

CITY OF JAMESTOWN
FIRE DEPARTMENT
2025 ANNUAL REPORT



JAMESTOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF'S MESSAGE

On behalf of every dedicated and devoted firefighter on the Jamestown Fire Department, I am pleased to present to you, this recap of events that occurred in 2025. The department is manned 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. We are here to respond to the needs of the community, no matter what your emergency may be. This report will give you various types of information, including the various duties of our firefighters and first responders, that each and every day are there for the residents of the great city of Jamestown, as well as charts and graphs that show a great deal of statistics.

If you ever find yourself in need, you can rest assured that any one of our well-trained professionals will be there to assist you in minutes. Whether it is a member that has been here 20 years or one of our newest recruits fresh out of the Academy, you will be in good hands when faced with a house fire, medical issue, or motor vehicle accident. Our firefighters went on 8,514 various types of calls in 2025, each presenting different dangers and challenges.

I would ask all of you, while reading this annual report, to please remember the dangers our firefighters face daily while serving and protecting our citizens of this great Pearl City. The Jamestown Fire Department prides itself with professionalism and dignity, and we hold each other to the highest of standards, and I look forward to leading our firefighters safely through 2026.

Thank you for your continued support!

Ryan J Roush

Interim Fire Chief

MISSION STATEMENT

Departmental Mission:

The Jamestown Fire Department is an organization of dedicated professionals who are committed to serving the community by protecting life, property, and the environment through fire prevention, education, emergency medical, and fire suppression services.

Vision:

The members of the Jamestown Fire Department will work tirelessly to become the best trained and most progressive team of firefighters. We strive to meet NFPA Standards and internationally-recognized best practices of the fire service. The Department will excel in advancing public safety within the City of Jamestown through community outreach, fire prevention initiatives, and public education. The well-being of our city and the health and safety of our members is our motivation.

Value Statement:

As members of the Jamestown Fire Department, we will operate with the utmost respect for our community, one another, and the fire service. We recognize the privilege it is to be a Jamestown Firefighter and humbly accept the challenges and inherent dangers of the job. With honor and integrity, we will place the needs of others before our own in the faithful discharge of our sworn duties, in the proud tradition set forth by the generations of brave Jamestown Firefighters that came before us.

STATIONS

Fire Station 1 is located at Jamestown City Hall, and houses the Department's Ladder trucks, as well as the Medic 35-unit, Ambulance 1, Ambulance 2, Marine 1 which is a water rescue craft, and the heavy-duty rescue unit. All the Department's administrative offices are at Station 1.

Fire Station 3 is located at 422 Newland Avenue. Station 3 was built in 1949 and was dedicated to Firefighter Elmer R. Berry, who was killed in action in Luxembourg during World War II. It serves the south side of the City.

Fire Station 4 serves the east side of the City from its location at the corner of Allen and Buffalo Streets. Station 4 was built in 1930 and to replace the old Station 4 which was at the corner of East Second Street & Kipp Street and also replaced Station 6 at Allen Street near Tiffany Avenue.

Fire Station 5 is located at 195 Fairmount Avenue and serves the west side of the City. This historic building was part of Chief Wilson's station reorganization and relocation plan in 1911. It was built in 1913 to accommodate Engine Co. 5, which was moved from West Fifth Street to this current location. From this station, Walter H. Kastenhuber, Oscar H. Bloom, Raymond W. Allison, and Harold Anderson responded to the Atlantic-Richfield Fire on June 19, 1934. They, along with three civilians were killed as a result of this horrific fire. Many others, including Chief Clifton Beatty were injured.

Our administrative offices are located at Station One at 200 Spring Street in the City Hall Building. Our offices are open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday for non-emergency information or assistance. Included in these offices are the Fire Prevention Office and Inspection & Investigate Office. The non-emergency office number is 716-483-7598, and is available during normal business hours.

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FIRE INVESTIGATION UNIT

The JFD Fire Investigation Team is comprised of members of the fire department and police department who have completed all NYS requirements along with National requirements making our team ProBoard certified fire investigators. The JFD Fire Investigation team continues to work in close collaboration with the Jamestown Police Department via a JPD Detective who is also a ProBoard certified Fire Investigator. The Team also has JFD/JPD Evidence Technicians who are DCJS certified in the collection and proper handling of fire scene evidence. Maintaining compliance with current NFPA 921 and 1033 requirements is of the upmost priority for all JFD Fire Investigators. These annual requirements include a minimum of 12 hours tested training as well as performance of at least 12 hours of actual field investigation in order to maintain Pro-Board and NYS certifications.

