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Seventeen Firefighters Prepare to Graduate from Fire Training Academy

State Fire Marshal Michael Matlick is announcing that 17 firefighters are preparing to graduate from the Washington State Patrol Fire Training Academy Basic Firefighter 1 program.

The Fire Training Academy Recruit School program is an 11-week course that meets National Fire Protection Association Standard 1001 for certification at the Firefighter I

and Hazardous Materials Awareness and Operations Level. Graduating firefighters learn basic fire service principles through classroom instruction and rigorous hands-on live fire training.

On August 21, 2009, 18 candidates started the 180-hour Basic Firefighter I program. On November 1, 2009, 17 candidates will be acknowledged for having completed the training. Graduation ceremonies will be held at Mt. Si High School, North Bend, Washington and starts at 10:00 a.m.

The following fire departments and districts are represented in the upcoming graduating class:

Eastside Fire & Rescue	(3)	Snohomish County Fire District #26	(1)
Fire Training Academy	(2)	Woodinville Fire & Life Safety	(2)
King County Fire District #45	(5)	Yakima County Fire District #5	(1)
Kittitas Valley Fire & Rescue	(1)	Mason County Fire District #2	(2)

For more information on the Fire Training Academy, contact the Office of the State Fire Marshal at (360) 596-3900.

The Office of the State Fire Marshal is a Bureau of the Washington State Patrol, providing fire and life safety services to the citizens of Washington State including inspections of state licensed facilities, plan review of school construction projects, licensing of fire sprinkler contractors and pyrotechnic operators, training Washington State's firefighters, and collecting emergency response data.

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