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Press Release

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CINNAMINSON FIRE PERSONNEL OBTAIN STATE CERTIFICATIONS

CINNAMINSON, N.J. – Four volunteer members of the Cinnaminson Fire Department successfully passed formal training courses and obtained statewide certifications.

Three members, Mathew Geiger, who is also a firefighter, Tracy Kilmer, who is a fire code official, and Lee Schroeder also a firefighter, recently completed almost 50 hours of training and passed a state recognized examination which included written and practical components, and earned the certification of Emergency Medical Responder. This certification is valid for a two year period. During the two years these individuals will be required to attend formal training sessions presented by the department, be independently evaluated each year by the department's medical director as all of our EMT's and EMR's are required to do to demonstrate competency, and then successfully pass a 40 hour training program to recertify.

While all three stated that the course was challenging they also stated that they look forward to being able to provide basic first aid to residents in need. These members will be teamed up with members of the department who are EMT's to respond to critical emergency medical calls including heart attacks, trouble breathing, bleeding and overdoses. All three can perform CPR, use an automated external defibrillator, and administer aspirin, narcan and epinephrine.

Another volunteer member, Bob Nikoo, recently completed over 90 hours of classroom and practical instruction in the New Jersey Division of Fire Safety's initial fire safety inspector course. In addition, Bob passed a rigorous state administered written examination to earn certification as a Fire Inspector. This qualifies him to enforce the very complex state fire safety codes. This certification is valid for a three year period during which time he will need to complete over 20 hours of state approved continuing education training in order to recertify.

Most people do not realize the time commitment and dedication that our members go through to be able to provide such vital services to the community.

“Pound for pound members of the Cinnaminson Fire Department are among the most highly trained emergency services providers available”, stated Fire Chief William Kramer, Jr.

Those interested in joining the “*Team that makes a Difference*” are encouraged to apply by visiting our website at www.cinnaminsonfire.org.

We can also be followed on Facebook and Twitter.