The JFD Fire Investigation Team performs fire cause and origin determinations any time a fire is reported within the City of Jamestown. These investigations are mandated by NYS laws and regulations. Often times, JFD fire investigators will work in coordination with other agencies such as Law Enforcement, Public Utilities, Private Investigators, Insurance Adjusters and Investigators, Medical Professionals, Scientists and other field experts, Building Contractors, as well as the Chautauqua County District Attorney's Office.

On the average, a fire investigator commits more than four (4) hours of time on each case. Most cases will include hands-on observation of the fire scene, interviewing people affected by the fire, consultation with other agencies, and fully document the case. Documentation includes, but is not limited to: photographic evidence of the fire, author a narrative explaining fire cause and

origin determination, drawing, maps and schematics of the fire scene, and researching property records, deeds, property value, insurance policies, loans, taxes, and other debts. Fire investigators may be subpoenaed to testify in both civil and criminal courts of law.

JFD fire investigators are considered expert witnesses in the area of study and practice of fire behavior and fire cause and determination.

In total, it takes about 2 years to fulfill the training and testing requirements to become field certified.

The Jamestown Fire Investigation Team investigated 37 fires in 2025.





(fire photo credits: 716 Network)

MAINTENANCE DIVISION

Fire Alarm & Maintenance Supervisor (FAMS) Dan Mangione oversees the maintenance of all the Departments vehicles and fire stations, as well as the complete Gamewell system. He was assisted on a regular basis by Firefighter Frank J. Volpe, and a number of other skilled Firefighters that offer their assistance in between answering fire & EMS calls. FAMS Mangione conducts the NFPA fire pump testing on the 6-fire apparatus and coordinates and oversees the required annual NFPA fire hose testing. FAMS Mangione also schedules and reviews annual aerial ladder testing of the two ladder trucks and ensures that necessary repairs are completed as recommended by the testing company if needed. When there is work that is not able to be performed in house (Fire Station), it is scheduled with the City of Jamestown Fleet Maintenance Division or an appropriate outside service.

The Gamewell system is comprised of a combination of over 125 street and Master boxes. These are distributed on 8 circuits that circle and often overlap in the city business districts and neighborhoods. These circuits contain total over 48 miles of alarm wire in the city. FAMS Mangione will refurbish boxes, transfer wires to new poles, and occasionally reroute existing circuits.

- Conduct annual apparatus pump performance tests on all 4 engines and two ladder trucks
- Conduct annual hose testing per NFPA on all fire service hose
- Perform multiple alarm wire pole transfers
- Write specs and provide infrastructure for new gear washing machine
- Write specs and coordinate installation of new gear dryer

- Replace washer drain underfloor at St 3 with help of DPW
- Assist in getting St 5 open again after renovations
- Acquire and dismantle Gamewell equipment from Falconer Fire Dept





Annual Training Division Report – 2025

The Jamestown Fire Department's Training Division is responsible for preparing firefighters employed by the City of Jamestown with the skills, knowledge, education, and proficiency necessary to respond effectively to all calls for service. These responses range from emergency medical incidents to structure fires and other complex emergencies. Jamestown firefighters train daily to maintain and refine these critical skills to ensure operational readiness and public safety.

In compliance with New York Codes, Rules and Regulations (NYCCR) Part 426.7, all permanently appointed firefighters and fire officers are required to complete a minimum of 100 contact hours of in-service training annually across 24 designated subject areas. These subject areas include fire behavior, fire protection systems, personal safety, rescue operations, cause and origin of arson fires, sprinkler and alarm systems, and hazardous materials handling. In addition to these core topics, equipment-based training is conducted on a routine basis and includes apparatus operation and maintenance, fire pump operations, and aerial ladder training. Emergency medical instruction—including first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), and medical care—is frequently scheduled to ensure compliance with current standards and best practices.

