief Scott Lucas, Captain Nate Baker, and Sergeant Adam Rose successfully completed the requirements to earn the certification.

The Fire Instructor I course includes 40 hours of classroom instruction, with each firefighter required to complete a written exam and an evaluated presentation that reflects their knowledge of instructing firefighting practices and techniques. Significant time was required outside of the class to complete coursework and for research and preparation of the presentation. The coursework meets the National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA) Standard for Fire Service Instructor Professional Qualifications.

"I appreciate that our firefighters are willing to sacrifice the time needed to further their skills to improve fire protection and prevention in our community," said Deputy Chief Riggs. "The Department is committed to assuring that our members have access to state-of-the-art training opportunities."

A total of 14 firefighters from 8 agencies attended the course, which was held at the Jonesville Fire Department and taught by accredited instructors.

"I credit Deputy Chief Riggs for making this professional training accessible for our firefighters, as well as those from other agencies around the county and region," said Director of Public Safety Mike Lance. "The opportunity for professional and volunteer firefighters to network and learn from each other is a valuable part of the training experience."

Individuals interested in making a difference in their community are encouraged to consider serving on the Jonesville Fire Department. No experience is necessary. All necessary training and equipment are provided. Contact any Jonesville Firefighter, or Director of Public Safety Mike Lance at (517) 849-2101 for more information.

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