Training is provided to members of the Jamestown Fire Department at both the company and platoon levels. The majority of training sessions are conducted in-house at fire stations throughout the City of Jamestown, as well as at the Taylor Training Facility located on Harrison Street. This approach allows the Department to deliver consistent instruction while maintaining response coverage. As outlined in the Department's Mission Statement, training within the Jamestown Fire Department is continuously evolving to address technological advancements, updated equipment, and changing industry standards. Members are trained to meet the demands of new technologies and improvements in firefighting equipment and operational procedures. Specialty training courses are periodically

conducted and include instruction in confined space rescue, hazardous materials response, flammable gas incidents, high-angle rescue, ice and cold-water rescue, and emergency vehicle operations.

During calendar year 2025, the Jamestown Fire Department recorded over 12,050 total training hours department-wide, which includes the required minimum 100 hours of annual in-service training per member. Several members attended additional training opportunities and professional development seminars throughout New York State, including specialized courses offered at the New York State Academy of Fire Science in Montour Falls, New York. In 2025, the Department hired four (4) new firefighters, each of whom successfully completed 622.5 contact hours of recruit firefighter training during a 15-week program at the New York State Fire Academy. This comprehensive recruit training ensured that new members met all state and departmental standards prior to assignment.

Through continued commitment to comprehensive training and professional development, the Jamestown Fire Department remains prepared to provide safe, effective, and reliable emergency services to the residents of the City of Jamestown.





CODE ENFORCEMENT/FIRE PREVENTION

In 2025, the Office of Fire Prevention & Code Enforcement was staffed by Fire Code Inspector Ryan Saunders and Municipal Training LT. Caruso our job duties include Fire Code Inspection, Fire Investigation, Fire Prevention Education, Youth Fire-setter Intervention, Municipal Training, CO/Smoke Detector distribution, Car Seat installation and SCBA maintenance for the Jamestown Fire Department.

During 2025, the Code Enforcement/Fire Prevention Bureau provided the following services:

- Conducted **96** Presentation events to the public, consisting of Community engagement with risk reduction strategies, education, recruitment, and prevention programs.
- Conducted Fire Prevention On-site training & education to hundreds of City youth through Jamestown Public Schools, Cub Scout Local Pack 115, Chautauqua Child Care, Hillcrest Baptist Church Daycare and Pre-K, Jamestown Boys and Girls Club, Camp Hiak Tilikum, YMCA, and the YWCA
- Conducted Fire Education to an aging city population through Lutheran Social Services, JHA Highrise, Heritage Park, and Silvertree Seniors
- Identified and assisted with abating Fire Code violations
- Participated in the City Electrical Board while responding to and investigating unlicensed electrical work complaints
- Responded to various EMS calls throughout the city and provided patient care and transport to UPMC Chautauqua
- Distributed some **335** CO/Smoke detectors Grant Funded through Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Prevention Grant Program (COPPGP) to purchase to city residents
- Continued to partner with the Chautauqua Safety Village providing free Car Seats, and additional Smoke/ CO alarms to city residents

- Continued to Partner with Ardent Solutions to provided Life Jackets and additional car seats to city residents. Installing and distributing **39** seats to families in need.
- Provided Fire Prevention Training to New Vision Services and the Resource Center
- Continued partnership with Chautauqua County Mental Health Association, supporting Hope, Advocacy, and Recovery
- Facilitated outreach efforts during the homelessness in the city with the MHA, STEL, Chautauqua County Mental Health and the Homeless Coalition
- Teamed with the Domestic Violence Coalition to provide aid and support to those in need, linking citizens with Services and Aid.
- Conducted multiple public events as Child Passenger Safety Technicians to check and supply the community with appropriate car seats.
- Enforced City Charter regulations for illegal burns
- Performed **362** Fire Safety Inspections of Residential, Commercial and Public Assemblies for NYS and ab additional **52** Fire Code Compliance issuing citations when remedies were required
- Encouraged Businesses and Building Mangers to provide JFD emergency access through KNOX box installation critical to timely emergency response
- Delivered Career Day presentations to Hewes and LoGuidice Educational Centers in Ashville and Fredonia further expanding our Recruitment and Retention objectives
- Became a CPR certified Instructor with FF Fardink, FF Troche, FF Christy, FF Garcia in a collaborative effort with MTI Caruso and LT Vandeveld, to better serve the department and Community partners who have requested the service of BLS education
- Recertified 40 SCBA air packs as per annual requirement and accepted 32 New G1 MSA Air packs made available through The Department of Homeland Security FEMA AFG.

- The Fire Prevention Bureau/Code Enforcement Office is responsible for the enforcement of the New York State Uniform Fire Code, along with the City of Jamestown Charter Codes. The primary goal of the Bureau is to protect the public through education and enforcement of State and City Building Codes.

2026 Goals:

- ✓ Implement Best Practices, be a force for change and reevaluate at regular intervals the effectiveness of our mission in continued NYS Fire Code Compliance
- ✓ Continue expanding Fire Prevention and Life Safety Services throughout the community
- ✓ Distribute and install the remaining 665 of 1000 Grant Funded CO/Smoke Detectors and reapply for additional funding to continue to support our goal of detection in every city residence.
- ✓ Provide better transparency and availability through all social media platforms
- ✓ Continue working with local agencies to provide the best services to the community with an attempt to not duplicate said services
- ✓ Enhance Partnerships County wide by sharing resources to provide education to not only city residents, but anyone who desires it
- ✓ Work with JFD Municipal Training Officer Caruso to provide improved training opportunities and additional code enforcement education to the citizens of Jamestown, NY.
- ✓ Attend Cassadaga Job Corps and provide trade students with an introduction to Federal, State, and County civil service positions and steps toward achieving an exciting career in firefighting (scheduled in March)
- ✓ Expand the Jamestown Fire Department Community outreach programs and support community partnerships whom goals reflect the mission to protect property, safeguard our communities through relentless commitment to emergency preparedness, prevention, response, and recovery.







HELLO....



Pictured here, from left to right, are PFF Charles Glenn, PFF Conor Webster, PFF Noah Rugg, and PFF Vincent Certo.

The four candidates attended the New York State Fire Academy in Montour Falls, New York to complete their training, graduating in October 2025.

We wish them a long, healthy, and safe career at the Jamestown Fire Department.

PROMOTED BATTALION CHIEF



Battalion Chief Jason Winchester started his career with the department as a firefighter in February 2005, promoted to Lieutenant in April 2020, and as a Captain in November 2024. Chief Winchester was promoted to rank of Battalion Chief in April 2025, taking over duties of the Fourth Platoon for retiring Chief Keith Olson. We wish BC Winchester much success in his new role. (Photo Credit: Liz Smith)

PROMOTED CAPTAIN



Captain Benjamin McLaughlin started his career with the department as a firefighter in November 2008, promoted to Lieutenant in July 2020, and as a Captain in April 2025.

INTERIM FIRE CHIEF



Interim Chief Ryan Roush was promoted to Interim Fire Chief in May 2025. Chief Roush began his career at the Jamestown Fire Department in February 2007. In his years in the department, Ryan was promoted to Lieutenant in April 2016, Battalion Chief in June 2022, and to Interim Fire Chief in May 2025 with the retirement of Deputy Chief Matthew Coon. We wish Interim Chief Ryan Roush, the best of luck in his new position.

GOODBYE....



Battalion Chief Keith Olson joined JFD in February 2005. Chief Olson was promoted to Lieutenant in October 2011. Also, through hard work and dedication, Chief Olson was promoted to Battalion Chief in November 2023. Chief Olson retired in April 2025. We thank Chief Olson for his 20 years of service to the department and wish him well in his retirement. (Photo Credit: Liz Smith)



Firefighter Christopher Swanson began his career with the Jamestown Fire department in February 2004. We would like to thank Christopher for his many years of dedication to the Jamestown Fire Department. Christopher retired in March 2025 after 21 years of service. Have a great retirement! (Photo Credit: Liz Smith)



Lieutenant Robert Bailey started with the Jamestown Fire Department in February 2005. Lt. Bailey's career brought him through the rank of Firefighter to the rank of Lieutenant in January 2017. Lieutenant Bailey shaped many firefighters' careers and we wish you happy times in retirement! (Photo Credit: Liz Smith)



Deputy Chief Matthew Coon retired in May 2025, after beginning his career in March 1998. Deputy Chief Coon was promoted to Lieutenant in April 2008, to the rank of Battalion Chief in January 2017, and to Deputy Chief in June 2020. Throughout these years, DC Coon was credited with the training of, and shaping new firefighters with his knowledge. Thank you, Chief Coon, for your unwavering dedication to the department! Happy Retirement. (Photo Credit: Liz Smith)

